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Planning Board Workshop Examines Nuisance Ordinance

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The popularity of raising chickens and other livestock that may make noise is actually welcomed by many in the area, though other people may consider these animals to be a nuisance.

Those living in New Hampshire are also exposed to noisy fireworks, loud music and other loud noise. Sometimes these noisy events interrupt our neighborhood serenity. Do folks have to put up with these nuisances, or are some of these things part of our traditional lifestyle here in New Hampshire? What exactly is

a “public” nuisance?

A workshop about the current nuisance ordinance was set up during the regular Derry Planning Board meeting on Dec. 18 to discuss proposed amendments to the town’s zoning ordinances to better clarify the definition of “nuisance” and “public.” At its next meeting Jan. 15, the board will further discuss the nuisance code issue with a goal of further redefining sensible ordinance codes. Consideration is being given to updating the ordinance language. The planning board is looking to clarify issues that come up between two neighbors over a disturbance, as well as,

further define bigger noise or public issues that may affect a neighborhood.

Derry’s current town ordinance about keeping poultry or livestock is worded that “At no time shall a nuisance be created or allowed to continue.” However, what does this mean exactly or legally? The planning board was called into action recently - sparked by an event reported to the Town Council this fall.

Specifically, Debra Garman of Derry spoke at the Town Council public meeting section in September, regarding a story about her rooster. Garman had received a notification from

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Council Approves Walmart Grant Donations and FEMA Funding

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It is a time of year for presents or donations - and the Town of Derry got some holiday surprises, cheers and support funding that will help the town, the fire department and the police department.

Recently local Walmart managers contacted both the Derry Police Department and the Fire Department to let them know that Walmart had a Community Grant Program and that both the fire and the police department were set up by the local Walmart Store to receive grants of \$2,000 each with no restrictions on how the funds could be used.

For the funds to be appropriated, an application document must be provided electronically that legally asserts the applicant has authority to

receive such funding. Derry’s Town Charter designates the Town Council as the government organization to support Town Administrator, Dave Caron with the authority to apply for and accept grants or gifts for town departments. So, Derry’s Police Chief, Edward Garone, and Fire Department Chief, Michael Gagnon, moved this grant process forward at the Town Council meeting on Dec. 17.

Town Administrator, Dave Caron noted that “SECTION 9.15 Grants, Gifts - from the Town Charter - provides that the Town Council may apply for, accept and expend monies received from the State, Federal, or other governmental units, or from private sources which become available during the fiscal year.”

The Derry Police Department plans to utilize its portion of the funds to purchase two ballistic shields

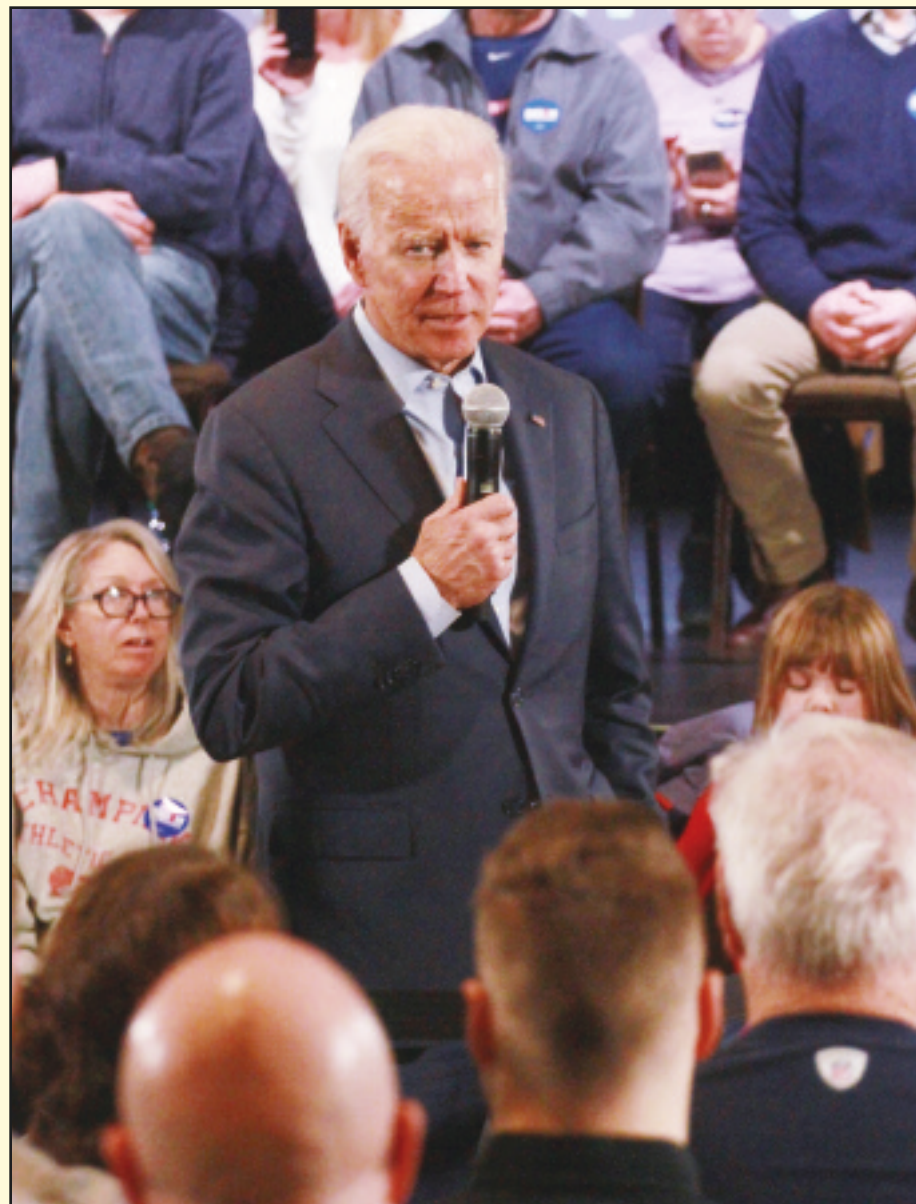
that now require replacement and the Fire Department will use the grant for Fire prevention supplies.

As this grant is less than \$10,000, no public hearing is required and the Town Council members were happy to bring this grant forward to support both the Police and Fire Department.

The councilors also approved acceptance and expenditure allocations of FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) funds received by the town’s Emergency Management Department as related to a snowstorm that took place in March 2018.

Due to a disaster declaration made in FY2018, the Town was reimbursed \$108,063.17, which was 75% of the eligible costs that totaled \$144,080.23, for snow removal associated

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CAMPAIGN STOP Democratic Presidential candidate and former Vice President Joe Biden visited Derry on Monday, Dec. 30 and urged voters to make sure Donald Trump does not get another four years in office. He told folks gathered at Tupelo Music Hall that afternoon that our democracy is at risk and people have to restore the soul of the country.

Photos by Chris Paul

School Board Wraps Up Budget Proposal Before Public Sessions

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The Derry School Board met for their last Budget Workshop session on December 16th to conclude efforts to work out a final budget proposal for school year 2020 - 2021. This year the school board is facing new budget challenges including a proposed

tuition-free full day public kindergarten program that will impact this year’s budget, though that program is projected to provide educational and support benefits for new students and their families.

The Derry Cooperative School District under Superintendent of Schools, Dr. MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian, has proposed the follow-

ing commitments for the 2020 - 2021 school year. The district team expects to strengthen communication and connections with all constituents while meeting students where they are, so that learners are best served as they advance through a system that will help specific student needs. This requires a commitment to

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Heritage Commission Overviews Nutfield Anniversary with Town Council

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This was a special year for Derry and for all the towns that participated in the 300th anniversary celebration about the founding of Nutfield by Scots-Irish settlers in 1719. There were quite a lot of folks who worked hard on the many different events that were presented to mark this historic time. There was a lot of effort made by Derry Heritage Commission members to help guide the Nutfield 300th birthday to a big success.

At the Dec. 17 Derry Town Council Meeting,

Heritage Commission members Karen Blandford-Anderson and Paul Lindemann recapped some of the key events and activities that took place to honor the 300th anniversary of the original Nutfield settlement that was founded by Rev. James MacGregor.

Lindemann - who was also the chairman of the 300th steering committee - was active aligning Nutfield events with other towns. Lindemann pointed out to the councilors that the original Nutfield towns - Derry, Londonderry, Windham and Derryfield (now a part of Man-

chester) - all hosted individual events, but were linked by a common consciousness of community and history. Lindemann told the council, "...we developed a number of projects that will have enduring value and we established some important long-term relationships."

The official tri-centennial celebration started with the "Founders Weekend" event in April that brought forth folks from all over the world including Scots-Irish folks from Northern Ireland. There were genealogy experts and interesting sessions that united relatives

from across the pond with relatives and families that still live in the Greater Derry area or have roots in our area and were back here for the celebration.

"Founders Weekend" was the key event that kicked off from the historical founding location of the Nutfield settlement - the First Parish Church in East Derry. Lindeman oversaw the "Living Treasures" luncheon, the "Founders Ball" at the Derry Opera House and the First Parish Church renovation/ restoration project that were all a part of that weekend.

Londonderry's Old Home Day week was also a Nutfield 300th highlight with historical enactments and support from the Londonderry Historical Society at their Morrison House Museum grounds. Windham's Annual Strawberry Festival drew a crowd of people and was conducted with a 300th anniversary emphasis. Derryfield (Manchester) brought forth interesting works, artifacts and antiques that are of historical interest during their celebration.

One of the final events that happened was the filling of a brand new 300th anniversary time capsule that took place at finale of the anniversary celebration - during the annual Derryfest event. This capsule is being placed in a safe location at the Derry History Museum.

This placement is of historic significance because the circumstances that surround the 250th anniversary time capsule are disturbing. Many folks including 90 year old Reed Clark, who was around during the 250th celebration, looked forward to viewing the capsule contents from 50 years ago; however the capsule that was supposed to be at the Derry Library went missing - as

was discovered in August. The missing capsule contents are a mystery and media outlets all over the country picked up on this story. Locals who knew about the capsule have different theories as to what may have happened to the capsule's contents, but this disappearance is still a big unknown and may always be. According to Reed Clark, the contents may have been especially relevant and historically valuable - perhaps including precious items from America's first Astronaut and Derry hero, Alan B. Shepard.

Lindemann emphatically stressed that the chosen location for the 300th anniversary time capsule in the museum's vault would keep it safe. The new capsule can only be

accessed by the museum curator or by the chair person of the Heritage Commission. "We will control access rigorously this time," Lindemann told the councilors. "And we feel the capsule will be in a pretty secure location."

The 300th anniversary capsule includes photos, news stories, vestiges, coins, including memorial coins, and articles written with ideas about what the next 50 years around here will be like.

Lindemann said he felt that the 300th anniversary celebration had changed the way people view history - with more awareness and understanding of the area's rich past. "This is really internationally significant stuff that has happened here this past year," he said.

Nuisance

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the town code enforcement officer saying her rooster was being a nuisance. Evidently a neighbor complained to the town about her rooster crowing. Garman told the council that code enforcement officials came to her home over the summer and over three visits she was told she was compliant to the ordinance. However, she was told she was no longer compliant when they officials came about the rooster a fourth time. Garman wanted to know, "What changed? I was very open, and I showed him my coop, my rooster, I had nothing to hide."

Derry's Code Enforcement Director Robert Mackey pointed out that there are sections in the town ordinance that deal with larger livestock such as cows, goats, sheep or horses with a one-acre minimum restriction put

on homeowners who want to keep such animals. And there are separate ordinance codes that deal with dogs and pets, but there is nothing specific in the code when it comes to roosters. Mackey says updating ordinance language, or even just adding that simple word "public" to the current code language would do a lot of good for everyone to understand how to deal with such problems. Mackey also told the planning board that current ordinance language about what constitutes a "nuisance" is perhaps too vague. He told the board that nuisance issues with poultry - most notably roosters - do come to his attention and appropriate town officials check it out, but they try to gain compliance by supporting owners and neighbors to work things out amicably before serious enforcement and fines occur. Mackey says nuisance issues between two neighbors should mostly be

handled privately and without the town getting involved.

Mackey further pointed out that loud music, fireworks, or even strong odors from livestock manure could be considered a "public" problem and are nuisances under the current ordinance language. These types of issues are "...something that affects a whole neighborhood, and this makes the problem broader for enforcement."

It was recommended to add more specific language to better define a "public nuisance" in legal terms. The goal is for issues that are not so broad to be resolved by simple means, so the town officials can then focus on larger public problems that may need to involve the town's code enforcement staff. And the idea of clarifying ordinance language and definitions should go a long way toward helping solve some of these problems.

OBITUARY

Richard P. Mastalerz



Richard P. Mastalerz, 65, of Derry, NH, died Friday Dec. 27, 2019, in his home, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Ludlow, MA on Dec. 17, 1954, a son of Joseph and Mary (Yefko) Mastalerz. Rick spent his professional life as an Aircraft Technician. He began his career with Northwest Orient Airlines for 27 years then transitioned to jetBlue Airways for 10 years. He was also employed by John Deere in his hometown of Derry. Rick's love of planes extended beyond his professional life; he greatly enjoyed radio-controlled airplanes and was past president and instructor for the Flying Tigers of Derry. Rick led by example, whether in a professional capacity or with his loved ones. He will always be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 34 years, Ann Marie (Cardinal) Mastalerz; son, Richard P. Mastalerz II and wife Sally; grandson, Zachary Mastalerz; granddaughter, Olivia Mastalerz; sister, Nancy Czajkowski and husband Douglas; two brothers, Peter Mastalerz and wife Bobbie and Joseph Mastalerz and wife Thelma; five brothers-in-law; two sisters-in-law and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Rick is predeceased by one brother-in-law.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, Jan. 2, from 4 - 8 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A private burial will be Friday, Jan. 3, at 1 p.m. in St. Aloysius Cemetery, 1273 Berkshire Ave, Springfield, MA. Memorial contributions may be made to Lahey Hospital and Medical Center at <https://giving.laheyhealth.org/lahey-hospital/>. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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School

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know students in profound ways – academically, cognitively, culturally, emotionally, linguistically, physically, behaviorally – and not only where a grade-based standard or a district-mandated

course sequence suggest.

In addition, the District is making commitments to sustain a safe culture supporting social and emotional learning while striving to achieve simplicity and clarity. School programs are being set up with a commitment to use multiple data

points to facilitate informed instruction efforts and increase student achievement based on school district pillars built upon learning, growth and connection.

School district, school board and town officials were involved collaboratively in this final workshop

effort with certain complex issues to wrestle with. Their mission was to define a budget that will achieve district commitments and a quality academic environment while keeping the budget in line with numbers that voters can support.

School Board Chairman, Dan McKenna, made a passionate summary for the group near the end of the meeting – as he implored the group to find the right balance for the budget, while also setting up future budgets so they would be successful. McKenna also pointed out that he does not intend to run next time for an upcoming school board position and that he wanted insure the budget for this coming year would leave the district in good order for future needs and for new members to work with.

Some of the issues that the board had to wrestle with include, staffing pay increases due to updated union contracts, staff increases for new positions, the new kindergarten program, technology investments for students, and infrastructure maintenance issues that include deteriorating roofing for some schools — that are still considered safe but will need replacement or other solutions over the coming years. Projected costs for roofing fixes alone could add up to more than a million dollars.

McKenna pointed out that there might even be (down the road) considerations to close a school or build a new school – perhaps consolidating certain existing schools in the future for what could be a cost effective solution for the town's residents and students. McKenna pointed out that the recent work done to forecast student enrollment appears to be on target based on data used for the projections and the budget workshop considered appropriate adjustments to reflect those numbers.

The cost of tuition for Pinkerton Academy was discussed with some concern as a hike for the coming year was projected to increase tuition by over a million dollars for the projected 1,644 student enrollment. There is also a projected tuition increase for special education students at Pinkerton that would total \$293,187.56 more than the past year. The NEXT charter school tuition would also see a tuition increase of over \$80,000 for its projected total of 67 students.

The school district will be able to achieve a slight decrease in the technology budget for hardware in the coming year – though there will be increases for teacher laptops and software costs as the district migrates from

Apple computers to Chromebooks. This migration is expected to save substantial costs over the next several years and will allow more students to have full time access to Chromebook and related technology at the same time.

As reported previously – student transportation costs will increase due to new contracts and needs for additional special education busing. The district is working hard to lower its the long term debt and expects to achieve a decrease of \$63,500.86 from last year's debt numbers.

Overall the next year's proposed budget will be organized to reflect final numbers from the workshop and the budget will reflect an increase that voters will have a say in; the budget workshop team was very sensitive to propose increases they felt would be in line with what voters could support.

On Jan. 21, there will be a public hearing at 6:30 pm to present the budget for public feedback. On Feb. 8 there will be a school board public deliberative session that is a part of the voting process for the board and residents to further discuss specifics about the proposed budget, related warrant articles and appropriate school bonds that may be necessary.

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Sends Two Local Residents to Hospital

On Dec. 23, a concerned family member who was checking on the two individuals found the two victims to be experiencing symptoms consistent with carbon monoxide poisoning. The family member reported finding one patient slumped over and a second acting unusual. She alerted the Derry Police Department. At approximately 8:45 pm, the Derry Fire Communications Center received a request from the Derry Police Department to evaluate two patients for

possible carbon monoxide. Ladder 4, Engine 1, Medic 1 and Car 1 were dispatched. Ladder 4 responded from Hampstead Road Station and arrived on scene within five minutes. The arriving firefighters confirmed there were two patients, so a second medic unit was requested from Island Pond Station.

The firefighters then donned protective breathing equipment to search the residence for more possible victims. During the search, levels of carbon monoxide

reaching nearly 300 ppm were observed. Both victims were evaluated and found to have elevated levels of carbon monoxide in their blood. Advanced life support care was provided to both patients and both were transported to a local hospital with recoverable injuries.

The sources of the carbon monoxide were determined to be two kerosene fuel burning heaters that were being used during a construction process to allow drying.

The two victims had been working in the area of these heaters. There were no Carbon Monoxide detectors found in the residence. The two individuals were evaluated by emergency medical services, treated and transported to an are hospital. There were no injuries to fire department members.

OBITUARY

Sven B. Grikscheit,



Sven B. Grikscheit, 42, of Derry, NH, died Monday Dec. 16, 2019 at his home. He was born in Werl, Germany on March 15, 1977, a son of Dagmar (Buschmann) Frizzell, and had been a resident of Derry for the past year, formerly living in Maine and Pelham, NH. He was a graduate of Pelham High School in Pelham. He enjoyed soccer.

He is survived by two sons, Kyle Grikscheit, and Seth Grikscheit both of Derry; three sisters, Melanie Jimison of VA, Jessica Frizzell of Derry, and Diana Ouellette of Nashua, NH; one step brother, three step sisters; as well as several aunts, uncles, and extended family in Germany.

Following cremation, a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to AmericanDiabetes Association, P.O. Box 15829, Arlington, VA 22215. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Editorial

For the New Year

The start of the New Year is traditionally a time for reflecting on the year just ending, and resolving to do things differently in the days ahead. We all know the routine resolutions: exercise more, eat better, perhaps taking on a more “green” lifestyle, being better prepared, or cutting down on TV or computer time and replace it with more “face” time with family.

All of these are fine resolutions, however, there are others that may take a bite out of personal time, but in the long run may be easier to maintain throughout the year, and with longer lasting results.

Want to make a truly lasting, impacting resolution? How about deciding to run for office?

Volunteers are needed to help our towns operate smoothly. While it takes no effort at all to complain about what goes on at town hall, it can be so much more rewarding to participate in the process and be in the right place at the right time to make positive changes. Get ready: the filing period begins in mid January.

Open seats often go unchallenged and the same people keep getting reelected, so open races ought to be encouraged. After all, a little change and a little competition are healthy.

If putting your name on the ballot is a little too stressful, there are always seats on boards, commissions, and com-

mittees in town that often go empty. Whether you want to start slowly as an alternate, or jump right in as a full member, you have a variety of interest areas to choose from, from conservation to housing. Give some thought to how you can offer your time for the betterment of your community.

We all know the difficulties some residents have in paying their taxes or dealing with the huge changes that have happened in their town, that effect the quality of life. The answer for this to some might be to move away, but most will find similar problems anywhere they go.

The better solution might be to make the effort to advocate for responsible spending right in your own hometown. Since budget hearings and deliberative sessions are coming up in January and February, here’s another important resolution: Make a point of attending those events and speaking your mind, politely and reasonably, with facts, as well as courtesy. At the very least, let your elected officials know what you think, no matter the subject, and encourage your neighbors to do the same. After all, if officials are unaware of a problem, it’s likely nothing will be done to resolve it.

Best of luck with your resolutions, no matter what they may be, and from all of us at Nutfield Publishing to all of you, our very best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year 2020.

Letters

Support of HB 687

To the editor,

I am writing in support of HB 687, also known as The Red Flag Laws. This gun violence prevention bill would establish in NH “a procedure for issuing extreme risk protection orders to protect against persons who pose an immediate risk of harm to themselves or others.”

Deaths by suicide are increasing in our society, and suicide by gun is becoming ever more real. Last summer, I testified in Concord at a public hearing for HB687. As I sat at the State House, I listened to heart-breaking stories of parents whose depressed teenage and adult children had taken their lives with a readily available gun. Fearing suicide, they had no legal means to effectively attempt to stop it. The sadness, anguish and frustration they expressed were palpa-

ble as they respectfully asked legislators for the passage of HB 687.

Since last summer, the NH House Criminal Justice Committee has added the “Murphy Amendment” to HB 687, which strengthens the due process protections, contained in the bill. Please contact your legislators to pass HB687, which is coming up for a vote in Concord possibly as early as Jan 8.

Corinne Dodge
Derry

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with the big winter storm that occurred on March 13 and 14 in 2018.

At the time of this reimbursement request submission to FEMA, the Town was also participated in FEMA’s pilot Public Assistance Alternative Procedures Direct Administrative Cost (PAAP DAC) program. This program provides an additional 5% of eligible costs related to a declaration to fund administrative costs that the town incurred as related to the disaster and for future emergency management activities.

Under this pilot program, the Town was eligible to receive

\$6,344.59 (or \$144,080.23 x 5%). Administrative Costs related to this event amounted to \$859.42 - leaving a balance of \$5,485.17 that was eligible to be spent on Emergency Management related supplies and activities. FEMA approved the Town’s expenditure request of \$4,960.00 for the following items: 12 - CERT (Computer Emergency Readiness Team) emergency response backpacks and 2 - AM radio flashing alert signs w/ posts, post foundations and controllers. As with all FEMA event reimbursements, there was a 25% cost share to the Town.

The following locations are under consideration for these flashing alert signs:

- 1) West Broadway between Fordway and town line
- facing eastbound traffic
- 2) Webster’s Corner in the area of the closest trailer park - facing northbound traffic
- 3) Hampstead Rd in the area of the fire station - facing westbound traffic or both directions if feasible for one signpost.

All in all, thanks to the thoughtful work of Derry town officials - including Town Administrator, Dave Caron, Police Chief, Edward Garone and Fire Department Chief, Michael Gagnon, the Town Council and other town officials including Accounting Manager, Mark Fleischer and police Captain George Feole, the Town got some nice gifts during the holiday season that will help the community be safer and prepared.

Serious Injury Accures After Car Crashes Into Applebee’s

At 6:06 a.m. on Dec. 25 the Derry Fire and Police Department were dispatched to 14 Manchester Road, to Applebee’s Restaurant for a car into the building. Derry Police arrived on scene and reported entrapment. Derry Engine 3, Medic 1, Car 1 and because it was a car into a building Derry Engine 1, Derry Rescue 1, Heavy Rescue Trailer and Lumber trailer were dispatched. Upon arrival crews observed a car

into the building with a single unbelted, entrapped occupant. There was extensive damage to the car and moderate damage to the building. Applebee’s was unoccupied. Crews used extrication tools to open doors, cut posts, and cut the back of the drivers seat to extricate the driver. An air medical helicopter from DHART was called and sent to a landing zone adjacent to Parkland Medical Center. Applebee’s suffered moderate damage to a non-load bearing section of the seating area, the car did not breach the structure. Applebee’s will be able to use the unaffected seating areas and can reopen as scheduled. The patient was flown to Beth-Isreal in Boston with life threatening injuries.

The accident is under investigation by the Derry Police Department.

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Destination Imagination Helps Local Students Develop Future Skills

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Destination Imagination (DI) student teams in the Greater Derry, Londonderry and other local towns are getting ready to kick off their “critical thinking” efforts for the coming year. The first DI event - which is focused on DI training - begins Jan. 11 at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester.

Students will spend time over the next 5 months crafting solutions to challenges that are focused in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) or Service-Learning challenges. DI teams compete in contests where they are appraised for creativity, problem-solving and collaboration abilities, as well as “think on their feet” problem-solving skills. In the process, teams learn to combine soft skills, like communication skills with hard knowledge skills that are the “Future of Work” skills that they will need as they enter the work place down the road.

Last year, local teams from Derry Village Elementary School, West Running Brook School, Barka Elementary School, Londonderry High School, South Ridge School all advanced through difficult levels to compete in NH regional contests. Pinkerton Academy went to DI global competition finals in 2018. New Hampshire Destination Imagination (NH-DI) administers the program for over 1,800 Granite State students from over 100 schools and community groups. DI teams began to come together this fall, and they will compete in March to try to advance to the Destination Imagination Global Finals in May.

NH Destination Imagination leaders point out that the “Future of Work” skills now in demand today includes creativity, problem solving, and collaboration skills and different DI event challenges help students to build those types of skills. It’s really about critical thinking. Wayne Kurtzman is a Destination Imagination spokesman, from Londonderry, and

he points out, “When an educational experience is hands-on, collaborative and fun, students are empowered to take their learning to the next level. DI provides unique educational experiences across seven STEAM project-based Challenge types – Technical, Scientific, Engineering, Fine Arts, Improvisational, Service Learning, and Early Learning.”

Kurtzman adds, “New, open-ended Team Challenges are developed annually with the help of educators, subject matter experts and qualified volunteers to cover a wide range of student interests and align to current educational standards.”

The Destination Imagination program has taken hold in NH and is growing in our local area with quite a few organized teams this year. DI events are supported in about 30 countries and nearly 150,000 students take part in this program each year. In the United States alone there are over 30,000 volunteers who support DI mostly as an after-school program. Some schools - such as several in the Derry Cooperative School District like Barka Elementary School - have begun to integrate the program into their school day. Many parents and volunteers aren’t quite aware how these skills can make a difference in college and beyond.

Here’s a brief overview of the DI program: Up to 7 members can be on a team. Students from kindergarten through university level can participate. Each team needs an adult Team Manager that

can help students stay on track, but they cannot help the team develop their solution to the DI Challenge. Team Managers are often faculty members or parents.

Teams in the DI program learn higher order thought processing and improve in creative thinking, critical thinking and collaborative problem solving that are key 21st century skills. DI participants experience the creative process, develop new friendships and learn to work together.

Teams choose one of seven challenges and after

weeks spent creating and developing their solutions, they go to a local tournament. Top-scoring teams advance to their state or country tournament, also known as an Affiliate Tournament. The top tier teams from each Affiliate Tournament have the opportunity to participate in Global Finals, which the DI organization says is the world’s largest celebration of creativity.

New Hampshire DI team solutions are assessed at regional and state tournaments. Top scoring teams at

the NH state tournament compete with top teams from 48 states and 30 countries at Destination Imagination Global Finals. With an annual registration of \$350 per team for seven students, the DI Program is a good value for life skills that are received by student participants.

NH DI events are starting up Saturday Jan. 11 with a “Dive In” event. This event is an important training session for all teams in the state. There are morning and afternoon sessions available on that date. Check-in for the

morning session will open at 8:45 a.m., and that session will end at about 12:40 p.m. Check-in for the afternoon session will open around 1:15 p.m., and that session will end at about 5:30 p.m. Teams can choose to attend either the AM or PM session, or both. This event will be held at Southern New Hampshire University and teams can contact the NH DI organization for further information.

DI team participants are taking a STEAM journey on a path toward a creative and skilled future.

Community Caregivers is Looking for Volunteers

MACK LEATHURBY
NUTFIELD NEWS

Community Caregivers of Greater Derry typically manages about 450 volunteers per year. Last year alone, they clocked about 38,000 hours, helped people 14,000 times and drove over 180,000 elders in Chester, Danville, Derry, Hampstead, Londonderry, Sandown and Windham. 75% of these volunteers are one-on-one matches with a local senior on a routine basis.

Some volunteers help once a week or once a month but typically they help every other week for a couple hours. Tasks include light chores, shopping, respite, friendly visiting and telephone reassurance. There is a subset of about 100 drivers who help different clients each week with medical appointments. Drivers can help as much or as

little as they want and can chose preferred destinations. These volunteers may drive to locations such as Portsmouth, Nashua, Concord and even Boston.

A challenge for Caregivers is that many dedicated helpers travel south in the winter, but appointments continue. Another challenge is that unemployment is low right now - that impacts volunteer opportunities and availability times. However, needs are greater now as baby boomers are aging and in need of wrap around services to remain independent.

For these reasons, Community Caregivers is in need of more volunteers to keep programs growing. For every new volunteer driver, the staff can take three clients off the waiting list. Each new in-home volunteer can select their preferred assignment off

the waiting list. Right now, Caregivers is looking for a Mandarin speaking volunteer in Derry that could help with house cleaning for an elderly couple. They are also looking for a Russian speaking volunteer to bring a widow in Londonderry shopping twice a month. In Hampstead and Sandown, they have 5 people on the list for once a month cleaning.

In Windham, a 95-year-old woman’s teen match has graduated, so she is looking for a new youthful volunteer. But most press-

ing is for new drivers to fill the gap of ones that are away. The staff typically trains volunteers two to four times a month and trainings last 1.25 hours at their Londonderry Office.

If your New Year’s resolution is to become more involved in the community or to enrich your life through human connections, then call the staff at Caregivers at 432-0877 or email them at office@comcaregivers.org. Opportunities can also be seen at <https://comcaregivers.org/volunteers>.

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NHDES, NHDHHS Reminds Residents Of CO Dangers

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
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The Farmer’s Almanac is predicting a colder-than-normal winter season all over the United States. New Hampshire in particular should brace itself for plenty of snowfall and freezing temperatures.

Residents will be taking every measure to keep warm in the midst of this freeze, and NH officials implore them to be diligent so as not to fall victim to a silent killer in the process.

According to data from the NH Department of Health and Human Services and the NH Department of Environmental Services, more than four thousand people are hospitalized for unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning in the United States, with more than four hundred people killed from it each year.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas that is given according to

NH Environmental Public Health Tracking, most people who survive CO poisoning recover fully. However, studies have shown that around 10 to 40 percent of people surviving severe CO poisoning may have long term health problems, and exposure to moderate to high levels of CO over time have also been linked to an increased risk of cardiovascular disease. Mental abilities can also be impaired and permanent brain damage can occur with CO poisoning.

OSHA describes the initial symptoms of CO poisoning as chest tightness, headache, dizziness, drowsiness, fatigue, and nausea. During prolonged exposure, or exposure to high amounts of CO, symptoms will worsen and include vomiting, confusion and collapse, in addition to loss of consciousness and muscle weakness.

The American Red Cross states that anyone who suspects CO poisoning should move to fresh air immedi-

ately and to promptly dial 9-1-1.

Carbon monoxide poisoning is frightening, but it can be easily prevented. NH Environmental Public Health Tracking offers the following tips to prevent CO poisoning:

Do not burn anything in a stove or fireplace that is not vented or that may be clogged.

Do not let a car run to warm up inside a garage attached to a house, even if a door is left open.

Do not use a generator, charcoal grill, camp stove, or other gasoline or charcoal-burning device inside of the home, basement, or garage.

Locate any of the aforementioned devices at least 10 feet from a home, with exhaust facing away from the building.

Do not use a gas cooking range or oven to heat the home, even for a short period of time.

Make certain that doors

on all wood stoves fit tightly.

Heating systems, water heaters, and any other gas, oil, or coal burning appliances should be serviced by a qualified technician every year, and any leaks should be repaired immediately.

Carbon monoxide detectors should be installed

near furnaces and in all sleeping areas. Batteries should be replaced during daylight savings times.

If the carbon monoxide alarm sounds, all family members should leave the home immediately and 911 should be dialed.

This winter, families can

be kept warm and safe by following simple safety precautions. As always, it is better to be safe than sorry.

For more resources and information on carbon monoxide and carbon monoxide poisoning prevention, visit www.usfa.fema.gov and search, “Carbon monoxide.”

American Red Cross Offering Free In-Home Smoke Alarm Installation

JOHN GOGLIA
NUTFIELD NEWS

The American Red Cross New Hampshire and Vermont are making all homes fire resistant through their National Home Fire Preparedness Campaign. At no cost to those who cannot afford to purchase smoke alarms or for those who are physically unable to install smoke alarms a Red Cross-trained volunteer will demonstrate some simple changes in the home to protect you, your loved ones and your possessions against fire. In addition, they will install a limited number of FREE 10 year lithium battery operated smoke alarms at each home. The Red Cross also installs a limited number of specialized bedside alarms for individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. This free service is available to any-

one regardless of age or location by the Red Cross or one of a number of organizations that have partnered with the Red Cross to accomplish the goals of the Home Fire Preparedness Campaign.

All that needs to be done is to contact the Red Cross at telephone number 800-464-6692 or by visiting their website at www.red-cross.org/local/new-hampshire-vermont/about-us/our-work/home-fire-campaign/smoke-alarm-request.html

In addition to providing your contact and location information there are 5 simple questions (mostly requiring yes or no answers) that are needed to schedule an appointment. Those questions are as follows: are there occupants older than 60 or under 7 years of age; is any occupant hearing impaired; preferred time period of appointment

(morning or afternoon); how did you learn about this program and would you be willing to help the Red Cross spread the word about this program by being interviewed by a Red Cross Representative or a member of the local media?

The above website also has a printable worksheet of guidelines to follow in order to help you devise a home fire escape plan. If you or someone you know lives outside of New Hampshire or Vermont and would like to contact your local regional office about this program please visit www.RedCross.org or call 1-800-REDCROSS. If you are able to purchase and install your own smoke alarm but would like information on home fire safety and smoke alarm installation please visit www.REDCROSS.org.

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Aviation Museum's 'Festival of Toy Planes' Exhibit Continues

Two weeks remain to see thousands of toy planes and model aircraft; exhibit stays open from New Year's Day through mid-month.

The holiday season is over, but two weeks still remain to see the Aviation Museum's first-ever 'Festival of Toy Planes' exhibit.

The display features thousands of toy planes and model aircraft from three separate collections on loan or donated to the museum, is open to the public through Sunday, Jan. 12.

The exhibit is open dur-

ing the museum's regular hours: Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sundays 1 - 4 p.m. It's also open additional evening hours Wednesday through Sunday from 5 - 8 p.m.

The display features a wide range of toy planes and model aircraft from the era of pioneering aviator Charles Lindbergh to Toy Story's Buzz Lightyear.

"With this exhibit, we try to celebrate the connection between children and toy planes as it has changed through the years," said Jeff

Rapsis, executive director of the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire. "From the cast-iron airliners of the Great Depression era to today's plastic playthings, it tells a rich story."

The display includes several elaborate Barbie planes (complete with Ken and all her other friends), primitive metal airplane toys from developing nations (some made from soda cans), a display of aviation-themed puzzles, and much more.

"In addition to airplane toys meant for children, there is a group of valuable high-end models produced for the collector's market," Rapsis said. "Some people never outgrow their passion for model aircraft—but their toys change and become more sophisticated."

The majority of the toys on display are on loan from the Top Fun Aviation Toy Museum of Fitchburg, Mass., which the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire is in the process of acquiring. The cataloged inventory of this group exceeds 3,000 separate items.

Also on display are the Mauro Scali collection of collectible Pacific Aircraft models, donated to the Aviation Museum in 2019, and the Howard Becker collection of scratch-built models,

also donated to the museum this past year.

The exhibit includes a wide range of working toys and games, some battery-powered and others mechanical, including several aviation-themed savings banks. A demonstration of working toys is given each evening at 6:30 p.m., or by request.

"This exhibit is designed for young and old alike," Rapsis said. "For many career aviation professionals, it all started with an airplane under the Christmas tree. So this is in keeping with our mission to inspire today's youth to become tomorrow's aviation pioneers and aerospace innovators."

The Aviation Museum's "Festival of Toy Planes" exhibit is made possible with support from Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, the Cogswell Benevolent Trust, and the Top Fun Aviation Toy Museum.

No items in the exhibition will be for sale, but the Aviation Museum gift shop offers a wide range of aviation-themed holiday gifts, keepsakes, and mementos.

For more information, visit www.aviationmuseum-mofnh.org or call (603) 669-4820. Follow the Aviation Museum on social media at www.facebook.com/nhahs.



Kristen Ratanatharathorn of Bedford helps her son Han try out a pedal planes, part of the 'Festival of Toy Planes' on display.



Governor Sununu Rings Bell

"The holiday season is a time for all Granite Staters to come together and show that a deep sense of caring and a spirit of giving is embedded in every one of us," said Governor Chris Sununu. "The Salvation Army Statewide Kettle Campaign is an important holiday tradition that aides Granite Staters in need throughout the state, and I had a great time ringing the bell at a kettle in Derry."

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OBITUARY

Steven Tomaselli



Steven "Whiz" Tomaselli, 63, of Derry, NH passed away at his residence, Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019 after a period of declining health. He was born Dec. 21, 1955 in Derry and was a son of Pauline (Hughes) and the late Joseph Tomaselli. He was a life-long resident of the Derry area, attended St. Thomas Aquinas School and graduated from Pinkerton Academy.

Steven was a stone mason and tile setter by trade with Merrimack Tile Company. After an early retirement from this career he later worked various odd jobs. He favorite pastimes included cooking, watching and feeding the birds in his yard, gardening and spending time with his beloved cat Boo. The orange tabby was his constant companion. Steven taught him many tricks including putting himself in time-out when naughty. Steven was a jack of all trades, always willing to lend a hand and his advice and opinions even if they were unsolicited. He will be remembered for his infectious laugh, generosity and storytelling. He was short in stature but had a larger than life personality.

In addition to his mother Pauline Mulrennan of Lake Mary, FL., he is survived by two daughters, Crystal Sanders and her husband Christopher of Concord, NH, and Tiffany Tomaselli of Manchester, NH; his former spouse and mother of his children Sheri (Marcotte) Couture; four siblings and their spouses, Kathryn & Frank Catalfamo of Fitchburg, MA, Gina & Bryan Maki of Ewa Beach, HI., Joseph and Debra Tomaselli of Maitland, FL and Kevin & Becky Tomaselli of Longwood, FL.; his best friend, Bonnie Van Laarhoven; many nieces, nephews, cousins and his cherished cat "Boo".

After cremation, visitation will be Friday Jan. 3, from 4 - 7 p.m., at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium 15 Birch St., Derry, NH and a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday 10 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry, NH. Burial will conclude at Holy Cross Cemetery in Londonderry. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association; Heart Gifts Processing Center, PO Box 3049, Syracuse, NY 13220.

DERRY SPORTS

Astros Varsity Girls Hoops Team Loses Opener in Nail-Biter

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls' Varsity Basketball team opened their season by hosted Manchester Central on Thursday, Dec. 19, and the teams put on a great show, and kept the fans on the edge of their seats, but the home squad came up short in the end, losing 52-47.

The Lady Astros started off slow, with turnovers and by Manchester Central playing great defense. Central took an early 9-1 lead and kept scoring with ease as the first quarter ended with a 15-4 Central lead.

The second quarter continued much the same, with PA turnovers and a hesitant look on offense. Senior captain Alyssa DiMauro got things going for her squad as she nailed a three pointer to bring the deficit down to ten points, and she followed that up with a great offensive rebound and a lay up which made it a 24-17 lead for Central to end the half.

The second half was a completely different story, as Pinkerton looked like a new team coming out of the locker room. They stepped up their defense and changed their approach on offense and became much more aggressive. Sophomore Avah Ingalls had

Hackler Gym going crazy when she scored a lay-up plus the foul to make it a 27-24 game.

Pinkerton's defensive efforts created multiple turnovers by Central and the Astros were able to take the lead and gain full momentum. The girls stepped up their tempo and showed more confidence being aggressive on offense which led to Pinkerton taking a 36-34 lead heading into the last quarter as sophomore Casey Ames went on a quick offensive burst and scored multiple times by blowing by Manchester Centrals defense.

Central started the fourth quarter with some careless turnovers as Pinkerton kept bringing the pressure on defense. DiMauro kept her great play going with another steal and assisted junior Samantha Franks on a lay up to give her squad a 42-35 lead with 5:40 remaining in the game.

Central never gave up, as they were able to string together some nice plays on both sides of the court and capitalized with a three pointer to take a 46-42 lead over the Astros. The level of intensity rose in the last two minutes as both teams were doing whatever they could to win the game. Both teams were diving on the floor for the ball and gave the gym a

playoff atmosphere. Ingalls came up with a huge steal, which lead to foul shots for the Astros. Manchester Central still led 48-44 with 48 seconds left on the clock and Pinkerton was able to force a five second inbound violation call on Central to give them the ball.

The Astros scored on that next possession, giving them a 48-47 lead, but Manchester Central sealed the game with two clutch free-throws and a big time defensive steal and score for the win.

Casey Ames finished the game with seven points, and four rebounds. Avah Ingalls had herself a game scoring 13 points, grabbing two rebounds, and had two assists along with Allison Ingalls recording eight points and three rebounds.

After the game, coach Lani Buskey said, "We can't play the way we did in the first quarter and expect to win games." Buskey didn't take away the fact that her squad was able to bounce back and play great basketball the rest of the game. "That start really hurt us, but I was pleased with how they react coming out of the half. They showed heart and a team can build off that."

Coach said their second half comeback was sparked by the halftime talk she delivered to the girls and

inspired them. "We had a talk at half about not counting ourselves out and going back to PA basketball and they showed that in the second half, I can work with that."

The Lady Astros headed south after Christmas to take part in the Salem Lady Blue Devils Holiday Classic. In their first game, against Hollis-Brookline High School, the girls suffered a very tough 63-58 double overtime loss.

Casey Ames ended up with two points, Samantha Franks had four, Allison Ingalls scored a solid 12 points, Alyssa DiMauro contributed with four points, Avah Ingalls dropped 13, Kristina Packowski had four, Abigail Marasco had three and Jesse Ames led the way with 20 points. From behind the arc Marasco and Avah Ingalls had three-pointers of their own but it wasn't enough to get the victory.

The Lady Astros put that game behind them on day two, facing Cambridge Rindge & Latin High School. Pinkerton pushed out a 48-39 win with Avah Ingalls having her second double-digit game in a row



Avah Ingalls scored 13 points against Central and 15 points against Cambridge Rindge & Latin in the Blue Devil Tourney.
Photo by Chris Paul

with 15 points and two three-pointers. Casey Ames had four points, Samantha Franks with two, Allison Ingalls had five, DiMauro finished with four, Packowski had eight, and Jesse Ames finished with 10 points.

The squad finished the tournament with a game

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PA Boys' Hockey Gets a Win and a Loss to Start Season

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys' Varsity Hockey team began the winter season facing off against Trinity High School on Wednesday, Dec. 18 on that team's home ice. The Astros lost in a close 4-3 contest, as things started off rough for the squad.

Trinity was able to grab two goals in the first and another two in the second period.

Astro players senior captain Mason Drouin and Senior Jack Normand both scored goals in the second period to keep it close. Pinkerton's junior Hunter Drouin scored one more time in the final period to make it 4-3, but the squad fell one goal short. They had plenty of chances to score as Trinity had ten penalties but the Astros couldn't capitalize on the power plays

opportunities.

Head coach Sam Littlefield saw a lot of things that his squad needs to work on if they want to be successful this season. "We need to work on our turnovers and handling the puck. We made too many mistakes with the puck especially coming out of our own zone and into the neutral zone."

Even though there were lots of negatives there's always some positives to be taken away. "I like that we fought back from a 4-0 deficit to make it 4-3. That showed a lot of character," Littlefield added.

Later that week, Pinkerton hosted the second game of the season against the Nashua North-Souhegan squad at the Ice Den, in Hooksett, on Saturday Dec. 21, and earned the team's first win of the young season in a hard fought battle with a familiar score of 4-3.

The game started with several mistakes for Pinkerton as Nashua North scored when Astros goaltender Matt Gilliland left the net to secure the puck and it ended up in a goal for Nashua. They were running the tempo after that goal and had full control until PA junior Ethan Burgess scored at 6:40 and was assisted by junior Brett Levesque. Not to long after that the Astros scored again when Burgess scored another goal, assisted by Mason and Hunter Drouin. Gilliland saved multiple shots to prevent a Nashua goal and then Pinkerton struck again right before the period ended as Brett Levesque ripped a shot past Nashua's goaltender to take a 3-1 lead at the end of one.

Nashua North started the second period with a quick breakaway goal in just under a minute of play,



which made Pinkerton step up their defense and intensity. Senior Jack Normand nailed a big hip check on a Nashua player to get the fans going, but Nashua silenced the crowd with another goal at the 3:53 minute mark to tie the game at three. Pinkerton got a lot

of shots on goal but Nashua's goaltender was a brick wall at the net and managed to hold his teams lead heading into the final period.

In the period number three, Levesque scored another goal from just past the blue line to take a 4-3

lead. The PA boys continued to rip shots at Nashua's net, but couldn't find the back of the net again. With some great defensive plays late in the game, the Astros were able to keep the score 4-3 and win the game over Nashua North.

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Astro's Gymnastics Stays Perfect Heading Into New Year

MATT TRITTO
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The Pinkerton Academy Gymnastic's team kicked off their season on Monday, Dec. 23, when they hosted the first of the only two home meets of the season against seven different schools.

The Astros squad were able to take the first place

spot with a score of 130.05 against Somersworth, Nashua North, Exeter, Nashua South, Souhegan, Merrimack, Milford, Hollis-Brookline, Derryfield and Spaulding. Second place went to Nashua South with a score of 113.3.

The Astro's victory was led by senior Captain Sophia Viger who won the bars, beam, and all around events.

Ashley McKinnon earned first place on the floor along with junior Hana Phaneuf placing third on both the bars and all around and senior captain Haley Rustad took home third place on the floor event.

Pinkerton then hosted Exeter, Goffstown, Souhegan, Salem, Merrimack, Bishop Guertin and Raymond on Dec. 27, in the

season's last home meet, which was also the girls' senior night meet.

The girls performed well once again, as they took their second, first place title of the season, with a score of 130.2. The Bishop Guertin squad came in second with 120.2 points.

Sophia Viger won first place in Bars and in the All Around for the second meet

in a row. She then took second on the vault and second on the beam.

Junior Ashley McKinnon won the beam and floor events and finished third on the vault and the all around.

Hana Phaneuf placed second on the bars, floor and the all around. Freshman Sophia Phaneuf took third place on the bar and floor.

Also at the meet, as Coach Chelsie Burland put it, "Freshman Sensation" Ada Hayes placed third on the beam to round out the standings.

The team will now be taking a bit of a break, as they won't see more action until Sunday, Jan. 12, at NoHa's Gymnastics in Manchester, when they will face six other schools.

Astro's Bowling Team Suffers First Loss of Winter Season

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Varsity and Junior Varsity Bowling teams faced off against Souhegan, Cole-Brown, Keene, and Spaulding High Schools at Merrimack Ten Pin on Saturday, Dec. 21. The varsity squad had their first real difficulties of the season there, as they only earned ten points on the day. The

squad took the top seed of the baker round, after their standard ten-pin total of 1,719 with a 898 first and 821 second game. Mike Fiandaca rolled games of a 156 and a 113 while Colby Wong bowled a 187 and a 120.

Captain Bryant Nourse bowled a 183 and 189 along with Lance Lemieux earning a 198 and 156. Harry Michaud bowled a 174 and a very impressive clean

game of a 243 with seven strikes.

Fourth-seed Keene bowled the single elimination preliminary baker round losing to fifth-seeded Coe-Brown and then Coe-Brown faced Pinkerton in the first round. Pinkerton lost the first baker game 146 to 142 and then the Astros found their rhythm, as they took two out of three games with scores of 205-142, and 176-110. Second seed

Spaulding took their match in two games over Keene.

Pinkerton then faced the Red Raiders of Spaulding in the finals, where the Astros struggled. Spaulding took it in two games with scores of 163-147 and a rough 183-117.

The Pinkerton JV team followed, and were able to take the top seed for the baker with only four team members bowling standard ten pin games of 536 and

557 for a total of 1093. Johnathan Scott had games of 115 and 162 while Mike Barnard bowled a 132 and a 108. Jared Wong rolled a 151 and 127, Connor Grimard 138 and 160.

Fifth seeded Keene defeated fourth seeded Coe-Brown in the preliminary and then Pinkerton bested Keene by taking two out of three in round one with scores of 117-107 and 131-101. Spaulding lost to third

seeded Souhegan and then the Astros took on souhegan in the final round. Pinkerton took two out of three with help from Mikah Smith from Spaulding. The Astros were down one game 110-90, but fought back and took the next two games with scores of 132-111 and 166-131.

The squads' next match is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 4, at Merrimack Ten Pin.

Pinkerton Alpine Skiing Squad Ready to Hit the Slopes

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

Opening season is right around the corner for alpine skiing and the Pinkerton Varsity team is ready to get to the slopes. Long time PA faculty member, William Frank is taking over as head

coach this season making this his first year coaching the ski team. He will be assisted by Nicole Cuerdon and David Veale.

Coach Frank is excited about how big his squad is and what'll they be able to bring to the table. "We have 20 racers which is one of the

biggest teams we have had. 10 freshman so we are on the younger side," said Frank. There's a few freshman that in Coach Frank's eyes will be key players for their team. "However several freshman including Chris Bennett for the boys, Linda Pelletier and Hannah Flagg

for the girls are in ninth grade but have several years race experienced and should be contributors early on."

Coach Frank has a team goal to finish in the top three as a team at States, and wants his players to progress each week. "Develop and improve racing ability and progressively improve places throughout the year," Frank added. Coach wants his skiers to compete and work hard every time they hit the slopes. "Skiers are engaging in dry land train-

ing sessions, and will ski on their own time during the holidays." He also wants to get enough work in so that way his team will be well prepared for States. "We plan on maxing out our training 10 training sessions at Pat's Peak to have us ready for the state championship in February," Frank went on to say.

This year's squad will consist of seniors Noah Marquis, Sydney Pratt, Danielle St. Peter's, Ethan Hatch, and Miranda

Eckerman. Mae Chiesa is the stand-alone junior and sophomores Annabel Veale, Jackson Kuncik, Madeline Frank, and Emily Hatch made the cut. The new squad members are freshmen Teagan Stinson, Ava Sezgin, Linda Pelletier, Max Parenti, Samuel Palmer, Hannah Flagg, Ryan Bright, Ilya Bochkov, Christopher Bennett, and Colton April. Their first meet is scheduled for Friday January 3rd at Crotched Mountain.



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Pinkerton Boys' and Girls' Indoor Track Off to Good Start

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

On Wednesday Dec. 18 Pinkerton's Girls' and Boys' Varsity teams hosted Windham High School. The boys cruised past the wildcats and won 275 to 72 and it was the same story for the girls as they won by a commanding score of 232 to 66.

First in the boys dash finals, the Astros took the top three spots, sophomore Kyle Walker placed first (7.01), sophomore Nick Tagalakakis took second place (7.06) and senior Colton Boursier finished third with a time of 7.56.

In the 600-Meter run, five Pinkerton runners placed in the top five. Junior Stephen Connelly took first place (1:36.39), freshman Theo Davis came

in second (1:39.25), sophomore Cooper Michaud followed in third with a time of 1:41.48, senior Jackson Cappello placed fourth (1:43.24), and senior Ethan Forbush finished in fifth with a time of 1:47.25. Three more Astro runners placed in the top 15, with junior Ian Woodman landing the eighth spot (1:54.37), sophomore Cole Aiden took 10th place (1:59.46), and sophomore Ryan Overy followed behind in 11th place with a running time of 2:00.26.

In the boys 1,000-Meter run, senior Zach Plaza took first place (2:50.41), sophomore Ethan Charles came in second (3:02.34), Ethan Forbush third (3:16.23) and Thomas Davis placed fourth with a time of 3:17.25. For the high jump Nick Tagalakakis won first

place as he jumped 5'8 inches and fellow Astro sophomore Jacob Spezzaferri placed second with the same height, and junior Alexander Gibeau placed third with a height of five feet even. Colton Boursier was able to take first place in the long jump, junior Benjamin Fleming placed third, Alexander Gibeau fourth, Nick Tagalakakis fifth, Jacob Spezzaferri sixth, Casey Waldron eighth, Jacob Overton placed ninth and Patrick Waldron finished tenth. Finishing up with shot put Joseph DeMartino placed second along with seven other Astros finishing behind him. George Nigro III came in third, Gabriel Northrup fifth, Benjamin Fleming sixth with Daniel Powers also tying for sixth. Jason Santuccio placed eighth, Julian Filladoro ninth, Joseph Bunaskavich IV 11th, and Riley Cox finished 12th.

For the Girls squad, PA had six athletes earn first place in events. In the 300-meter dash senior Morgan Sweeney earned first with a time of 51.7. Next in the 600-meter run sophomore Royce D'Amelio finished first with a time of 2:05.46. Sophomore Haliee Langill placed second (2:06.46), freshman Chloe Masters came in third (2:06.47), and

freshman Sarah Rousseau finished fourth with a time of 2:19.03.

In the 55-meter hurdles, Pinkerton's freshman Jordan Wheaton finished first with a time of 10.84 along with freshman Lillia Woods placing second (11.04).

Sophomore Madison Connors placed third (11.05), freshman Meaghan Peterson came in fifth (11.33), and senior Katherine Peterson finished seventh with a running time of 11.85. Senior Emily Lesburt took the first place title in the high jump with a score of 5'1".

Junior Marisa Douglas placed first in the long jump (15'10.25") along with six other Astros placing behind her. Sophomore Hailey Laskiewicz came in second, freshman Isabelle Nelson placed third, Meghan Peterson fourth, Morgan Sweeney fifth, sophomore Payton Nacos seventh and sophomore Riley Sweeney placed eighth.

Pinkerton's sophomore Alyssa Rzasz came in first place in the shot put with a throw of 29'5.25" with senior Adrianna Buccieri finishing second, freshman Briana Danis third, Emily Lesburt fourth, Lillia Woods fifth, Isabella Woods seventh, junior Kayleigh Schroeder eighth,

sophomore Jillian Severence tenth, and junior Grace Peet finished 12th.

The Astros then traveled to Leverone Field House in Dartmouth and competed against Newport, Hanover, Bishop Guertin, Concord, Theftford Academy, Trinity, Sharon Academy Monadnock, Memorial, Keene, Lebanon, St. Johnsbury, and Rivendell High Schools. The boys handled business as usual by taking first place with a score of 71 while the girls placed third.

In the boys' 55-meter dash Benjamin Fleming took first place with a time of 6.71 while Jacob Spezzaferri came in seventh and Kyle Walker placed eighth.

For the 300-meter dash, senior Conor Seleny finished first with a time of 36.32 and Benjamin Fleming placing fifth. Kyle Walker placed 13th, Vernon MacPhee 15th, and Michael Ghanem finished 24th. Moving to the 600 meter run another Astro took home first place and that runner was Zach Plaza with a time of 1:25.81. Theo Davis placed fourth, Jackson Cappello 12th, Ethan Forbush 13th, and Cooper Michaud placed 15th.

In the 55-meter hurdles Pinkerton's Conor Seleny took first place with a time of 7.62 and his time was the second fastest time in school history.

For the PA girls' squad, there were two runners who took home the title of first place. Emily Lesburt won the high jump with a score of 5'2" and Meghan Cross won the 3,000-meter run with a time of 11:19.43.

In the 55-meter dash sophomore Sierra Edgecomb placed fourth with a time of 7.79 and also placed fifth in the 300 meter run with a running time of 46.25. Junior Macy Graves finished second in the 600 meter run (1:42.19), and freshman Emily Hood placed sixth with a time of 1:54.18. In the 1000 meter run sophomore Mariesa Preble finished fifth with a time of 3:22.43 and in the 1500 meter run Molly McGaffigan placed third with a running time of 5:37.49. For the long jump Marisa Douglas placed third (15'1.25") and Hailey Laskiewicz finished fifth with a score of 14'5.25".

In shot put Astro's Adrianna Buccieri finished third (30'7.5") and Alyssa Rzasz placed fifth with a score of 27'6".

Girls Hoops

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"We took two out of three, but learned a lot of valuable lessons in the three games that will serve us well as we continue into our regular season," said Buskey. "We are focused on sustainability, we want to be a team that can play a whole game at a high level. That's our team goal and we are moving towards it together, we are getting there."

Coach had some praise for her squad along with Avah Ingalls and Jesse Ames who were named to the All-Tournament team. "I was proud of the teamwork, the heart, and the brains the team showed. It was the whole team effort that brought us our success." Buskey finished up saying.

The Lady Astros will hit the court for their second D1 game on Friday, Jan. 3, as they host Portsmouth High School.



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PA Wrestling Takes Tough Loss, Bounces Back with Tourney Win

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton's Varsity Wrestling squad traveled to Timberlane Regional High School on Wednesday Dec. 18, for the "always tough" dual meet against that tough opponent, losing 50-24.

Starting with the 145 lbs. weight class, Pinkerton's Marcus Sconza was able to win by decision (9-4) over Timberlane's Braden Perras, to give his Astros a quick 3-0 lead. Isaac Cohen followed in the 152 lbs. class where he was defeated by Adam Marquis of Timberlane, by a fall, and the Owl's took the lead 6-3.

In the 160 lbs weight class, PA's Jack MacKiernan answered back with a pin over Joseph Friel in a time of 2:00, which gave his team the lead again 9-3.

Next up, PA's Hunter Karol (170 lbs) was pinned

in two minutes by Timberlane's Brandon Musgrave rustling in a tie of 9-9.

Cameron Sylvester (182 lbs) of Pinkerton earned a quick pin against Cooper Kelly in just 41 seconds to retake the lead. The next few Astro wrestlers went on to earn points and found their rhythm. William Brown (195 lbs) beat Brendan Young in a 2-1 decision earning the squad three points. In the 220 lbs weight class Sterling McLaughlin earned six points with a pin over Niko Langlois in 3:14.

Things were looking good for Pinkerton, but Timberlane then started to take back the match. Timberlane's Malkai Colon pinned Ben Fairbank (285 lbs) in 3:56, Johnathon Fabrizio pinned Michael Follo (106 lbs), and Konrad Parker pinned Casey Phelan in the 113-weight class.

After that pinning rampage, Timberlane kept Pinkerton scoreless the rest of the night which resulted in a dominate 50-24 Timberlane win.

Pinkerton head coach David Rhodes was happy with how his squad started, but he knows they have to be consistent up and down the roster to be successful. "We started off strong with our heavy end of the lineup wrestling really well," said Rhodes. "But in the end you have to have strong lineups top to bottom to beat a team like Timberlane."

Pinkerton then traveled to Hollis-Brookline, for the 2019 Nor'Easter Invitational, where they faced off against Alvirne, Bedford, ConVal Regional, Hollis-Brookline, Mascenic Regional, Merrimack, and Plymouth high schools. Pinkerton was able to put their match against Timberlane behind them and



Pinkerton's David Hammon took first place in the 138 lbs weight class at the 2019 Nor'Easter Invitational last weekend at Hollis-Brookline. *Photo by Chris Paul*

take first place in that tournament.

In the 120 lbs weight class Pinkerton's Don Robinson earned second place while David Hammon won first place in the 138 lbs class. Jack MacKiernan (160 lbs) took first place and Will Brown placed second in the 220 lbs weight class along with Jake Scarelli who placed fourth in the 285 lbs class.

Then, after Christmas, on Friday Dec. 27, the Pinkerton wrestlers competed in the two-day Holiday Tournament in Lowell against 79 other teams from around the Northeast.

After the first day of competition, seven

Pinkerton wrestlers advanced to the second day. Jack MacKiernan of the 160 lbs class and Sterling McLaughlin (182 lbs) prepared for the quarterfinals while Dominic Robinson (120 lbs), David Hammond (138 lbs), Marcus Sconza (145 lbs), Issac Cohen (152 lbs), and Will Brown (195 lbs) got ready for consolation rounds.

The second day started with Issac Cohen and Will Brown falling to Southington and Shawsheen Tech opponents along with Dominic Robinson dropping his match to Fairfield Warde. Jack MacKiernan continued to perform well with a pin over a Simsbury Connecticut

wrestler to advance to the semifinals.

Sterling McLaughlin also advanced to the semifinals with a victory over Xaverian High School. When it came to the medal round results MacKiernan placed fifth in the 160 lbs weight class, and McLaughlin finished third (182 lbs).

The Pinkerton squad finished in the 20th spot with a score of 91. Springfield Central took first with a 177 and Timberlane was second at 151.

The Pinkerton Squad will host three other schools in a home Quad Meet on Saturday, Jan. 4.

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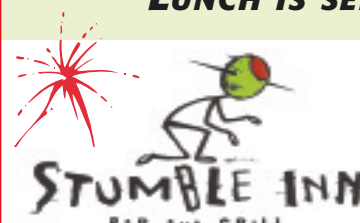
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Raising a Teenager? The

Upper Room holds a Parent & Caregiver Café (PaCC) Thursdays 6 - 7:30 p.m., located at 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. A free resource for parents, grandparents and caregivers rising teens. Discuss your concerns and learn strategies. New topics are introduced weekly. Drop-ins welcome.

Vaping and Your Health

The Upper Room, at 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry, will hold a Vaping and Your Health Workshop for Teens on the 1st Tuesday of the Month, 3 - 4:30 p.m. Teens will learn the risks of vaping and how it affects brain development, behavior and health as well as how to break the habit and replace it with healthier options.

Teen Talk

The Upper Room, at 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry, will hold a Teen Talk (TT) for ages 13-18: Every Tuesday from 3 - 4 p.m. An after school group for teens to talk, connect, relate and support each other. Drop-ins are welcome.

TIPS

The Upper Room holds TIPS (Teen Information for Parenting Success) a Support Program for young parents up to age 23. Every Wednesday from 5 - 7 p.m., at 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. Get in-school support, workshops, baby/toddler supplies, resources and a place to talk share and learn.

Early Childhood Educator Workshops

Co-Parenting for Educators Jan. 7, 6:30 - 8 p.m., at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. Learn how to help keep children as the focus when divorced, separated, relative and multiple caregiver families don't share similar views and values.

Snow & Ice Policy

The Department wishes to remind residents of the Town's Ordinance regarding parking and the placement of snow on the street. The Winter Parking

Ban is in effect from now - April 1. During that time, no person shall park any motor vehicle on any public road between midnight and 6 a.m. Any vehicle parked in violation will be towed. Vehicles towed shall be stored and released to the owner only upon payment of the cost of towing. No person is allowed to place any snow or ice upon the surface of the traveled portion of any Town maintained portion of road or highway. Blowing, shoveling or plowing snow into the street creates a very dangerous situation that can cause accidents. Any person violating this ordinance will be subject to a fine. Location of Mailboxes: As a friendly reminder, all mailboxes and newspaper boxes are allowed to be located within the Town right-of-way at the owner's risk. The removal of snow around mailboxes and maintenance of the mailbox and post are the responsibility of the owner. Residents are asked not to place any permanent or temporary structures, sprinkler heads or landscape items within the Town's right-of-way. The Town does not repair mailboxes damaged during snow removal operations. In addition, stakes, delineators or rocks placed at the edge of pavement can not be guaranteed for protection during the winter season.

Winter Parking Ban

The Town of Derry seeks to remind residents of the Winter Parking Ban in effect from now - April 1. The Town Ordinance prohibits parking on all street and all municipal parking lots between midnight - 6 a.m. Violators are subject to ticketing and/or towing of their vehicle. Any questions may be direct to the DPW Office at (603) 432-6144.

Story Hour with a Craft

A story hour with a themed craft is available for children ages 2 - 5 years old on Mondays at 10 a.m., 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.

Tiny Tots

A storytime for ages six months - two years meets Fridays at 10 a.m. at the Taylor Public Library. Space is limited so call the library at 432-7186 to register or with questions.

Raising a Teenager?

This free weekly resource group for parents, grandparents and caregivers rising teens, discuss concerns, learn strategies and get support at the Upper Room on Thursdays from 6 - 7 p.m. at 36 Tsienneto Rd., Derry. Drop-ins welcome.

Parents Support Group

Are you frustrated with your teenager or in need of support regarding your teenager? Does parenting your teenager mean you have new concerns about anger, defiance, motivation and trust? If so, you are not alone. Welcome to the club! Meet up with other parents at our Parents Support Group every Thursday night, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., at The Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Road, Derry. Meet other parents experiencing the same situations. No pre-registration is required. There is no fee, and all topics can be discussed. Call 603-437-8477 with any questions.

Transitions Support

The Upper Room offers Transitions support for young adults ages 18-25. Learn how to manage the "overwhelming" in a healthy way for you. We offer workshops, and 1:1 support, groups. For an appointment, call (603) 437-8477 ext. 24.

Derry Fun Night

Seacoast Division of the National Model Railroad Association is running their Derry Fun Night program. The program is held the second Friday night of each month, 7 - 9 p.m., at the Marion Garish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. We will set up a swap table so bring anything that you would want to give away, sell or swap. Remember, one man's junk is another man's treasure. If you are interested in model trains and would like to join other like-minded hobbyists from beginner to expert for a fun evening program come to

Derry Fun Night the second Friday of each month. For additional information go to the Division's website at seacoastnmra.org/calendar.

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.

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.

Walk with Me

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

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.

Walking Together

A support group for widows and widowers meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Manse at Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. When we meet, we walk together our journey

of grief. No need to do it alone. If you have any questions, please call 781-866-9976.

Lamplighters

A womans group with the goal of helping less fortunate woman and people in N.H. meets every fourth Thursday of the month 7 p.m. at Londonderry Presbyterian Church at 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support Group

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

IPS

The Upper Room offers Teen Information for Parenting Success for young parents ages 13-23, Wednesdays 5 - 7 p.m. A weekly support program for young parents to talk, listen, learn and be accepted. Childcare available. To register, call (603) 437-8477 ext. 12.

Derry Lions

The Derry Lions meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Marion Gerrish Community Center at 39 West Broadway, Derry. The Derry Lions are part of one of the largest civic organizations in the world. We are looking for new members to enable us to continue our support of the community. For decades, we have provided eye exams and eye glasses for needy members of the community. For more information contact us at derrylionsclub@gmail.com or google Lions International. We look forward to seeing you at a future meeting.

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