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Planning Board Announces Master Plan Public Hearing

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At the Jan. 15 Planning Board meeting, George Sioras, Planning Director, told the members that at the next Planning Board meeting on Feb. 5 there will be several important items on that agenda. Sioras said, "We have to organize our annual Planning Board goals for the next year, so we will have a workshop for this."

Sioras continued, "(And) ...the Master Plan is now complete, so we will have a public hearing on February 5 for the

adoption of the plan. That is a Planning Board document and it does not have to go to the Town Council." By state law, local planning boards have the authority to adopt such Master Plans after they go through a public hearing.

Liz Robidoux, Planning and Economic Development Assistant, discussed Master Plan information with Planning Board Chairman, John O'Connor. She told him and the other members, "The document itself is very large and it is comprised of three volumes that are a couple of hundred pages each. The first volume is the actual

bulk of the plan and that one goes over all of the recommendations and it contains the implementation plan."

"The other two volumes contain the summaries of all of the input from the staff," she continued. "It's the inventory of the existing conditions and assets in the town; the third volume is the summary of all the public forums we have had, along with the comments that were made."

"What we are doing currently is finalizing last edits such as typographical errors, alignment, spellings, and other things - so

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Town Council Gets Update on Town Organization Code

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At the Jan. 7 Town Council meeting, Town Administrator, Dave Caron, overviewed recommended amendments to the General Code - specifically to Chapter V, Section II which identifies the various departments working in the Town.

Caron told the council, "This is really a housekeeping effort and there are no new positions created through this process. Executive Assistant, Sheila Bodenrader, has spent an enormous amount of time looking through the town's municipal code - as we are required to do - to revise it to properly reflect our current organizational structure."

Caron pointed out that the Town has maintained a General Code document,

which includes all town regulations, processes and administrative structures but that this code was written many years ago. So, today the language and framework within the code is not reflective of the organization changes, which have occurred over the past decade.

Specifically, Bodenrader has been working best practices - with Town officials input - to revise Section II in Article V, which sets forth the administrative structure of the Town.

The Town Administrator noted that no new departments or positions will result from the adoption of this revised language and updated organizational guidelines; this process involves a simple restructuring of Section II to align with the Town's current administrative practices.

Caron pointed out four significant changes that are recommended. The first revision would eliminate the position of Assistant Town Administrator, next the amendment would include the Tax Collector and Assessing functions as Divisions under the Finance Department, along with an expanded narrative for the Economic Development, Planning, IT and Cable Departments. Finally the amendment would include Health, Code Enforcement, Parks and Recreation and Zoning, as Divisions under the Department of Public Works.

The Town Administrator provided council members with a document that included notations for the revisions and organizational update. With council feedback and approval, the

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Play Ball The winter sports season is well under way, and with that comes the Ball Family Trophy, a competition between Londonderry and Pinkerton Academy. The annual rivalry currently stands at 4-1 in favor of PA, and the Winter Spirit squad will do their part to defend the title if necessary. Photo by Chris Paul

Derry Rail Trail Alliance Discusses New Opportunity with Town Council

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Mark Connors, President of the Derry Rail Trail Alliance, came before the Town Council on Jan. 7 to update them about plans and support for Derry's Rail Trail. The rail trail is derived from the rail track area of the former Boston and Maine railroad. The Derry Depot was a key community connecting

point in the 1800s as people and goods wound their way throughout New England. The depot still stands on the rail trail and is home to a restaurant on West Broadway.

Currently Derry's rail trail system is comprised of 4 miles of paved pathway running from Windham, NH through beautiful wetlands and woods right into Derry's resurgent town center. The goal is to

connect this trail to the Londonderry trail to provide nearly 12 miles of trail through three towns in Southern NH. Ultimately, the trail will provide a 120 mile scenic journey through NH. It is a great bike ride today and this scenic path will become an even more remarkable family friendly travel destination over time.

There have been a couple of

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Derry School Board Approves Technology Plan for 2020-2023

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At the Derry school board meeting on Jan. 7, Dr. Clifton Dancy, Director of Technology, presented the next generation of the School District's Technology plan for the fiscal years 2020-2023. Raymond Larose, who was the previous technology director before Dancy, originally worked on this plan with the technology committee. Dancy supported this plan, with the intention of leveraging this work as a baseline, before moving forward with the committee concerning any needed revisions or adjustments. Dancy started his overview with a mission statement about the District's direction with technology.

Dancy said, "The Derry Cooperative School District will provide its learning community with the skills necessary to live and work in the technology based 21st Century."

"We are 20 years into that 21st century," Dancy continued. "Today we are in a very technologically based economy and culture everywhere you turn. I doubt there's anyone here that does not have a phone in their pocket that they use to communicate with regularly."

Dancy continued, "The purpose of the technology plan of the Derry Cooper-

ative School District is to identify and facilitate the technology resources necessary to accomplish the mission of the district. We believe that technology can make a positive impact on student learning, engaging students in learning that is challenging and relevant."

The Plan lists specific aims of technology for the schools:

- Support a rigorous curriculum for all students to succeed in our global economy and society.
- Create a positive learning environment promoting excellence in education for all students.
- Support meaningful professional development necessary to ensure effective teachers.
- Provide a resource and a means for information gathering, problem-solving, decision-making, creativity, and self-expression.
- Promote efficiency in administrative functions.
- Promote family and community involvement.

In addition, the plan has 4 primary goals:

1. Increase access to digital technology resources.
2. Increase student learning in digital technology literacy skills.
3. Increase access to technology professional development opportunities for the staff.
4. Increase communication to parents, guardians, and the community.

Actions items in the plan include the following:

- Migrate off-lease lab iMac computers to the libraries.
- Execute the districts one to one laptop program.
- Provide staff with one to one professional development.
- Hire an additional tech support.
- Upgrade the firewalls for security.
- Upgrade five-year-old staff laptops.
- Move viable 21st century pilot programs to the district.
- Increase external fiber bandwidth.
- Upgrade to Voice over IP district wide.
- Upgrade printers.
- Replace projectors.
- Support UPS (Uninterruptible Power Supply).

There is also a Digital technology literacy action plan now in place including the following:

- Review and revise technology standards and benchmarks.
- Yearly review of New Hampshire ICT literacy standards.
- Emphasize ethical and responsible use of technology.
- Collaborate with Pinkerton Academy to evaluate work in student electronic portfolios.
- Continue the one to

one rollout.

- Encourage staff to use available resources and become proficient in the use of 21st Century tools.
- Expand the use of technology knowledge in all content areas.
- Explore alternative learning opportunities through distance and blended learning.

Dancy provided an overview also for a Professional Development Action Plan:

- Increase the expectations for technology proficiency of staff.
- Require grade level participation on the building technology committee.
- Encourage attendance at regional in-state technology workshops.
- Revise schedules in computer labs to allow for more integration.
- Provide professional development for 1 to 1

implementation.

- Provide professional development for digital portfolios.
- Ensure that educators are familiar with ISTE standards for students.
- Provide data privacy and security training to all staff.
- Promote virtual field trips and distance learning opportunities.

The plan also calls for community collaboration actions including:

- Utilize website and social media to increase community awareness.
- Utilize power school assets to improve parent communication.
- Upgrade the alert system to include voice, text, and email.
- Continue to improve Internet safety night.
- Continue supporting 21st century learning community grants.

- Continue providing robust programming on TV.
- Build partnerships with the community to leverage expertise, resources and mentor opportunities.
- Collaborate with Pinkerton and schools from other towns (who send students to attend Pinkerton) to ensure optimal use of technology resources.

The recommended budget to support this Technology plan is \$649,408 for 2021, \$667,090 for 2022, and \$676,405 for 2023. School Board members had further discussion about the plan with input from Chairman Dan McKenna who supported the efforts of the technology committee.

The School Board then approved a motion unanimously to adopt the plan.

Theatre KAPOW talks "Pride, Prejudice, and PLAY" at the Derry Public Library Feb. 10

Theatre KAPOW will host a conversation in advance of their upcoming production of Pride and Prejudice by Kate Hamill. Monday, Feb. 10, at 6 p.m. at the Derry Public Library, Dr. Meaghan Cronin of Saint Anselm College will present "Pride, Prejudice, and Play" followed by a discussion.

Who would ever want to Alter the perfection of Pride and Prejudice? The novel Jane Austen called her most "bright and sparkling" is widely known and wildly popular - a moral tale, a social satire, and a delightful romp

about the short but rocky route of Lizzy Bennet's and Mr. Darcy's romance. But great works of art prompt creative inventiveness and challenge our fixed understandings of people and relationships. Pride and Prejudice has inspired countless film productions, fictional prequels and next-gen sequels, and now, Kate Hamill's adaptation for stage. In this lecture, Meg Cronin will explore how Austen's Pride and Prejudice builds a space for imaginative play and how Hamill's adaptation accepts Austen's challenge to present serious

issues of gender and class with innovation, delight, and "bright, sparkling" fun.

"Pride, Prejudice, and Play" will be held on Monday, Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. in the Meeting Rooms at the Derry Public Library at 64 E Broadway. Admission to the talk and participation in the discussion is free. theatre KAPOW's production of Pride and Prejudice runs Febr. 21 and 22 at the Bank of NH Stage in Concord, and Feb. 28 and 29 at the Derry Opera House. For more information, visit www.tkapow.com

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Derry Teen on His Way to Achieving Eagle Scout Rank

LISA D'AMBROSIO
NUTFIELD NEWS

Gavin Holloway, a teen from Derry who attends Pinkerton Academy, and is also a member of BSA Troop 402 out of St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry, continues to work hard towards completing his Eagle Project.

"I knew I wanted to do something to honor our Veterans," Holloway said, as he began to explain his project

in detail. "I have noticed that some of the Veterans gravestones in Forest Hill Cemetery needed some cleaning up and honestly I felt like some are losing their graves," Holloway said.

Holloway has been involved in a Memorial Day remembrance by helping place American Flags on each Veterans place of rest, since he first became involved the Cub Scouts about 10 years ago. Over the

years he noticed a decrease in flags and lack of care for the graves of these heroes. One particular memorial day he expressed concern that there was no map or some sort of tagging available to locate the soldier's stones and names. That's when Holloway had his "ah ha" moment and knew then, what his Eagle Scout Project would be.

Earning the Eagle Scout rank is no small feat. It takes perseverance, time management and tremendous leadership abilities. A Boy Scout must complete a number of activities on his journey to gain his Eagle Scout status including: 21 Merit Badges, a minimum of 16 months in a leadership position, proposal plan, multiple camping trips, hold a fundraiser, recruit a team of people to help him in accomplishing the work and execution of the service project are just a few of the tasks involved. During the journey the Boy Scout will learn teamwork, leadership, cooking, adaptability, the importance of physical fitness and wellbeing. The organization gives the members the tools to survive as an upstanding citizen that will have the skills to help in a workplace environment.

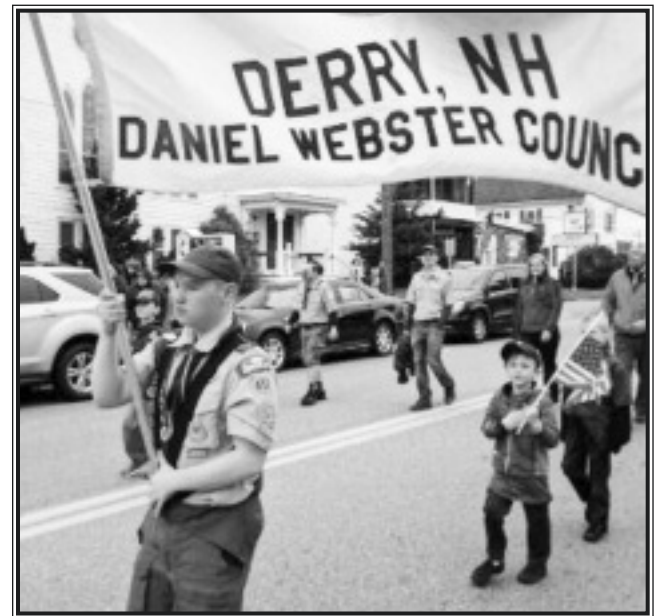
Holloway and his team started this project back in August and hope to have it compete sometime next month. He organized his team of family and friends in groups of 2-4 volunteers to help cover the over-

whelming 41 sections in the cemetery reserved for soldiers in need of help. One of his crew members is Randy Martinelli, a Eagle Scout who is now a United States Marine and holds this project close to his heart. Holloway's crew cleaned each stone of debris, dirt, moss and grass.

"One particular stone was roughly four feet down in the grass and earth. I had to dig around to expose the stone then was able to properly clean it," explains Holloway

As the team cleans off each stone, they are creating, under Holloway's direction, a tagging process for the purpose of creating a log book that will include a map of these honored graves. The team will start by writing the veterans name, take a picture of the stone, list the soldiers conflicts, date of birth, date of death and include any awards granted. After all the gravestones are cleaned, tagged and logged, that data will be made into 3 log books by Holloway and his team. He will be gifting one book to the VFW of Derry, one to the Taylor Library of Derry and one to the Town of Derry. This information will be accessible to the public to utilize. Anyone will be able to search a certain veteran by name or just have access to visit the gravestones via a mapped out log.

"These soldiers fought for their country, our country, for us and sacrificed so much, they deserve this



Gavin Holloway, left, marches down Broadway in Derry

respect. Some veterans families have moved or passed away, those stones are the ones that need the most care," expressed Holloway.

Holloway's mother, Melanie Holloway, is extremely proud of her son and his Eagle Project choice. "It is such an honor to see your child grow into such a great citizen that gives back to his community and such an honor to have your child show so much respect to our military," his mother proudly gushed.

Holloway stated his favorite experiences throughout the years with his troop was, "Adventure". Things you experience you can take to your adulthood. You get out of it what you are willing to put in. I have

learned a lot. I feel I have learned some great skills and had a lot of fun in the process. I would never have thought I would have the opportunity to visit Washington DC and Gettysburg to watch reenactments of battles."

Holloway and his team will be holding a Meatball Sub Fundraiser for the public at The VFW of Derry on 18 Railroad Ave, Saturday, Jan. 25 from noon - 6 p.m. For \$5 you will receive homemade meatballs (personally rolled by Holloway) placed in fresh rolls, a bag of chips and a soda. 100 percent of the profits will go to the VFW strictly for all new American Flags for all the clean and well cared for Veteran grave-stones.

OBITUARY George D. Madden

George D. Madden, 78, of Derry, NH, died Thursday Jan. 16, 2020 in the Community Hospice House in Merrimack, NH. He was born in Derry on Jan. 29, 1941, a son of the late Daniel and Ruth (Gagne) Madden, and had been a resident of Derry and Londonderry, NH for most of his life. George was the owner and operator of Madden Appraisal Services in Derry for more than 50 years. He had been a member and served as Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Derry. George and his wife were fortunate enough to travel extensively in their RV, and at many times traveling with good friends. One of George's favorite things was to be out in the woods chopping trees for firewood. He also enjoyed wood-working.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Patricia (Olesen) Madden of Derry; three daughters, Lisa J. Madden and Rich Russell of Wilmot Flat, NH, Lori Whiter and Lonnie Nelson of Bedford, NH, and Denise Madden-Maxwell and her husband Matthew Maxwell of Derry; one son, Patrick Madden and his wife Martine of Candia, NH. George was affectionately known as Tappy by his six grandchildren, PJ Comeau, Steven Whiter, Meghan Whiter, Nicole Madden, Christopher Madden, and Stanley Rayno; seven great grandchildren; his sister, Nancy Brady and her boyfriend Marty Walsh of Ireland; his sister-in-law, M. Jean Prinzo; as well as aunts, several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday, Jan. 21 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Jan. 22 in the funeral home. The burial followed in the Holy Cross Cemetery, Gilcreast Rd., Londonderry. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Conservation Commission Preparing Conservation Activities for the Spring

MACK LEATHURBY
NUTFIELD NEWS

James Degan, Chairman for the Conservation Commission, set forward the group's agenda discussion for the January 13th meeting. The first item of business was a discussion about final actions for the Conservation Commission's former subcommittee called Go Green. Go Green has now officially been closed out and the Conservation Commission discussed whether to maintain the current web site, keep a domain name or just close it down.

The Go Green web site itself is now out of date and none of the information has been updated for over a year now. Upon discussion, it was felt it was best to close the site down and no longer maintain access of the domain name. The Conservation Committee has absorbed many of the activities of the Go Green subcommittee including fall and spring town clean up.

Conservation Commission members Will Lowenthal, Grace Reisdorf, Bob Spoerl joined Chairman Degan over the past month at the New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA) update meeting - where the team received information and support about being on a public board with some training information about right to know information, public meetings, quorums, procedures and legalities involved in participating on public board in a Town situation.

Degan said, "We sat through a great program."

Degan then moved to another important topic, "Another thing to tell the public is that - over at the Young Road Parcel at Broadview farm, we were doing some investigating in terms of vendors to come in and do some mowing and to do an assessment of the property to make sure moving forward in 2020 we have a good action plan."

Degan said that member, Will Lowenthal had thoughts about this effort and then he connected with UNH Cooperative Extension to come out to Broadview. Those folks did come out to do a walk through and they prepared a written report for us afterwards. They wrote about the wildlife out there, about the habitat and also came up with a couple of what if scenarios. For example, 'what if the UNH cooperative extension were to take this course of action? - for example to do some cutting and brush reduction.' So, they introduced several phasing proposals in this report about how that might work. Degan said, "...so we have some stuff to chew on - as we move from the winter into the spring - about how we really want to manage that property."

Degan advised all the members to read that report so the commission can discuss how things will get properly funded. There might also be grants available to apply for in order to take the property condition

up a notch. The commission wants to make this flagship parcel at Broadview Farms really shine.

Lowenthal provided further comments saying, "I had emailed Matt Tar - who is the wildlife specialist at the UNH Extension - and he came out and brought the Rockingham County Forester person with him along with Foresters from Carroll and Stratford Counties, and two students. We had a very good group there and a nice walk-through including the eagle that flew over us."

"They really were impressed with the property, but they understand that the property has been neglected from an invasives standpoint and from a general field management perspective and they let us know there are both good and bad effects from this. The invasives do provide a lot of cover and food for wildlife, and we do need to manage this also as a wildlife habitat. There is a great deal of interesting wildlife there, so we have to balance that a bit with the recreational usage of the parcel."

Lowenthal continued, "Removing the invasives entirely would be a massive job. Their recommendations for what to do are in the document report and they did a wonderful job mapping out the areas in this report. But I especially liked where it was written - 'this is an incredible property that supports a huge diversity of wildlife.'"

Lowenthal added, "...and we want to keep it that way."

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Local Volunteers Help Children Fulfill Dreams on the Ice

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Three local residents are giving disabled children from all over New England a chance to do something they never thought would be possible. Ice skate and play hockey.

Londonderry graduate Daniele Crutcher, and Derry residents, Melly Brown, and Johnny Minahan recently started the New England Bombers organization, and gave about 40 children with physical disabilities the opportunity to take to the ice on Sunday, Jan. 20 in Tewksbury Mass., at the Brake Away Ice Center. This was made possible with the help of a number of volunteers. Those volunteers also included members of the Londonderry High School varsity and junior varsity hockey teams.

The Bombers, were established last year, and are affiliated with the American Special Hockey Association.

The new group draws special needs hockey enthusiasts from many New England states, but mostly from New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

They are devoted to helping children and young adults with intellectual and physical disabilities have a chance to get a feel for being out on the ice and to play hockey.

The goal of the N.E. Bombers is to give all children and young adults a chance to play ice hockey at their own pace and level of ability in a safe environment. They work with each individual closely to find the best way to get them onto the ice safely and comfortably.

The hope is that this will give participants a chance make new friendships and work together as a team. The organization also hopes they will learn how to skate, sled, slide or roll on the ice, learn sportsmanship skills, how to score goals, how to hold a stick and how to play hockey.

At the event, over 40



Dozens of volunteers gave their time on Sunday morning, Jan. 19, to give disabled children a chance to enjoy something most take for granted. The event was organized by the New England Bombers, a group created by local sports enthusiast Daniele Crutcher of Londonderry, pictured above, with Melly Brown and John Minahan of Derry.

Photos by Chris Paul



sleds and gate training devices were assembled in the training room of the ice rink, where children were preparing to take to the ice.

Volunteers carried the devices out to the rink, where children were secured, one-by-one, and volunteers pushed them around the slippery surface

for about an hour. Some had sticks fastened to the devices, while others were able to hold sticks for an opportunity to score a goal.

After the Bombers second event, Crutcher was very excited, "We were extremely happy with how to the event turned out. Our event doubled in size and we

were able to get all 40+ kids on the ice at the same time. Seeing all the smiles; not just from the athletes, but the parents and family members, made the whole event worthwhile. Being able to get all of our athletes on the ice is uplifting to them and to the sport of hockey. We are trying our best to prove

that hockey really is for everyone. Also, our event would not have run as smoothly without our great sponsors and amazing vol-

unteers." For more information about the group go to newenglandbombers.com.

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we're working on that now and it will be completed early next week. And I will make that version available via the shared hard drive for the Planning Board and will also put that on the town's Planning Board page for it to be electronically available for other interested parties."

After that announcement, Sioras introduced a workshop that was a continuation of a previous session about a proposed amendment to the Town of Derry Zoning ordinances related to the details about public nuisance situations.

Bob Mackey, Derry's Code Enforcement Officer, has been working on this issue - gathering information from the State and other Towns to support definitions and overviews of the issues involved for the Planning Board to consider for changes and updates to the ordinance.

Mackey said, "We were here before Christmas talking about this change. It involves article 20 in the zoning ordinance which are the livestock provisions. We are here based on a charge from the Town Administrator and the Town Council. Over the course of this past spring, summer going into the fall, my office has been

dealing with multiple situations that constitute private type nuisances."

"And these complaints eventually made it up to the Town Council. It was determined that these situations are more aptly dealt with as private nuisances - which can be quite subjective, and these things end up being something hard for the Town to enforce. We had some situations dealing with roosters, so we had our attorney take a look at what was currently there in the ordinances."

Upon further discussion Mackey's proposal based on legal input, is to insert the word "public", which essentially broadens the

ordinance definition, so that there would need to be a public nuisance and that would be more of a neighborhood issue as opposed to something between two abutters. A public nuisance is something that Mackey and the town can properly support and enforce while a private nuisance is more suited for abutters to try to work out themselves.

Mackey pointed out if there was a private nuisance situation between two abutters that there would still be recourse and private actions - and if it got to a certain point, then one party could sue the other party. Mackey recommended that the town's involvement would

best be focused on something that involves a public nuisance. Adding that one word "public" to the current provision and then putting in a definition for this type of situation into the ordinance would essentially take care of the issue.

During the workshop's public hearing section, a Derry Resident came forward to discuss a situation she is currently involved in about animal noises and an environment she felt were a private nuisance with an abutter. She explained she did not want to call the police about this situation as she felt the police department might have more important things to do; she

pointed out her family was not likely to spend resources to bring a lawsuit upon this abutter.

The Planning Board further discussed that the current ordinance language was vague. Board members felt it would be a good idea to also include the word - continual - and define what a continual nuisance means. The board directed that Mackey's recommendations for this updated wording be put into updated ordinance language with a review by the town's lawyer.

This updated language about this nuisance ordinance will be set for a future public hearing and an adoption vote.

Organization

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Town's General Code Publishers will complete those changes. Caron reported, "There is no fiscal impact associated with this amendment revision and this process simply reflects the current administrative structure of the Town.

After a public hearing brought no opposition to this process to revise the amendment, the council voted unanimously to support the recommended revision, which will now go into effect 30 days from the approval date.

The council also heard from Derry Police Chief, Edward B. Garone, on a new business for the Town to consider applying for and accepting a grant of safety helmets from the Injury Prevention Center at Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock under a

program called the CHaD Safe and Active Community Grant Program.

Garone said, "This is a program they have and they have been providing us with helmets over the past three or four years in amounts of 100 to 300 every year. Each year we've been giving them all out and there are people in community standing in line looking for additional ones."

"So, this year we stepped it up and we're going to ask for 500 helmets," Garone continued. "The helmets are given to children at the Touch-a-Truck program - where we also have the BMX program that is a huge hit for the kids and that is a great program. As the council knows the town charter requires us to come before the council to accept these gifts, so I am here to ask the council for their approval

on this."

The Injury Prevention Center, Children's Hospital at Dartmouth - Hitchcock (CHaD), has announced their 2020 Safe and Active Community Grant Program. This program offers safety gear including bike helmets to communities to promote safe outdoor activity for children and their families.

As part of the Town of Derry Touch-a-Truck event held each spring, the Police Department also organizes and produces the "famous" BMX trick bicycle show where the tricksters wear helmets so the kids there gain safety awareness for them. In conjunction with that show, the Department has provided safety helmets to attendees at no cost. For the last 2 yearly events, the Derry Police Department (PD) has distributed 500 helmets to community members - 200 the first

year and 300 last year. Each year the Derry PD has had to turn some folks away from getting helmets. For the Spring 2020 Touch-a-Truck event, the PD wants to apply for a grant

of 500 helmets from the Injury Prevention Center.

The Town Charter designates that the Town Council may apply for and accept grants or gifts and authorizes the Town Coun-

cil to do so and the council quickly approved this resolution request to grant authority for the Town Administrator to apply for and accept a gift of 500 safety helmets.



8th Grade Students of the Month.

The winners of Rotary Club of Derry's 8th Grade students of the month for December, 2019. Picture left to right is, Bill Wood Rotary Club of Derry Student of the Month & Year Coordinator, Natalie Bergin Gilbert H Hood Middle School, Richard Wong West Running Brook Middle School and Adam Mead Rotary Club of Derry President Elect.

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Tough Competition Leads to Hands-Down Winner at Pizzastock 3.5

Pizzastock 3.5, a fund-raising event held in memory of Jason Flood of Derry, and presented by Tupelo Music Hall held on Sunday, Dec. 29, showcased three bands in head-to-head competition. Crescendo's Gate, a four-piece band from Derry and Londonderry, took the top prize. The three-panel judges table voted Crescendo's Gate top placement.

"We had a tremendous competition," says Douglas Flood, Executive Director of the Jason R Flood Memorial/Pizzastock. "Not only were these kids killer musicians and entertainers, but they showed even greater heart by donating their winnings back to Pizzastock to

help further our mission of promoting mental health and suicide prevention."

Crescendo's Gate is a four-piece rock band out of Southern NH that exploded on the music scene in 2017 with televised performances for the NH Governor Sununu and winner of Super Fan Favorite at the Northeast Youth Music and Arts Festival. Members include: Ella Burroughs, vocals; Joey Peavey, Lead Guitar; Lindy Snell, drums; and Jake Young, bass.

In addition to the battle of bands, the event hosted community partners such as The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center (TUR), the Center for Life Management (CLM) and End 68 Hours of

Hunger who were on hand to provide information, resources and have a public conversation on suicide prevention, mental health awareness and food insecurity.

Pizzastock also raised over \$11,000 from the event and donated to community groups including the Greater Derry Boys and Girls Club and End 68 Hours of Hunger.

Interested businesses and individuals wanting to sponsor an upcoming event or contribute in-kind donations can contact event coordinators at 603-247-3027 or by visiting the website at www.pizzastock.org, and, the Jason Flood Memorial page at www.Facebook.com/JasonFlood.



Members of Crescendo's Gate pose with Jason R Flood Memorial Executive Director Douglas Flood and President Danielle Flood after winning Pizzastock 2.5 Battle of the Bands. Members of the band donated their \$250 winner check back to Pizzastock so the organization could continue its mission of promoting mental health and suicide prevention in the community.

Rail Trail

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ple of impediments to connecting with the Londonderry trail however. Connors pointed out, "The Derry Rail Trail Alliance was founded in 2007 as we worked to raise funds and work with the town. In 2010 we got the first section done and in 2012 we were able to complete another connection to the Windham trail. Since then we've turned our eyes northward, but we are stymied now because of exit 4A coming in, as well as, with private land ownership."

Back in 2015 the Town Council funded money to get the Rail Trail across Hood Pond Dam through to North High St. where the exit 4A

section is coming in. That is the last section that we own as a town. Unfortunately, as we bid the project out - the state found the damn area to be deficient. So, there is some money that has been sitting for four years and we've been patiently waiting to see the trail connect to Londonderry in the future."

The project got bid out and in 2016 preliminary engineering was completed. In 2017 the State got involved and last year Mike Fowler, DPW Director, was able to put the project out to bid again. Unfortunately, the estimates came in far above the money that had been originally allocated. The project is about \$175,000 dollars short and was unable to move forward.

Currently Derry has some funding options for several different projects. Connors asked the councilors to consider some of this money for the rail trail completion across the damn. This project has actually been the number 1 recreation item on previous and current Derry Master Plans. Business owners downtown have been pressing the Rail Trail Alliance about getting that trail connection done, as they see it as an economic benefit for them.

Some new things have come to light over the last month. The Londonderry Rail Trail team contacted The Derry Rail Trail Alliance about an event that has

already been approved and is moving forward. There is going to be a great running event currently called the Brewery Chase Relay that will take place this summer that will utilize both town's rail trails. The race plans to use this unfinished section of the Derry rail trail.

That event involves a relay race between 8 breweries in a 30 mile relay race. The teams will be made up of eight people. That is event that Millennium Running from Bedford is putting on and it has approvals to go through the towns. The sponsor also wants to give some money back to local charities - possibly for the Derry and

Londonderry Rail Trails.

There needs to be improvements where the trails from Londonderry and Derry are and the sponsors are willing to put in temporary bridges and do some minor work. Derry may be moving towards work that can be done this summer to create temporary access to connect the trails. Connors said, "...so therefore I believe it puts even more impetus upon getting the section across the dam completed."

There are opportunities for downtown Derry to become part of this annual race, after this year's event, if this infrastructure dam fix is in place by the next year.

Connors said, "...it looks

like there may be economic benefits sooner than anyone had realized. So I have talked to the Town Administrator and Mike Fowler to see if we can get this bid back out now - though it's going to cost closer to \$200,000 + because of what the State is requiring for the damn. So, I'm here to ask if that could be moved up as a priority so we could have a passable trail by this summertime."

Also at this time, The Derry Rail Trail Alliance is looking for more people to get involved, so if anybody is interested in joining, please contact the Alliance via their email or Facebook site.

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DERRY SPORTS

Astros Girls' Hoops Continues Winning Streak to Go to 5-1

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

After starting the season with a close loss to Manchester Central, the Pinkerton Academy Girls' Varsity Basketball has gone on a five game winning streak, to start the season 5-1.

The Lady Astros kicked off their week of play with a home game against the Winnacunnet Warriors on Tuesday, Jan 14, where they dominated the game by a score of 43-27.

The game started slow, as the first minute was spent by Winnacunnet moving the ball around on offense, but Pinkerton eventually struck first, with an Avah Ingalls jumper.

The Astros were earning their points at the foul line, as they kept attacking the rim hard and it resulted in

foul shots. They were up 6-1 at the five-minute mark, and Pinkerton played great defense as they forced multiple turnovers, one of those set up a beautiful assist from Allison Ingalls to Jesse Ames to pack on the lead. The next possession for the Astros Jesse Ames returned the favor and set up Casey Ames with a great feed for an easy lay up, to make it a 10-1 Pinkerton game.

It took Winnacunnet all the way until the 2:20 minute mark to make their first field goal through Pinkerton's stellar defense. The first quarter of play ended with another mid-range jumper by Ingalls to put her squad up 13-9.

In the second quarter, the game was scoreless through the first four minutes, and Winnacunnet found some life and confidence since

they were able to make it a two score game with just under three minutes to play in the half. Pinkerton struggled on the offensive side of the court, but they ended the first half with a perfectly executed full court pass from Jesses Ames to Ingalls for a lay in to put the Astros up 19-13 as they went t half-time.

Pinkerton pushed their lead to double digits in the third quarter and continued their high level of intensity play. Their benched released a huge roar when Ingalls grabbed an offensive rebound, which led to a great assist from Alison Ingalls to Jesses Ames again for a score and a 29-20 lead.

Sloppy play started the final quarter for both teams, as there were turnovers in almost every possession. Sofia Riccio who's back from an injury pushed the

lead to 34-22 after a great steal and lay up. Pinkerton was able to extend their lead to 20 when Abby Marasco came off the bench and nailed a mid-range jumper and the scoreboard showed a 42-22 lead with just under 1:30 to play.

Avah Ingalls continued her great play as she led her team in scoring again with ten points, along with Jesse Ames scoring ten as well. Samantha Franks had five, Abby Marasco had four, Casey Ames three, while Mya Landry, Alyssa DiMauro and Hailey Frost all had two points each.

After the win, head coach Lani Buskey spoke about the significance of captain Sofia Riccio being back on the court. "To have her back is awesome, she's still working things out. Its good for the team its nice to see that and to see someone not give up," said Buskey. "She fought back and once we get her back that's even more depth and more strength for us." Throughout the season Pinkerton has had some ups and downs, but there's one thing Buskey has noticed with her team that's changed since the beginning of the season. "Defense, we struggled today, but I think our defense has really come along still trying to build the confidence on the offensive end still not quite there yet," Buskey finished up saying.



Pinkerton senior forward Alyssa DiMauro heads to the net against Exter on Friday night. Photo by Chris Paul

Later in the week, on Friday, Jan. 17, the Lady Astros hosted their second game of the week, this time against the Exeter Blue Hawks and beat them with ease 56-39.

The game didn't start of well for the home squad, as the visting Blue Hawks scored the first seven points, but after that the Lady Astros never looked back.

Jesse Ames led the way in scoring with 15 points, while Avah Ingalls had 14,

Sofia Riccio 12, Kristina Packowski four, Casey Ames two, and Allison Ingalls had two points.

Pinkerton were scheduled to host Keene High School (3-5) on Tuesday, Jan. 21, after the Nutfield News went to print.

On Friday, Jan. 23, they will travel to Bishop Guertin to take on the defending DI Champions. The Cardinals are 6-0 to start the season, and have dominated most of their games.

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Astros Boys' Hockey Falls to 4-3 After a Win and Loss

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Varsity team continued its up and down season last week with a dominating win followed by a close loss, both at home.

The Astros hockey squad continued their hot scoring with a high-scoring, one-sided 10-2 win over Manchester Central-West on Wednesday night, Jan. 15, at the Ice Den to improved to 4-2 on the season.

The game started with a goal by Central-West when their forward scored off a shot from just inside the blue line that managed to sneak by Pinkerton's goaltender. The Astros scored a mere eight seconds later, to tie it up with a unassisted

Ethen Burgess goal.

That was just the beginning of the damage the Astros would do, as Pinkerton senior Sean McCann recorded his first ever varsity goal unassisted, followed by Brett Masteron scoring one of his own giving Pinkerton a 3-1 lead heading into the first intermission.

The second period started off with another Masteron goal off a John Capri-gno, and then Burgess scored another goal off a Hunter Drouin assist and the Astro's now had a commanding 5-1 lead.

Another milestone was achieved when junior Hayden Shattuck scored his very first goal off assists from Evan Samiotes and Masterson. Pinkerton main-

tained the momentum and control of the game as they kept scoring goals, Aidan Price notched a goal with help from Burgess along with another Astro earning their first varsity goal as Lorenzo Corsetto hit the back of the net with an assist from Shattuck and Capri-gno. Corsetto enjoyed his first goal too much as he scored another one unassisted to end the second period and put his squad up 9-1.

Wrapping things up in the final period of play Central-West was able to find the back of the net again on a power play, but Pinkerton shut down their momentum quick with a goal from Brett Levesque off a Burgess and Drouin assist to stamp their overpowering 10-2 win.

Pinkerton then took on Hanover High School on Saturday, Jan. 18, where they lost a close back-and-forth contest 3-2.

The opponent struck first in this one, but Brett Levesque tied things up with an unassisted goal.

In the second period, Hanover took a 2-1 lead, but once again the Astro's answered right back as Jake Masteron scored off a Hayden Shattuck assist to tie the game at two heading into the final period of play.

An ill-advised major penalty couldn't have come at the worst time, when Pinkerton got a five minute major penalty at the end of the second period, giving Hanover a man advantage heading into the third which they then capitalized on by scoring a goal, which resulted in their 3-2 win.

Pinkerton took the ice again on Wednesday, Jan. 22, against their rival the



PA junior Hunter Drouin hustles for the puck behind the Hanover net on Saturday. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Londonderry Lancers (1-5-1) after the Nutfield News contest between the two schools. The game will count toward the

Pinkerton Bowling Team Continues to Dominate Alleys

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Bowling Team was at it again on Saturday, Jan. 18, at Strikers East as they faced off against Spaulding and Souhegan High Schools.

The Pinkerton team took first place again this week as they earn all 12 points on the day for the second consecutive week. The Astros started by taking the top seed, to earn a bye for the baker round as they scored 1,839 for the standard ten pin win with games of 917 and 922.

Spaulding took the second seed with a score of 1,766 and Souhegan earned third with a 1,398 score.

Pinkerton's Colby Wong had a steady game of 164 and 161, as did Matt Gagnon who rolled a 165 and a 190.

Captain Bryant Nourse followed that up with two games of 180 and 167, along with Lance Lemieux bowling a great 199 and a stellar 239 with eight strikes and three spares.

Harry Michaud rolled two games of 209 and a 165.

Spaulding took on Souhegan in the first round of baker, and they won the best two out of three by taking the first game 179-150, lost the second game 148-138, but won the third 180-127. Pinkerton then took on Spaulding and the Astro's won the first game in a nail-biter 258-220, which involved nine strikes and three spares.

Pinkerton won the second game 176-65 on Harry Michaud's tenth frame spare; a 3-3-6-7 split pick up filled with a strike.

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Pinkerton Wrestlers Overpower Lancers at Home Dual Meet

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

The wrestling squads of Pinkerton Academy and Londonderry High School met in what was a Dual Meet mostly dominated by the Astros, and added toward the point total of the annual Ball Family Trophy.

The Astros hosted their third and final home dual meet of the season, with the night serving as both the team's senior night and the Ball Family Trophy contest.

Before the match started, Pinkerton's head coach David Rhodes took several minutes to recognize and celebrate the 16 seniors on the team that will be graduating in June.

In what was probably the quickest meet of the season so far, the Pinkerton grapplers managed a very easy 53-26 victory and

Astro Mark Harrington won the Wrestler of the Meet Award.

The match started rather easy for the Astros squad, as Division I Champ Sterling McLaughlin at (182 lbs), William Brown (195 lbs), and Ben Colson (220 lbs) all won by forfeit, giving PA a fast 18-0 lead.

Then, at 285 lbs, PA's Jake Scarelli took on LHS senior Samuel Choate and was able to capitalize on a Choate mistake and pin him in the first period, at 1:04, putting PA up 24-0.

At 106 lbs, Michael Palma managed the first Londonderry points with a forfeit. Next Casey Phelan (113 lbs) of LHS took on Nichols D'Alessandro, resulting in a 7-2 decision win for D'Alessandro making it a 24-9 Pinkerton lead.

Dominic Robinson (PA-120 lbs) took the mat next and pinned Evan

Madigan in 1:44, then Mark Harrington (126 lbs) pinned Lancer Andrew Quach in just 1:12 minutes, giving Pinkerton a commanding 36-9 lead.

LHS tried to shift the momentum in the weight class of 132 lbs, when Nathan Lindquist was beaten by Londonderry's Brandon Drake in a 3:58 technical fall.

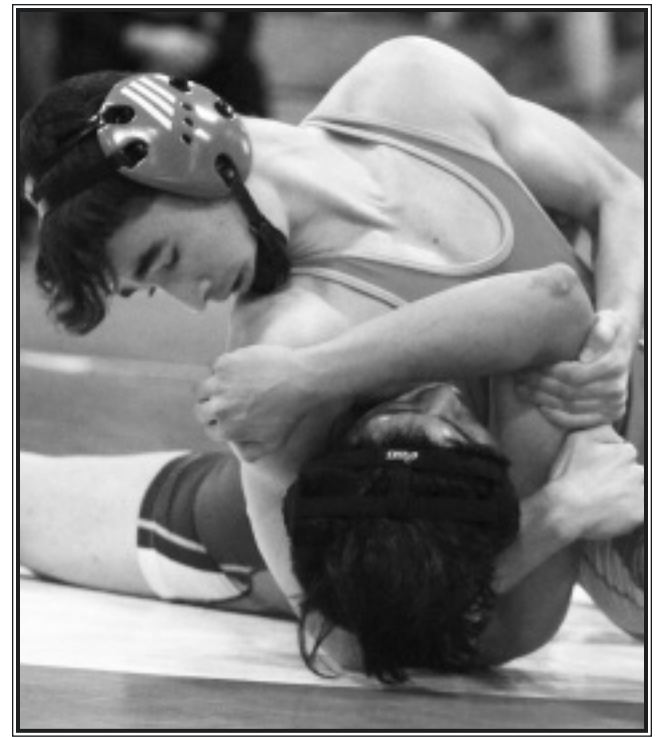
The Astros responded quickly with a David Hammond (138 lbs) pin over Jacob Joly in 3:49. In the weight class of 145 lbs Marcus Sconza beat Nendoe Gleekia in a 3:10 technical fall and then Trevor Raspuzzi (152 lbs) was take down by Lancer Johnny McKinnon in a very quick 21 second pin and Pinkerton now lead 47-20.

The evening came to a close with PA's Jack Mackeiran (160 lbs) pinning Dylan Barnes in 1:39 and then Cameron

Sylvester (170 lbs) was pinned by Nicholas Walter of Londonderry in a fast 29 second pin.

Coach Rhodes had some more words for his seniors and his squad after the win and took the time to appreciate what his team has accomplished. "This group has been really good to have in the room. It's tough coming into practice each day and working hard to make others better, all while knowing that you're not in the starting lineup. Without their dedication we would not be as strong as we are." Rhodes also went on about how much better his squad performs when they're relaxed and in control. "When they're relaxed its much easier to perform well. Our guys did a great job tonight of taking care of business at hand." Rhodes finished by saying.

The Pinkerton wrestling squad was scheduled



Pinkerton Academy's Mark Harrington pinned Lancer Andrew Quach (126 lbs) to help with a PA Dual Meet win last week.
Photo by Chris Paul

to compete in the outbreak.

Springfield Duals on Saturday the Jan. 18, but scheduled to wrestle again in a quad meet at Nashua South on Saturday, Jan. 25. The Astros team are had to back out at the last minute due to a team flu

Astros Indoor Track Teams Take First and Second at UNH

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys' And Girls' Track teams traveled to The University of New Hampshire and competed in their first ever

Pentathlon.

The boys finished first out of 17 schools. For the girls they finished second out of 19 schools.

Boys

Pinkerton's Conor Seleny led his squad by

wining the hurdles and he scored the highest point total of the day.

In the high jump, Alex Gibeau and Benjamin Fleming tied for 13th place with a score of 5-feet.

In the long jump, Astro's Patrick Cotnoir

placed sixth (17'6"), and Kyle Walker came in 13th with a jump of 16'8".

In shot put, George Nigro III placed fifth at 39'1.5", and Joseph DeMartino came in seventh with a throw of 38-feet.

In the 55-meter hurdles, Conor Seleny came across the line first (7.75), along with Jayson Choy finishing third with a time of 8.7.

In the 1,000-meter run, Stephen Connelly placed second (2:40.56) with Zach

Plaza finishing behind in third with a final time of 2:40.62.

Girls

Faith Mamos placed fifth in the girls high jump with a score of 4'9".

In the long jump, Astro's Marisa Douglas placed fifth (15'.5"), and Morgan Sweeney finished 13th with a score of 13'7".

In shot put, Adrianna Buccieri placed fifth (30'1"), and Briana Danis finished in sixth with a throw of 30'.75"

In the girls 55-meter hurdles, Lillia Woods came in 12th (10.60), and Madison Conors placed 16th with a final time of 10.82.

Lady Astro's Macy Graves finished second (3:09.64) in the 1,000 meter run and Mariesa Preble came in seventh with a run time of 3:15.69.

Pinkerton will compete again this weekend at the University of New Hampshire on Sunday, Jan. 26.



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Boys' Hoops Still Seeking First Win As They Move to 0-6

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

The struggles on both the offense and defense continued last week for the winless Pinkerton Academy Boys' Basketball squad, as they lost two more road games.

On Tuesday, Jan. 14, the Astro Boys' hoop team traveled to Hampton to take on the Winnacunnet Warriors who had a 2-2 record headed into the contest. Things didn't go well for the Astros in that game, as they suffered another brutal loss, 65-23.

Their leading scorer

that evening was Naziar DeBreo with six points, Cam Leppert has six as well, Andy MacDonald four, Jimmy Flynn three, Declan Conroy two, and Andy Bolduc had two also.

Pinkerton score a combined six points in the first half of play but finished the game strong with a game high 14 points in the final quarter.

The Winnacunnet Warrior squad posted double digits each quarter except for the last one. Leppert nailed two shots from behind the arc while Flynn got one to go as well.

Pinkerton's offense still

struggling as they only had four field goals made, but they shot 50 percent from the foul line.

The Astros then traveled to Nashua South High School for a Friday evening match-up on the hardwood against the Purple Panthers, but the Pinkerton boys suffered another big loss there, 74-54. The offensive struggles continued for Pinkerton as they only scored 19 points in the first half, compared to Nashua South with 34 points.

Justin Dunne led the PA squad in scoring with 17 points while Jimmy Flynn scored 16. Will Warriner

scored six, Andy MacDonald five, Andy Bolduc four, Declan Conroy had four, and Miguel Mejia had two points. Dunne notched three three-pointers while Warriner hit two and both MacDonald and Flynn had one.

The Pinkerton Astros crew hoped to right their ship on Tuesday, Jan. 21, as they traveled to Spaulding High School (3-2) after the Nutfield News went to print. On Friday night, Jan. 24, the Astros will host Bishop Guertin (4-1) at the Hackler Gymnasium starting at 6:30 p.m.



Pinkerton junior Guard Andy MacDonald has been a contributor on offense and defense.

Astros Girls' Swimming Improves to 12-1, Boys' Are Now 9-3

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Swimming teams continue to dominate the waters as they performed well on Saturday, Jan. 18 at Southern New Hampshire University as they faced Londonderry, Portsmouth, and Campbell High Schools.

At that event, the girls' squad beat Portsmouth 112-49, Londonderry 86.50-82.50, and Campbell 125-28. The boys beat Portsmouth 80-66 and Campbell 105-29, lost to the Lancers 80-70.

The split with Londonderry gave each school one point toward the overall tally for the annual Ball Family Trophy competition.

In the 200-meter Medley Relay, the girls team of Reilly Hazard, Amanda Roberge, Meghan Knight, and Maya Hedstrom placed second with a final swim time of

2:23.80. The boys' squad of William Poole, Alex Tovtyn, Anderson Sharp, and Ryan Divelbiss finished third with a time of 2:17.59.

In the 200-meter Freestyle, Maya Hedstrom placed second (2:27.46), and Andrew Blaszk finished second for the boys with a time of 2:37.98.

For the 200-meter Individual Medley, Astros girl swimmer Amanda Roberge finished third (2:54.24), while William Poole came in second (2:35.89), with Ryan Divelbiss placing third with a time of 2:56.61.

In the 50-meter Freestyle, Camelia Hannah placed first (30.12), Emma Hazard second (31.18), and Meghan Knight finished third with a final time of 31.56.

For the 100-meter Butterfly, Reilly Hazard came in second (1:23.22) for the girls, and Anderson Sharp also placed second for the boys with a time of 1:10.54.

In the 100-meter Freestyle, Maya Hedstrom finished first (1:07.78), as did Alex Tovtyn with (1:04.85), and Andrew Blaszk finished third with a final time of 1:09.43.

In the 400-meter Freestyle Lady Astros Camelia Hannah finished second (5:14.09), and Emma Hazard came in third with a time of 5:14.53. The team of Reilly Hazard, Meghan Knight, Emma Hazard, and Camelia

Hannah placed second with a time of 2:05.12.

In the 200-meter Freestyle Relay, the squad of Kylie Winer, Jessica Smith, Sofia Camilleri, and Campbell Lacroix placed third with a swim time of 2:15.66. The boys' team of Andrew Blaszk, Michael Nogaj, Riley Maynard, and Owen Muskrat also placed third with a time of 2:06.17.

For the 100-meter Backstroke Astro William Poole placed second with a

time of 1:14.86 while Amanda Roberge placed third (1:27.90), and Riley Maynard place second (1:27.59) in the 100-meter Breaststroke.

Finishing up with the 400-meter Freestyle Relay, the girls team of Maya Hedstrom, Amanda Roberge, Emma Hazard, and Camelia Hannah fin-

ished first with a swim time of 4:38.64. The boys' squad of Anderson Sharp, Alex Tovtyn, Ryan Divelbiss, and William Poole placed second with a final time of 4:23.69.

Pinkerton will hit the water again on Friday, Jan. 25, for a multiple team meet at Southern New Hampshire University.

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Pinkerton Girls' Hockey Squad Starts Week on High Note



Pinkerton junior Kelsey Levesque tries to knock down the puck against Concord Saturday. Photos by Chris Paul

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

After suffering two losses last week, one close against Lebanon-Stevens-Kearsarge and one not-so-close one to Concord, the Pinkerton Academy Girls Varsity Hockey team took out their frustration on Manchester Central-Memorial with a lopsided drubbing, and now stand at 3-4 on the season.

They first took on the Lebanon-Stevens-Kearsarge team on the road, Thursday, Jan. 16, and suffered an extremely close 3-2 loss.

Two days later, the Pinkerton crew took on Concord High School for the second time this season, this time on their home ice, at the Tri-Town Ice Arena in Hooksett. The Lady Astros were never really in this one, despite playing a very aggressive second period,

with both sides suffering injuries, and senior Spencer St. Pierre spending five minutes in the penalty box on a major. The game ended without a goal for the PA side, at 9-0. The first meeting of the two teams ended a lot closer 7-4.

After suffering those back-to-back losses the Astros turned it up a notch when they faced Manchester Central-Memorial to start the week, on Monday Jan. 20. The PA girls took out all their frustration on what seemed to be a defenseless net, and they beat Manchester in a 10-0 blowout. The loss gave the Manchester side a 2-6 record.

Pinkerton hopes to build



Chloe Leborgne gets a break away against Concord.

on that one-sided victory will start with a trip to Nashua against Bishop Guertin (2-4) on Tuesday, Jan. 28.

Mountain (1-4). Next week

Pinkerton Ski Teams Take Home First and Second

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Ski teams hosted a Slalom Race in sub zero wind chills at Crotched Mountain on Friday, Jan. 17. The Astros faced Bishop Guertin, Londonderry, and Goffstown High Schools at that competition.

The Pinkerton girls' team dominated the event and took home first place with 382 points while Goffstown placed second (381), Bishop Guertin finished third with 371 points, and Londonderry came in fourth with 364

points.

For the boys' the Astros finished second with 367 points while Goffstown finished third (364), Londonderry fourth (355), and Bishop Guertin finished first with a score of 394.

Starting with the PA girls' squad, Katelyn Bennett finished first for her Astro's and third overall with a ski time of 1:39.52. Ava Sezgin came in second and fourth overall (1:44.23), and Madeline Frank crossed the line third for her squad and sixth overall with a time of 1:47.93. Hannah Flagg came in at fourth and ninth overall

with a final time of 1:54.80.

For the Pinkerton boys,' Colton April came across first for his squad and fifth overall with a time of 1:43.96, along with Ethan Hatch coming in second and tenth overall with a final time of 1:50.97. Following behind was Jackson Kuncik coming in third and 12th overall (1:56.65), and Noah Marquis finishing fourth and 24th overall with a time of 2:23.20.

The wins over Londonderry gave Pinkerton two points toward the overall tally for the annual Ball Family Trophy competition.

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Learn about managing challenges, communication, problem-solving, relationships and power struggles at the Upper Room in Derry on Feb. 9 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., \$35 (includes book).

Child Development

A free workshop on Child Development for Ages 5-11 will be held at the Upper Room in Derry at Feb. 9 from 9 - 10:30 a.m., it includes discussion on your child's brain changes, friendship shifts, language growth and physical development.

Parent & Caregiver Café

On Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m., the Upper Room in Derry hosts a free resource for parents, grandparents and caregivers raising teens. Discuss your concerns and learn new parenting strategies. New topics are introduced weekly. Drop-ins welcome. For more information, call 437-8477 ext. 29. Topics Jan. 23: Consequences and Boundaries.

Family Mediation Services

On Jan. 23, the Upper Room in Derry offers mediation services to help families better communicate with each other. For more information, call 437-8477 ext. 14.

Teen Talk

An after-school group for teens ages 13-18 years old to talk, connect, relate and support each other on on Tuesdays from 3 - 4 p.m., at the Upper Room in Derry. Drop-ins are welcome! For more information, call 437-8477 ext. 29.

On My Own - Basic Sewing

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Quit Vaping & Health Workshop

Time to quit Vaping and Your Health Workshop for Teens; 1st Tuesday of the Month Feb. 4, from 3 - 4:30 p.m., at the Upper Room in Derry. 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 call 437-8477 ext. 15.

Teen Information for Parenting Success

This series is open up to age 23, on Wednesdays from 5 - 7 p.m., at the Upper Room in Derry get in-school support, workshops, baby/toddler supplies, resources and a place to talk, share and learn call 437-8477 ext. 12.

Work Ready NH Course

Eight-week course begins Jan. 29, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 - 7 p.m., at the Upper Room in Derry. This free eight-week program will help any worker over age 18 entering, or re-entering the workforce, update their employment skills and talents. Attendees will achieve both a National Career readiness and a Work Ready NH certificate. On-site registration will take place Jan. 22 at 3:30 p.m. Call Chloe 603-437-8477 ext. 18 or Donna 603-206-8180 for more information.

Lights, Camera, Civics!

On Jan. 26, the New Hampshire Institute for Civics Education ("NHICE") will screen To Kill a Mockingbird as part of a multi-year statewide program designed to foster conversations with the public on law, justice, and civics. The screening and post-movie discussion will take place at Pinkerton Academy's Stockbridge Theatre, Derry, from 1 - 5 p.m. (program will begin promptly at 1 p.m.; please arrive by 12:30 p.m. to sign in). Light snacks will be

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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.

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.

Snow & Ice Policy

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Raising a Teenager?

This free weekly resource group for parents, grandparents and caregivers raising 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.

Transitions Support

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Evolve!

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Women's Writing Group

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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.

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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

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