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## Master Plan Survey Reveals Insight from the Community

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Derry's Planning Department wants to be sure the process of updating the Town's Master Plan incorporates insight that reflect needs and desires of community residents of all ages. The Town is actively seeking feedback from residents and business owners, so the Master Plan process is a great opportunity for Great Derry folks to help determine Derry's future as well as support actions to improve their own lifestyles.

In that regard, Derry's Planning Director, George Sioris collaborated with the Age-Friendly Program team at Southern NH Planning Commission (SNHPC) to

develop a survey to brief the Town's staff and others involved with the Master Plan for this year.

Derry's charter calls for a Master Plan to be developed every decade; the actual plan will be a long-range strategy document to guide land use focus, local development, infrastructure improvement and town programs for the next ten years.

An important facet of the plan is the focus upon age-friendly issues related to community engagement, recreation, communications, and local businesses. The Town through the Planning Department, has now released a report from the initial survey launched on November 26, 2018 at the time of the first Master Plan

workshop.

This report summarizes key points to be considered in the Master Plan that is being rolled out this year; the community should stay aware of the process to provide input that will be beneficial for everyone

In an effort to gain an audience, SNHPC and Town staff created postcards with web links and a "QR code" directing participants to the survey. Postcards were handed out at local stores, public facilities, local gathering spaces, as well as shared online through town websites, and various social media platforms. By the end of January, enough people had participated in the survey to provide valuable

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## Conservation Reviews Plan for Pinkerton Access Road

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Brian Pratt, Sr. engineer from Fuss & O'Neill, Inc., went before the Derry Conservation Commission to discuss an update to a Pinkerton Academy roads project. Specifically the discussion was a site plan review for Pinkerton Academy Access Road project which can be located on Tax Map 8 Lot 68, Tax Map 43 Lots 6 and 8.

Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. is a well respected civil engineering company with a location in Manchester, where they maintain a survey team, and manage site developments including roadway and bridge projects in N.H. and other New Eng-

land areas.

The purpose of the Pinkerton engineering project is to extend the existing access drive through Pinkerton Academy that goes from an area near the football fields out to Tsienneto Road. Pinkerton recently purchased a couple of new properties in the area for this project and an application is in process to provide a secondary egress from this area for events and also from the student parking lots.

Recently, there was a site walkthrough conducted with members of the Conservation Commission and the engineering group as there was a need for reconsideration of the initial engineering design to deal with several culvert issues as well as

other situations that the winter season has now exposed. The initial plan was developed last summer before there were additional water flows from current snow covers. Conservation Commission Chairman, James Degnan was pleased about the engineering decision to improve the culvert engineering. The improvement includes adding a 24 in. pipe addition to the previous engineering design. There is also concern to make the proper improvements from the existing water flow pipes that were historically deployed, as there is also a manmade pond located nearby.

There was a question about whether some of the

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**Poet-Tea** Sophie Seymour, left, and Mae Klok enjoyed an afternoon of poetry and tea at the Taylor Library last week during the monthly TEa Party and Poetry reading held there. See more on page 5.  
*Photo by Chris Paul*

## State Legislation in Progress Might Benefit Net Zero Future

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The Net Zero Task Force met on Feb. 21 at the Derry Municipal Center. Henry Herndon, Director Local Energy Solutions provided a brief overview the Task Force about the efforts of Clean Energy NH while providing an emphasis on the

work being done by Local Energy Solutions. Herndon works with New Hampshire's cities, towns, and Local Energy Committees to help municipalities and organizations to advance 21st century energy solutions across the Granite State.

Herndon reviewed energy related bills going through

the current NH legislative process and that are now before the NH General Court. The bills include House Bill (HB) 365 - that is an action bill relative to net energy metering limits for customer generators. Governor Sununu previously vetoed this bill during last year's legislative sessions

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# Kids Coop Theatre Presents Classic “Singin’ in the Rain” Jr.

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What a glorious feeling, I am happy again! Just singing - singing in the rain.

Kids Coop Theatre (KCT) is delighted to present “Singin’ in the Rain” Jr, the second major production of KCT’s 2018-2019 season. The 32-member cast features children ages 8 to 15 from Derry, Londonderry, Hampstead, Sandown, Manchester, and Windham, N.H. in a professional production aimed for audiences of all ages.

“Singin’ in the Rain” Jr. will be performed Friday, March 8th at 7pm and Saturday, March 9th at 1pm and 6pm, at the historic Derry Opera House, 29 West Broadway, Derry, NH. All tickets are \$13.00 each and are available at [www.kids-coop-theatre.org](http://www.kids-coop-theatre.org)

This time honored musical is a classic of fun and charming romantic comedy; the show takes place at the end of the silent movie era, where speaking roles present new challenges for the actors and actresses. The characters in this story need to make a sudden transition from what was supposed to be a silent move to appear in one of the first musical



The Cast and Crew of the Kids Coop Theatre Production “Singin’ in the Rain” Jr.

movie pictures with singing that was ever made.

This production is also the 8th Annual Young Directors Showcase, where KCT teen members take the helm and fill the three directing roles — Director, Music Director, Choreographer. This is an opportunity for talented young people to gain valuable experience on a different side of a production, as the teen team is responsible for developing the vision of the show and managing rehearsals.

The entire process, from “hiring” to opening night, is overseen by two professional mentors who guide the teens through what it takes to bring a show to life. The “Singin’ in the Rain” Jr. production is being directed by Tim Gore (16, Londonderry), with music direction by Allison Newey (17, Pelham), and choreography by

Jillian Pooler (16, Derry). The young directing team is overseen by professional mentors, Maureen Mansfield and Marilyn Olbricht.

The lead roles include Sandown’s Logan Young as Don Lockwood, a silent film star with humble roots as a musician, dancer and stunt man. Megan Luteri from Derry is Lina Lamont, his uninspiring leading lady, who has a comically grating speaking and singing voice that becomes a nightmare in her “talkie” movie role. The movie they are making was originally going to be a silent film, but things had to change and Lina’s disastrous squeaky singing attempts are about to become catastrophic for the movie.

However, Don’s best friend, Cosmo Brown played by Ryan Carrigan of Derry, comes up with the idea to overdub Lina’s voice with the fantastic voice of a talented singer named Kathy Sieden, played by Bryn Steinmetz of Derry. The musical evolves into a hys-

terical comedy, when the movie becomes a premiere night smash and the opening night audience clamors for Lina to sing live. Don and Cosmo quickly improvise to meet the audience demands by getting Lina to lip-synch while Kathy sings into a second microphone while hidden behind the theatre curtain. The comedy story that evolves from this point is hilarious and indeed one reason this musical has won so much praise and is such a timeless classic!

Discounted group tickets are available for groups of 10 or more for the Saturday matinee only and includes a meet and greet with the cast and crew.

Kids Coop Theatre is a 501(c)3 educational charity founded in 1997 with a mission to provide children ages 8-18 a fun, safe, non-competitive environment to develop talent, self-esteem, learn teamwork and leadership skills, and make life-long friends through acting, music and dance.

KCT programs are open to area children, so children from Derry, Londonderry, Litchfield, Hudson, Salem, Hampstead, Danville, Manchester, Bedford, Windham, Pelham, and Chester, and beyond have participated in their shows.

KCT is a cooperative organization that recognizes the importance of family involvement. With the exception of the professional artistic directors hired, every job from set construc-

tion to costume design to tickets sales as well as the management of the organization is performed by dedicated parent volunteers working with the kids.

KCT always puts out a great show and it is so fun to see how the kids put their heart and souls into KCT Productions like “Singin’ in the Rain” Jr. Don’t miss it or you will miss out on a fun time and an entertaining performance!

## OBITUARY

### Roland D. Bruno



Roland D. Bruno, 63, of Derry, NH passed away Saturday Feb. 16, 2019 at his residence, after a courageous battle with cancer. Roland was born Jan. 24, 1956 in Derry and was a son of the late Louis H. and Lois (Day) Bruno. He was raised and educated in Derry and was a lifelong resident of Derry.

Roland was the owner and operator of Roland Bruno Paving and Construction. He also worked as a plow operator with the town of Derry for 35 years. Roland was a lifetime member of the Halcyon Club of Derry, and a former member of the Order of Eagles in Derry. He had a lifelong love of cars and will forever be remembered for the special bond he shared with his grandchildren.

Members of the family include his son, Roland L. Bruno of Derry, three grandchildren, McKenna, Jackson and Lilliana Bruno, two brothers and their wives, Louis T. & Rosemary Bruno of Londonderry and Tony & Shirley Bruno also of Derry. He was predeceased by his brother Norman Bruno.

After cremation, a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry is assisting the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Amedisys, Inc., Attn: Amedisys Foundation, 3854 American Way, Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70816.

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## Master Plan

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Master Plan information that could be communicated across the community. There will be other events, workshops and ways to participate in the process over the coming year; residents will find it in their best interest to take a few moments to get involved with the planning.

A total of 405 participated in the Derry Age-Friendly Survey, which is approximately 1.2% of the town's population though participation was diverse and included key town segments, so there is credibility from the survey to use this information as a starting point.

About thirty-five percent of respondents were between 36 and 50 years old; about twenty-eight percent were between 51 and 65 years old; about eighteen percent were between 25 to 35 years old; and about fifteen percent were between 66 and 80 years old. Respondents varied from being relatively new to town to having lived in town for over two decades.

Generally, respondents believe there are many opportunities to stay engaged in Derry, though they would like to see improved communication and coordination regarding town events and activities. Additionally, respondents have a favorable view of Downtown Derry and the Downtown businesses. Most respondents would like to support the vitality of the Downtown through multiple efforts.

While respondents almost unanimously favor supporting or enhancing the Downtown area, many would like to see more 'third places' in town, e.g. restaurants, entertainment, and additional shopping opportunities. In community planning, a "third place" is the social surroundings separate from the two usual social environments of home ("first place") and the workplace ("second place").

There were some interesting questions and responses from the survey. For the complete report and

more detail, residents can go on line to the Town's websites and find the report in the Planning Department pages.

Here is one of the questions: Do you find it easy to stay engaged in the Derry community and to maintain an active social life? 117 responses wrote in to further explain their answers.

Many respondents cited a lack of places to socialize within the community primarily citing the lack of restaurant diversity and nightlife. Some respondents felt there is a lack of opportunities to stay engaged as a senior, especially if folks are not connected to the school system.

However, many respondents felt there are opportunities to stay engaged, citing town events, local groups, such as the local theater, and clubs as a way to stay active within the community. Additionally, participants cited local social media, such as the "Bring Derry Together" Facebook group, as well as the town's Facebook page, and town emails.

Here's another question: In your opinion, are there steps the Town or non-profit sector could take to promote a better connected, more socially engaged community? 178 respondents provided details for this question.

Many respondents feel that there is a need for better

communication and recommended having centralized places to go for community events, including a more focused and dedicated Facebook page or town website calendar.

Many respondents cited the need to revitalize the Downtown, and provide additional spaces for community gatherings. Respondents also cited the need for more social engagement for older adults as well as teenagers.

And another question: What kind of new businesses would you like to see in Derry? This question was answered by a majority of the survey takers.

Here the top results

ranked according to most popular answers: Restaurants/Bars - 66.77%, Recreation and Entertainment Services - 64.09%, Department Stores/Clothing and other Apparel - 56.68%, Boutiques - 43.32%, Farms/Farm Stands - 41.25%, High-tech industry office space - 37.09%, Hotel/Conference Center - 36.20%, Light industrial/Manufacturing - 27.60%, Culinary Services - 26.41%, Coffee Shops - 22.55%, General office space 21.07%.

Other business indicated from this question include: Grocery Stores, Healthcare Services, Electronics, Agricultural products and services, Gym/Fitness Services,

Pet Supplies and Services, Child care.

Many people cited the need for larger businesses to ease the tax burden and employ community members. Respondents mentioned businesses such as Trader Joes, Whole Foods, and big box stores. Many respondents said they'd like to see smaller businesses, like arts and craft stores, coffee shops, and other stores to help maintain Derry's small-town feel.

Overall the survey has uncovered fascinating insight that will be incorporated into the Master Plan process. Check it and let your voice be heard.

## Conservation

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Christmas trees currently in the roadway area were going to stay or be removed. The previous property owners had a small Christmas tree farm and some of the trees were planted during the previous ownership period. Pinkerton wants to properly remove them, so it is most likely that those trees will be transplanted to other areas of the Pinkerton property. The issue of transplanting will likely be linked to a student program set up to properly transplant the trees.

There is a stonewall that exists near the culverts and the plan calls for removal of some of that wall. The wall itself was actually part of the existing property line boundary between several properties, though now Pinkerton owns these properties. The plan calls for the

wall to lose about 400 feet.

As the area is properly redesigned to manage water flow, there are wetlands adjacent to the area that need to be accounted for. There will also be a new retaining wall built on one side of the road that is opposite from the playing fields.

Within the project there will be removal of some foliage including certain older trees; and the engineering team recently received a notice about invasive species in the area and will account for that note in their plan. The note states that the contractor shall take all appropriate steps to protect the area from invasive plants, insects and invasive

fungus species.

The plan also calls for adding trees along side of the new roadway; there will be an appropriate types of trees to fit in properly for the campus. The idea is to have the trees line the road in a manner that will be aesthetically pleasing to fit the looks of the campus as well as provide shade and an area appropriate for wildlife. The trees will be spaced approximately 40 foot apart as is normal for that type of road. Those trees will line the road up to the point where forest will become the natural tree area and the current forest will remain mostly undisturbed by the project.

There is an artesian well located in the area and the engineering plan calls for supporting proper environmental considerations for that water, so that it doesn't overflow the nearby roads. The road access plan also needs to take into consideration near future changes for Tsienneto Road that will be in development as the new 4a exit from Route 93 is constructed.

The next step for this plan process is for it to be presented to the Derry Planning Board at one of the near term meetings likely in April. The plan approval process will incorporate sig-

natures from the Conservation Commission, so a Planning Board presentation can be arranged.

There will also be a wetland permit application set forward as part of the process. The Conservation Commission unanimously agreed to the amended plan by the engineering firm for the new roadway access that will include the new culverts, a plan for the artesian well redesign, and notes about the invasive species considerations. The commission will also add friendly notes for DES that will support concerns and solutions for the project.

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# Editorial

## Let the Sun Shine In

Open and transparent government – it's what the public should expect from officials at the local, state and national level. And providing information about the operation of government at the local level is a job this newspaper takes seriously.

March 10 through 16 is Sunshine Week, a reminder that government business conducted in the open is at the heart of a democracy. If we don't know what elected officials are doing, we have no way to hold them accountable. And the more information we all have, the better.

Knowledge, as the saying goes, is power. And that power is not something to be held close to the chest by politicians; it belongs to each of us in our role in voting politicians into office and depending on them for providing services, fair budgeting and just plain listening to the will of the people.

Sunshine Week is a national effort spearheaded by the American Society of News Editors. Though the week was created by journalists, it's not about newspapers, it's about the public's right to know what its government is doing, it encourages every citizen to take a active role in government, and strives to provide access to information to help them govern.

James Madison, the father of the U.S. Constitution, wrote that "consent of the governed" requires that people be able to "arm themselves with the power

which knowledge gives." That means in our participatory democracy, every citizen has a right to access government meetings and public records.

And that's the key. Keeping government transparent means newspapers must act as watchdogs, asking the uncomfortable questions, getting the information, and providing it in unbiased fashion to their readers. If documents are not readily made available, the state's Right to Know process is ready for everyone to use.

The motto of Sunshine Week is "Your Right to Know." That's the heart of what government is all about. As a citizen in a democracy, you have the right to know how your government operates, and your elected officials have the obligation, except in carefully delineated situations, to conduct their business in the open, even when that's uncomfortable.

We know it's easier for officials to discuss public business in private, where strategies can be aired without anyone listening. But that's not the way it's supposed to work. Discussions are to be public, in a quorum and on the record.

Making it hard for the public to find out what's going on is playing loose with open government. That's why we report what we do.

Without information, we're left in the dark. The better choice is to let the sun shine in.

## Singing Leader



Pinkerton Academy Cheerleading Junior Captain Genna Dellisola has been singing the National Anthem at many of the home Varsity Basketball games this season. This multi-talented student also helped her team with first place honors over the weekend at Pinkerton during the NHIAA Spirit Preliminaries. The team will be hit the home floor again this Sunday for the State Championship.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

## Letters

### Setting the Record Straight

To the editor

Last week in a letter to the editor, a parent who is defending one school board candidate made some disparaging and inaccurate remarks about me. Many of you who know my work as the chairman of the zoning board are aware that I go to great lengths to make sure people who are affected by a specific point of interest are given the opportunity to speak to it. I have carried that same protocol as school board chairman. The comments from this parent stated me as hostile, disingenuous and cutting her off from speaking amongst other misrepresentations. This parent appeared before the school board last May 8 and the segment can be seen on the SAU10.org website at 1 hr. 44 minutes into the meeting. If you read this commentary and

it concerns you as valid, please don't take my word for this, watch the segment for yourself and be your own judge.

To be direct and to the point, during this specific meeting, while the parent is speaking, another board member interrupts with a remark to the relevance of what she is commenting on. She is speaking to SEPAC, which is what she is advocating for in regards to own child and takes place outside of our district. I acknowledged the other board member which interrupted the parent then allowed the parent to proceed. She is then joined by another parent who begins to speak on the same topic. The second parent speaks to the different programs the district currently offers for special needs students, but depicts the district as a "divide and

conquer district" amongst the parents. I recognize both parents as feeling "isolated"

I am aware that the district has been with in the legal mandates for these programs. In next years budget the program which both these parents are openly commenting on, in the meeting, has had to add over \$300k dollars to it for next year. Keeping the program in district, by the way, saves our taxpayers and benefits the students by keeping them in house as opposed to transporting children out of district. As chairman I don't present the budget, the superintendent does, But I also did not prevent the superintendent from bringing this line item forward. Thank you for reading, Just for the record.

Lynn Perkins  
Derry

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## Taylor Library Poet-Tea Time



Jillian Klok and her children Eve and Mae hold a monthly Poetry Tea Party at the Taylor Library, where those who drop in get to share some of their favorite poems while drinking tea and snacking on fruit. Last week, Sophie Seymour joined in to recite and share with the group in the comfort of the library.  
*Photos by Chris Paul*

## Derry Library and Frost Farm Trustees are Searching for Good Poets

MACK LEATHURBY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

There is a call to poets across the Greater Derry Area as well as all over the state for them to offer up the next great poem. Who could be the next person to follow in the footsteps of Derry resident Robert Frost?

The MacGregor Poetry Contest is an annual contest sponsored by the Derry Public Library and supporters. There is no entry fee and the contest is open to all ages. The winning

poem will receive \$250 cash from the Frost Farm Board of Trustees. The contest will be again judged by Derry Poet Laureate, Robert Crawford, and staff members of the Derry Public Library. All entries will be judged anonymously.

Guidelines for the contest are simple. Poets can submit up to 2 poems that are no more than 2 pages each; there are no restrictions as to form or subject. Please do not put your name directly on the poem document as all poems are

judged anonymously. Google Doc formats are not allowed.

Do not enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your entry as the entries are not returnable. Submissions will be accepted until March 15, and the contest results will be announced in April 2019. Winners will be contacted by phone or email.

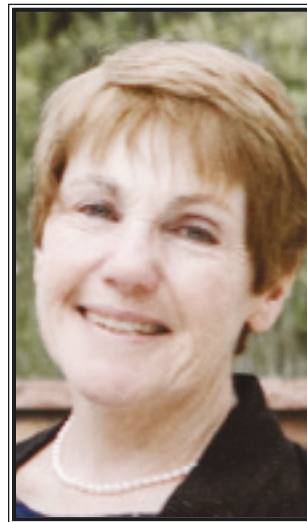
Entries may be sent via:

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- **Mail** (Derry Public Library Poetry Contest, 64 E Broadway, Derry NH 03038)

- or drop it off at the library.

Last year saw over 200 entries from 111 poets that were submitted for consideration. According to the judges, the competition was furious and the themes as well as the writing styles were impressively diverse.



Last Year's McGregor Poetry Award Winner was Patricia O'Neil of East Derry.

Whittling the winners down to only three was a challenging, but gratifying task.

Library director, Cara Barlow was thrilled by the number and quality of the entries last year and the library is looking forward

to this year's contest. Last year the first-place winner was Patricia O'Neil of East Derry NH for her poem, "Dream of God and You."

O'Neil lives in East Derry with her husband, David LeFrancois. O'Neil taught Language Arts at West Running Brook Middle School for quite a few years and she is a member of the Hyla Brook Poets. O'Neil's poems have appeared in various publications including Rattle and Light.

The judging was done last year by Derry Poet Laureate - Robert Crawford, Derry Public Library Director Cara Barlow, and Derry Teen Services Librarian Erin Robinson. The first-place prize of \$250 had been donated by the Robert Frost Board of Trustees who support poetry programming in Derry and the surrounding area.

Crawford is Co-Chair-

man of the Robert Frost Farm Board of Trustees, Director of the Frost Farm Poetry Conference and Frost Farm Prize. Robert Crawford has published several books of poetry, "The Empty Chair" (2011, Richard Wilbur Award), and "Too Much Explanation Can Ruin a Man" (2005). His books also include "The Powwow River Anthology", "The Conservative Poets: A Contemporary Anthology" and "Rhyming Poems: A Contemporary Anthology".

In the good weather seasons, you will find Crawford to be often available as a Frost Farm guide. He lives in Chester, NH, with his wife who is also a published poet, Midge Goldberg.

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and the bill is now being reprocessed with the possibility of veto override. Senate Bills (SB) 159 and (SB) 13 are similar and relative to limited electrical energy producers and net energy metering.

Each of these bills have slightly different approaches

and sponsors though all raise project caps for net metering projects from 1 MW to 5 MW that will be helpful for larger solar farm energy deployments. These bills are of special interest to the Net Zero Task Force because Derry would like the energy cap raised in order to meet its goal of Net Zero carbon-based energy usage by the Town by 2025.

A higher cap also provides the opportunity to support solar energy projects to cover electrical usage by the Town's schools.

Herndon also discussed SB 72 which has a goal to limit Renewable Energy Certificates (REC) "Sweeping." REC Sweeping is the practice by utilities to count unregistered and unsold Renewable Energy Certificates toward their Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) compliance which lowers REC prices and can lead to lower energy credits for renewable energy users.

Herndon is going to keep the Task Force apprised of the progress on these bills through the legislature. He pointed out that State Representative, Jim

Webb from Derry serves on the Science and Technology House Committee and suggested the Task Force should talk with him further about the importance of these bills to Derry. Task Force member and Town Councilor, Josh Bourdon agreed to contact Rep. Webb to engage him about the best interests of the Town in this area.

Herndon announced that a Local Energy Solutions conference will take place in November 2019 and suggested that members of the Task Force and others interested in renewable energy solutions consider attending.

The Local Energy Solutions organization is dedicated to reducing fossil-

fuel-based energy consumption in New Hampshire by 50% below 2005 levels by 2025. That initiative was founded in 2011 to foster collaboration among public, private and non-profit entities to support local level energy action in NH.

After Herndon's presentation, Jeff Moulton, Task Force Chairman reviewed the DPW's draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for the 1 MW solar array on the Derry Land Fill. Dave Kaiser, Engineer and Utility Manager, MIT Lincoln Lab and Michael Fodiman from MIT were invited to the meeting; they provided suggestions on the proposal and offered to share proposal information from MIT providing there is proper permission is granted.

In other business, Josh Bourdon reported he had

spoken with Scott Hayward, Owner of the Tupelo Music Hall. Tupelo has one of the larger solar roof installations in the State at this time; his business success with this initiative is a great example for other business institutions to know about. Thus Hayward is willing to host a Business Solar Summit on either May 29, June 5, or June 12 at 6 p.m. The Task Force decided that June 5 was the preferable date and Bourdon will follow up with Hayward to coordinate scheduling.

The Task Force also briefly discussed how Derry might utilize SB 165, the Low Income Community Solar Act, to ease the cost of electricity for low income Derry residents.

The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 21, 2019.

## OBITUARY

### Brian P. Haddad



Brian P. Haddad, 33, of Manchester, NH, died unexpectedly Tuesday Feb. 26, 2019, in the Elliot Hospital, Manchester. He was born in Derry, NH on May 15, 1985, a son of Thomas and Donna (Neault) Haddad. Brian attended Hood Middle School and Pinkerton Academy in Derry and graduated Class of 2004. Starting in high school, Brian learned he had a knack for electronics and television production that translated into becoming adept at stage lighting and computer repair. He was involved with the theater department of Pinkerton before graduating and many years after. For 15 years he volunteered for the Miss NH scholarship program designing sets and lighting for each contestant. He designed and set up the lighting for the new Tupelo Music Hall in Derry. After graduation he worked a number of years for the Manchester Monarchs, running cameras and mostly replays. He joined Rainbow Production traveling the world designing and setting up theatrical lighting for well-known names, like Major Lazer, to not so well known names, like presidential candidates campaigning in NH and everything in between. Some examples of things he did was set up for 2 New England Patriots Super Bowl After parties, Boston Calling and Comics Come Home.

Brian was an extremely knowledgeable and intelligent person. People respected him with ease and his employers were pleasantly surprised with his knowledge and leadership abilities. This intelligence opened many possibilities for Brian.

In addition to his parents, he is also survived by his brother, Christopher Haddad and wife Ericka; paternal grandfather, Richard Haddad; three uncles, Richard Haddad and wife Carol, Daniel Haddad and wife Rose, and Peter Haddad; Aunt, Virginia Solman and husband Paul; Aunt, Cindi and husband Steve; his cousins Alicia and Shawn Haddad, Anna Tasch and husband Kyle, John Haddad and wife Kate, Michael Haddad and wife Norma, Robert, Catherine, David and Danielle Haddad, Kimberly Hadson and husband Max and Kevin Haddad; second cousins, Ellie, John, Isabelle, Theodore and Michael Haddad. He is survived by numerous extended family and beloved friends, including his best friend, Christina Tomkinson and her husband Matthew and their children, Drake and Gabriel.

Brian is predeceased by his uncle, John Haddad and his aunt Mary Haddad as well as his paternal grandmother, Catherine Haddad and maternal grandparents, Robert and Ruth Neault.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, March 2, from 2 - 5 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. Funeral services will follow at 5 p.m. in the funeral home.

## OBITUARY

### Marc Brotman



Marc Orrin Brotman, 61, of Derry, NH, passed away on Saturday Feb. 23, 2019, at his home on his own terms. He was born in Boston, MA on June 12, 1957, son of Alan Brotman and the late Beverly Tankel Brotman. Marc was a hard working man who was very proud of his work as an electrician. For him, it was more of a calling than a job. In addition to his work as an electrician, he also started and operated many other successful businesses during his life. He was a die-hard Patriots fan, loved to travel, tinker on things at home, and maintain his saltwater fish tanks. He enjoyed taking care of his home and yard, and he even built the home that he and his family live in. He had a larger than life personality and could light up a room just by walking in. Marc remained close to many of his childhood friends, having many annual parties where they all would gather and celebrate life and friendship. He also loved the congregation at his temple Ruach Israel in Needham, MA. He will be remembered as a devoted husband, loving father, beloved son, brother, uncle and friend.

Marc is survived by his beloved wife of 33 years, Anne Brotman of Derry, his son, Leonard Brotman and partner Jacqui Marrone, of Manchester, NH, his father, Alan Brotman of Delray Beach, FL, brother, Lon Brotman of Vernon, CT, two sisters, Nancy Valchuis of Southborough, MA, and Nicole Rodriguez of Boston, MA, and in-laws, Angelo and Marie Russo of Everett, MA, Joseph and Pauline Russo of Medway, MA, Michelle and Charlie Smith of Derry, NH; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends.

The family will be sitting Shiva on Monday, Feb. 25, from 6 - 8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 26, from 6 - 8 p.m., and Wednesday, Feb. 27, from 6 - 8 p.m. at the family's home in Derry. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. at Ruach Israel Temple in Needham, MA. Memorial contributions may be made to Donate Life New England, 60 First Ave, Waltham, MA 02451 or the Ruach Israel Temple, 754 Greendale Avenue, Needham, MA 02492. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements.

## OBITUARY

### Bernice E. Becker



Bernice E. Becker, 93, of Derry, NH, passed away Tuesday Feb. 26, 2019 surrounded by her loving family in her home. She was born in Derry, NH on Aug. 24, 1925, a daughter of the late Raoul and Elsie (Zacharias) Martel. She had been a life-long resident of Derry and had graduated from Pinkerton Academy, Class of 1944. Bernice worked as a secretary for St. Thomas Aquinas School in Derry for 28 years. She enjoyed gardening and trips to Hampton Beach with her family.

She is survived by her beloved husband of nearly 72 years, Richard H. Becker of Derry; her daughter, Betty A. Cloudman of Litchfield, NH, her two sons, William R. Becker of Derry and Richard W. Becker, of Northfield, NH, ten grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; a sister, Irene E. Richards of North Andover, MA, as well as several nieces and nephews. Bernice was predeceased by her brother Warren R. Martel, Sr. and her sister, Eleanor I. Martel.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held on Tuesday, March 5, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. The burial will be in the Forest Hill Cemetery, East Derry in the spring. Memorial contributions may be made to Sonshine Soup Kitchen, 4 Crystal Ave. #4, Derry, NH 03038.

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# Pinkerton Academy Latin Program: Teaching More than Just a Language

CORINNA MCJUARY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Here at Pinkerton Academy, we have an excellent Latin program. Here is some general information on the program itself, with key information provided by Mr. Olkovikas. Olkovikas is a teacher at Pinkerton, in the Latin program. Magistra Smith is also a teacher in the Pinkerton Latin program.

When asked what the Latin program at Pinkerton is all about Olkovikas had this to say "We have a complete language program, with Latin 1,2,3, and 4 and at each level there is an A- and B-level class until Latin 4, which is just an honors-level class. Latin has a reputation for being stuffy, but really Latin is for everyone. If you think about it, every Roman spoke it fluently from philosophers to the youngest school children."

Most students in the Latin 1 classes are freshmen, although a significant number of sophomores, juniors, and even seniors will take a Latin 1 course either just for the experience for that one year or in starting up a whole second language." Because of this Latin 1 and 2 can be a really fun mix of different kinds of students. "

Olkovikas also included this key information "The Latin program is one of the foundational parts of Pinkerton's history. Nominally, we teach kids the Latin language, which of course is the language of the ancient Romans. But of course, students also learn about the cultures of the ancient Mediterranean, the

history of the development of Western Civilization, the amazing arts that the Romans and Greeks developed, the literature, the architecture, and so much more." What was discussed was the fact that so many people think Latin is not useful since it is not spoken (modern day). Olkovikas explained, "The notion that Latin isn't pertinent because it's a quote-unquote dead language is a great misconception." From the way that studying Latin will enhance your vocabulary alone, it is massively useful." But so much of the terminology also in the legal field, and the medical and scientific fields come from Latin!" "It's a wonderful study for kids who are interested in the Humanities, but the specific ways that the language works also significantly develops one's problem solving and critical thinking skills, too. So it's also a perfect subject for students focused on STEM. It's basically one-stop shopping for utility."

Olkovikas who had this to say about his time at Pinkerton Academy; "I lose track from time to time, but I think this is my 17th year. But I like teaching so much that it feels like I just started."

When asked what his favorite part of his job is he had this to say "It's hard to say, simply teaching class-

es on an everyday basis can be really fun for me, and just interacting with my discupli. But it's also thrilling when our program competes and often wins at the top levels in New Hampshire."

"Is there a club for Latin at Pinkerton?" Olkovikas was asked. He stated "Yes, there is! The Classical Society is Pinkerton's Latin club, which itself is verging on ancient. The Classical Society was founded in the 1924-1925 school year. We're starting to gear up for its centennial celebration. And "The club does about a hundred different kinds of things to try to meet different kinds of students' interests." We take field trips to see the Roman and Mediterranean collections at museums, we watch films and documentaries about Antiquity, we compete in many different kinds of competitions as a chapter of the Junior Classical League. We've done at times spoken Latin, little bits of Ancient Greek and cool projects like making papyrus from scratch and collecting actual antiquities from the Roman and Greek worlds." We can come up with and do whatever we want, and often we do just that."

Jillienne Robinson-Warren a 9th grader at Pinkerton who is in Latin 1. She is an exceptional Latin student who is putting in a bunch of extra study to

compete in latin vocabulary, culture, and etymology contests, and this fall she led her novice Latin and Classics trivia quiz bowl team to a second-place victory in the fall New Hampshire meet. Latin and Classics trivia contest is called Certamen. And she has already won a gold medal for the National Classical etymology exam.

Robinson-Warren had this to say about the program "In my opinion it has been a great experience, and has driven me to pursue a career in the Classics". "I exceptionally enjoyed the Certamen. My experience with Certamen

has improved my confidence and ability to act quickly. - "Yes, I plan on staying in the Latin program for all four years, and I plan on pursuing the Classics." - I think in these few months I have been in the Latin program, I have learned more in a short period of time than I have ever learned before."

Melina Ryan, who has graduated Pinkerton Academy is an alum of the program. Ryan explained her opinion on the program and where she is today. Ryan stated "The Latin program at Pinkerton fostered a community of bright, young Classicists

who not only support each other, but also pushed one another to be the absolute best versions of ourselves. Classical Society became home to me, and it brought me friends that molded me into a better, more well rounded person. The value of studying the Classics is something that cannot be overstated. I personally plan on earning my degree in Latin language and linguistics, and hopefully teaching the next generation of Classicists myself."

These are only a few reasons why your son or daughter should check out the Latin Pinkerton Academy program!

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DERRY SPORTS

PA Boys Hockey Upset by Salem in First Game of DI Tourney

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

A magnificent regular season for the Pinkerton Academy Boys' Varsity Ice Hockey team ended in huge disappointment last Saturday, Mar. 2, after the top-seeded Astros lost their first playoff game in a quarterfinals match-up to Salem, 3-1 at the Ice Den in Hooksett.

The number one seed Pinkerton entered the post-



Salem's Brady Roux stopped virtually everything that the Pinkerton Academy Hockey Squad could lanch at him during the 3-1 upset on Saturday.

season as the tournament favorites, after finishing the season with the best record in Division I (16-2), but the Salem High School Blue Devils (10-9-1), who lost a close game, 4-3 to Astros on Feb. 16, had different plans, and pulled off the upset.

Three days after beating Londonderry 4-0 in their first round match, the visitors, who will go on to face the number five seed Trinity in the semifinals, took the lead less than six minutes into the game with a Power Play goal scored by Anthony Survilas.

The Astros were able to level the score quickly, with Ethan Burgess making the game 1-1 with five and a half minutes left in the first period with an assist from Patrick Last and Gennaro Marra.

Despite the pace of the game picking up for the Astros after the first period, Salem's goalie, Brady Roux was stopping everything put to him.

With the intensity picking up in the second and third periods, so were the penalty minutes for both sides.

The host Astro team was hoping that Burgess' goal will help them take control of the game, but Salem scored again, just 86 seconds after the break and finished the job in the final seconds of the third period, with an empty net goal after Pinkerton pulled goalie Dakota Robinson who had 28 saves over the course of the game.

Salem's goalie, Roux, had a staggering 42 saves in the game.



Pinkerton Academy's Ethan Burgess made it a 1-1 game with his goal in the first period on Saturday, But that was PA's only score in the 3-1 loss to Salem.

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BEFORE



# Astro Girls Punch Their Ticket to Basketball Semifinals



Astro senior captain Madison Mahoney had her team's high score on Saturday against Windham. She contributed 13 points in the 46-34 win. Photo by Chris Paul

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

It wasn't the cakewalk it should have been, but Pinkerton Academy's Girls' Varsity Basketball team secured their spot at Southern New Hampshire University on Thursday, Mar. 7, for the Division I semifinals, against the number six seed Portsmouth High School. The Lady Astros advanced thanks to a 46-34 win on Saturday, Mar. 2, over the seventh seeded Windham High School in the tournament's quarterfinals.

Windham, who came into the tournament with a 13-7 record, had recently lost at Pinkerton's Hackler Gym by 20 points a month

ago, was able to stay in the game this time around against the second seeded Astros who finished the season 18-1. Despite the Lady Astros all-to-common slow start offensively in this game, the home team's overwhelming good qualities eventually proved to be enough for the victory.

After falling behind in the first few minutes, Pinkerton scored eight straight points to finish the first quarter with a 13-9 lead, and maintained the lead from that point, until the end of the game. Jesse Ames ended the first on a high note with a buzzer-beating three-pointer from the corner.

The Astros led 24-15 at the half, with Windham leading the game in team fouls, nine to Pinkerton's seven.

The PA girls team jumped to a double digit lead when the buzzer ended the third quarter (36-25), but Windham scored the first five points of the final quarter and the lead was cut to just six points, before another Astros run that secured the win for them. The Lady Astros kept their



Pinkerton freshman guard Avah Ingalls heads to the hoop during the team's first playoff game last Saturday afternoon. Their win against Windham got them a semi-final game against Portsmouth on Thursday.

## Pinkerton Skiers Compete in the Meet of Champions

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's top Alpine Skiers competed Thursday, Feb. 28, at Mittersill Alpine Training Center on Cannon Mountain, in the New Hampshire's Meet of Champions. The Meet has the top ten finishers for each division from the State Meet, in the Giant Slalom and Slalom, racing for another title.

The Astro Ski team was

represented by two girls and one boy. Katelyn Bennett finished 20th in the Giant Slalom with a total time (combined from her two runs) of 1:25.88, 7.66 seconds from first place. Danielle Martineau was 33rd with a time of 1:32.38, 14.16 seconds away from the winner, Isabella Cronin from White Mountain.

In the Slalom, Martineau climbed all the way to the 12th place, finishing with a total time of 1:16.58, 8.70 seconds from first place.

Bennett was 34th with 1:28.28 (20.40 seconds from first place). Martineau was selected for the Eastern States Regional Team and will represent New Hampshire against other teams in the region.

Kenneth McCarthy competed in the boys' races and took the 11th place in the Giant Slalom with a time of 1:18.18, just 5.49 seconds from the winner. He was not able to finish the Slalom race.

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# PA Cheer Team Gets Number One Spot in Spirit Prelims

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The Pinkerton Academy Cheerleading team was not messing around on Sunday, March 3, as their school hosted New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association 2019 Winter Spirit Preliminary round.

There were a total of 16 Division I teams competed in the morning slot, while teams from Division II and

III fought for a finals place later that day. The top five teams from each division got a ticket for this Sunday's finals, also hosted by Pinkerton Academy.

The Astros were the tenth team to take the floor that day and their performance was electrifying giving them a total score of 105.8 points, enough to win the event by a huge margin. Dover finished in the second place with 94.3 points and

the other Division I teams to qualify were Salem (third place - 93.7), Nashua North (fourth place - 93.7) and Concord (fifth place - 93.5).

Coach Michelle McCarty said after her team's performance: "I think the team did an amazing job today. In my opinion, they could not have done anything better. We could not be more pleased with what the girls did".

The Astro team includes: Alanna Murphy, Allison Connell, Amanda Bryson, Ariana Boudreau, Ashley Hebert, Chloe Sanders, Garyn Hobbs, Genna Delisola, Hailey Apostoloff, Hailey Blackman, Harper Lewis, Hunter Mullane, Jacie Harlow, Jenna Desrochers, Juilia Saab, Kristen Bukunt, Kylie Souza, Lydia Bowen, Skylar Neilsen, Talen Letiole, Lauren Tellier and Delaney Robinson.



The Pinkerton Academy Cheerleading team competed against 15 other Division I schools during the state's preliminary event, where they took the top spot. They will try to re-take their championship title on Sunday. *Photos by Chris Paul*

## Athletes of the Week

Week of Feb. 25

### Brady Day

#### Junior, Boys Basketball

In the penultimate game of the season, Day tied Pinkerton Boys' Basketball record, scoring seven three-pointers in one game. The next game, against Timberlane, he hit a 65-foot buzzer beater to win the game for the Astros.



### Kristen Bukunt

#### Senior, Spirit

Last week at Battle of the Capital and this past weekend at Prelims, the senior captain used her experience and tenacity to deliver an amazing competition routine for Pinkerton. As a flyer, her performance caliber and athleticism helped the team capture first place and Grand Champs in DI, as well as the first place seed going into States this weekend.



*Athletes are chosen by Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office*

## Spencer's 4x200 Relay Team Shine for Granite State at New England's

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The 2018-19 Indoor Track and Field season came to an end last Saturday, Mar. 2, at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston, Mass., and the Pinkerton Academy athletes enjoyed a few strong

performances in the 32nd Annual New England Championship.

The Astros' best result of the long afternoon, after the event had to be rescheduled from the morning, due to inclement weather, came from senior Adam Spencer, who finished fourth in the 55-Meter Hurdles. Spencer qualified to the finals with the seventh best time overall (7.77) and used a personal record of 7.66 seconds to finish fourth. His

teammate Conor Seleny also ran great in the preliminaries, taking the 13th spot out of 30 runners with 7.89 seconds and missing the finals by 12 hundredths of a second.

Pinkerton's 4x200 relay team (Spencer, Patrick Cotnoir, Ryan Dane and Seleny) surprised many and placed sixth, setting a new school record with a time of 1:32.11. Spencer said after the race, "I like this meet. Last year and this year I got my best time

here. My coach and parents are happy".

Dane took the 18th place in the 55-Meter Dash (6.75, 0.18 away from the finals), state champion Matt Small finished the High Jump finals without a result, Seleny got the 21st place in the 300-Meter Dash (36.89 seconds) and in the 4x400 relays, the girls (Macy Graves, Meaghan Robidoux, Megan O'Brien and Amelia Graves) finished ninth with a good time of 4:08.48.

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# Pinkerton Girls Hockey Inaugural Season Comes to End



Spencer St. Pierre has been a strong line of defense for the Astro Girls' hockey team. Photo by Chris Paul

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

A season of ups and downs, and plenty of learning for Pinkerton Academy's newest DI team, the Girls' Varsity Ice Hockey team, ended on Tuesday, Feb. 26, with a 5-1 loss to the sixth seed Bishop Brady-Trinity-West (12-7) in the first round of the Division I playoffs.

The 11th seed Lady Astros traveled to the JFK Coliseum in Manchester to face the same team that beat them 7-2 in their inaugural game, two and a half months ago. In this match-up, Pinkerton's leading scorer, Jordyn Wasiejko, found the net just 3:21

minutes into the game, the visitors began dreaming of an upset, but Brady-Trinity-West quickly took control over the game.

Lauren Trippiedi scored exactly midway through the first period and Chevy Irizarri completed the comeback, 94 seconds into the second period. In the final 15 minutes, the locals completed the job with three more goals, two by Courtney Ineham and one by Riley Hollenberg, to get the ticket to the quarterfinals.

Pinkerton's coach, Scott Dunn, reflected on the season after the game: "The inaugural season was everything we thought it will be, and

more. The girls started the year as a group of individuals, but quickly developed into a hockey team. The biggest surprise for me was how quickly they bonded. Pinkerton is the largest school in the state and most of the girls had not met before. It was nice to observe the older girls schedule team events".

Looking forward, Dunn says: "Next year we expect to be better. We are

keeping most of our starters and anticipate a good group of freshman coming to play". When asked about his team's best performance this season, coach Dunn responded: "It was against Lebanon-Stevens-Kearsarge. That team is talented and we beat them 8-6 for our first win. Lebanon has since made it to the playoffs and earned a first round victory".

## Setzer Fourth, McLaughlin Sixth at Wrestling New England's Tourney

IDAN VINITSKY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The five wrestlers who placed in the top three of their weight brackets at the New Hampshire Meet of Champions last week, represented Pinkerton Academy on Mar. 1 and 2 in Providence, RI, where the Providence Career & Technical Academy hosted the annual New England Championship.

There were 184 New England high schools that sent wrestlers to the event and the Astros, with a good performance, put the final

touches on a strong season, finishing in the 20th place overall, with 31 points.

Pinkerton's best result of the event belonged to Kyle Setzer at 195-pounds, who placed fourth in his bracket. After reaching the final at the New Hampshire State Meet two weeks ago as well as at the Meet of Champions last week, Setzer advanced with a 5-0 win over a rival from Northwestern on Friday, then lost 17-2 on his first Saturday match to the eventual champion, Joe Gkinak from Fairfield Warde, Connecticut. Setzer moved to consolation, where

he picked up three more wins, before losing 2-0 in his third-place match.

New Hampshire state champion and Meet of Champions winner Sterling McLaughlin finished sixth in the 182-pound group Providence. Like Setzer, he received a first round bye and won his single match on Friday. The next day, McLaughlin added another victory, in the quarterfinals, then lost to Carson LiCastri from Joel Barlow High School, Connecticut. He moved to consolation and with a couple of losses, finished in sixth place.

In the 152-pound bracket, Tyler MacKiernan had two wins and a loss on Friday, and another loss on his Saturday consolation match.

Jack MacKiernan, at 160, lost both his matches on Saturday.

Robbie Fahey, at 220, who's been recovering for a knee injury, lost his first match, won the second one and lost again on Saturday in consolation.



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PA Boys Hoops Team Wins Season Finale With a Bomb



Brady Day matched a school record on 1st week, scoring seven three-pointers. He also made a 65-foot shot to help win their season finale. Photos by Chris Paul

IDAN VINITSKY  
 NUTFIELD NEWS

A long and tough season for Pinkerton Academy's Boys' Varsity Basketball team ended on Friday, Mar. 1, in the best way imaginable. The Astros, who finished their season in 19th place out of the 22 teams in Division I and hosted last place Timberlane (1-17) in their season finale at the Hackler Gymnasium. The game was close from the opening tip-off until the final seconds, with the teams tied after one quarter (15-15) and at the half (24-24). Pinkerton was trailing 41-40 when the teams entered the final eight minutes of basketball and with five seconds left, the visitors scored what they thought would gain them their second victory of the season. But Pinkerton still had time, and the ball went to Brady

Day, who took a 65-foot desperation shot and scored, winning this wild, close, season-ending game. He finished with 13 points, one less than team leader Andy MacDonald. Nick Lombard had 13 points as well, Jay Reynolds scored six and Aidan Conroy and Nazair DaBreo had four points each. Three days prior to that victory, on Tuesday, Feb. 26, Pinkerton dropped a close game on the road against Manchester Central by four slim points, 55-51. The Little Green led 23-15 at the end of the opening quarter



Jay Reynolds

and 35-21 at the break. Pinkerton enjoyed a strong third quarter (20-10) and was able to cut Central's

lead to six points (47-41) before the final quarter, but the local stayed ahead and the comeback could not be completed by the Astro squad. Day, Friday's hero, matched a school record on Tuesday, scoring seven three-pointers. He finished with 27 points, MacDonald and Lombard scored seven each, Andrew Bolduc had four, James Flynn three, DaBreo two and Conroy one. Pinkerton finished with a 4-14 record, with all four victories coming in the final ten games of the season.

PA Girls JV Hoops Team Reach DI Tourney Finals

IDAN VINITSKY  
 NUTFIELD NEWS

While the Pinkerton Academy Girls' Varsity Basketball team is fighting for this year's state title, the Junior Varsity team proved, throughout the season and in last week's tournament, that the future is quite bright for the Lady Astros. The Pinkerton JV team, who enjoyed a 17-1 record in the regular season, entered the JV tournament on Sunday as the number two seed. In their quarterfinals game, the Astros played the

seventh seed Exeter and won a one-sided match, 66 to 25. Top scorers for the red and white girls were Casey Ames with 12 points, Abby Marasco with 11, Makenzie Deluca with nine and Kristina Packowski with eight. The next day, the Lady Astros got their revenge against their rivals from Londonderry, who had handed them their only loss of the season back on Jan. 31. This time, it was all Pinkerton and the final score was 49-26, with Hailey Frost scoring ten points for the winning team.

Lily Melton had eight, Rebecca Farnum finished with seven and Marasco and Deluca scored six points each. In the finals, the took place on Tuesday, Feb. 26, Pinkerton suffered a heartbreaking overtime loss to the top seeded Merrimack, 57-54. Ames led the team once more, with 17 points. Marasco scored 11, Packowski and Deluca had ten points each. "The team had a fantastic season and I am very proud of them," coach Mariel Barner exclaimed after the tournament.

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## So You Think You Can Cook, Londonderry?

St Peter's Episcopal Church, at the corner of Mammoth Rd., and Peabody Row, will be hosting its very popular Annual Chili and Chowder Cookoff on Saturday, March 30, at the spacious church. Cooks should sign in and set up by 4:15 p.m., and Taster's Choice will be from 4:30 - 6 p.m. There will be Celebrity Judges, Pinatas, a Gift Raffle and More. St Peter's is asking \$10 for General Admission/Tasting, and \$5 for ages 10 and under. This year, half of the proceeds from the Cookoff will benefit St Peter's Community Outreach. The other half of the event's proceeds will go to Hero Pups, a NH non profit which specially trains shelter and rescue pups to serve as Companion and Service Animals to Veterans and First Responders who have been traumatized as a result of their extraordinary service. Please join us at St Peter's on March 30, at 4:30 p.m. for this outstanding event. To register, please visit [stpeterslondonderry.org](http://stpeterslondonderry.org) or call Lee at 781-801-8161.

## 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 is open for Derry Residents and will open 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](mailto:avmuseum@nhahs.org), or visit the museum's website, [www.aviationmuseumofnh.org](http://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](mailto:avmuseum@nhahs.org), or visit the museum's website, [www.aviationmuseumofnh.org](http://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](http://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](mailto:avmuseum@nhahs.org), or visit the museum's website, [www.aviationmuseumofnh.org](http://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 classes 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.

## 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 enforce-

ment 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](mailto:soreffs15@aol.com).

## 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

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## 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, April 4, 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 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, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. Drop ins welcome.

## 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 [stevleh@aol.com](mailto:stevleh@aol.com).

## 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.

## MacGregor Poetry Contest

It is time again for the (2nd) annual MacGregor Poetry Contest. Last year there were almost 200 entries! We are hoping to get the word out about the contest to all the poets and wannabe poets in our community. There is a \$250 cash prize for the winning poem, generously provided by the Frost Farm Trustees. The judges include Bob Crawford, Poet Laureate of Derry, and staff members of the Derry Public Library. Guidelines: Submit up to 2 poems, no more than 2 pages each. No restrictions as to form or subject. Please do NOT put your name on poem - all poems are judged anonymously. No Google Docs, please! Do not enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your entry. Entries are not returnable. Submissions accepted until March 15. Contest results will be announced in April 2019. Winners will be contacted by phone or email. Entries may be submitted via: email [macgregorpoetrycontest@derrypl.org](mailto:macgregorpoetrycontest@derrypl.org) Mailed to; Derry Public Library Poetry Contest, 64 E Broadway, Derry NH 03038. Drop it off at the library.



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