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Town Council Moves Water System Enhancements Forward

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On Tuesday, April 16, the Derry Town Council met to discuss resolution #2019-018. This resolution supports an agreement regarding the Southern New Hampshire Regional Water Interconnection Project ("SIA"). Town Council Chairperson, Neil Wetherbee, spoke for the council when he stated, "This project is good for the rate payers of Derry, as the State will be supporting costs for water system improvements."

The purpose of this project is to update, as needed, local Southern N.H. community water systems. Also to enter into a drinking water and groundwater trust fund

grant agreement with the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES), while funding SIA required improvements. Mike Fowler, Derry Director of Public Works (DPW), and Tom Carrier, Deputy Director of Public Works, were present to provide an overview of the details of the project. David Caron, Town Administrator, presented documentation for the council's consideration.

David Caron stated, "Council support for both Resolutions #2019-018 and 020 is critical to advancing the project and developing an advantageous cash flow for Derry. It is anticipated that approximately 25% of the gross cash flow will be expensed in additional oper-

ating costs. Until such time as the Council directs otherwise, all revenues will flow initially to the Water Department's Enterprise Fund."

Derry DPW staff have been working with various N.H. Departments on this state funded initiative to provide added drinking water system support for the communities of Derry, Salem, Windham, Atkinson, Hampstead and Plaistow. In 2016, the N.H. Legislature voted to transfer administrative responsibilities of the \$300M MTBE (Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether) fund from the Department of Environmental Services to a Legislative Committee, which established the Drinking Water and Groundwater

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Derry Residents Ask Planning Board to Rethink Rezoning

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There was a significant showing by the Aiken Street neighborhood residents at the recent Derry Planning Board public meeting to support multiple letter petitions against a proposed zoning change.

The Planning Board met on Wednesday, April 17, to discuss this change to the Zoning Ordinance. The change would entail moving 20 properties mostly zoned within residential zoning MHDR guidelines, and changing those properties to Office Business District zoning.

John O'Connor, Chairperson, conducted a public hearing to consider this pro-

posed zoning change.

Board members informed those in attendance at the meeting that they will planning a site walk through the neighborhood to further evaluate the ramifications this change will have upon the neighborhood and the community. The proposed zoning change includes only odd numbered residential properties located on the north side of Aiken street closer to Wedst Broadway.

The first person to speak at the hearing was Tom May, who lives at the corner of Valley and Aiken Streets. May said, "I have presented a letter to Planning Board and Elizabeth Robidoux, Planning and Economic Development Assistant, that has signatures from 63 peo-

ple, including the most residents on Aiken, Valley, St Charles and Clark Streets."

May pointed out the letter indicates, "All the signees within the neighborhood strongly object to this proposal for rezoning. Given the fact this proposal will adversely affect the amount of traffic on all these roads and the fact that there are no sidewalks on any of these streets, we feel a clear and present danger exists, that may potentially increase the possibility for traffic accidents. Currently vehicles speed on Aiken Street, as drivers use Aiken to avoid traffic lights."

Additional neighborhood residents voiced their request for the board to

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Farm Fresh Annie Jean attended the South Range Elementary School's Ice Cream Social and Project night last week and dressed in a cow-themed outfit to fit in with her brothers project. Hundreds of family members attended the annual event on Thursday, April 18. See more on page 8. *Photos by Chris Paul*

Town Council Proclaims May 2019 as Older Americans Month

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Neil Wetherbee, Chairperson for the Derry Town Council, read a Town Proclamation supporting the month of May 2019 as Older Americans Month. The Proclamation reads as follows:

Whereas, the Town of Derry acknowledges that older Americans enrich the community through their

diverse life experiences, and; Whereas we honor our older residents and we celebrate their many accomplishments, as they are one of our most valuable resources and deserve recognition for the contributions to our community and our nation, and; Whereas we are committed to strengthening our community by connecting with and supporting older adults, their families, their caregivers and acknow-

ledge their many valuable contributions to society, and; Whereas we recognize the importance of all generations in engaging in activities that promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being for the benefit of all, and; Whereas together we can enhance the lives of older Americans in our community by promoting home community based services, that support independent liv-

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Trust Fund. This fund will be used to implement the SIA, as well as related projects needed to address drinking water contamination and water supply issues.

MTBE is a carcinogen that has turned up in N.H. water systems. The EPA has been researching the issue of what constitutes safe limits of this flammable, colorless liquid. MTEB dissolves easily in ground waters and creates adverse effects on humans and other life forms.

Under the SIA, Manchester Water Works (MWW) has agreed to supply water to Windham, Salem, Atkinson, Hampstead and Plaistow, from its existing Water Treatment Plant on Lake Massabesic and its proposed treatment facility along the Merrimack River. The SIA proposes to route water through Derry's existing water system, which will require an exten-

sion of the Derry water system along Rte. 28 to the Windham town line. It will also provide other Derry water system improvements necessary to deliver proper flow of drinking water through Derry to Windham.

The SIA states all improvements required in Derry, estimated at \$6.29 Million, will be paid by a grant from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust fund with no costs to Derry taxpayers or water ratepayers. The SIA further sets forth the cost of water, purchase guarantees, liability issues, timelines, etc.

Derry has worked with N.H. DES and participating communities, along with consultation with the Town Council, to help draft and set the SIA project goals. Pending final approvals, Phase I of the project in Derry would be constructed in 2019/2020.

Phase II improvements may include water main

upgrades in Derry on Manchester and Tsienneto Roads, North and South Main Streets and Route 28. These are to be constructed prior to December 31, 2023, to provide additional capacity should additional demand require it.

Manchester Water Works will provide the source water for the project. Derry's currently purchased water capacity is unaffected by this agreement and the pre-purchased capacity will be available for Derry properties.

In regard to the needed infrastructure involved in Phase I, N.H. DES will cover 100% of cost of the engineering and construction of 8,400 feet of a new water main along Route 28, between Ryan's Hill and the Windham/Derry town line. Derry may also acquire up to an additional 1,400 feet of water main in Windham, prior to Salem's new metering station off Northland Road.

N.H. DES will also cover 100% of the cost of upgrades to the Rockingham Road pump station, the New Water Booster pump station on Manchester Road and the PRV station on Route 28. The existing meter/control valve vault at the Londonderry/Derry town line will also be upgraded. Derry's infrastructure work could begin as early as summer 2019 with a substantial completion date as early as May 2020 and final completion date of December 2020.

Derry will not be responsible for fire flows south of Derry's border, nor shall the Town be responsible for flow interruptions caused by

system malfunctions. It shall be the responsibility of communities to guarantee their own flows using storage tanks or other devices. The water main design will include the addition of 13 hydrants to provide full fire protection, in an area currently served by cisterns. The water main extension will provide the opportunity for future system expansion into Derry neighborhoods, including Kilrea Road, Windham Depot Road, Mark Street and Goodhue Road.

There will be no cost to Derry. The fiscal impact to the community for this Derry Water System

enhancement is a projected value of \$6.29 Million and the costs will be funded entirely by the N.H. DES Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund grant.

The Council was urged by Caron, Fowler and Carrier to support Resolution 2019-018 and was passed by the Town Council unanimously by a vote of 7-0. The resolution will go into effect immediately to support the efforts of the Town Administrator and the Public Works staff.

The related Resolution 2019-020 will be voted upon at the 5/7/2019 Town Council meeting.

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Rotary Essay Winner

Londonderry High School sophomore Hannah Demarais was the lone contestant to enter the Rotary Club's Four-Way Test Essay and Speech contest last month. She wrote her speech and read it to members of the Derry Village Rotary, Derry Rotary and the Londonderry Rotary last month at the Derry Town Council Chambers at the Derry Municipal Building. The essay needed to encapsulate the Rotary's four point test: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? Her essay focus on fitting in at the Middle School. Above, Demarais was handed the three checks totaling \$1,000 from the three Rotary Clubs by Derry Village member Alice Makino and was invited to the New Hampshire district contest last weekend.

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School Board Recognizes Bob Defeo as Outstanding Volunteer

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At the April 9 Derry School Board meeting, South Range Elementary School Principal, Matt Olsen, was on hand to present the school's Volunteer of the Year award to Bob Defeo.

Principal Olsen said, "Mr. Defeo is the epitome of an outstanding behind the scenes school community volunteer. He always seems to be there when he is needed the most, especially during our big events. In addition to working his full-time job, Mr. Defeo has been the

parent volunteer for our ski club and helps out with many of our afterschool, evening and weekend events."

"He can also be found driving back and forth from the school to various stores to pick up supplies to get things done. For example, during playground maintenance times, Mr. Defeo and his whole family will be seen outside painting the South Range Elementary School's orange walkway, or the driveway or painting swing sets with beautiful colors of blue and orange. You will also find him outdoors working on our out-

side areas, digging holes where needed for planning or posts, or digging foot walk areas or making planter beds and boxes. Of course as needed, he will drive back and forth to Home Depot to get all the needed supplies."

"And it does not stop there, as he is often found serving pizza, supporting raffle tickets at evening events. Bob is always ready to set up and help with the cleanup at any school event we have. Not only is he at the PTA events, but you will find him at other types of school events."

Olsen added, "And although Mr. Defeo never seeks recognition, now is the time, we feel he needs to be recognized and thanked. South Range Elementary School has been very fortunate to have Mr. Defeo and the whole Defeo family as active PTA members, and the whole family is very positive contributors to our South Range school community. So please join us in recognizing Mr. Bob Defeo as the South Range School's 2018 and 2019 outstanding community volunteer."

Mr. Defeo's family was on hand at the meeting to hear the thunderous applause from the attendees and the school board. The school board presented Mr.

Defeo with a special certificate of recognition.

South Range School Assistant Principal, Michelle Cremone, also at the meeting, pointed out that South Range takes great pride in their citizenship program at the school. She said, "This year, in addition to our school people being respectful, kind and polite citizens, we also put a focus on developing a growth mindset as habit, versus only keeping a fixed mindset. Our students and staff have been learning about the five mindful habits that includes - optimism, persistence, empathy, resilience and flexibility."

Cremone said that school staff members including Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. Munn, Miss Lefluer and Miss Murtagh led the students regarding the five mindful habits initiative. These ladies came forward to the school board with some of their students to explain what the students have been learning in the program.

The teachers and staff discussed how the mindful program was initiated to drive social and emotional learning skills that are beneficial to the students. The idea was to help the students develop a common language and key habits that are inherently mindful, within all student activities, including



School Volunteer of the Year award winner Bob Defeo pictured helping at the South Range Elementary School Ice Cream Social. Photo by Chris Paul

daily social interactions in their lives.

Some of the kids from the South Range School were on hand to provide the school board and the public with thoughts about mindfulness, based on the five habits. They also spoke of additional actions that fit within these mindset habits, such as compassion, sharing, happiness, trying different ways to accomplish objectives, going with the flow to make things work, perseverance to get things done and making the best efforts to do the right thing or solve a problem.

Vice-Chair Cohen thank-

ed the kids and said, "The reason we as a school board can be optimistic - like in your mindset learning - is that you are all trying so hard learning mindful habits and that gives us good reason for optimism, because you are great citizens now and are going to be great in the future."

School board members expressed their gratitude to the students and the teachers for bringing mindfulness habits to the forefront of their students learning efforts. Such an initiative, when developed into habits by students, bodes well for the community's future.

OBITUARY

Richard Becker



Richard H. Becker, 96, of Derry, NH, passed away Tuesday April 16, 2019 surrounded by his loving family in his home. He was born in Derry, NH on Sept. 7, 1922, a son of the late Henry and Nellie (Chase) Becker. He had been a lifelong Derry resident and had graduated from Pinkerton Academy, Class of 1940. Richard proudly served his country with the US Navy during WWII. He retired from the Union Leader after 45 years, as the Executive Vice President and General Manager. Richard was member number 89 of the Elite 100, a group which his grandson is now a member as well. He was the former Chairman of the NH better Business Bureau. He also served as an Aux. State Trooper with the NH State Police. Richard at one time was also a licensed private investigator and held his Pilots License. He was a member of the American Legion, Lester Chase Post #9 in Derry and the VFW, in Salem.

He is survived by his daughter, Betty A. Cloudman of Litchfield, NH; his two sons, William R. Becker of Derry, and Richard W. Becker of Northfield, NH, ten grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren, as well as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 72 years, Bernice E. (Martel) Becker on Feb. 26, 2019 and his sister, Evelyn Fisher.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held on Tuesday, April 23, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry with a prayer service at 12:30 p.m. The burial will follow in the Forest Hill Cemetery, East Derry. Memorial contributions may be made to NH Troopers Association, 107 North State St., Concord, NH 03301.

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Editorial

Nothing to Hide

When people volunteer for public service, whether it's to run for elected office or to seek appointment to town boards and commissions, they've signaled their commitment to do what's best for the greater good - the entire community.

And just as we all have personal reasons for making such a decision, we also have biases that we bring to those posts, along with our experience and expertise.

With that said, the only way to conduct the public's business in as bias-free a manner as possible is to be as transparent as possible. That means business must take place in public session.

There's no way to force residents to pay attention to public meetings, even with the ease of watching them on public access TV in the privacy of their homes. But whether or not anyone is watching, elected and appointed officials have to conduct their business in the public eye.

We're not talking about decisions - those are made in public session. But the background leading to those decisions, the conversations and debates, the questions and the arguments, are rarely part of what the public gets to see.

Ethics is defined as a system of moral principles and rules of conduct. Meeting in small groups so as not to invoke a quorum may technically not violate the law, but it smells of circumventing the law. So is that ethical?

Ethics is the core element to local government and its management. Accountability is an important part of any organization, but it's especially important in local government. Governments must responsibly use their resources to provide services that meet the needs of constituents. Local governments answer to state and federal laws and guidelines for effective operations. But most of all, they answer to the people they serve.

Ultimately, government accountability is about maintaining the trust between government officials and citizens. For local governments, core values such as integrity, equality, and transparency should provide the foundation for every decision and policy. Citizens should be able to see how the government is spending their tax money, what services the government is providing, and how government officials are working to improve the community.

In public life, appearances count. When residents don't know what their representatives are up to, they listen to rumors and conspiracy theories and finally end up distrusting the decision makers.

We're all adults here. The public's business should be conducted in public. Keep us informed of what you're doing, every step of the way. We shouldn't have to worry that our officials have something to hide.

Letters



First Parish Church hosted an Interfaith Ecumenical Service of Gratitude celebrating 300 years during Founders Weekend. *Courtesy photo*

Happy 300th

To the editor,
"300 years is no small potatoes!" That's the sign outside the Meetinghouse of First Parish in what is now East Derry. 300 years ago a minister and 16 families from Northern Ireland gathered on the shore of Beaver Lake and claimed this area as their new home. It is an amazing story of unparalleled courage, human resilience and profound faith.

On April 12, 1719 the Rev. James MacGregor preached the first sermon, thus carving into history the beginning of our own local history. On April 14, 2019 - 300 years later - church and synagogue leaders from Derry, Londonderry and Windham gathered together in an unprecedented gesture of unity and gratitude.

When MacGregor and the 16 families arrived in Nutfield they brought with them soul food and real food: they brought their faith and they brought the potato to the New World! It needs to be recognized that their

first act was a worship service, thanking God. Founders Weekend at First Parish was the kick-off to a year of celebrating the 300 year anniversary and our first gesture was one of inclusion and unity of churches across Derry, Londonderry and Windham.

First Parish, the church founded by Rev. MacGregor, hosted the event but true credit goes to each church and organization represented because we are always better together! Participants of this historic Interfaith Ecumenical Service of Gratitude celebrating 300 years were: Rabbi Peter Levy from Etz Hayim Synagogue; the Rev. Arthur Reublinger, Compassionate Care Hospice; Fr. Ray Bonin, Church of the Transfiguration; Reader Randee Martin, First Church of Christ, Scientist; Fr. Phil Pacheco, St Thomas Aquinas Parish; the Rev. Nory Leachon, Saint Luke's United Methodist Church; the Rev. Malcolm Widness, First Baptist Church of Derry; the Rev. Dr. Amy Alletzhauser, Londonderry United Methodist Church;

the Rev. Dr. John Barner, Central Church Derry; the Rev. Dr. John Seiders, Windham Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Karla Dias, Londonderry Presbyterian Church; and the Rev. Gordon Rankin, Conference Minister of the NH United Church of Christ, as well as previous Pastors of First Parish; The Rev. Diana Augspurger, the Rev. Jim Howard, the Rev. Susan Remick, the Rev. Betty French, and the Rev. Heidi Carrington Heath.

Life in 2019 isn't simpler than life in 1719 and it isn't without conflict. There are so many houses of worship in our area. I would encourage you to seek out a place where you feel God's presence - whatever your image of God is. Remember the faith of our founders and get connected.

With gratitude and respect to all of our houses or worship in Nutfield, Happy 300th!

Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof
Senior Pastor and
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Rezoning

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reconsider this zoning change. Neighborhood residents pointed out they strongly disagree with the proposal to rezone the neighborhood into something they would no longer recognize. Neighborhood residents said the street was narrow and adding commercial business on one side of the street would adversely change the look, feel and lifestyle of the neighborhood.

Tom and Geraldine Vagos have lived in their home in this neighborhood for 32 years, and they are both concerned about this rezoning change. Tom Vagos said, "We want to save our neighborhood. We are a very close neighborhood of people, and we care about each other and our lifestyle. We do not want to change this lifestyle and have new problems put upon all of us."

Vagos pointed out he lives on the even numbered side of Aiken and didn't get any notice about the proposed zoning change. Whether someone lives on the even numbered or odd numbered side of Aiken Street, this zoning change, if approved and implemented,

would adversely affect his neighbors.

Vagos pointed out that already there is a significant traffic problem on Aiken Street, especially at rush hours. He surveyed more than 200 cars using Aiken during periods of 4pm-6pm. Vagos is concerned the proposed rezoning will affect the neighborhood lifestyle and adversely add more traffic due to commercial business.

Geraldine Vagos asked, "Who and how was this rezoning proposal initiated?" Planning Board members reported that the proposal came from Economic Development leader, Beverly Donovan and Elizabeth Robidoux. Robidoux said, "This area is in an opportunity zone. We are looking at all such areas and at places for town development to help equalize the tax rate. When Donovan and I looked at this area, we were not talking about the big businesses coming in, as we are looking for smaller businesses to come in, as it's a really nice place in town."

Mrs. Vagos asked more questions with limited replies, "Can the home owners of Aiken Street trust you will take a site walk through this neighborhood and then treat our neighborhood like

it was your neighborhood? Will you spend some time on both sides of Aiken Street? Please come up with a proposal that won't infringe on our quality of life and safety. Will you inform those of us who live on the even numbered side of Aiken when future votes are being taken regarding the rezoning?"

Linda McLaughlin who lives in the neighborhood area is a real estate agent and pointed out that the traffic patterns and commercial rezoning would likely adversely affect the property values of the residential

properties. More area residents voiced concerns to the Planning Board, that the rezoning would adversely affect the neighborhood community, lifestyles and introduce more traffic issues.

Richard Tripp, Derry Town Council member for District 1, came forward to support his constituents. Tripp said, "The Planning Board may want to further investigate the feasibility of putting businesses in this area. There are likely issues with the road width, and the topography includes a big hill making it difficult to

expand the business district."

Town Administrator, David Caron, came forward to wrap up the discussion. He said, "The N.H. Governor has designated 27 opportunity zones throughout New Hampshire and the tracks chosen in Derry include the south side of Broadway, as well as an area north of Broadway."

"It is our responsibility to present proposals to the Planning Board and then they can make a decision on whether it makes sense for the community and it is always tough to manage

transition areas between zones. And in looking at this area and considering the 4a project is starting construction, this should restrict the traffic flow on Broadway."

The Planning Board has set up a site walk for the Aiken Street neighborhood for Wednesday April 24th and has scheduled a second public hearing after the site walk at the next Planning Board meeting on May 1 at 7pm. For more information go to: <http://blog.nheconomy.com/gov-sununu-nominates-27-tracts-for-federal-opportunity-zones/>

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dance for a "Living Treasures" event on Saturday, May 18, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at First Parrish Church in East Derry.

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is the organization that leads our nation's observance of Older Americans Month each May. There is a special theme for the observance this year, which is: Connect, Create, Contribute. The intention of this theme is to encourage older adults and their communities to Connect with friends, family, and services that support participation. Also community residents are encour-

aged to Create by engaging in activities that promote learning, health, and personal enrichment, as well as, Contribute time, talent, and life experience to benefit others.

ACL points out that communities that encourage contributions from older adults are stronger, and that by engaging and supporting all community members, residents can recognize how older adults play a key role in the vitality of our neighborhoods, networks and lifestyles.

ACL has organized suggestions, resources and materials to celebrate Older Americans Month, May

2019, and requests communities of which older Americans are a vital part to participate.

Those who wish to participate may link to acl.gov/oam. There are also ways to promote this month of observance on social media using #OAM19 and #ConnectCreateContribute.

The entire community benefits when everyone, no matter their age, is able to participate and feel part of our community. We encourage all Derry residents to Connect, Create, and Contribute for a stronger and more diverse community in Derry this May and throughout the year.

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Anne of Green Gables - The Musical, at Stockbridge May 30

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Written for all ages, Anne of Green Gables - The Musical, is a theatrical production from the ArtsPower National Touring Theatre. This production will be presented at the Stockbridge Theatre at Pinkerton Academy on Tuesday, April 30, at 10 am. Some classes from local schools will be in attendance at the theatre and the public is also invited to catch this production. Tickets are priced from \$15 to \$25.

ArtsPower productions is recognized for their creative and spirited theatre productions, that speak intelligently and resonate powerfully with audiences, including young people aged 6 to 15.

After 75 years, "Anne of Green Gables" is still a popular classic children's story and this musical takes the story to another level.

The story is set in the late 19th century and tells of the adventures of Anne Shirley, an 11-year-old orphan girl, who is mistakenly sent to two middle-aged siblings.

Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert, originally intended to adopt a boy to help them on their farm in the fictional town of Avonlea on Prince Edward Island. They are not expecting Anne Shirley, a vivacious orphan with a wild imagination and a breathless fascination to find a place she can call home.

Anne of Green Gables is based on Lucy Maud Montgomery's novels. The musical follows Anne on her unlikely journey to find the family she's always wanted and recounts how Anne

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Anne Of Green Gables - The Musical™ was inducted into the Guinness Book of World Records in 2014 as the longest running annual musical theatre production. The musical has been performed continuously ever since 1965.

ArtsPower develops and produces national tours for literature-based musicals such as Ann of Green Gables, that highlight the most transformative and thrilling aspects of theatre for young people and family audiences. ArtsPower makes high-quality theatre accessible to elementary and middle

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This production of Anne of Green Gables presents the live presence of professional actors, the robust sounds of a beautifully composed and orchestrated music, and the dynamic expression of well-crafted sets and eye-catching costumes – to strengthen children's connections to family, peers, and their own feelings. It is compelling and will connect with both children and adults. The production is intended to

actively engage and challenge children and adults to think more creatively, feel more deeply, and be kind-hearted and fair-minded members of society.

The Stockbridge Theater at Pinkerton Academy has box office hours, including phone sales from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets may also be purchased in person at the Theaters box office from 2pm to 4pm. See Ann of Green Gables on Tuesday April 30th at 10 am. Contact Stockbridge Theater, Pinkerton Academy, 5 Pinkerton St. Derry, New Hampshire 03038. The phone number is 603 437- 5210.

Gilbert H. Hood School Brings Family Fun Night Color Run to Community

The Gilbert H. Hood Parent Student Teacher Association is sponsoring the 2019 Family Fun Night Color Run on Friday, May 10. Proceeds of the event will be used to provide student enrichment opportunities and sponsor events at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School. The goal is to raise \$8,000. This event is open to Hood students, their families, all Derry Elementary schools and the community in general.

The 2019 Family Fun Night Color Run features a one-mile run or walk through the school fields, with fun obstacles followed by music, food and refreshments.

The event takes place at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School, 5 Hood Road in Derry, on Friday, May 10. Check in begins at 4:30 p.m. First race starts at 5:30 p.m. The entry fee is \$30 per person. We recommend pre-registration online. Participants will receive a free t-shirt and color dye pack.

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For questions, contact GHMS PTSA at ghhms.ptsa@gmail.com, call the school at 603-432-1224 or visit their website at gilberthoodmiddleschoolptsa.weebly.com/f

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OBITUARY

Francis Powers,



Francis E. Powers, Jr., 60, of Derry, NH, died Friday April 19, 2019 in Parkland Medical Center, Derry. He was born in Boston, MA on April 29, 1958, a son of Patricia (Durgin) Powers and the late Francis Powers. He was proud to be an ironworker and was employed by the Local 7 Ironworkers Union. He enjoyed camping at Hidden Valley Campground in Derry. He loved his three Huskies, enjoyed music, and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife Priscilla (Hayward) Powers of Derry; his son, Frank Powers, III and his wife Nicole of Norton, MA; two daughters, Amanda Powers of Avon, MA, and Rebecca DiFlaminies and her husband James of Derry; seven grandchildren; and his sister, Patricia Davis of Middleboro, MA. Francis is predeceased by three brothers, Thomas, Joseph and Robert Powers.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, April 23 from 5 - 8 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. The burial will follow in Forest Hill Cemetery in E. Derry. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the MSPCA at Nevens Farm, 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844.

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South Range School Hosts Ice Cream Social and Project Night

The halls and cafeteria were packed last week just before the spring break as family members of the students at South Range Elementary School gathered for ice cream, to socialize and to see the many projects that students have been working on over the past several weeks. The hallways were covered to display written works and artwork, and the classrooms were displaying a wide variety of projects. One kindergarten classroom was completely made up as a farm.

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DERRY SPORTS

Pinkerton Baseball Team Gets Walks-Off Against Central

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Baseball team played four games this season and three of them, including the two that were played in the past week,

ended in a one-run difference. In all three of these games, the deciding run was scored in the final inning.

The Astros started their week with a dramatic 4-3 home win over Manchester Central on Tuesday, April 17. The visitors got on the

board first, in the second inning, but Pinkerton scored twice in the third, with a single with bases loaded and a past-ball, taking a 2-1 lead. Despite a leadoff double by Richard Marique to start the fourth who took third on a pass-ball, PA was unable to get him home. Central tied the game in the fifth and the game went to extra innings. In the ninth, Central thought they were about to win it, after scoring in the top of the inning, but with two outs, Brady Day delivered a huge walk-off double, sending in two runs (Asa Runge and Connor Jenkins). It was Day's third hit of the game and he finished with all of Pinkerton's three RBIs. Runge pitched five innings and did not earn a run and Derek Hiscox pitched four innings as a long reliever.

On Friday, April 19, Pinkerton lost a home game to South Portland from Maine, 1-0, after the visitors scored the game's only run

in the seventh and final inning. Pinkerton was held to just two hits throughout the entire game (Jenkins and Mat Albetski), while Marique was fantastic on the mound, striking out eight, allowing only five hits and pitching a complete game.

The away game against Nashua South, which was scheduled for Monday, got rained out and will be played Thursday, May 2, instead.

The Astros were scheduled to face Manchester Memorial on Wednesday, April 24, after the Nutfield News went to print, and have a home game against Goffstown on Thursday, April 26, then an away game at Salem the next day.



Astro multi-sport athlete Brady Day delivered a huge walk-off double to end game against Central last week.



Pinkerton junior Asa Runge pitched five strong innings for the Astros during their home victory against Manchester Central. Photos by Chris Paul

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Pinkerton Boys Lax Squad Loses Close Battle with BG



Cameron Gagnon and his team almost came back from an 8-1 Cardinals start, but were edged out.

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NUTFIELD NEWS

For the past six years, Pinkerton Academy's Boys' Varsity Lacrosse team played in the State Finals and in each of those years, they met there the same team, Bishop Guertin. Last year, the Astros came out on top and crowned as state champions, but when the two teams met on Tuesday, April 16, the Cardinals got their revenge. Then, over the weekend, Pinkerton played another tough game and suffered a second straight loss, dropping to a 2-3 record for the season.

In the game against BG

at the Stellos Stadium in Nashua, things started off just awful for the visiting team. The hosts scored three goals in less than two minutes and led 5-0 with seven and a half minutes to play in the first quarter. Mason Drouin finally scored for the Astros, but BG jumped to an 8-1 lead midway through the second quarter.

The Astro squad seemed to lose hope, but slowly, Pinkerton came back. Hunter Drouin, with two goals and Connor McCormack with one helped the Astros trail by only five goals at the break. Two more goals by Hunter Drouin and one by Mason

Drouin brought PA within three goals (10-7) and in the last quarter, Mason Barbone, Hunter Drouin again and McCormack made it a one-goal game (11-10 to BG).

The Cardinals star, Sean Cameron, scored and Mason Drouin answered, with 14 seconds to play. Pinkerton got the ball back and had a final chance, but missed to finish with a tough 12-11 loss.

Coach Brian O'Reilly said after the game, "We had a slow start. Things did not go as we wanted in the beginning of the game, but this is not Ice Hockey. You can be down by multiple

goals in lacrosse and make three goals in a minute. The kids all know each other and my only concern was that we'll let this game get completely away. We'll have to do a better job next time we play them."

On Saturday, April 20, the Astros lost 17-5 in Massachusetts to a strong Medfield High School team. This time, the Astros did start well and were trailing by one goal after the first quarter (3-2), but Medfield jumped into a five-goal lead at the half (8-3) and entered the last quarter leading 13-4, before finishing the job there.

PA Girls Lacrosse Team Drops Close Game to Bishop Guertin



Kiley Davis had three goals against BG last week.

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Rain caused Pinkerton Academy's Girls' Varsity Lacrosse team to play only one game last week, after the scheduled Saturday, April 20, match at Portsmouth High School was pushed to Wednesday of this week. But in the game that was played, the Lady Astros lost a close 16-12 at Stellos Stadium in Nashua to Bishop Guertin.

The Astros faced the Cardinals on Tuesday, April 16, and after nine minutes, the teams were tied at 2-2. From that moment on, BG

took control of the game and led until the final whistle, with Pinkerton ever unable to catch up.

The home team was up by five goals at halftime (10-5) and scored two more to open the second half, but the Astros answered with six straight goals and made it 12-11, before BG was able to put the game away. Three of Pinkerton's goals were scored by Kiley Davis and three more by Lilly Auger. Lauren Lisauskas finished with two goals and two assists, Zoe Howe had two goals and Caroline Daziel one, while Abby Jowett contributed an assist. Dani Martineau had four saves in the first half, Lauren Sweeney three in the second.

Before the rescheduled Portsmouth game, Pinkerton was scheduled to host Winnacunnet on Tuesday, April 23, after the Nutfield



Lilly Auger managed three goals during the close Bishop Guertin contest last week. Photos by Chris Paul

News went to print. On School, and on Monday, Saturday, April 27, the Lady April 29, the team will travel to Bedford to face the against Concord High Lady Bulldogs.

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PA Track and Field Teams Compete at Nashua Invitational

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Nashua North High School hosted its 14th annual Invitational on this Saturday, April 20, and Pinkerton Academy's Outdoor Track and Field athletes enjoyed some very

good results as they slowly continue to build their momentum.

Freshman Luke Brennan placed second for the Astros in the Fresh-Soph 1 Mile Run, with a time of 4:41.73 minutes. In the Two-Mile Run, senior Joe Gagnon finished sixth with

10:01.92. Conor Seleny got the second place in the 110-Meter Hurdles, stopping the clocks at 15.50 seconds and Adam Spencer won the 300-Meter Hurdles with a great time of 41.10, over two seconds and a half faster than his runner up.

The Astros boys' were

also winners of the 4X100 Relay, with John Brooks, Seleny, Spencer and Ryan Dane combining for a time of 44.11 seconds. In the 4X400, Pinkerton (Spencer, Brooks, Benjamin Fleming and Seleny - 3:34.20) finished third and in the 4X800 (Zach Plaza,

Ethan Desmaris, Jeff Mize (5:34.97).

and Nolan Preble - 8:12.10), second. Matt Small placed fifth in the High Jump (5'7") and Colton Boursier sixth in the Long Jump (19 feet). Joron Harrell, who got the seventh place in the Long Jump, won the Triple Jump with 41'5".

In the girls' 100-Meter Dash finals, freshman Sierra Edgecomb was third (13.70 seconds) and Hannah Frazier sixth (13.94). Amelia Graves finished fourth in the 200-Meter (26.89) and Meghan Cross got the fourth spot in the One-Mile run (5:27.80), with Macy Graves coming in sixth

The Relay team, with Megan O'Brien, Edgecomb, Frazier and Amelia Graves, was the fastest in the 4X100, with a time of 51.42 seconds. Edgecomb, Cross, O'Brien and Amelia Graves placed third in the 4X400 with 4:15.16. Emily Lesburt finished second in the High Jump (5 feet) and Adrianna Buccieri third in the Shot Put (33'3"). In the Discus Throw, it was Jocelyn Bourassa at sixth place with 84'10" and in Javelin, Pinkerton had two athletes placing, Samantha Franks finished third (92'1") and Laurel Breen sixth (81'2").

Young Pinkerton Boys Volleyball Squad Faces Two Tough Opponents

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

In a rematch of the last year's two state finalists, Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Volleyball team gave everything it had on Tuesday, April 16, but fell just short of surprising Timberlane Regional High School with three very close sets.

The Owls won the first set on Pinkerton's home court 28-26 and continued to win the next two games, 25-21 and 25-21. The three set to none win in that match was much closer than its final result showed unfortunately for the Astros.

Sean Galusha made nine kills and three blocks for Pinkerton and Hunter Hazard added eight kills.

Brandon Lee led the team eight service points and Josh Palmer had 18 assists.

On Monday, April 22, the Astros hosted another tough match-up where they lost in three sets to Salem High School, 25-16, 25-13, 30-28. Pinkerton was not in the game in the first set and especially in the second, where Salem had as much as a 23-9 lead. The third set

however, was a different story and the Astros went toe-to-toe with their rivals, before Salem got the victory.

Lee finished with seven assists, six service points, two kills and a block. Hazard had three service points, two aces, six kills and seven assists and Galusha got two blocks.

Coach Colin Walker told said after the game, "It's a rebuilding year for us. We lost our setter for the majority of the season and we had a whole new lineup. Considering who we played and how, I think we will be OK. We are running a new system and we got used to it by the third set. Going forward we are going to be fine."

PA Softball Team Battles Opponents and Weather

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Varsity Softball team is still searching for its first win of the season, after a week that included a tough loss to Central and a game that had to be stopped mid-way through because of rain.

On Wednesday, April 17, the Lady Astros were handed a no-hitter by Manchester Central, losing 5-0 on the road. Amanda Lindquist started the game on the mound for the red-and-white

team and coach Kristen Abbott used three more relievers, while only four of her players were able to get on base.

Pinkerton had Ellie Cashman on third and Hannah Sundberg on second in the seventh and final inning, but could not send them home.

Central scoring came with their leadoff batter in the first inning, added three more runs in the third and finished with a run in the sixth.

On Monday, (April 22,

Pinkerton hosted Nashua South and the teams were tied at 5-5 in the bottom of the third inning, with a player on first for the Astros, before the rain that started with a drizzle, down-poured to stop the game.

The Lady Astros were scheduled to host Windham on Tuesday, April 23, and Salem on Wednesday, April 24, after the Nutfield News went to print. They will finish their match against South on Thursday and travel to Goffstown the next day.

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Pinkerton Tennis Teams Continue to Dominate Opponents



Junior tennis star Chloe Freedman continued her dominating play with a 8-0 single victory at a home meet against Keene last week. *Photos by Chris Paul*

IDAN VINITSKY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Tennis season is going quite well so far for both Pinkerton Varsity Tennis teams, and last week, the girls and boys had two strong showings.

The girls' team hosted Keene on Wednesday, April 17, and swept the Owls with a 9-0 win. Chloe Freedman did not drop a game and other singles winners were Julia Farnum (8-3), Madison Allen (8-2), Katie Allen (8-1), Victoria Hodosi (8-2) and Maddie Frank (8-1). Freedman and Madison Allen had an 8-3 doubles win, Katie Allen and Hodosi won 8-2 and Frank teamed up with Annabelle Zvagelsky to win 8-3.

It was a closer contest at Dover on Friday, April 19, but the Lady Astros still won, 6-3. Freedman (8-1), Katie Allen (8-4), Hodosi

(9-8, 7-3 in the tiebreak) and Frank (8-1) won their singles matches. Madison Allen (9-7) and Farnum (8-3) lost. In the doubles, Freedman and Farnum won 8-4, Katie Allen and Hodosi lost 8-5 and Madison Allen, with Leah Sears, won 8-5. With that win, Pinkerton's season record stands at 4-1.

The boys remained perfect this season with a couple of 8-1 wins, first at Keene on Wednesday, April 17, and then at home against Dover on Friday, April 19.

Facing Keene, Seb Tonini (8-0), John Marineau (8-2), Alex Tveter (8-2), Colby Day (8-1) and Anthony Walters (8-0) all looked great. Jeff Marquis lost 8-6 in singles. In doubles, Tonini and Marineau did not drop a game, winning 8-0. Marquis recovered and with Day, won 8-3 and Tveter partnered with Matt Gilbert for an 8-5 victory.



PA senior Julia Farnum added to the Pinkerton win column against Keene with a 8-3 singles victory.

Against Dover, Tonini (8-1), Marineau (8-5), Henry Andrews (8-4), Marquis (9-7) and Day (9-7) brought points in the fascinating singles matches, while Alex Tveter lost his 9-8 (7-3 on tiebreak). Pinkerton then swept the doubles, with Tonini and Marineau winning 8-1, Andrews and Marquis also winning 8-1 and Tveter and Day getting an 8-3 victory to hand Dover its first loss of the season.

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Non-Profit Give Back Night, a benefit fundraiser at La Carreta, Londonderry, will be held by Community Caregivers of Greater Derry & The Loaner's Closet on Wednesday, May 8 All Day! Come by for lunch, dinner, or drinks, mention the agency and Caregivers will receive 20% of your total bill at La Carreta, Londonderry Commons, 44 Nashua Rd, Londonderry. Call 432-0877 for more information.

Remebrance Concert

Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remebrance Concert on Wednesday May 1, at 7 p.m., at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry. A concert of music composed by those who perished or survived the camps. Viktor Ullman's Quartet #3; Gideon Klein's Opus 2; Simon Laks' String Quartet and Erwin Shuloff's Stucke Fur Streichquartett Performed by NH Lakes Region Symphony String Quartet Including Memorial Candle Lighting, Prayers of Remembrance and Kaddish.

Movie Night

A Matter Of Faith will be shown on Friday April 26, at 6:30 p.m., at Abundant Grace

Church, Hillside Plaza 127 Rockingham Rd., Derry, (Rt 28). Admission: Free Refreshments: Free Hotdogs, Chips, refreshments & Snacks Food and refreshments at 6:30 and the movie starts at around 7 p.m.

Aviation Fun

The museum will have extended hours during spring school vacation week open on Thursday, April 25 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Families are invited to visit and check out all our exhibits, including the new "Rob Holland Experience," which uses virtual reality to show visitors what it's like to be a world champion aerobatics pilot.

Q & A with Ted Kitchens

Airport of the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, director Ted Kitchens, will hold a Q&A on Saturday, May 11 at 11 a.m.

Vintage Movie Night

Roman Navarro in 'The Flying Fleet' (1929) Classic aviation drama filmed on location at U.S. Navy bases; silent with live music will be shown on Thursday, May 23 at 7 p.m. at the Aviation Museum. Cost for Londonderry, residents \$5 for members, \$10 for members-yet-to-be.

Revival: Reimagined

Join us for an inclusive day of welcome on May 4, with music, spirituality, and exploration. In the afternoon (1 p.m.), we are excited to hear the Rev.

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.

Free Symphony String Concert

On May 1, at 7 p.m., to commemorate the Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust and the Heroism ("Yom HaShoah Ve-Hagevurah"), Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Windham, is hosting an evening concert featuring the New Hampshire Lakes Region Symphony String Quartet. In addition to a memorial candle lighting and prayers of remembrance, the Quartet will present music composed by those who perished in or survived the camps: Viktor Ullman's Quartet #3, Gideon Klein's Opus 2; Simon Laks' String Quartet; and Erwin Shuloff's Stucke Fur Streichquartett. The concert is generously supported by Etz

Hayim Synagogue of Derry, NH, Etz Hayim's William Einhorn Interfaith Education Fund, and the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire. Although the event is Free, we would appreciate those who plan to attend to, if possible, RSVP on Etz Hayim Synagogue's Facebook page.

Tiny Tots

A storytime for ages 6 months - 2 years meets Mondays at 10 a.m. at the Taylor Public Library. Space is limited so called the library at 432-7186 to register or with questions.

Story Hour with a Craft

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

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, May 2, 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 on 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.

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