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Dorothy Stone to Be Given Derry's Boston Post Cane

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Karen Blandford-Anderson, Chair of the Derry Heritage Commission announced to the Town Council that the process of selecting the next resident to receive Derry's Boston Post Cane is now complete.

Dot Stone, a special lady with a fascinating background will be the next holder of the Boston Post Cane. The ceremony will include family and friends will be set in the near future to include the presence of a Town Council member.

The passing of Derry's Boston Post Cane started in 1909 when the Boston Post newspaper donated specially designed ebony canes to the

Town. The procedural idea was for Derry to award the cane in a ceremony to the oldest man – though the ritual today includes both men and women. The formal process for passing the cane to the oldest person in Derry, includes that the cane can only be awarded to a person who has lived at least five years in Derry.

Dorothy (Dot) Stone who will receive the cane, is now 100-years-old and her longevity and life in Derry is a fascinating story. It is estimated by the US Census Bureau that she is one of about 75,000 Centenarians in the US.

Dot was born in Derry on Hillside Avenue in a private residence back before there was even a hospital in

Derry. With the exception of about eight months, she has lived in Derry for her entire life mostly living at a residence on Chester Road. She has two children, five grandchildren and eight grandchildren.

Dot, is currently a Hospice patient, and moved into the Pleasant Valley nursing facility around 2017. Her friends include Joanie Sullivan, a Rockingham Visiting Nurse Practitioner, who supports Hospice efforts with Dot. Sullivan and others helped Dot decorate her room at the nursing facility with treasured family photos and with a sunlit windowsill full of plants.

The main window in her room overlooks an outdoor

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Town Council Gets Updates About Downtown Initiatives

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Derry's Reimagine Downtown team promised to deliver a report to the community at the Town Council meeting on Feb 19. In that regard, David Caron, Town Administrator provided an overview at the Town Council meeting that consisted of follow up and analysis information about the ideas from that Downtown workshop.

There were 78 members of the community present at the Reimagine workshop. At the Town Council meeting, David again thanked all the attendees for coming to provide feedback along with a selection of good ideas now recorded for consideration and followup.

Before the Reimagine workshop there had been a Derry Master Plan workshop that provided input that had been further considered at the Reimagine workshop. Caron listed 20 recommendations which had been generated during past discussions that were further evaluated at the downtown meeting.

During that workshop, leaders noted that recommendations were in the Town's Master Plan process to determine their viability, but had not necessarily been acted upon. The Town wants to further gauge the relevancy of certain ideas and initiatives across various Town departments and community discussions. At the workshop, there were an additional 38 new topics present-

ed that will be investigated for further discussion.

During the workshop, residents had been encouraged to help prioritize topics and ideas relevant to downtown Derry. There were several topics that generated more than 20 priority selections by attendees during the Reimagine workshop.

The top selection put forward from the workshop was to complete the street expansion; this topic has been a top priority by many in the community for several years now. This issue also includes a request of street adjustment for pedestrian, bikeways, and vehicle traffic.

Caron explained that in this request, there is a limitation to solve the street

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HOISTING HISTORY The First Parish Church in East Derry had another 'Crane Day' last week as two parts of the massive steeple were joined together with the help of a very large crane and the crew from Preservation Timberframing Inc.. The progress of rebuilding the churches steeple has been a long and expensive endeavor. See more photos page 8.

Photo by Chris Paul

Capital Improvement Program Presented to Planning Board

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The Planning Board was busy with public hearings and presentations at their Feb. 20, meeting and Town Administrator, David Caron provided an in-depth overview of Derry's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the Fiscal Year

Period 2020 – 2025.

Caron's presentation was based on last year's planning for capital improvements that had been updated. This discussion with the Planning Board is required under the Town Charter and the Capital Improvement Program needs to be presented to the Town Council along with the annual budget process

after consultation with the Planning Board. The Capital Plan presented covers the next six fiscal years — fiscal year 2020 through fiscal year 2025.

The Capital Plan process begins when different Town departments submit requests to the Finance Department that are reviewed in context

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Town Candidates Look For Voter Support at March 12 Election

In last week's issue of the Nutfield News we ran profiles of the candidates running for Derry Town Council and School Board. This week we are featuring those running for Town Clerk, which is a three-year term and has two candidates running.

The opening for a Trustee of the Trust Funds has one person hoping to fill the spot.

The Trustee of the Derry Public Library has two openings for a three-years term. Three people have chosen to run for that position.

The Trustee of the Taylor Library has two people running for two three-year seats.

The election will take place on March 12 at the town's two middle schools.

Town Clerk

Daniel Healey

I have been a resident of Derry for the past 21 years and Town Clerk for the last 3 years and I am seeking reelection to continue serving Derry in that capacity. I attended East Derry Memorial Elementary School, West Running Brook Middle School and then Pinkerton Academy. After going through the Derry School system, I attended Plymouth

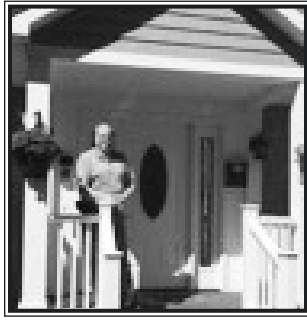


Daniel Healey

State University where I obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice. I purchased my first home in Derry in 2017.

Since starting my term, I have become a Certified Town Clerk for the State of New Hampshire. Upon graduation, I now assist in training new clerks who also wish to be certified. In addition to this training, I have taken the State Vital Records training, Election training and the New Hampshire Municipal Association's Right to Know Course. Being well versed in handling right to know requests safeguards the town against potential lawsuits.

I am also involved in the Clerk's association Legislative Committee tracking bills in Concord that effect Derry and town clerk functions. I regularly interact with the State and other clerks to stay up to date on new laws, technology and to



David McPherson

gather new ideas that I can bring back to the residents of Derry. I take great pride in following up with any resident that sends our office a question or concern and I have met with residents at their homes and on weekends, that are unable to come to the office in person.

During the election season, I have gone to Birch Heights, Pleasant Valley Nursing Home, and Aurora Senior Living, along with going to Pinkerton Academy to register new voters. As Town Clerk, I have successfully coordinated and managed 6 elections.

Recently, I have started a massive record retention project with the ultimate outcome of digitalizing all of Derry's records. Currently, we need to resort to pulling books when looking for information but upon completion of this project, records could be found with a quick search on a computer.

If I am reelected, I plan on being on the ballot again in 3 years. I am looking to be your Town Clerk for as long as you will allow me to be.



Joan Crimlisk

Please consider voting for me on March 12. Thank you.

David McPherson

I am a Director of Corporate and Facilities Services Management. My family includes my wife, Kathy and two grown children both of whom went through the Derry School system and are Pinkerton grads.

Elected office experience: Fire Commissioner East Derry Fire (2003 – 2006 East Derry Fire Precinct) in this role I spearheaded the merger of the East Derry and Derry Fire Departments. Thanks to the merger, Derry has one command and service provider of this vital emergency department. Why are you running for Derry Town Clerk?

My career has been centered on customer service in various management positions. I believe that the Town Clerk should take an active role in facilitating positive value for every member of our community with a clear focus on customer service.

I have served as a mem-



Elizabeth Greenberg

ber of the Planning Board, the project manager for the renovation of the Upper Village Hall, leader of local Boy Scout Explorer Post and an incorporator of the Alexander Eastman Foundation and am committed to serving our community.

What are some issues in Derry that you hope to focus on if elected to the position? Election issues? Voting procedures?

The Town Clerk has a very focused area of responsibility, at election time works in cooperation with the Supervisors of the Checklist, Town Moderator and Town Council (plus various town and school departments) to operate the polls. As a member of that team, I believe that the Town Clerk should be a strong community advocate for well managed polling operations and locations. The Town Clerk, in cooperation with other election officials must coordinate the recruitment, training and retention of a sufficient number of poll workers.

I am committed to training for both myself and the



Caitlin Powers

staff on a regular and continuing basis to ensure that the office is in compliance of all local, state and federal laws and procedures.

The Town Clerk must be part of a solution to best provide access to Town services outside the normal Monday – Friday business hours. Derry is a “bedroom and commuter community” with the majority of residents traveling outside of town to work. The offices of town service providers must address as it creates hardships for residents to get to Town offices with the current hours. The DPW recognizes this with their Saturday hours, which are its busiest.

The Town Clerk should always be asking “What Can We Do To Help?”

Trustee of the Trust Funds

Joan Crimlisk

As an incumbent for a second term as Trustee of the Trust Funds, please vote for me March 12. My first term as has been challenging.

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Candidates

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Quarterly meetings for three years have been supportive of some of the town initiatives and projects of police, fire, libraries, public works, parks and recreation or human services. Placing flowers on the Noyes grave each Memorial Day is part of Derry's cemetery care.

My experience as Trustee of Derry Public Library for two terms, Treasurer of New Hampshire's Rye Driftwood Garden Club, and years of monthly, quarterly and annual Financial Reporting in Managed Care Organizations and Academic Medical Centers prepares me well for Town Trustee. My studies at Boston College and Boston University of business skills were a good foundation.

With all the town developments ahead in the next few years, I would be proud to be a Derry Trustee of the Trust Funds for another term of three years.

Trustee Derry Public Library - 3 Years (2 Openings)

Jeromy Lee Brown

Was contacted and did not receive a candidate profile from him by press time.

Elizabeth Greenberg

My name is Elizabeth Greenberg and I am running for re-election to the Board of Trustees of the Derry Public Library. I have served on the Board of Trustees for 4 of the 5 years I have lived in Derry, one year as a non-voting alternate and two years as Co-Chair of the Board, and one as a member. The Board of Trustees is about to enter into Strategic Planning and Goal Setting so it is important to elect a seasoned and experienced person such as myself to ensure continuity of planning and programming.

I moved to Derry from

Rochester, NY five years ago when my spouse took a job here. In order to meet new people I applied for my library card and began attending a book club at the library. Soon I was also participating in the Monthly Cookbook Club and attending adult programming like Ted Talks, Craft Club, and Author Fest. All of these programs were rich and varied and gradually I became knitted into my new community.

When I was invited to serve as an alternate on the Board by longtime Chair, Elizabeth Ives, I jumped at the chance to give back to my new community and to serve the library I had come to love. I have attended trainings offered by the New Hampshire Library Training Association to learn more about all the state laws that govern Library Boards in the state of New Hampshire. In my time on the Board, I have served on Personnel and Policy Committees as well as leading the monthly meetings in my role as Chair.

I have been an avid lifelong reader and believe deeply in the value and vital role our library plays in the life of the community. We work hard, on the Board, to support our staff, manage our fiscal responsibilities in our budget planning, and ensure that we are providing programming that serves a broad demographic.

I am married, a mother to our four grown daughters, and grandmother to two beautiful grandchildren living in Florida. I am semi-retired, but still work several days a week as a mental



Donald Kirkland

health clinician at C.R.E.A.T.E! The Center for Expressive Arts Therapy and Education in Manchester, NH. Besides my work on the Board, I am active in my Church Community, First Parish Congregational UCC, in East Derry and I am on the Board of my Condo Association.

Caitlin Powers

My name is Caitlin Powers, and I'm running for Trustee of the Derry Public Library. I've lived in Derry for almost 3 years with my husband Chris and our two cats, Catness and Debra.

Derry is a wonderful community and has been very welcoming. We're continuing to grow roots here and I have a strong desire to get more involved and give back. I believe being a library trustee is one way I can contribute to Derry's great community.

As a passionate reader and frequent visitor to the Derry Public Library, I am drawn to its important function as a community resource. The library is a part of the fabric of our community, with an admirable vision of promoting lifelong learning and civic engagement. As a trustee I'd be proud to act as an advocate for this important institution.

My professional qualifications include both a Bach-



Kim Burke

elors and Masters degree in Accounting, and the Certified Public Accountant designation. I currently work in the compliance department at a large insurance company, and previously held positions as an internal auditor and financial statement auditor for non-profit organizations. I feel that this experience aligns with the library trustee's function of helping to direct both budget and policy for the institution.

In closing, the library is an important part of our community. I would enthusiastically take on the responsibility of Trustee of the Derry Public Library, and I am well qualified and prepared for the role. I'm looking forward to giving back to the community in this way, and I hope you'll vote for me on March 12th.

Donald Kirkland

My name is Donald Kirkland and I have been a proud resident of Derry for my entire life. After graduating from Pinkerton, I attended Tufts University where I received a bachelor's and master's degree in environmental engineering. I have worked locally as an environmental consultant for almost 20 years.

My family has been involved in the Derry community for more than half a

century. Those that participated in Derry's Little League program may remember my father as both an administrator and an umpire. For many years, I was a member of the Heritage Commission and truly cherish the vast and complex history of our community. My son is now a student in the same school system from which I was educated, as well as involved in Derry recreational soccer and basketball.

My wife and I have been taking our son to Taylor Library since he was months old. He was a timid child, but the wonderful staff at Taylor helped him come out of his shell, through story time and playing with him on the floor, doing puzzles and coloring. He is seven now, and still goes to Taylor every Sunday for story time, craft and snack, and Legos. My wife enjoys her time there on Sundays, chatting with the Taylor ladies and having a cup of coffee, and watching our son socialize with the many other children.

Our little "library on the hill" is a community jewel. As a trustee, I hope to introduce our library to the majority of our town whom have never stepped foot into the building where Alan Shepard's grandmother was once a librarian; the same library that predates The Derry Public Library by 27 years.

If chosen to be Trustee, I would strive to create a

modern mission for the library through technology upgrades. I would advocate on behalf of the library and I would assist the Trustees in managing a transitioning workforce. I pledge to perform all the functions of a Taylor Library Trustee and will do so with enthusiasm and pride.

Kim Burke

I have been a resident of Derry for 25 years. I have served as a trustee for the Taylor Library for the last six years. I have strongly advocated for the funding and upkeep of Taylor Library during those years.

The residents of Derry are fortunate to have Taylor library, which is on both the State and National Historic Register, to call their own. Libraries are important to the community as gathering places, sources of information and various resources as well as a place to learn and self-educate.

Over the last 25 years, my family has attended and volunteered at many events at the Taylor Library, which is a small, historic treasure. I hope other Derry families continue to take advantage of the offerings that the library provides. As a candidate for Trustee of the Taylor Library, I will continue to advocate for the library so that it can maintain its place in our community.

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Editorial

Prepare to Vote

Election Day most towns in the state is March 12. In the days between now and then, we hope you'll listen to candidates speak, read their words, and ask them about the issues that concern you.

The March election has no state or national candidates, and that's traditionally bad news for voter turnout. We remind you, however, that your vote has far more impact on local government races than it ever will on the state or federal level.

Equally important are the warrant articles on both the town and school ballots whether it's the school budget or a request for a something, funding for other things. Town and school requests should be handled the way you handle your checkbook can you afford it? Is it a necessity or a luxury? Is it something you can put off, or is that a false economy that will cost much more later on?

If you don't understand what you're being asked to approve, seek the answer. The right to vote is important, but it carries with it the responsibility of understanding the issues. It shouldn't sway your vote that the budget committee or your neighbor favors or dislikes a warrant article or candidate.

There are also Needs versus wants

on many ballots. Choose wisely.

Candidates were asked why they're seeking office. Also warrant articles were reviewed, and have been written about for several weeks in this paper. Here are a few pointers: On a bond, pay attention to the financial obligation imposed for each year of the bond. The money will come out of your pocket for the life of the bond.

How about a union contract? If it covers just one year, its costs are likely to be clear. But most contracts are for two to four years. Make sure you understand the costs attached to each additional year you won't be asked to vote on it in future years, but the money will be added to the overall budget and will be part of your tax bill.

And money isn't everything. Are workers paying more of their insurance these days? Get the full picture. Because the choice is yours, and each article has pros and cons, and it pays to listen to both sides.

Many people like to pride themselves on their patriotism. There's not a much better way to express your patriotism than by heading to the polls and making informed choices.

So for your own good and the good of the community, please vote March 12.

Letters

Support Brenda Willis

To the editor

I am writing to express my support for School Board Candidate Brenda Willis. I have worked with Brenda in many aspects in the community of Derry. Her support and devotion to the families, especially the children of this town, is how I came to know and respect her so much. She is why I volunteer my time doing what I can do for the schools and community. She is a voice of compassion and reason, and volunteers her time so willingly, all around the community to do whatever it takes to be sure that the students of Derry have a quality education, in the safest environment to be able to reach their full potential.

Brenda Willis 100% has my support for Derry School Board. Please be sure to get out and vote on March 12, Michelle McKinnon Londonderry

Vote Brenda Willis

To the editor,

I enthusiastically support Brenda Willis' reelection to the Derry School Board. I've known Brenda for more than 30 years and have seen her advocate for Derry students as a parent, as a School Board member and as a Derry State Representative. I met Brenda through East Derry PTA when we had children in the Derry school system. It was clear then that Brenda was dedicated to the children of Derry. Though her children now have children of their own, Brenda's dedication to the Derry schools has never waned. During my 20 year teaching career in Derry, I knew Brenda was looking out for the best interests of both students and staff. Brenda is an active school board member who frequently

visits the schools for classroom visits, staff meetings, workshops, PTA activities, school performances, assemblies and more. Brenda knows our schools and she knows the staff - from administrators to custodial staff. Brenda has always been a supporter of small classroom sizes and getting the "best for the buck" in each school budget and she has worked tirelessly to create opportunities for all Derry students. People feel comfortable talking with Brenda about their concerns and she works to solve difficult education matters to ensure children get the what they need to successfully move on to higher education. Please support Brenda Willis, a dedicated Derry resident, who is passionate about each and every child and don't forget to vote on Tuesday, March 12th!

Sincerely,
Deb Vachon
Hampstead

Vote Randall Kelley District 4 Councilor

To the editor,

In the upcoming town election, please consider Randall Kelley as your District 4 councilor. I've come to know Randall Kelley as an honest, upfront candidate who cares about the town of Derry as a whole, and in District 4 in particular. Mr. Kelley is keen on reviving downtown, our parks, including Hood Park, and has fresh realistic ideas that remain fiscally responsible. As demonstrated by his work on the Zoning board, Derry fest committee, and the Salvation Army advisory board, Randall Kelley is a man of integrity, of vision, and a person who actually does look out for his constituents. A vote for Randall Kelley is in our best interests, he will support the

needs of both the town and District 4. A vote for Randall Kelley is for us, "A vote for the people," and for a successful Derry.

Thank you
Jerry Kapetanakis
Derry

Special Education

To the editor,

I addressed the candidates asking them what in their opinion are the challenges the special education departments faces and how they think they should be addressed.

It was my assumption that the candidates have familiarized themselves with the issues on the School Board agenda, beyond the hot topics discussed on Facebook daily.

To my surprise I learned I was wrong. One candidate had no clue what I was talking about, and completely changed the conversation to giving me advice on my child. Another was upfront about his lack of knowledge on special ed. I admired his honesty and I hope that he was sincere about his willingness to learn and talk to the right people to educate him.

My issue is the current School Board chairman Lynn Perkins. His answer about communication took a really bad turn really fast. The special education resource binder that he brought up is absolutely a reality being worked on in the district but not something he has personally had any input in assembling. I was the one who received that binder from another district and presented it to the superintendent and the special ed director. I have also sent a copy to SB member and another candidate Brenda Willis, who was addressing this with the district.

Brenda and myself are leading the efforts to

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improve the district's communication issues, as well as other challenges within special ed. This includes meetings, emails and calls regarding different topics with the superintendent and the special ed department, organizations of parent education nights and more. I have never received any help from the current chair. I can't even say I was given the courtesy to speak in front of the board without being cut off and treated in hostile way.

It worries me that we have a dishonest candidate in our race who is taking credit for the hard work that others have been doing.

Brenda Willis has been a leader in not only ensuring the materials and resources within the binder are what families need but also in making this a priority to be available as soon as possible to address the lack of communication between the district and special education parents.

Lynn Perkins's response only further exposes how disingenuous of a candidate he is and this quality should not be something that our elected officials should have embody.

Maya Levin,
Derry

Support of Brenda Willis for School Board.

To the editor,

If you walk in to any school in Derry and mention the name Brenda Willis it will be met with a warm smile of recognition. The reason for this is Brenda has been actively supporting students, parents and teachers in our community for over 30 years. As a school board member Brenda has fought to uphold a high quality of education and support tools and programs that would help our teachers and schools do the best job they can do. Being consistently present in our schools makes her uniquely qualified to understand our districts needs as she can see and hear about them first hand. She is always open to hearing sug-

gestions for options to make our schools better or safer. She is a resource to parents often helping to navigate the world of 504 plans and IEP's which as a parent can be daunting and confusing. I have attended school board meetings in the past to fight to add a teacher keep class sizes within the recommend numbers. There are some on the school board who oppose spending regardless of the impact. Brenda understands behind each number is a child and a taxpayer. She asks questions and works hard to provide the best possible education for our children, while being fiscally responsible. Without the balance that Brenda brings to the board our schools, taxpayers and children will suffer.

Tasha Ball
Derry

Your Help on March 12th.

To the editor,

Thank you for having my back during my last two elections. You provided me with decisive victories and I'm grateful for your trust.

I need your help on March 12th. Please vote for Charlie Foote, Jim Morgan and Brian Chirichiello as they seek re-election.

Charlie has been steadfast, consistent and compassionate. You can count on Charlie to listen and weigh all view points of an issue. He's the type of leader who will always put his constituents views ahead of his own. Charlie is a man of integrity and has exceptional work ethic.

Since his first day on the council, Jim Morgan has been a driving force. He's a brilliant business man, his knowledge of budget and finance is second to none. He's a prominent and well-respected leader within the Republican party in the state of New Hampshire. Jim has many contacts in the business world that have led to economic development for Derry. He is and will continue to be a tremendous asset to our community. Jim has brought together our school board, and state legislator, with a goal of improving communication. His re-election is a MUST!

tion is a MUST!

Brian Chirichiello was crucial in saving our fire station and restoring order to the town of Derry. He's a veteran of local and state politics. He's an expert on our charter and understands the rules better than anyone. He's constantly putting the citizens of Derry ahead of politics and we can always count on him to make the right decision! In Concord, he's been a leader in sponsoring bills that bring money back to our community. His leadership has played a key role in many of the improvements that you see in our downtown. It would be devastating to lose his experience and it would set this town back years.

In closing, please keep our team together. We've worked hard, accomplished a great deal but are just getting started. If you voted yes during the special election, then you're voting yes to re-electing these three. If you believe in and support me then I need you to believe in and support them.

Joshua Bourdon
Derry

Please Vote Brenda Willis

To the editor,

We all know people who keep up with local issues. They happily share their opinions about what is wrong with Derry – its taxes, its schools, its town council and school board members. Many formulate their opinions based on headlines and hearsay, rather than fact and clear, sound reasoning.

Having served 3 terms on the Derry School Board and several years on the New Hampshire School Board Association's board of directors, I have had many opportunities to speak with people around the state about the issues facing NH public schools, including our state legislators. Very few of them ever understood the issues as well as my friend Brenda Willis.

I've known Brenda for over 30 years and she is one of the most qualified, most informed and experienced school board members in

NH. And she doesn't just understand the issues, she takes action. She is passionate about public education and the children of Derry, working tirelessly to make sure Derry is providing the best educational experience possible.

Brenda understands that providing excellence in education works in everybody's favor. She knows that good

schools with good teachers in them, provide the town with economic stability, attracting businesses that value education, elevating property values, and eventually providing well-educated workers and business leaders to the community.

When it comes to public education, Brenda has a single-mindedness that some might not appreciate. She is

a straight talker who has no interest in playing politics. She never lies, and if she is mistaken about something, she acknowledges the mistake and corrects it. Brenda makes decisions for our children and schools based on the best information she can gather – the facts, not personal or popular opinions, and not influenced by what

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expansion problem as downtown Derry streets are constrained in overall widths due to building foundation locations. Specifically there is limitation to expand the width of many streets including Broadway. For Broadway this is due to the current physical street width that makes it impossible to support all types of traffic without certain compromise. For example, during the workshop there was a comparison made by a resident about the nice street expansion that was set up in Keene N.H.

However, Keene's downtown Main Street is about 125 feet wide and in comparison,

downtown Broadway in Derry is about 75 feet wide. Thus, Keene has about 50 feet more to deal with for all facets of traffic including pedestrian, bike, and vehicle traffic.

Derry has done some work to widen the sidewalks already and if there was a bike lane added with decent width, it might likely eliminate parking on one side of the street. There is more consideration that will need to be weighed to find the best solution to this problem. The Council will be asked to make some policy decisions as this idea is additionally considered.

There was also a lot of interest at the workshop for the Town to be involved with some of the vacant proper-

ties. That problem is working its way to further solutions at this time through a number of process situations including some of the work going on at the planning board.

There was a lot of support in the workshop for dealing with empty buildings. There will likely need to be additional help as the process for doing so is extremely complex at this point and it takes a lot of time to go through the various legal steps. Caron reported that perhaps there's an opportunity for future legislation to streamline that process.

Jim Morgan, Town Council Chairman suggested that the Town Council bring up this subject again at the next Town Council

meeting for further discussion. There may be discussions with the State Representatives and the local Senator to see about future legislation and better understand how to deal with the complex process.

There were additional priority considerations to expand as well as continue to provide support for the Farmers Market, Derry after Dark and events like DerryFest; Caron pointed out that idea is already in process and will be further worked.

Another request is to extend the Crystal Avenue, Merchants Row area further to South Ave. The Town already has an estimate for the cost of doing this and the idea and cost projections

have recently been refreshed.

For an expansion to the South Avenue area, the Council may need to consider if it is possible for the traffic area to be a one-way flow. That would likely help to maintain a bike path on one side of the right-of-way and may allow creation of diagonal parking for approximately 35 spots that would be available directly behind Sabatino's.

Another popular idea in consideration is to further create a downtown development fund through a downtown façade project or via other funding proposals.

The next group of ideas from the workshop received less prioritization at the meeting and included such things as additional parking considerations, a community Arts Center, a reconsideration of the commerce corridor business support such as for the Crystal Avenue area where a lot of retail locations are set up.

The Town Administrator and the Town Council will continue to provide information about various downtown projects being requested by residents, along with updates that will be coordinated in the Master Planning process.

Post Cane

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patio with a nearby tree decked with bird feeders and flowerpots that bloom in season. And one of the keys to her longevity perhaps, is that Dot has a lifelong love of gardening; and she continues to tend plants with the assistance of the Pleasant Valley staff. Dot enjoys giving plant and flower cuttings to friends and Pleasant Valley folks.

Dot's former and late

husband, Robert Stone opened America's Stonehenge site, located in North Salem, NH, to the public in 1958. Dot recalls hosting many famous archeologists in their home, who came to research the site over the years. The American Stonehenge area is also a tourist attraction and recreational area for visitors.

The area includes Mystery Hill, which is a historic N.H. landmark. That expanse has fascinating stories tied to its existence and

interesting artifacts that can be found there. It has been determined by several famous archeologists — who Dot got to know — that Native Americans used the site for tool manufacturing in ways consistent with ancient techniques.

There are dozens of other stories and two TV series documentaries about the site that have presented fascinating details; some of the stories are indeed facts and some tales are not likely ever to be proven.

One proven story about the American Stonehenge/Mystery Hill area is that famous American horror writer H. P. Lovecraft, who

was an enthusiast for New England megalith sites, visited Mystery Hill sometime between 1928 and the 1930s. The site is popularly attributed as inspiration for his famous story "The Dunwich Horror" though there is also reason to believe he may have written that story before he visited the site.

Dot's life is about to be celebrated again by the town and we hope she will let us all know her secrets to her youthful centenarian spirit. We congratulate her to be recognized as Derry's oldest living person today and may the Boston Post Cane ceremony bring good luck to her!

OBITUARY

Marcelle Allen



Marcelle T. Allen, age 83, of Londonderry, NH, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2019, surrounded by her loving family at the High Pointe Hospice House in Haverhill, MA. She was born in Lawrence, MA on Oct. 23, 1935, the daughter of the late Joseph and Lillian (Dube) Doyon.

Marcelle was a long-time resident of Methuen, MA and this is where she made it her life's work of raising and caring for her family with unconditional and unending love. She particularly adored children and this passion extended into her professional life by having her own home daycare, where she was able to gift that love to many more. Her most favorite times were those hours spent with her grandchildren just talking about their day.

Marcelle will be deeply missed by her husband, Harold Allen; their three children, Michelle Broadhurst and her husband, Tim of Londonderry, NH, Monique Fong and her husband, Tom of Berlin, MA, and Scott Allen and his wife, Chris of Manchester, NH; her ten grandchildren, Bryce, Payton, Jared, Haley, Landry, Colby, Reyanna, Jack, Sarah and Teige; two brothers and sister in laws, Kenny and Moe Doyon and Bill and Joyce Doyon; as well as many nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her sisters, Marlene, Jackie, Annette and her brother Joe.

Following cremation, memorial calling hours will be held on Sunday, Feb. 24, from 1 – 5 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Monday Feb. 25 at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mark's parish, 1 South Rd., Londonderry. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in memory of Marcelle Allen to support cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or via www.jimmyfund.org/gift. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneral-home.com.

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of existing services and available revenue. Then the Town Administrator presents the Plan to the Planning Board before reviewing it with the Town Council, who will adopt a formal Capital Plan with or without modifications in May.

The funding structure has changed this year, as water and wastewater initiatives are ultimately funded by customers. The Town departments involved in the Capital Plan typically use a state revolving loan fund for any large projects and other projects are funded from their annual budget. The cable project is funded through the Town's franchise fee which is paid by cable customers. The vast majority of the Town's projects are funded by reserve funds or trusts which are replenished annually from the town's general funds surplus known as the Unallocated Funds Balance.

The Council revised its Funds Balance policy a few years ago to provide for up to \$1.5 million per year from the Funds Balance for yearly projects. The Town is find-

ing that number has been fluctuating significantly over the last five or six years, so they are planning an annual transfer of about \$1 million dollars at this point. If this transfer stays at \$1 million — it would likely be unsustainable over the long term. However, what the Town is trying to do is to move away from relying strictly upon surplus funding.

Caron says, "What we found is that plan is basically unpredictable and if we have a very tight budget year, there's not a lot of surplus that flows into the Capital Reserve Funding. Beginning with the fiscal year 2019 budget that was approved by the Council last May, we have included a \$250,000 appropriation that goes into the Capital Reserve Fund. We hope to continue and build upon that appropriation with a long-term goal to eliminate the reliance upon the Undesignated Fund with a better balance for funding capital improvements."

Over the past year there were 21 projects presented to the Planning Board, and the Council included 20 of those projects in the actual

approved 2019 budget. And for this year, including the \$250,000 appropriation, at the end of the year, the Town should have about just over \$1 million to transfer to the Capital Reserve funds, so the Town is looking at a transfer of approximately \$1.25 million this year, although projections over the year were structured on \$1 million per year.

The only significant change, as far as what has been already predicted for capital funding, is that the size of the police department has increased considerably. The Town is starting to plan for a replacement police facility, though there is no allusion that will happen at any time soon. However, the Town will need to keep this project in mind over the future planning process.

The Town is also looking at a relocation of the fire departments. The plan in place now now carries a one-dollar placeholder for this project, because planning is not further along. And given the structure of the tax gap in the community, funding for new projects is going to be a challenge, so these police and fire station

projects will likely get pushed for a number of years.

Water funding is self-sustained, though it costs about \$250,000 per year for general extensions and repairs. There is also \$1.3 million included, which is the Town's share of Manchester waterworks improvements including for the pump station. The Town has a long-term agreement with Manchester to purchase water for the community and the Town receives a very preferable rate. One of the conditions for this rate is that the Town contributes to any capital costs which benefit the Town.

The major projects the town is looking at include

the three-year cycle schedule of replacing Derry Police Cruisers. The Town has 11 Cruisers and next year will need to replace them. The Town will continue its program to replace the cardiac monitor systems in each of the Town's 5 ambulances. Next year some of the trucks at the Highway Department will be also be replaced, as will other equipment within Public Works.

There's a \$100,000 appropriation for equipment to be replaced at the transfer station and a number of different pump station issues to maintain. There will be improvements for the cable infrastructure including improvements for the down-

stairs of the Town Municipal building. There is a significant HVAC program that will require capital funding support next year and the Town expects to spend about \$450,000 for this program. That will include replacement of HVAC in the Municipal building and the library. The town expects there will likely be a 10 year bond for this when the project rolls out.

The Planning Board probed some of the areas of the presentation such as the police station expansion and provided feedback to the Town Administrator, who will move this updated presentation to the Town Council for their considerations in the near future.

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people will think of her. She is all about the children.

There have been some very unfair and downright ugly rumors and innuendoes circulating about Brenda. The trend these days seems to be if you say something loud enough and often enough it becomes truth and people will believe it. I, for one, have had enough of the lies being spewed in the name of public interest, self-preservation or personal

gain. Can we at least keep local politics clear of the nastiness?

I hope you'll join me Tuesday, March 12 to vote for an honest, compassion-

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First Parish Steeple Gets Closer to Original Perch in East Derry



The crew from Preservation Timberframing Inc. carefully fastened, hoisted and placed the massive Steeple onto the bell tower last week as the First Parish Churches preservation efforts continued. Once the finish work is done on the 60 foot structure it will be lifted into its original spot. The church hopes to be done during the Nutfield 300th Anniversary celebration.
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DERRY SPORTS

PA Boys Hockey Team Enters DI Tourney as Top Seed

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Boys' Varsity Hockey team secured the number one seed in the Division I Tournament last week, and did it quite concisely.

On Wednesday night, Feb. 20, the Astros traveled to the Tri-Town Arena in Hooksett, to take on rivals Londonderry High School. The Lancers were very aggressive from the second the puck dropped and their goalie Cam Donovan stopped every Pinkerton chance in the first, goalless period. And 15 seconds into the second, the Lancers scored the opening goal of the game.

The score remained at 1-0 throughout the second, and during a four-on-four situation, 38 seconds into the final period, captain Gennaro Marra finally found the back of the net and levelled the score 1-1.

Both teams had some great chances to win and with 4:18 minutes left, two penalties against the Astros made it a five-on-three game, but Pinkerton was able to kill those penalties and with 42.7 seconds on the clock, Marra scored his second of the evening for the close victory.

"The close games and nail bitters are a trend for us



PA seniors, left to right, are: Connor Trask, Brendon Banks, Gennaro Marra, (Goalie) Dakota Robinson, Jon Last, Shawn Tewksbury. Photo by Idan Vinitsky

now", said coach Sam Littlefield, "Killing that five-on-three was huge. These guys reach to another level. We are like a diesel engine - it takes us some time to warm up. We play much better after we score the first goal. It was a great leadership by Gennaro. We had some games earlier this season where we were able to rest some guys, but being challenged now is good for us. It makes us understand the tough games are coming".

Then on Friday, Feb. 22, the Astros finished their regular season with a 7-0 win over Manchester Memorial at the Iceden. It was senior night for Pinkerton and everything went smoothly on the ice, with a 3-0 lead at the end of the first period, one goal in the second (despite another five-on-three situation against the Astros) and three more goals

in the third, but unfortunately, with 3:45 minutes left in the game sophomore Jake Masterson suffered a hard hit from an opposing player.

Masterson was laid out for a few minutes, before being walked to the locker rooms and receiving with a standing ovation from the crowd. The injury he suffered will end his season. After that injury, things got heated between the two teams, and the players had to be calmed down by both coaches. Ethan Livingston scored the first goal for the Astros, Marra had the next two, Brandon Banks scored the single second period goal and Ethan Burgess, Jonathan Last and Patrick Last had third period goals. There were seven penalties against Pinkerton, all in the second and third periods.

"Jake was shaken up. He had a bloody nose on the ice. We will do whatever is right

for him and protect him moving forward", commented Littlefield, "High school boys have emotions and a couple of our guys had issues controlling theirs. It's just too bad it had to look like that on our senior night. The kids are definitely tired after five games in ten evenings, so we will take a few days off and then get ready for playoffs hockey. It is important to refocus, because it is a whole new season once you get to the playoffs".

Pinkerton will host its quarter finals game on Saturday (Mar. 2, 6:30 p.m.) at the Iceden in Hooksett. They will play against the winner between the number 8 seed Londonderry and the number 9 seed Salem (both finished the season with a 8-9-1 record).



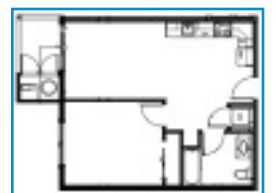
Gennaro Marra was the only PA goal scorer with two against LHS, with Nicolas Pitarys (22) being the lone scorer for the Londonderry side. Photo by Chris Paul

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Sterling McLaughlin Takes Second Straight MOC Title

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

One week after their exceptional showing in the Division I State Meet held at

Lononderry High School, the Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Wrestling team traveled to Nashua South High School on Saturday, Feb. 23,

and competed in the Meet of Champions.

Much to no ones surprise, Timberlane Regional High School won the event, for the 16th consecutive time. The last time they lost the event was in 2003 to Salem High School.

The Pinkerton Academy team finished the day in fourth place overall, with 134.5 points. They headed into the championship round in second place, but losses to Salem in key matches knocked them down.

Trailing Timberlane by 143 points was the second place finisher Concord, with Salem finishing in third with 136 points.

Pinkerton had eight wrestlers competing in the event, and Sterling McLaughlin, who won last week's state title in the 182 lbs. weight class, was once again crowned state champion. He had three impressive wins, including a 9-2 victory in the championship bout against Zack Brickner from Hollis Brookline. This was his second consecutive MOC title.

David Hammond was a fourth place finisher at 132, after winning once and losing once, then repeating that in the consolation matches. Tyler MacKiernan finished third at 152 lbs., after winning one match, and losing a close 8-7 semifinal match, he added two more wins in the consolation bracket.

Jack MacKiernan reach-

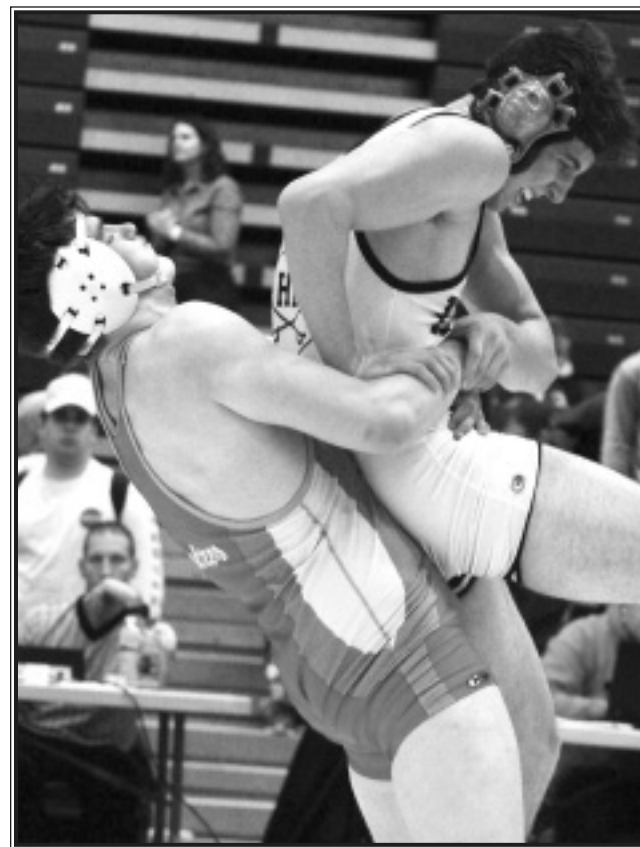
ed the 160 finals with three pins, before losing to Tristen Cabinta of Salem High School in the championship bout.

Kyle Setzer had a similar outcome and three pins brought him to the 195 weight finals, where he lost to a wrestler Beau Dillion of Salem (9-1).

Robbie Fahey, who entered the last two tournaments recovering from knee surgery, won twice and lost in the championship bout to Noah Giffard from Concord, who he had lost to last week.

Nick Fortunata had two losses and a win in the 295.

The five Astros who placed in the top three of their weight class, will continue their season this week-end in the New England's in Providence, RI. They are: McLaughlin, Tyler MacKiernan, Jack MacKiernan, Setzer and Fahey



Sterling McLaughlin dominated his 182 pound bracket at the MOC's last week, taking first for the second straight year.
Photo by Chris Paul

Athletes of the Week

Week of Feb. 18



Tyler MacKiernan,
Senior: Wrestling

As the number two seed at Division I State Meet, he pinned his way into the finals and then won the championship by a score of 7-3. He then competed with seven of his teammates at the Meet of Champions, where three wins helped him finish third overall and earn a trip to the New England's.



Madison Mahoney,
Senior: Girls Basketball

As always, Madi Mahoney led by example, not only scoring 13 points, but by distributing the ball unselfishly to help the Lady Astros end their season with two more wins, a 17-1 record and the second seed in Division I.

Athletes are chosen by Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

Three Pinkerton Bowlers Play in the Individuals

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

The top 64 Division I high school bowlers gathered on Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Merrimack Ten Pin for the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association Division I Individuals.

The PA Varsity bowling team was represented by three players: Jason Barton finished 23rd in the Championship Flight, while Lance Lemieux was 43rd and Bryant Nourse 56th in the Medal Flight.

Barton made the cut into

the Round of 16 thanks to games of 150, 186 and 214, before losing a close game to a rival from Spaulding (ranked third in the state) - 234 to 220. Michael Grover from Merrimack won the title.

Lemieux and Nourse made the cut into the Round of 16 in the Medal Flight. Lemieux bowled 148, 212 and 143 and Nourse had games of 130, 203 and 148. Lemieux defeated Camden Guay of Hollis-Brookline in the single game 211 to 176, moving on to the Round of 8, where he was defeated by

Cam McIsaac of Spaulding, 172 to 107.

Nourse beat Wil Jaques of Souhegan in the single game, 172 to 138, moving on to the Round of 8. There, he won again, 194 to 156 over Izzy Schill of Goffstown. Next, Nourse faced Damien Hamel of Goffstown in Round 1 of the Stepladder Final, winning with a nice 212 game to Hamel's 182. Moving on to Round 2 of the Stepladder, Nourse faced James Gannon of Spaulding and lost 183 to 164.

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PA Girls Hockey Team Get Six Wins in Inaugural Season

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Girls' Varsity Ice Hockey team concluded its first ever regular season last week, and the Lady Astros finished with six wins and nine losses,

and with the 11 overall spot, which was just enough to get them a playoff spot in the DI Tournament.

Pinkerton's only played one game last week, it was a road battle against a very strong Exeter team on Saturday, Feb. 23. Exeter

had won 10 of its eleven games before the meeting.

Jordyn Wasiejko scored Pinkerton's only goal of the game, during the second period. The Blue Hawks jumped into a quick 4-0 lead after the opening 15 minutes and led 6-1 at the end of the

second period, before scoring four more goals in the final period, to get the one-sided win.

The team was scheduled to travel to the JFK Memorial Coliseum in Manchester to face the number six-seeded Bishop

Brady-Trinity-West team (11-7) on Tuesday, Feb. 26, after the Nutfield News went to print, for their very first DI tournament game.

In Pinkerton's first game of the season, the two squared off and the Astro girls lost 7-2, but the team

has developed quite a bit since then.

If the Astros advance, their quarter finals game will be at the number three seeded team Concord (13-5) on Friday, March 1, at the Everett Arena just off I-93.

PA's Brooke Kane Ready for Tourney, and Next Level

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

It has been 13 years since Pinkerton Academy's Girls' Varsity Basketball team won its only state title and with the 2019 tournament tipping-off this week, there is a good chance that the Lady Astros' wait for another championship will soon be over. After all, for the second year in a row Pinkerton has the best player in New Hampshire.

Brooke Kane, Division I player of the year in the 2017-18 season, led as a senior this year's team to a fantastic 17-1 record and the second seed. The Astros will host their quarter finals playoff game on Saturday (Mar. 2) and if they advance, they are scheduled to play in SNHU next Thursday (Mar. 7) in the semis. A win there will send the team in red and white to its second straight final, also in SNHU, on Saturday, March 9.

Kane, who will play basketball for UNH start-

ing next year, had a powerful season and was unstoppable in most of the Astros' games: "We had a really good season, definitely the best I had in high school", she says in a pre-tournament interview with the Nutfield News, "We were just looking to build off last year and not get worst and go down. We want to make it back to the championship game".

Asked about being one of the best players in Division I, and what her mindset before this season she responded.

"I tried to play my game and not think too much about last year. Obviously, it made it harder that the other teams knew what is coming and tried to stop me, but we worked together as a team to be able to succeed. I play my normal game, being aggressive and trying to attack the basket. My coach asked me to be more of a leader to the younger girls this season. Last year we had our seniors and I

kind of followed their lead, but this year I am more of a leader".

Pinkerton's only loss this season came in a home game against Bishop Guertin on Jan. 18. BG beat the Lady Astros in last year's finals by 20 points (54-34) and finished the season with a perfect 18-0 record. The three time champions enter the tournament as favorites, but Kane promises: "We have some tactics that we will try to use if we meet them again. We have to play a full game and not come out flat, because that was a trend in some of our games lately. We need to play fast. I think that we will come out harder now, more than ever, because it is the playoffs. There is a different energy and the games are so important".

Asked about becoming the fifth player in team history to reach 1,000 points she said.

"It was a big moment for me, something I have been looking forward to. I

knew it was coming soon, but did not expect it to happen in that game. Coming towards the end, I am thinking about my last high school game and know it will be bittersweet. I am ready to go to college, but I will miss my high school team. I am excited to play in the next level and work with new coaches".

When asked who her favorite player is.

"I have to admit I don't have one, in basketball. I am not really a tennis fan, but I like Serena Williams because she is very dominant".

See this week's Pinkerton Academy Girls Varsity Basketball story on next page.



Brooke Kane and her team head into another NHIAA DI State Tournament hoping to win the state title.

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PA Boys Basketball Team Wins Third Game of the Season



PA's Nick Lombard heads for the hoop against Stav Alkalay of Nashua South.
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Unfortunately for the Pinkerton Academy Boys' Varsity Basketball team, their tough season will soon be over, even though the team continued to show some signs of improvement last week. The Astro boys picked up their third win of the season last week, with all of those victories coming during their last eight games.

The Astros' week did not begin well, and on Tuesday, Feb. 19, they suffered a heavy 58-26 loss to Alvirne High School, who coming into the game had an 8-6 record.

The Hudson team controlled the game completely, from the first tip-off until the final buzzer. They led 21-3 after one quarter, 37-8 at the half and 54-13 by the end of the third quarter. In the final eight minutes, Pinkerton was able to score more points than in the first 24, "winning" that quarter 13-4. Jay Reynolds and Brady Day scored eight points each, Andy MacDonald had four, Michael Packowski finished with three and Aidan Conroy, Nick Lombard and Nazair DaBreo with one point each.

Things looked much better for Peter Rosinski's team on Friday, Feb. 22, and they improved their season



Andy MacDonald

record to 3-13 with a 52-47 home win over Nashua South.

The visitors finished the first quarter with a 14-11 lead and were up by six points at the half (31-25),

but Lombard's great night (22 points, including four three-pointers and four crucial free throws) helped the Astros change the game after the break. Pinkerton took a minimal 41-40 lead into the final quarter, where they were able to come out victorious. Reynolds scored 14, MacDonald nine, Andrew Bolduc had four points, DaBreo two and Day one.

Pinkerton will finish their season this week with a road trip to Manchester on Tuesday, Feb. 26, to face Central High School and will then host Timberlane Regional High School on Friday, March 1, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Astro Girls Hoops Close Regular Season With Two Wins

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Pinkerton Academy clearly has one of the two best girls' basketball teams in the state and Lani Buskey's players finished their regular season on the high note last week, with two wins. Now, with a 17-1 record, the Lady Astros will enter the playoffs with high

hopes and high expectations.

Pinkerton hosted its senior night on Tuesday (Feb. 19) and honored Brooke Kane, Megan King, Madison Mahoney and Mackenzie Dolan before what proved to be a great night for the team. The Lady Astros wound up beating the visiting Alvirne squad (4-14) 61 to 15.

The game was one-sided affair from the tip off until the final buzzer, with the Astros leading 13-2 at the end of the first quarter and 27-5 at the break. The third quarter was more competitive (14-10), but in the final one the girls in red and white did not allow a single point to the visiting team, while scoring 20.

Brooke Kane scored 14

and was able to get some rest. Avah Ingalls played well and finished with 11 points and her sister Allison Ingalls had nine. Madison Mahoney finished with seven, Jesse Ames and Mackenzie Dolan had six points each, Alyssa DiMauro scored four and Megan King two.

On Thursday, Feb. 21, the Astros showed some strong defense in their final game of the regular season, beating Nashua South (6-12) on the road 46-29. This game was close after one

quarter (13-10), but South only managed to add two more points until the half and Pinkerton led 23-12. The Astros increased their lead in the next eight minutes and entered the last quarter up by 16 points (37-21) before putting the final touches on their ninth straight victory.

Kane was once more the leading scorer with 25 points. Mahoney scored six, Avah Ingalls and Allison Ingalls had four points each, King scored three and Dolan and Jesse Ames two each.

Junior Sofia Riccio, who suffered a season ending injury during the team's only loss this season (to BG, on Jan. 18), had her surgery last Wednesday and will begin her recovery in order to come back next season.

The Lady Astros finished their regular season as the second seed in Division I. They open their playoffs on Saturday, Mar. 2, with a 4 p.m. quarter-finals game at the Hackler Gym against the winner between the seventh seed Windham (12-6), and the tenth seed Exeter (10-8).



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Kids Fish Derby

The Derry Lions will once again be sponsoring the annual Derry Lions Kids Fish Derby at Hood Pond in Derry. The event is on May 4, commencing with registrations at 7:30 a.m. followed by fishing beginning at 8 a.m. until noon. Fishing is free for kids up to age 15. Donations are welcome to help defray the cost of the 400 fish stocked by the Lions. Trophies will be presented in various categories of fish including largest and smallest. The first 100 children to sign up will receive a participant ribbon. Light refreshments will be available to purchase at the snack bar. The fish derby is a service project to benefit the kids of greater Derry. The Derry Lions have sponsored this event for several decades. We have even had some second generations participate with their parents.

New T-Ball Program

The Derry Parks & Recreation Department is now offering T-ball to children ages 3 through 6. Registration will open for Derry Residents as of Monday, March 4 and to Non-Residents as of March 18. Registration will close April 5 or Until Full Depending on Enrollment Numbers; don't wait or you might be too late! Cost is \$25 for Derry Residents and \$45 for Non-Residents. Recreation Staff will need to see a copy of a Birth Certificate at time of Registration. Children Registered must be ages 3-6 as of May 1, 2019 to participate. For additional information that cannot be found on the above links, please contact the Parks & Recreation Office during business hours at : (603) 432-6136.

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 on Saturday, March 9 at 11 a.m. for a review of her career at the Aviation Museum, 27 Navigator Rd., Londonderry. Free Ice Cream from Blake's

Restaurants of Manchester will be served as well. For more information call (603) 669-4820, email avmuseum@nhahs.org, or visit the museum's website, www.aviationmuseumofnh.org

'W.A.S.P.' Movie Night

Help celebrate Women's Aviation Month with this spirited and sassy documentary about Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II on Thursday, March 21 at 7 p.m., at the Aviation Museum, 27 Navigator Rd., Londonderry. Free to all! For more information call (603) 669-4820, email avmuseum@nhahs.org, or visit the museum's website, www.aviationmuseumofnh.org

Blood Drive

The Derry VFW will be hosting a Red Cross blood drive from 2 - 7 p.m. on March 7, at 18 Railroad Ave., Derry. The drive will be held in the upstairs function hall. Entry is via the front of the building. The event is open to the public. Walk-in donations are accepted but to avoid a wait please make an appointment. To make an appointment, call 1-800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit WWW.REDCROSS-BLOOD.ORG and use sponsor code VFW-POST1617. For additional information please call the VFW at 603-432-9702.

Easter Celebration

Join us at the at the Aviation Museum, 27 Navigator Rd., Londonderry, on the Saturday, April 13 at 11 a.m., prior to Easter weekend for a fun-filled family event. Crafts, stories, treats, outdoor activities (weather permitting) and surprises. For more information call (603) 669-4820, email avmuseum@nhahs.org, or visit the museum's website, www.aviationmuseumofnh.org

Yoga Session for Seniors

The Londonderry Senior Center offers yoga classes to the senior community. Barbara Scott and Lisa Kress conduct an eight-week series of affordably priced yoga classes. These class-

es are designed especially for seniors to help increase balance, flexibility and strength, as well as maintaining well-being. Classes take place at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 - 10 a.m.. You may sign up for either the Tuesday or Thursday class - or both. Next session beginning the week of April 1. Registration for new students begins March 19. Payment is required at time of registration. For more details call the Senior Center at 432-8554.

Voter Checklist Session

Saturday, March 2, from 11 - 11:30 a.m. Derry Municipal Center The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet in session to: register new voters, receive name, address, and party changes from voters, approve applications for voter registration, and approve changes to the voter checklist. After this meeting of the Supervisors, the voter checklist will be closed until election day. Please note: Residents can register to vote at the polls on election day, March 12. Residents can also complete applications to register or to change their registrations with the Town Clerk during regular office hours through March 2. 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>

Law Enforcement And Your Smart Phone

Do you use your smart phone? If you do, you will Definitely want to come to this Free lecture with N.H. Assistant U.S. Attorney Seth Aframe and two other attorneys will educate us on the many uses that law enforcement make of "smart devices" in investigations, including GPS tracking, cell site tower information, texts, What's App messages, and so forth on Thursday, March 7, at 7 p.m. at ETZ Hayim Synagogue. He will also discuss the conflict

between allowing law enforcement access to the evidence on smart devices and the privacy interests of device users - a conflict that has led to several, recent Supreme Court decisions. He will also answer questions that you may have about how federal criminal investigations work--a constant topic in the news these days. Attorney Aframe is a supervisory AUSA at the United States Attorney's Office in New Hampshire and also teaches First Amendment law at UNH Law School. The lecture is part of Etz Hayim Synagogue's continuing education program, "Hot Topics, Cool Contemporary Stuff." It is free and open to all. Donations to help EHS continue to offer such programs are always gratefully accepted. For more information, please contact: Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol.com.

MyHealthVet Seminar

The Derry VFW will be hosting an information session on the VA MyhealthVet program beginning at 1 p.m. on Feb. 28, at 18 Railroad Ave., Derry. The program will be held in the upstairs function hall. Entry is via the front of the building. The MyhealthVet program is an application that permits authenticated veterans to perform multiple VA related functions such as; secure messaging, checking scheduled appointments, refilling prescriptions, and online VA medical record review. Information can be viewed, e-mailed, and even printed to provide greater accessibility to your VA health record. These online services may eliminate the need to call or visit the VAMC in many instances. The event is open to the public. Congressional stakeholders, and veteran service and non-governmental organizations are also encouraged to attend. For information from Manchester VAMC Outreach please contact: Michael Bichrest at 603-624-4366 x2830. Michael.Bichrest@va.gov

Antiques Appraisal

The 2nd Annual Londonderry Antiques Appraisal Day will be held on Sunday, May 19, start gathering your finds! It was a giant success last year so we're doing it again! Bring your antiques, collectibles & family treasures to our second annual event featuring Daniel F. Reidy, appraiser/antiques dealer/auctioneer. Reidy has over 30 years of experience and is the owner of Discerning Eye, an

estate appraisal and disposition planning business. Stay tuned for updates!

Evolve!

A group for young woman ages 13 to 18 to talk about today's challenges meets every Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. To register, Call 437-8477 to register ext. 16.

Renew

Renew will be open Saturday, March 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 11am. 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, email renewcalvary@gmail.com or call the church secretary at 434-1516.

Transitions Young Adult Strategies

A new group where young adults can talk about things that are challenging meets every Thursday from 6 - 7 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. Drop ins welcome. Call 437-8477 to register ext. 24 for more information/options for dates and times.

Vaping Deterrent Workshop

Do you know someone who is looking to give up vaping? This workshop will show teens how to break the habit and replace it with healthier options. On Thursday, March 7, from 2:30 - 4 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. Participants will gain strength by being with other people also trying to quit. This event costs \$25. Call 437-8477 to register, ext. 15. Will also be held April 4, May 2, and June 6.

UR Parents

A weekly Resource group for parents, grandparents and caregivers raising teens meets every Thursday, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Upper Room,

Co-Parenting Workshop

A workshop series for co-parenting after divorce or separation will be held on March 11, 18, 25 and April 1, from 5:30 - 7 p.m., at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. Learn how to protect your child's well-being by keeping the children out of the middle, allowing children to love both parents, and working on communication and recovery. This workshop costs \$50 (book included) scholarships available. Call 437-8477 to register, ext. 22.

Theatre Talks

Theatre KAPOW will host the first of a new series of talks in advance of their theatrical productions. Theatre KAPOW's production of Shipwrecked! An Entertainment runs now to March 2 at the Derry Opera House. For more information, visit www.tkapow.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.

Teen Information for Parenting Success

A weekly support program for young parents ages 13 to 23 will meet every Wednesday, from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. Childcare available. Call 437-8477 to register, ext. 12.

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.



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