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Derry Cooperative School District Looks Hard at Budgets and Goals

MACK LEATHURBY
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Derry Cooperative School District met multiple times during the month of December. The regular meeting was held on December 16, as well as, budget workshop meetings during the month that were focused on goals and budget numbers for the next fiscal year.

The Nutfield News has previously reported on areas of the school district's budget discussions. There are still more points for residents to consider in order to further understand the context of the budget and goal

efforts that have been worked on by the district officials.

At the December 9th budget workshop meeting, the administration was tasked to submit a revised 2020-2021 budget with an increase of no more than \$2 million over the 2019-2020 budget. This required the administration to reduce their previously submitted budget draft numbers by \$3,079,201.03.

Superintendent Connors-Krikorian, noted that such hard cuts would significantly impact the district's goals of meeting students where they are and fulfilling the districts pillars of Learning-

Growth-Connection. The administration reviewed the budget document page by page to take a hard look at where to cut. If all proposed adjustments from that discussion were made, the total budget reduction for grades K-8 and Pinkerton Academy would be \$2,901,513.07, which would still be \$177,687.96 short of the request the District's Fiscal Advisory Committee had asked of the School Administration. This cutting effort made for a complex and difficult discussion for all the members and required further difficult considerations to find these reductions.

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Zoning Board Approves Variances for Office Development on Folsom Road

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At the January 2nd Derry Zoning Board meeting, Stinson Hills, LLC, with Robert LaMontagne, as their contact, requested 2 zoning ordinance variances to allow for signage to be located within 10 feet of the property line and within 10 feet of the future expanded right-of-way line of Folsom Road, at 14 Folsom Road.

Brian Pratt, from Fuss and O'Neil Civil Engineer represented Stinson Hills, LLC. Stinson Hills, LLC is a developer interested in building an 8-unit commercial office park area, primarily intended for medical offices, on Folsom Road near where the Salvation Army is currently located. That area and section of Folsom Road will be

altered over the coming years as the Exit 4a project will connect Route 93 to Derry and will be routed into the town using Folsom Road and Tsienneto Road across Derry. That section of town is expected to see a widening construction of the road area that will take place over the next couple of years and the variance request will be affected by that work, as the signage that is constructed may need to be moved accordingly as the road widening occurs. This office park project construction is currently under pre-construction efforts, design reviews and is not yet set with exact dates, though the project is likely to begin over the next year.

Fuss and O'Neil's, Pratt, read through the developers application for the Zoning Board contend-

ing that the request for the variance is in the spirit of the ordinance and meets all the variance criteria as per Town guidelines. Pratt said, "What we submitted originally showed the signage in the future location, if and when the Exit 4a widening occurs, but since we submitted - we understand the widening project may be delayed, so there's a chance we may wind up building this project before the widening takes place. We've added a design diagram (for your reference) to show the sign placement if the widening does not occur. We would rather build this project after the widening happens just because we don't want to put the tenants through the hassle of the road construction. The developer does have the luxury to wait a

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Recently hired Derry Police Officer Melissa Houde gets her badge pinned to her uniform by her father Josh Houde at a ceremony on Friday, Jan. 3 in the Derry Municipal Center. She was one of five new officers sworn in that day.

Photo by Chris Paul

Derry Police Welcome, Promote and Say Goodbye to Officers

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On Jan. 3, the Derry Police Department, led by Police Chief, Edward Garone, officially introduced 5 new officers and promoted three veteran officers in rank. The Chief also recognized two members of the department who are retiring. More than 70 family members, friends and fellow officers attended the special ceremony that took place at the Derry Municipal Center. Chief Garone said, "This is a wonderful

turnout and I very much appreciate those of you who had to travel a long way today. We will start off by recognizing those who have been promoted."

The Chief then called up Lieutenant Shawn O'Donahue. Lt. O'Donahue grew up in Hudson, New Hampshire and attended the University of New Hampshire - graduating with both bachelor and master's degrees. O'Donahue has been with the Derry police department since March 2008 and he has a twin brother Tim who serves with the Lon-

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Local Fire Chiefs Want You to be Aware About Ice Safety

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Ice safety during the winter is something not to take lightly. This time of year, those of us lucky enough to live in Southern New Hampshire spend a lot of time outside even on cold days and at times when weather conditions may be tough. Many of us are hardy and like to go skiing, ice skating, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, ice fishing and even hiking in the winter. And many of us have to get outside to shovel snow, deal with ice storms and have to walk or drive on black ice. And every year EMS and Fire Department Rescue teams save a lot of lives of people who are not prepared, aware of icy dangers or take risky actions in frosty environments that are filled with hidden hazards.

Battalion Chief / Chief of Operations, Scott Haggart, of the Derry Fire Department says every winter people sometimes don't pay enough attention to ice issues and get themselves in trouble by not using common sense. Chief Haggart says, "Ice safety is not really based on ice thickness numbers and if you are going to be out on bodies of ice you still have to be careful even when the ice is over 4-6 inches thick. That thickness may support a few people - who are not crowded together - but there are still a lot of variables even on thick

ice. Ice safety not only depends on thickness but also on the size of the water body, air temperature, water depth, and even the wind factors. Ice can be dangerously and deceptively thin in some bodies of water that are mixed with currents and springs."

Londonderry Battalion Chief, Fred Heinrich, says, "All icy areas have potential to be dangerous if people do not exercise good judgment. Snowmobiles and other kinds of OHRV (Off Highway Recreational Vehicles), require a minimum of 8 to 10 inches of clear ice for safety.

Every year or so, we have to deal with rescues often at night when a snowmobile finds open water instead of ice - water that is hidden from their vision under snow cover. It is also key to stay off the ice if there is ice along the shoreline that is cracked or mushy and where rocks warmed by the sun can weaken the surrounding ice." Heinrich says, "The key thing is - if you are outdoors in the winter near or on ice - be with a buddy so if there is an accident, someone can call us to report the problem. We have all the right equipment, resources and tools to save a life."

Derry Chief Haggart says, "And if someone falls through the ice, do not rush over to the hole of ice they are in. You must keep yourself safe and not become a

second victim. If you or someone around you has a phone - the first thing to do is to promptly call 911. If you must begin a rescue yourself, look for something like a rope, a tree branch - or a long pipe or board to use to reach the person who has fallen through the ice."

Ice safety experts say that you should spread your weight across the ice in a rescue situation. Then you should lay down flat and reach out to the victim with the branch or rope - or form a human chain lying flat on the ice back towards shore. Do not stand up on the ice even after you secured the person from the hole in the ice.

Chief Heinrich says that many of the rescues the Londonderry Fire Department is called to during the winter involve animals and often the animal victim can be someone's pet. Chief Heinrich says they like to save these animals, but they also rescue them to prevent people, without the right tools or expert awareness, from trying to save an animal or pet and exposing themselves to dangerous conditions. There are certainly some sad stories of pet owners becoming victims themselves trying to save their beloved pet. The key thing is to call 911 if you see an animal that has a problem on a body of ice or one that is impaired due weather conditions.

Last winter Londonderry

firefighters famously saved a Canadian goose that got stuck in the ice on a semi-frozen pond.

Another problem during the winter is that after the first winter storms people to often take the weather for granted and don't pay attention and are not prepared for places layered with black ice like roads, sidewalks, parking lots or stairways. Drivers need to show common sense and awareness in icy weather with patient driving techniques that allow more space between their vehicles to stop.

Derry's Chief Haggart says, "Winter time here in NH is a fun time and it is key for folks to stay safe by using common sense in icy situations."



Beaver Lake in Derry has a layer of snow still covering the thin layer of ice.
Photo by Chris Paul

Space Heaters Responsible for 4 in 5 Home Heating Fatalities

PAUL J. PARISI
STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Did you know that nearly half of home heating fires happen in winter tend to involve space heaters, and the deadliest fires happen when heaters are too close to things that can burn - like clothing, bedding or furniture?

Give space heaters plenty of space, and follow manufacturer's instructions closely when using any type of heating equipment. That includes the furnace, wood or pellet stove, or any portable heater.

There are many types of supplemental heaters, including electric, propane, or oil/kerosene, and variations within those categories - convection, radiant and combination. Each can be dangerous and some aren't

meant for indoor use. Those that aren't electric can quickly replace clean air with deadly carbon monoxide.

Important Safety Tips:

1. Know what kind of unit you have and make sure you're familiar with the manufacturer's instructions.

2. Put it on a flat surface where it can't be easily knocked over-not on top of a table or chair.

3. Inspect cords - make sure the heater's power cord is not frayed or damaged. If the power cord feels hot to the touch, don't use the heater. Call an electrician to inspect it.

4. Prevent electrocution by keeping heaters away from water.

5. Make sure children stay away from an open heater.

6. Monitor heaters while

in use - turn off and unplug if leaving the area.

7. Keep space heaters away from walkways, exits, or congested areas.

8. Plug heater cords directly into an outlet. Do NOT run the power cord underneath carpets, rugs or furniture.

9. Make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly.

10. Check your town's website or call to see if they have additional ordinances related to space heaters.

11. Do not simply remove a heater from its packaging and turn it on. If your instructions have found their way to the trash, look for the unit's make and model number - you can often find the manufacturer's operating instructions online.

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Further discussions included considerations of reductions of one kindergarten teacher and assistant, a kindergarten special education assistant, two teaches in Grades 1-5, elimination of about 7 PACE (advance studies) teachers and a special education facilitator, and lastly the two home-to-school coordinators. Costs of one elementary special education teacher and one DEEP (Derry Early Education Program) teacher would then be moved to federal project funding. However, given the strong support for Derry to provide free, full-day kindergarten to all age-appropriate students, removing such staffing appeared to be counter-intuitive to most members.

One of the reduction areas that came forward

concerned the town's tuition numbers with Pinkerton Academy. In discussion there was a view that by reducing student numbers for Pinkerton Academy and reducing special education resources, an additional \$546,900 would give the total budget a reduction of \$2,901,513.07.

School Board Chair, Dan McKenna, stated these numbers are currently over-budgeted around Pinkerton student tuitions and that he would like to see \$100,000 removed from that line item due to under spending of Pinkerton Academy special education. School Board member, Brenda Willis, said she is also in favor of making budget reductions in this area.

Board member, Erika Cohen suggested a revised overall budget that would show what the schools require for budget to meet

district goals. She felt that the community needs to hear what is really needed – and she suggested the district could justify those needs. Dr. Moody believes the near final budget rework is close to where the district should be.

There was overall agreement among the members to continue support for full-day Kindergarten, while giving strong

attention toward building maintenance and infrastructure issues, which will end up costing the district double or triple the amount if they are pushed off into the future.

Dr. Connors-Krikorian reviewed the 2020-2021 Kindergarten pre-registration numbers at each elementary school compared with this time last year. She is anticipating 18 full-day

kindergarten classrooms, or there must be a reduction, 17 classroom Kindergarten teachers. The current student distribution is not complete or equal across town at this time, so it is hard to say that the district can reduce cost in this program by eliminating one or two teachers.

School Board member, Lynn Perkins, was concerned about increasing class sizes in the district and the immediate impact class size increases have on the student population. Perkins said, "We keep looking at cutting personnel, but we never look at administrative reductions. It may be time to restructure. If we are cutting because we must, we should not cut classroom teachers. Someone must do more work, and it will be teachers and administrators, but we need to look at the entire spectrum of per-

sonnel instead of just looking at classroom teachers."

Overall making budget cuts to meet numbers is not only a tough task, but the District is at a critical point where students need quality support and the State continues to pull resource support for the state schools.

The School Board of the Derry Cooperative School District will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 6:30 PM, at the West Running Brook Middle School Cafeteria to consider the proposed 2020-2021 School District budget.

The final budget work will be presented in a Session I Deliberative session for Derry residents on Saturday, February 8, 2020, 10:00 AM, at West Running Brook Middle School Gymnasium and for a ballot vote on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

OBITUARY

Christopher Henry Berntsen

Christopher Henry Berntsen, 58, of Derry, NH. Though his heart was filled with love and always true, it worked too hard for too long and it took its last beat on Jan. 4, 2020. Chris was a wonderful father and loving husband to his wife Susan for 38 years. He loved his family, and always put them first. Among Chris' many passions in life his Harley topped the list, he was a lifelong member of H.O.G. He was also an avid car enthusiast and was fascinated with anything that had an engine, he could drive anything and drive you anywhere. Chris loved music and he was passionate about life. He had a great sense of humor and brought light and laughter to those fortunate enough to be in his life. He was a good man.

He is survived by his wife Susan (Dumais) Berntsen of Derry, NH; his son, Christopher H. Berntsen I of Weare, NH; his daughter, Alicia M. Berntsen of Derry, NH; three brothers, Harold Berntsen and his wife Gabriel of Germany, Michael Berntsen and his wife Susan of Manchester, NH, and Shawn Berntsen and his wife Katie of Raymond, NH; two sisters, Frances LeLacheur and her husband John of Massachusetts and his sister Ann Berntsen as well as several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his wife's family who loved him very much. He was predeceased by his father Harold, his mother Mary (Dyer) Berntsen and two sisters, Cathleen McElroy and Helen Marie Richards.

Following cremation, a memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the NH Humane Society, 1305 Meredith Center Rd., Laconia, NH 03246 or to the Disabled American Veterans, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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 were held on Thursday, Jan. 2, from 4 - 8 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. A private burial was held 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/>.

OBITUARY

Jane Flather Benson



Jane Flather Benson, 89, of Derry, NH, died Thursday Jan. 2, 2020 in Windham Terrace in Windham, NH.

Following cremation, a calling hour will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18 from 10 - 11 a.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The family requests that attendees please arrive closer to 10 a.m.

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Editorial

King's Dream Today

January 20 is set aside to honor the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a man known for his historic "I Have a Dream" speech made 57 years ago in August. It was a moment that would forever change the United States of America.

After the historic March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, King stood before a sea of 250,000 people gathered below the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. He rose to the occasion, departing from his prepared speech to deliver a passionate message, words that would become the most pivotal and signature moment of the civil rights movement. King used his spirit and exceptional speaking skills to prompt United States citizens to begin transforming their views on race. Though there have been strides made since, sadly his dream is not yet fully realized.

King set in motion the forces for change. So long as there are more of us who believe in this change, this dream for equality and acceptance can still be realized. Unlike a lot of the influencers of today's political climate, King did not necessarily want to be the center of attention. In fact, the spotlight made him quite uncomfortable, but he did whatever was needed to propel the movement. King made every effort to let his message be the focus, not himself. Having a background as a preacher, this humility helped him understand that a lesson should have more substance than style.

King's message was powerful, and yet it was simple. It was rooted in the American ideal: equality, opportunity, and justice for all, and for America to realize that in all things we are truly created equal. He fought, peacefully, for acceptance among all people and among all economic levels, and for all Americans to have the chance to pursue the American Dream.

Sadly, King's message still falls on some deaf ears over half a century later. Still, if he were alive today, King would not abandon his vision for America. He would double his efforts to counter the violence and hatred through more peaceful demonstrations, knowing that fighting fire with fire would only end in disaster. This is an example we should strive to live by.

Nearly six decades later, in today's heated and delicate political climate, King's dream faces obstacles, just as it did on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial that historic day. But, much like the spirit Martin Luther King Jr. had, it will overcome and endure whatever the times have to throw in its way. It must!

Though his life was tragically cut short, King's dream for America lives on through those of us who believe in what is right. To those who keep this dream alive, this is a time more than ever to follow King's lead and be an example for good, to never give up, and to work towards an America that will one day see this dream fully realized.

Caregivers Plan for 15th Annual Potters Bowl Feb. 1st

MACK LEATHURBY
NUTFIELD NEWS

On Saturday, February 1st, Community Caregivers of Greater Derry is hosting their 15th Annual Potter's Bowl fundraiser from 5-8PM at the Pinkerton Academy Freshman Cafeteria in Derry, NH.

The Potter's Bowl event has become regionally famous as a night of fun, a charity auction, for artisan crafts, community spirit and also for the many different soups available to taste. The event is also for a great benefit, organized by the non-profit Community Caregivers of Greater Derry, which is dedicated to serving the elderly and disabled in the Southern NH area.

For \$40, patrons are able to pick out a handcrafted pottery bowl donated by NH artists and then enjoy many different soups as well as delicious breads and desserts donated by restaurants in the Greater Derry area. In an effort to encourage more families with children, tickets for kids under age 12 are just \$15.

To purchase tickets to the event, please visit <https://pottersbowl.eventbrite.com>.

Processing fees have been absorbed by the agency this year as a thank you for ordering online.

Community Caregivers Executive Director, Cindee Tanuma told us, "Please note the change this year that tickets are only going to be sold through eventbrite — online."

The pottery bowls for the soup come from artists all over NH. To make the event even more family friendly the bowls are typically designed just for kids. Community Caregivers is enticing attendees to come out

with more than just some "chicken soup for the soul" with big night of family friendly events.

A pottery wheel demonstration will be taking place in the hour prior to the event that will be conducted by a skilled craftsman. When the event starts, there will be a lot going on — featuring a 50/50 raffle, musical entertainment, a photo booth, a silent auction, and the world-famous Red Star Twirlers will again be serving at the event.

Auction items donated from artists and craftsmen from all over New England include oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings, matted photography, books, wooden crafts, clothing and hand-crafted jewelry.

We spoke with children's book artist, Cheri Pellegrino Khorram who has donated copies of her popular child's book "Snow Day? No Way!" for the auction. Khorram says, "I am a full-time artist in addition to being a children's book author so this charity event involving other local artists is meaningful to me. I especially love that the donations from the auction go directly to the elderly and disabled residents."

Her book "Snow Day? No Way!" was inspired by the winter of 2014 that brought a whopping 100" of snow to us that season. She says, "While I was out snow blowing during the storm, all I could think about was how much school the children in my neighborhood were going to miss that year due to the snow. I thought about how happy they must be at having a few snow days, but after several days of not seeing their friends the thought of even more snow days might have the exact opposite effect."

Everyone involved looks forward to the Potter's Bowl because it sheds a light on their mission while bringing the community together. Call Community Caregivers at 432-0877 for more information or visit <https://communitycaregivers.org>.

It is not too late to donate

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Derry Police Chief Ed Garone swears in five new officers. Photos by Chris Paul



Garone bids farewell to retiring officers Lt. Dan Beattie and Officer Jeff Pike.

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donderry Police Department.

Officer O'Donahue has assisted the department as an instructor for different force-of-use training work. He has supported department instruction on the use of Tasers, OC (Pepper) spray, batons, ground fighting and defensive tactics. Garone told the audience, "What you want to take away from that is don't fool around with him."

O'Donahue had previously served as a field training officer, as a detective and had been promoted in Derry to sergeant in 2013. Since then he has been an active member of the regional SWAT team for the Southern New Hampshire special operations unit. He also works within the community as an active shooter instructor for the Derry School District, the Hospital and other community businesses. O'Donahue was promoted to lieutenant effective Sept. 8, 2019.

Next up for promotion recognition was Sgt. Jared

Knox who began his police career in 2008. He completed a degree in 2009 in criminal justice at University of Massachusetts-Lowell and embarked that year on his police career.

In Oct. 2012, Knox transferred to the Derry police department where he has served as a field-training officer, firearms instructor and as an operator of a Southern New Hampshire special operations unit. Knox has received specialized training in homicide investigations, crime scene processing and is FAA Part 107 certified as a drone pilot. Sgt. Knox was promoted to the rank of sergeant effective Aug. 25, 2019.

Chief Garone also recognized Sgt. Patrick Dawson for promotion. Dawson graduated from Plymouth State University with both a bachelor and master's degrees in criminal justice administration; Dawson started his police career in 2009.

Dawson is also a member of the departments bike unit and has acted as a field-training officer for well over a dozen officers. In addition,

Dawson is a crisis negotiator for the Southern New Hampshire special operations unit. He was promoted to Sergeant effective Sept. 8, 2019.

As each officer was recognized for their promotion during the ceremony, their mothers were called upon to pin badges on their son's uniforms. Next Garone said, "Today marks the first time we have a group of recruits and recent graduates who are being sworn in at the same time. This is a new program we have embarked upon where we take individuals and streamline them through the process. I can tell you that the very best are standing here right now looking at you."

Derry Police has now moved to a new in-house

training program and hiring process as a way to get new hires on board as they wait for police academy session dates. Garone has pointed out that the old process of swearing in officers had left officers waiting, and that some ended up taking jobs with other departments. Garone said, "Hiring has become a very tedious process frankly. It takes a lot of time, and a lot of work."

Garone introduced new Police Officers Melissa Houde, Thomas Lyons, Casey Noyes, Brendan Holden and Kristina Banahan during a swearing in ceremony at the Derry Municipal Center on Friday. Houde and Lyons both graduated on Dec. 20 from the state police academy and Noyes, Holden and Banahan are now starting their NH

state academy training.

Chief Edward Garone gave retirement badges and certificate to two retiring officers - Lt. Dan Beattie and Officer Jeff Pike telling the audience, "I would be remiss if I didn't say both Lt. Beattie and Officer Pike have left a mark on the department." Beattie began a police career in Derry in 1996, and has spent the past several years in the administrative services bureau supervising the hiring process, training, records and community relations. Pike spent 19 years in Derry on police duty and he was a part-time officer for Newton in 1996 and later worked

full-time in Atkinson and Candia. Pike became the Derry Police department's first child passenger safety technician; he also supported the accident reconstruction unit and was assigned as an administrative officer to support the department's services division.

Derry still has four Police Officer vacancies left to fill, and Garone has pointed out that it's become very difficult to keep up with the rate of attrition amid a statewide labor shortage. So if you are interested in a Police career, now is a good time to contact the Derry Police Department to check it out.

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Ruth Marilyn Smith



Ruth Marilyn (Farrell) Smith, 94, of Derry, NH, passed away Sunday, Dec. 29, 2019, in the Wentworth Douglass Hospital, Dover, NH. Ruth was born in Somerville, MA to Robert W. Farrell & M. Mildred (Johnson) Farrell on Jan. 16, 1925. She graduated from Somerville High School in 1942. She followed a Commercial course, was a member of the Swimming Club, & her hobby was collecting miniature horse figurines. She also loved art & was very talented. Her class nickname was "Boots".

As a young girl, Ruth helped her grandfather in Somerville, fill bags of tea for his customers, & also helped him count money. In her youth, she enjoyed horseback riding at her uncle's farm in Salem, & She loved visiting the family farm (Highland View Farm) in Windham. But her favorite place was her mother's cottage on Cobbetts Pond, which is where she met Paul R. Smith, her future husband. Ruth said of Paul, that she had met her prince.

Ruth worked for the John Hancock company in Boston after graduation until she married Paul. She & Paul, a Captain in the military, were married after the war on June 3, 1945. Together they traveled to CA. & TX., before returning to NH. They settled in Windham for a short time, then made their home in Derry.

While in Windham, Ruth became a charter member of the Wind-ites in 1948 - 1951. She was on the Dramatic Committee & she was one of the hostesses for a program called "Build for Tomorrow", on April 30, 1951.

Ruth was a loving mother to 3 children, Debbie, Paul, Jr. & Dale. She was very supportive of their interests in music, dance, scouts, Demolay, & was active in church activities. Ruth volunteered to be a Den Mother for a group of Cub Scouts, was part of the mothers group in Demolay, supported her daughter in dance, & volunteered to help the youth groups in the church. Ruth also supported her husband in his military career organizing various events. It is a testament to her for the way she raised her children since they were all college graduates & have all been successful. Ruth is grandmother to Amy Ladieu Campbell & Sarah Ladieu Ratti, Andrea Smith Gagne and Christopher Smith. She is also great grandmother to Marley, Bode & Finnian Gagne.

In 1961, Ruth canvassed for the Alexander Eastman Hospital (now Parkland) building fund to add a new wing. She also was an active participant in canvassing for a new building for her church, the Church of the Transfiguration, in Derry. Paul was very proud of her doing so much for the community & setting a great example for her children.

Ruth was a member of the Derry Historical Society in 1993. Ruth loved history & began actively researching her own genealogy. Her diligence led her back to the Mayflower. Because of her interest, it sparked an interest in her children to continue to follow the history of the family. For that we are grateful.

Ruth was a much loved wife, mother, grandmother & great grandmother. We will miss her more than words can express. We all love you, mom. Sleep well.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 65 years, Col. Paul Richard Smith in 2011, & her sister, Mildred E. Farrell in 2008.

A Calling hour were held on Saturday, Jan. 4, from 3 - 4 p.m. with a service at 4 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. The burial will be in the spring at Cemetery on the Hill, Range Rd., Windham, NH. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity on one's choice in lieu of flowers.

Zoning

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few months if necessary, for this construction to finish."

The Zoning Board discussed the design plans and the signage placement with the requester. The plan would put the signage about 3 feet from a property boundary area and 11 feet from the right of way. It was noted that the complete design plans as submitted are working their way through the entire planning process including the Derry Planning Board for review. The zoning board would only be considering the signage variance as requested at this point in time. There was no public opposition that came forward at the meeting for this request.

During the deliberative section by the members,

the zoning board discussed that this office park is likely to have heavy usage and there was minor concern about the size of the driveway area with a signage location. However it was noted that the signage placement, as represented, would be well positioned, including for snow plowing and delivery trucks. The zoning board felt the signage plan and variance request for this first variance request was straight forward and approved the variance subject to all state and local permits/permissions.

The second variance request was for a signage size requirement. The issue is that this lot has a small public street frontage area of 50 feet and that would limit the signage size to 100 square feet in size. The issue by the

requestor was to make the sign show the names of the different businesses with good sizing so that those looking for a specific business could easily find the locations. A local resident who lives across the street from this location came forward at the public hearing to support the variance request — as she said the residential neighborhood across the street would only want to support a professional looking sign design.

She had been shown such in the design provided.

Most of the board members felt that this variance request for the signage sizing was reasonable also. The board then approved the request with an amendment that stated that no single sign could exceed 8 square feet for each tenant unit and 16 square feet total for each building unit and that the total signage for the whole office park could not exceed 200 square feet.

OBITUARY

M. Frances Fayles



M. Frances Fayles, 90, of Derry, NH, died Thursday Jan. 2, 2020 in the Pleasant Valley Nursing Center in Derry. She was born in Saugus, MA on Nov. 30, 1929, a daughter of the late Dewitt and Isabella (Gormley) Dow.

She had been a resident of Derry for the past 36 years, formerly living in Lynnfield, MA.

She is survived by six children, Russell A. Fayles and his wife Karen M. of Lynn, MA, Barbara Schrepfer and her husband John of Lynn, MA, Beverly A. Burke and her husband Alan J. of Chester, NH, Karen Tulloch and her husband William of N. Attleboro, MA, Susan M. Fayles of Derry, NH, and Sherry McKinnon of Salem, NH; 14 grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and several great great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Albert M. Fayles in 1993, and three grandchildren, Russell Fayles, Jr., Michael McKinnon and Luke Cipolletti.

At the request of the family, all services will be private. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Compassionate Care Hospice, 18 Orchard View Dr. Unit 4, Londonderry, NH 03053.

OBITUARY

Helen C. Connelly

Helen C. Connelly, 79, of Derry, NH, died Thursday Jan. 2, 2020 in her home. She was born in Eufaula, AL on Aug. 14, 1940, a daughter of the late Luther and Jessie (Pittman) King. Prior to Derry, she had resided in Massachusetts and Pittsview, AL. Helen "Nana" was an avid Boston sports fan and was always up to date on the latest team standings. She enjoyed cooking and making meals for her family, playing bingo, listening to Cher and Bette Midler, playing scrabble, raising her parakeet Sydney, and lived to make others happy. Nana was adventurous, always ready to try something new. Her courage, strength, and determination have inspired all who know her. She will be missed by all of her friends and family, including her granddog Ellie and grandcat Bella.

She is survived by her two granddaughters, Jaime Zulli and Jessica Zulli, son in-law Alejandro of Campton, NH, sister Linda Wilkinson, brother Earl King, and other extended family. She was predeceased by her son Robert (Wayne) Connelly in 1982, and her daughter Susan B. Zulli in 2017.

Following cremation, a memorial service will be held at a later date. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements.

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DERRY SPORTS

PA Girls' Basketball Get Coach Buskey's 100th Win

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Girls Varsity Basketball hosted the second home game of the season against Portsmouth High School on Friday, Jan. 3, and cruised their way to a 42-27 win. The victory also marked head coach Lani Buskey's 100th career win as an Astro mentor.

The game started with some quick turnovers by both teams along with Pinkerton playing great defense. Portsmouth struggled to find an open look, and struggled to control the ball, giving the Lady Astros a 10-2 lead. Adding to that, Avah Ingalls scored back-to-back beautiful lay-ups, one of which was assisted by Jesse Ames.

The first quarter ended in

a 12-6 Pinkerton lead.

The next quarter started by both teams handling the ball without care, but Pinkerton maintained some pretty stellar defense. Jesse Ames had another great steal and score which put her squad up 16-7 and forced a Portsmouth timeout with 3:50 left on the clock. The first half ended with another great steal by Pinkerton's defense and Jesse Ames assisted Alyssa DiMauro on a bucket to make their lead 20-11.

The start to the second half was exciting as both teams were trading buckets for the first several minutes. Portsmouth started with a quick inside score, then Allison Ingalls responded with a three-pointer, along with Portsmouth hitting a three of their own on the very next

possession, making it a 23-16 game.

Avah Ingalls continued her great play with two consecutive three-pointers to answer back and Pinkerton went on to hold Portsmouth scoreless after their last three-pointer and led 33-18 heading into the 4th.

In the final quarter, Portsmouth remained scoreless until the 6:40 mark when they went to the foul line. The Astros found themselves struggling to find an offensive groove at that point, turning the ball over several times, with Portsmouth playing much better defense. Avah Ingalls put the game completely out of reach when she assisted Casey Ames on a wide open lay up which led to the 42-27 victory.

Buskey was happy with

the win, but took a moment to appreciate what she has accomplished as a coach, and making it clear, she didn't do it on her own. "100 is nice but I'm real enough to know I've been blessed with tons of talent. I would like to take credit for it, but I've probably earned one of those the girls I've had over the last six to seven years they've done it for me," said Buskey.

After a tough loss to Manchester Central just before the holiday break, and having competed in the holiday tournament, the girls had a whole new mindset for the season. "We're learning, we took a rough loss to Central and then we go to Christmas tournament and work things out. Today they called it upon themselves it was awesome the pre-talk they said we have to come out aggressive we have to do this and they're holding themselves accountable."

After the win, Buskey also added, "When you do that you grow and I have zero complaints holding them to 11 points in the first half is good defense, puts you in a good place to win."



Pinkerton senior forward Jesse Ames fights between two Portsmouth Players to get a layup during the teams Friday night game last week. Photo by Chris Paul

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Astro's Girls Ice Hockey Split Against Unbeaten Teams

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls' Ice Hockey team faced two undefeated teams over the weekend, winning one by goal, and losing another by three.

On Saturday night, Jan. 4, the Lady Astro squad faced the always-tough Concord High School Crimson Tide, at the Everett Arena in Concord and lost in a tough 7-4 battle.

Jordan Wasiejko and Molly Fahey scored the first two goals quite quickly in the first period putting Pinkerton up 2-0, but Concord answered very quickly also, and after one period the Astros trailed 3-2.

Pinkerton was put into a much more defensive position in the second period, where they were held score-

less. Concord, on the other hand, netted two more, putting them up 5-2 heading into the final period.

In the third, Fahey and Wasiejko both found the back of the net again, but Concord proved to be too tough, scoring two more in the period, resulting in 7-4 PA loss.

Despite the loss, Head Coach Scott Dunn, was impressed with how his girls fought in the game. "The girls played outstanding, with goalie Kylie Coupal recording 20 plus saves," said Dunn.

The next day, at home on Sunday, Jan. 5, at Tri-Town Arena in Hooksett the PA girls' took on another undefeated team, Oyster River/Portsmouth High School. The girls put on a great performance and were able to take down one of the

division's first place teams in a very close 4-3 win.

Spencer St. Pierre got things started for Pinkerton with a goal in the first period assisted by Jordyn Wasiejko. Oyster River scored with four seconds left in the first on a power play goal to tie the game at 1-1 after one period.

The Lady Astro's came out firing in the second segment, with Wasiejko scoring a goal assisted by Madison Gibeault. Molly Fahey got her third goal of the weekend, finding the back of the net with an assist by Kelsey Levesque and Gibeault.

Pinkerton entered the final period with a 3-1 lead. Fahey scored Pinkerton's last goal with the help of Levesque and Oyster River scored two late goals to keep things interesting, but the Lady Astro's were able



Sophomore Molly Fahey gets a break away goal in the first period against Concord on Saturday. This was her first of four goals over the weekend. Photo by Chris Paul

to hang on for the win. Goaltender Kylie Coupal had a career night, with 25 shots on net for the first

time, and she saved 22 of those shots.

The Lady Astros squad will hit the ice again on

Wednesday, Jan. 8, versus Souhegan High School at Tri-Town Arena after Nutfield News went to print.

Pinkerton Boys' Hockey Starts New Year with Dominant Win

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton's Varsity Hockey team has strung together two strong victories after being edged out in the team's first games of the season. The first two contests were decided by one goal leads, Trinity won the first 4-3, then PA handed Nashua North-Souhegan a 4-3 loss.

At the Pinkerton Boys third game of the season, on Friday, Jan. 3, took on

Bishop Brady High School at Tri-Town Arena in Hooksett, and the Astro's had themselves a day, as they cruised to a 7-1 victory.

The first period was a bit slow with both teams, only having a goal each. Senior Joseph Marra scored for Pinkerton assisted by Aiden Price to finish the first tied 1-1.

The second period is where the squad went on a scoring rampage when Mason Drouin started the scoring with an unassisted

goal. Ethan Burgess joined in and scored a goal of his own, assisted by Price and Brett Levesques. Brett Levesque added to the total, assisted by Price, and Price had an unassisted goal of his own to cap off the scoring in that period, giving Pinkerton a 5-1 lead heading into the final period.

Marra had his second goal of the game, unassisted, in the final period along with junior Evan Samiotes scoring his very first varsity goal to cap off Pinkerton's 7-1

victory.

The squad was scheduled to play again on

Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Everett Arena in Concord to press. They will then take on face the Crimson Tide, after Bow High School (1-3).

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Local Runners Compete in Annual Millennium Mile Race

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

The 21st annual Millennium Mile Road Race had just over 1,400 runners sprinting down Mammoth Road on Wednesday, Jan. 1, to participate in the one mile run from Londonderry High School to just past Mack's Apples Farm Stand. Runner from all around the New England states showed up to start their new year with a brisk dash through the center of town.

Out of the 1,430 runners, 22-year-old Warren Bartlett, of Loudon, broke away from the pack, and was the first place finisher with a final time of 4:04.9. Following about 10 seconds behind, in second place, was 18-year-old Jeffrey Allen of Litchfield, with a time of 4:14.2 and the third overall finisher was 24-year-old Kyle Morrison of West Lebanon and his one mile time of 4:16.1.

The first female to cross the finish line was Cassandra

Marin 30, of Merrimack at 4:54.2, the next female was 24-year-old Sara Vannah from White River Junction, VT (5:04.4), and the third was Marie Morrier, 23, from Chelmsford, Mass with her mile time being 5:11.8.

Three Derry residents managed to place within the top 90 runners with youngster 14-year-old Jason Rzasa leading the way for Derry by placing 63rd overall (5:28.7), 32-year-old Michael Gendreau was the second Derry resident in

74th place (5:37) and Shawn Loiselle, 30, of Derry placed 90th with a mile time of 5:47.5.

A young 11-year old Sarah Rzasa was the first female Derry resident to finish as she placed 134th overall (6:05.4), 56 year-old Carolyn Morgenstern was the second Derry resident to finish as she took 158th place (6:15.1), and 14 year-old Bailey Yager was the third fastest Derry runner as she placed 174th with a mile time of 6:21.8.



Warren Bartlett



Kassandra Marin

Pinkerton Academy Boys Basketball Starts Season at 0-2

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

It's beginning to look like a long tough road for the Pinkerton Academy Boys Basketball team, as the first two Division I games of the season saw overwhelming losses. The season started with a 77-229 loss to Exeter, followed by a 61-43 loss to Portsmouth High School.

But over the holiday break, the Astros competed in Massachusetts at the Lowell Holiday Tournament that took place at Lowell Catholic High School from Friday, Dec. 27 to Monday Dec. 30th. The team's first game in that tourney was against Billerica High losing a tough one 71-38. Jimmy

Flynn scored 13 points, while Cam Leppert had nine, Declan Conroy (5), Andy McDonald (3), Tyrone Chinn (3), Will Warriner (3), and Mike Packowski had two points. Flynn had two three-pointers and the squad shot 6-19 from behind the arc.

On Sunday, Pinkerton suffered another loss, this time to Pelham High School 56-46. The Astros only scored eight points in the first quarter shot a total 12-36 from the field. Flynn led the game in scoring again with 13, Conroy had 12, Jusin Dunne (8), Packowski (8), MacDonald (3), and Andy Bolduc had two. Dunne had a pair of three-pointers along with Conroy

and Flynn having one each.

Their third and final game of the tournament was against Windham High School and the Astros were able to get salvage a win with a 53-49 victory. The squad jumped out to a 21-14 lead after one and continued to play well offensively. MacDonald ended up with 14 points, Flynn had 12, Dunne (12), Conroy (10), Packowski (3), and Warriner (2). Dunne had another pair of three-pointers both Flynn and MacDonald had three's of their own.

The boys then started the new year with a road trip to Portsmouth on Friday, Jan 3, but suffered another tough loss 61-43 putting them at 0-2 on the season.

Portsmouth proved to be too big of an offensive force, and made scoring tough for the Astros.

Andy MacDonald led the team in scoring with 12 points and both Conroy and

Dunne had six points. Leppert had five, Miguel Mejia (5), Flynn (4), Bolduc and Anthony Chinn had two points.

The team's first home game was set for Tuesday,

Jan. 7, against Dover (2-0) after the Nutfield News press time. Their second home game of the young season will be on Friday, Jan. 10 against Salem (1-1).

Bowlers Battled Hard But Come Up Short

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Varsity and JV Bowling teams traveled to Merrimack Ten Pin again on Saturday, Jan. 4, as they faced Bishop Guertin and Hillisboro-Deering High Schools. The Varsity squad's day didn't go as well as planned, since they only earned eight points.

Pinkerton started the day when they took the top seed and earned a bye for the baker round after their standard ten pin total of 1813. They had a score of 842 in the first game and a 971 in the second game.

Connor Grimard rolled

games of 148 and 131 along with Colby Wong bowling a 123 and 186. Captain Bryant Nourse had two great games of 178 and 170 while Lance Lemieux bowled a 176 and an impressive 247 with seven strikes in a row. Harry Michaud rolled a Greta 271 and a smooth 237. Second seeded Bishop Guertin faced third seed Hillisboro-Deering in the first round of baker winning the match. Pinkerton had a tough time losing the first game 158-177. The Astros never gave up as they came back to win the second game 167-157, but then lost the third game in a close one 173-170.

The JV team did all they could with only having three team members on the day. They totaled 789 in the standard ten pin with games of 411 and 378. Johnathan Scott bowled games of 124 and 157, then Jarod Wong rolled a 150 and 127. Mike Fiandaca had games of 137 and 94 which lead to Pinkerton facing Bishop Guertin in the baker match. The Astro's took two out of three games with scores of 135-108 and 139-95. Pinkerton will play again on Saturday Jan. 11th as they will take on Goffstown and Spaulding High Schools at Dover Bowl in Dover.



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PA Indoor Track Starts New Year with First Place Wins

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton's Boys' and Girls' Varsity Indoor Track teams traveled to The University of New Hampshire again on Saturday, Jan. 4, and competed against Concord, Londonderry, Keene, Bedford, Lebanon, and Hanover High Schools. The boys finished in first place with a score of 97.50 points and the girls finished first as well with 77 points.

Boys

In the boys 55-meter dash, Astro Benjamin Fleming placed first with a time of 6.69, with Ryan Dane coming in third (6.90), Patrick Cotnoir fourth (6.99), Kyle Walker fifth (7.03), and Jacob Spezzaferri placed sixth with a 7.27.

In the 300-meter, Kyle Walker took second place (39.27), Vernon MacPhee

fourth (41.01) and Alexander LeBlanc sixth (41.35). Moving to the 600-meter run, Pinkerton's Jackson Cappello placed third (1:36.15) and Thoe Davis eighth (1:38.81).

In the 1,000-meter run Zach Plaza finished third (2:41.51) and Nolan Preble placed fifth with a 2:47.15 run time. For the 1,500-meter run Stephen Connelly came in third (4:21.85), Luke Brennan fourth (4:27.75), and Ethan Charles fifth (4:39.05).

Nathan Steiger placed sixth (10:09.20) in the 3,000-meter run, and Elias Brodeur finished ninth (10:39.43). For the 55-meter hurdles, Jayson Choy came in fourth (8.66) and Kyle Phair placed sixth (9.13). The 4x160 meter relay had Pinkerton placing first (1:16.78) and they also finished first in the 4x400 meter relay with a final time of 3:44.39.

For the high jump, Colton Boursier came in fifth (5'6") and Alexander Gibeau placed sixth with a score of 5'.

For the long jump Ryan Dane came in second (19'11.75"), Jacob Spezzaferri third (18'9.5") and Patrick Cotnoir fourth (17'7.75").

PA's George Nigro III placed second in shot put, with a distance of 39'8" and Joseph DeMartino placed third with 38'6" score.

Girls

For the girls squad, in the 300-meter dash, Macy Graves came in first (45.36), Sierra Edgecomb fifth (47.33), Madison Connors ninth (47.69), Jordan Wheaton 13th (49.32), and Brooke Johnson finished 17th with a time of 50.60.

Next was the 600 meter run where Astro's Emily Hood earned third place (1:52.89), Faith Mamos seventh (1:57.55) and Riley

Sweeney tenth (2:00.69).

Pinkerton's Macy Graves also took first place in the 1,000-meter run with a time of 3:13.18 while Mariesa Preble came in fourth with a time of 3:21.15.

For the 1,500-meter run Meghan Cross placed third (5:13.99) and Olivia Welch finished sixth for Pinkerton with a run time of 5:27.91.

Molly McGaffigan placing fourth in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 11:41.74.

In the 55-meter hurdles, Lillia Woods came in second with a time of 10.78 and Madison Connors finished third with a 10.83 run time.

Pinkerton also placed first in the 4x160 meter relay (1:31.64) and third in the 4x400 meter relay with a final time of 4:43.63.

For the high jump, Astro's Emily Lesburt came in first with a jump of 5'3", Isabelle Nelson 11th (4'4"), and Jillian Severance finished 13th with a score of

4'2".

Next, in the long jump, Marisa Douglas finished third (14'5.25"), Hailey Laskiewicz, eighth (13'8.25"), Meghan Peterson 13th (13'2.75") and Morgan Sweeney 14th (13'2.5").

Pinkerton's Adrianna Buccieri finishing third in shot put with a throw of 30'4.25", Alyssa Rzasz fourth (30'-1") and Briana Danis took fifth (29'2.75"). The Pinkerton squad will compete again on Friday, Jan. 10, at Dartmouth.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Dec. 29

Sophie Viger

Senior, Gymnastics

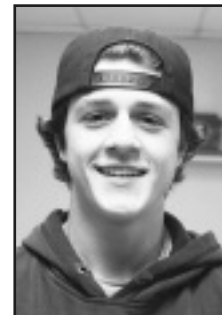
Sophia Viger led the PA Gymnastics team for the second meet in a row while clinching a first on bars and in the All Around. She also took second on vault and on beam. Viger's two weeks of strong efforts has really helped improved the team's overall performance.



Joseph Marra

Senior, Boys Ice Hockey

Joseph Marra scored two goals in the Astro Hockey squads win over Bishop Brady last week and helped lead the team to victory. He is a leader on and off the ice, and also helps motivate his teammates in the locker room.



Athletes are chosen by Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

Pinkerton Alpine Skiing Kicks Off Their Season at Crotched Mountain

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton's Boys' and Girls' Alpine Ski team competed in their first meet of the season on Jan. 3 at Crotched Mountain against Keene, Goffstown, Merrimack, and Bishop Guertin High Schools.

In the event, the PA girls placed third and the boys placed fourth.

The top Astro finishers in the single course race were freshman Ava Sezgin, who placed fifth overall (1:14.07), while Chris Bennett placed third (1:03.20). Freshman Colton April came in 12th (1:12.31) along with senior Katelyn

Bennett placing sixth (1:14.84) and junior Annabell Veale placed 11th, with a time of 1:18.05.

Other Astro's skiers that finished in the top 20 for the girls were Hannah Flagg, who came in 17th (1:19.69), Sydney Pratt 18th (1:20.34), and Madeline Frank finished

19th with a time of 1:20.51.

The only other Astro to finish in the top 20 for the boys was Ethan Hatch who placed 18th with a time of 1:14.97.

The Pinkerton crew will hit the slopes again on Thursday, Jan. 9th at Pat's Peak.

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PA Wrestling Improves to 3-1 After Hosting Quad Meet

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Pinkerton's Varsity Wrestling team hosted a quad meet at their school's Hackler Gymnasium on Saturday morning, Jan. 4, with squads from Winnacunnet, Mascoma Valley Regional and Nashua North High Schools attending the event. The PA team got its first win against Winnacunnet High School with a big score gap of 57-23. They had a similar score when they faced Mascoma Valley Regional High School with a final score of 54-24.

The Winnacunnet match started with the weight class of 113 lbs, as Michael Follo pinned Michael Baker of Winnacunnet in 3:29. In the 120 lbs when Casey Phelan was pinned by Levon McCann at 2:29, and the teams were tied at six.

For the weight class of

126 lbs Astro Jacob Merrill won by forfeit. Dominic Robinson (132 lbs) pinned Matthew Mattimore in 1:16 and then William Knapp (138 lbs) of Pinkerton was pinned by Colin Swanson in just 32 seconds making it a 18-12 PA lead.

For the 145 lbs class David Hammond pinned Gavin Patten in a quick 47 seconds pushing their lead to 24-12. Winnacunnet's Tucker McCann (152 lbs) responded with a 16-1 decision over Pinkerton's Abbie Dumont to reduce their deficit to 24-17.

Jack MacKiernan (160 lbs) then won a 14-9 decision over Michael Kirby, but Winnacunnet responded with a Jack Mccann pin in 2:22 over PA's Issac Cohen in the 170 lbs class which gave Pinkerton just a 5 point lead.

Moving to the class of 182 lbs State Champ Sterling McLaughlin pinned

Christopher Capezzuto in 1:33, along with William Brown (195 lbs) pinning Aiden Owens when the clock showed 1:15. The match ended with Ben Colson (220 lbs), Jake Scarelli (285 lbs), and Nathan Lindquist (106) all winning by forfeit.

The Astro's then faced off against Mascoma Valley Regional. It was an easy start for Pinkerton when Casey Phelan (106 lbs) won by forfeit to give PA a quick 6-0 lead. In the weight class of 113 lbs Jacob Merill was pinned by Cam Stebbins in 2:10, which tied things up at 6-6. Dominic Robinson (126 lbs), and Nathan Lindquist (132 lbs) both won by forfeit making it a 18-6 Pinkerton lead. William Knapp of the 138 lbs class was pinned by Mascoma's Roman Farnsworth in 2:26. In the 145 lbs class David Hammond pinned Asa Michetti in 1:04




Pinkerton wrestler Ben Colson got a pin at 220 lbs. over Caleb Hobbs of Mascoma Valley Regional High School on Saturday
Photo by Chris Paul

giving Pinkerton a 24-12 lead. Next was Ryan Gordon (152 lbs) getting pinned by Tyler Mekus when the clock showed 3:28 and then Jack MacKiernan (160lbs) got an easy win by forfeit.

For the class of 170 lbs, PA's Issac Cohen was pinned by Dylan Pelton in 2:33. Sterling McLaughlin (182 lbs) was given a forfeit for his win. Then, Pinkerton's William Brown (195 lbs) earned a fast pin in 59 seconds over Owen McKinney giving the Astro's a commanding 42-24 lead. The match ended with Ben Colson (220 lbs) pinned Caleb Hobbs in 3:06 and Jake Scarelli (285 lbs) winning by forfeit.

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Voter Checklist Sessions for Derry Residents will take place at the Derry Municipal Center on Tuesday, Jan. 7 from 7 - 7:30 p.m., and Tuesday, Jan. 21 from 6 - 8 p.m. The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet in session to register new voters and accept changes to voters' names or addresses. The Supervisors will consider applications for voter registration and changes submitted to the Town Clerk. Names of new voters will be added to the voter checklist and corrections approved. Please note: changes in party affiliation cannot be accepted until after the Feb. 11 presidential primary. Importance of Jan. 21 Session The filing period for town and school district offices is Jan. 22 - Jan. 31. The checklist session on Jan. 21 is the last opportunity to be added to the checklist or update names/addresses before the filing period. Other Ways To Register To Vote: Voters can register at the polls on election day, or Voters can complete applications at the Town Clerk's office during regular office hours.

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Derry Fun Night

On Jan. 10, 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. 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.

Story Hour Registration

Registrations at the Taylor Library for ages 6 months - 6 years and tiny tots will be open from now to Jan. 10. We will take calls for all story hours over the phone. Story Hours will start the week of Jan. 13, for 6 weeks. Please note, space will be limited to 12 children in each class. At 49 East Derry Rd., East Derry, call 432-7186.

Renew

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Parent & Caregiver Café

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

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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.

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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-

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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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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.

Derry Lions

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