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Economic Development Group Presents Report to Town Council

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On Tuesday, Feb. 4, the Derry Town Council met with the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) Chair, Christina 'Chrissy' Gossel, to hear her committee report. By Town Charter, the council annually hears reports from appropriate town committees to stay in the loop and assist these committees where appropriate.

Derry's EDAC was set up to assist in creating an environment to attract robust businesses in Derry that meet the mandate of the town's residents as well as to support the local workforce. It is a goal of the EDAC to inspire current and future businesses to succeed in the Derry

community - with its historic Main Street storefronts that are complimented throughout the town by larger retailers, industry, and medical professionals as well as other types of successful business organizations.

Chair person Gossel said, "At the beginning of the 2019 term, the committee was meeting once per month on the first Monday of every month. In October 2019, the Town Council approved a revision of our bylaws - so we are now meeting bimonthly and in our off months, we now have subcommittees that have begun to meet."

"Right now, our advisory committee is full with members," Gossel pointed out. "...so, there are no more vacant positions. That was something we

struggled with during 2019, as we had vacancies on the committee that were creating gaps with our meeting discussions. Throughout the past year, we have focused on Exit 4A project and during the year a couple of EDAC committee members assisted with the Derry Farmers Market, which was successful again this year."

Gossel told the Councilors that in October 2019, the EDAC group partnered with UNH Cooperative - First Impressions Committee and that effort has been very successful. There were steering committees set up and people from Derry went to Moultonborough to view that town's impression for visitors and then a steering committee for Moultonborough came

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Derry School District Moves Four Articles to March Ballot

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The Derry Cooperative School District held its annual Town Meeting - First Session Deliberative on Saturday Feb. 8 at the West Running Brook Middle School Gym. Approximately 100 Derry residents including students, School District Officials And Administrators and School Board members attended the session for an interactive discussion and overview of the School District's goals, Warrant Articles and Budget information.

Kevin Gordon, School

District Moderator, conducted this first session of the annual voting process. The primary session discussion was focused on specifics related to the 2020 - 2021 fiscal budget numbers and the goals set forward by the district.

The Session began with the U.S. pledge of allegiance and the singing of our national anthem - led by the DEEP program preschool students and the Gilbert H Hood 8th grade chorus under the direction of Music Director, Kate Boisvert. The students also sang Happy Birthday to Superintendent Dr. Connors-Krikorian.

The Derry School Board facilitated much of the overview discussion for attendees; the overview was led by Dan McKenna, Chairman, and Board members along with Administration members led by Dr. MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian, Superintendent of Schools, the Budget Committee and other Administrative executives.

Article 1 is for voters to choose 2 School Board Members at large - each for a 3-year term. This year those are running for this position include Ann Copp, Derek Anderson,

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Footloose & High Flying West Running Brook student Alex Spencer played the excitable part of Ren McCormack in the schools performance of Footloose the Musical last weekend at the Stockbridge Theatre. See more photos page 5.
Photo by Chris Paul

Federal Highway Administration Approves the Start of Exit 4A

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Years after considerations to add a new Derry-Londonderry I-93 exit by the State of NH and local residents, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has approved the Exit 4a project; that project can now officially begin

the process and planning work in the Londonderry/Derry area.

On Feb. 7 the Final Environmental Impact Statements (FEIS) and Records of Decision (ROD) were approved and moved forward by the FHWA to the NH Department of Transportation. FHWA Environmental Program Manager,

Jamison Sikora, wrote a letter to New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NH DOT) stating that FHWA has now approved the Final Environmental Impact Study (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) work for the project. The letter noted, "This action represents design concept

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Exit 4A

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approval and environmental clearance for this project."

The project has been through a plethora of public hearings, permitting procedures and now the "deep dive" planning process is ready to go. In fact, this approval by FHWA signals the official beginning of eminent domain acquisitions, contractor selections via a bidding process and actual project construction work; no doubt local residents will experience travel changes over the coming years including new traffic patterns, roadwork delays and building tear downs.

NH officials signed off

on the plan in September after years of various public hearings. At this time, the project is expected to cost \$56.8 million and both Derry and Londonderry have each committed to spend \$5 million to support the project.

The goal for the I93 4A project (#13065) is to reduce traffic congestion especially on Broadway in Derry, improve traffic safety, as well as to promote economic vitality for the towns of Derry and Londonderry.

The next step in the project plan is for the Issuance of Draft Request for Proposal (RFP) that is to take place on Feb. 13 followed by Project Team Meetings.

The RFP process involves questions concerning the RFP that will be supported by NH DOT for RFP bidders during March with an issuance of a Final RFP on April 9. During the summer the RFP process will move forward and contract assignments are slated to officially be awarded in October.

"This is momentous," said Kevin Smith, Londonderry Town Manager, at the Londonderry Town meeting on Saturday, Feb. 8. Smith told the local community, "Finally and most notably after 30 years in the making ... a final Record of Decision to the Federal Highway Administration has been completed

and signed by the Town Councils of both Londonderry and Derry, and the State of New Hampshire - thus signaling the completion of environmental impact study necessary for work to begin on the long awaited Exit 4A."

The Town Manager pointed out, "Many town and state administrators have come and gone since the Exit 4a Project was first introduced and while more than a few people remained skeptical when New Hampshire DOT began oversight of the project in 2014, we have seen the project through to fruition and can probably say that Exit 4a will become a reality on our watch."

The 4A highway exit

off I93 will be located between Exits 4 and 5 and encompasses significant roadway infrastructure improvements for Derry. I93 traffic will be directed eastward into Derry via Folsom Road, which will be appreciably widened to handle the new large traffic patterns.

That means some of the homes and businesses along Folsom will be acquired via eminent domain by the State of NH. This will include the current property and home bought by the Salvation Army of Greater Derry in late 2017. Other businesses, including those located in the small mall complex on Folsom, such as the Kelsen Brewing Company,

will eventually have to relocate too.

The plan also calls for additional roadwork widening that will extend from Folsom Road via Tsienneto Road to Route 102 near Pinkerton Academy.

In 2018, DOT officials told residents and Town officials they were looking to begin construction as early in Spring 2020, but the environmental study period approvals by the Federal government took longer than anticipated, pushing the date out for the groundbreaking construction by at least a year.

NH DOT Spokesman and Project Manager, Keith Cota was not immediately available to respond to requests for comment.

Deliberative

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Jessica Ring and Paul Lutz.

Moderator Gordan provided the details of Article 2 of the 2020 2021 Warrant for the School District to raise and appropriate \$92,078,198.01 as an operating budget. Gordon noted that should budget Article 2 be defeated, the 2020-2021 operating budget will be \$89,514,933.87, which is the same as last year's budget with certain adjustments as required by previous action of the School District or by law. The governing body may hold one special meeting, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

School Board Chair

McKenna overviewed this budget saying, "Derry is the third largest school district in the state of New Hampshire. If we just look at the elementary and middle school, we have about 3000 students and with our high school population we have about 1600 students sent to Pinkerton and 60 to 70 students sent to the Next charter high school."

"Our average cost per pupil, based on 2018 and 2019 numbers, in elementary is \$15,707.93 and the average cost for the middle school student is \$14,713.96 and these numbers put us below the state average in terms of our cost per pupil," said the School Board Chair.

McKenna continued,

"Student achievement is our biggest priority and we are seeing student achievement increase across our grades. We have seen consistent growth in achievement over the past several years and our grades 2, 3, 4 and five outperformed state scores in Math. These are students that started with our current math curriculum adopted only a few years ago." McKenna also pointed out that on a national basis the Derry schools are exceeding national reading test scores across all grades.

One of the budget impacts for the district is the proposal to support Full-Day Tuition Free Kindergarten. Derry is one of only 4 districts in the

state not offering this type of Kindergarten program. The idea is to give kids a good start in curriculum efforts to further support their growth and achievement. There is much evidence showing that Kindergartens with strong curriculums provide significant advantages for kids.

One resident came forward with concern that budget numbers will impact her taxes to a critical point, and she asked where cuts might be found to bring full time tuition free kindergarten to the district without paying more. She suggested cuts in technology budgets saying that maybe teachers could use older computers.

School Board Chair McKenna pointed out this budget was particularly difficult as costs are rising and state funding must be considered. McKenna pointed out the state funds have a time lag with a bit of uncertainty. McKenna outlined expectations out-

lined by the State and pointed out that these funds have been taken into account in the budgeting.

Another resident came forward suggesting the some budget might be moved to bonding to spread out the costs over time. Town Councilor, Jim Morgan, came to mic and pointed out the schools budget appears to be in a deficit position next year. Morgan also proposed consideration for redistricting to efficiently support classroom size, building costs and staff reductions as measures that might reduce costs.

McKenna said that class sizes were typically above the state average and he said that redistricting would be discussed in the next board meetings in context of new demographic studies that had been done. Attendees voted and approved moving this article as is to the ballot for March voting.

Article 3 was also

overviewed and adopted to go to the ballot. This article is regarding approval of the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Derry School Board and the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, Local 1445. Passage of Article 3 will support the district's ability to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,225 for the next 2 fiscal years (2020-2022). In addition, voters will also consider that If Article 3 is defeated, there will also be voting on Article 4 to authorize the governing body to call one special meeting.

Voting on the 4 warrant articles will be conducted by official ballot at the Town elections to be held on March 10. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Districts 1 and 4 at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School, District 2 at Calvary Bible Church, and District 3 at West Running Brook Middle School.

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Zoning Board Chair Presents Annual Report to Town Council

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Lynn Perkins, Chairman for the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) presented his annual report to the Town Council on Jan. 28. Perkins told the Council, "Over the past year, the point I have made to our ZBA members was the fact that all boards in the town seem to be working in a very cohesive direction."

The Chairman noted that the Zoning Board hears appeals about any building or developmental order presented them that require a decision or determination to be made by administrative officials; the

ZBA administers special provisions for ordinances dealing primarily with variances and special exceptions.

Perkins pointed out that the board uses detailed legal Zoning documentation as a guideline for their decisions and also works with the Town's code enforcement officers to support a framework of their actions.

Perkins told the councilors, "The Zoning Board of Adjustments is comprised of 5 primary members drawn from the fellow Derry residents and is allowed to have up to 5 alternate members by state statute as well - so that's a

total 10 members from this community that can sit on this board. We're always looking to develop a "farm team," so we have qualified people for the board. It is sometimes a difficult task to put peoples mind into a legal standpoint of deciphering what the intentions are in certain situations and it's always good to have more people who are properly engaged and ready to properly support this board. "A few years ago, we came to spring conferences and found that there's a lot of admiration from other communities in NH as to the fact that we have such gender and age diversity on our board and that is looked at by other towns in a good light. I think we want to keep it going that way." Over the past year, variances were the most abundant type of cases that the board presided over. We supported 31 requests and of the 31 cases - 3 cases were withdrawn, and the board had one request for a rehearing from the case that had been carried over from prior fiscal calendar year - July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019."

"The board also heard 3 special exceptions cases and 1 equitable waiver case during the past year. The Zoning Board also hears a lot line adjustments - and we might hear an administrative appeals and challenge to decisions from the building department with appeals - though there were no such cases brought before the board this reporting period of all." 15 cases before the ZBA were from businesses that made requests ranging from lighting and new style signs to asking for permission for business usage in an unapproved area. So about 50% of the cases the ZBA hears are business associated.

Perkins continued, "There are now new preemptive laws affecting the board that have come from outside the zoning book guidelines and town borders this past year. The best way to explain it is with an example about cell towers - where the government basically says that the FCC gives you very little ability to push back on cell towers. There are some constructive arguments you can make to the board as the town as tries to construct specific areas where cell towers can go, but other than that - the board doesn't have a lot of direction they can go in when such a case comes before us."

"So that preemptive comment made me look at

the current legislative matters," Perkins told the council. "...and we have got a lot more things coming at us that could push Derry in a direction we may not want to go. Mainly new state legislation is bringing certain issues that we now face."

The ZBA Chair noted that it is important to bring these state changes to everyone's attention, so that Town can put this situation on their radar to make sure the town does not need to go in a direction with zoning that it does not intend to go.

Perkins explained that state zoning laws are evolving that will affect the powers of the Zoning Board of Adjustment as now there is a statute of modification that changes the method for voting on certain cases. Essentially there was a specific and stringent method that ZBAs across NH and probably land-use boards in general had to apply to their cases... and then they had to stay in that methodology consistently all the time - now that situation may be impacted

with newer laws that are probably trying to get communities out of trying to vote something down just because the town does not want something in their back yard. This situation may occur when either the state or the town is trying to go in a specific zoning direction.

Perkins overviewed that there is a NH statute that gives a direct path of appeal for applications that are categorized under workforce housing. Current legislation that's being proposed in a new House Bill targets reducing a zoning board's authority by fast tracking appeals for workforce housing through certain measures and avenues for applicants who are proposing such workforce housing. And this situation is likely to take some of the authority away from local zoning boards.

Perkins and the Council further discussed this evolving situation and everyone agreed to monitor what would work best within newer state laws as well as what would also be in the best interest for the Town to meet its goals.

OBITUARY

Alice May McFarland



Alice May (Edwards) McFarland, 84, of Derry, NH, passed away Thursday Feb. 6, 2020, in Pleasant Valley Nursing Center in Derry, NH. She was born in Chester, NH on Nov. 5, 1935, a daughter of the late Merton C. and Frances C. (Estes) Edwards, and had been a resident of Derry for the past 15 years, formerly living most of her life in Chester. Alice enjoyed working on all types of puzzles. She also enjoyed camping and had a great appreciation for the Native American heritage and culture.

She is survived by her seven children, Genevieve Dennis and partner Guy Gonyer, Kenneth McFarland Jr., Tammy and her husband Thomas Porter Sr., Rose and her husband Brian Heckbert, Cindy and her husband James Stiles, Ted McFarland and Patty McFarland, many grandchildren and great grandchildren, her sister Florence Edwards, Brother George Edwards and his wife Sherry, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday, Feb. 11, from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. Burial will be in the spring in the Great Hill Cemetery, Chester. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Assoc. / American Stroke Assoc., PO Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005 or at www.heart.org.

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Editorial

Presidents Day Reminds Us of Our Democracy

From a young age, many Americans begin to associate Presidents Day as nothing more than the third day of a long weekend, since schools are often closed to observe the holiday. Though its significance is taught in said schools, it seems that so many still don't fully comprehend the meaning behind Presidents Day. Companies that use this day as an excuse to move excess inventory don't help preserve the significance of this day either.

Two of the United States' greatest national leaders were born in the month of February, and a big part of the national holiday is to celebrate these two figures. The main purpose of Presidents Day focuses on the lives of past Presidents of the United States of America, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. These two men have served as examples for future generations for hundreds of years, and their actions and messages must be preserved and followed to keep our nation strong.

These two Presidents in particular are celebrated together each year in the month of February, not just for their dates of birth, but also for their demonstration of strength during turbulent times in our nation's history. George Washington was a model for "Integrity, self-discipline, courage, absolute honesty, resolve, and decision, but also forbearance, decency, and respect for others." Not everyone agreed with Washington's viewpoints and qualities, but many honored, respected and trusted him nonetheless. Furthermore, Wash-

ington had no need to tell his fellow new Americans how strong and capable of a leader he was his actions were the proof.

Abraham Lincoln was born into a poor family, but he fought and persevered, became a country lawyer and eventually President of the United States. He received little formal teaching, and instead educated himself and gained a command of the English language, developing a way with words that would humble speechwriters of today.

During a time when a large national party had intentions to reject the Irish Catholics and Germans pouring into the country, Lincoln voiced praise for immigrants. When Southern leaders threatened secession, he stood firm against the expansion of slavery.

It is sad that this holiday in honor of these two great men has been reduced to just another day off to go shopping. This isn't to say that there is anything wrong with enjoying oneself on a national holiday, but we at Nutfield Publishing believe that Presidents Day deserves recognition for keeping the virtues of two great leaders alive.

We should never forget that as a Nation we must be grateful to live in a Country that allows us freedom; a voice in our government and a choice of our leaders. Therefore, the next time you see or hear a Presidents Day advertisement for your local car dealership, keep in mind that the day means so much more than discounts and not needing to set the alarm.

Letters

Running for Library Trustee

To the editor,

As a Derry Public Library regular, I'm running for Derry Public Library Trustee to help ensure one of our community's greatest assets continues to evolve and fill the needs of all Derry residents. We are incredibly lucky to have such a wonderful library in our community. Having two children at home, ages three and one, I know the impor-

tance of reading and exploring from an early age. My kids love the library both for their structured programs and simply learning through play. I will bring my passion for reading and learning to support the library's myriad programs for all ages from 0-99 - after all, it's never too late (or early) to learn!

I am a parishioner at Holy Cross and the Vice Regent of the Molly Reid Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Although now a full-time

mom, I am a certified personal trainer and have a Bachelor's of Education in Exercise Science. When I'm not teaching or chasing my kids, I love to hike, ski, read and bake.

The Derry Public Library is already a precious gem and I want to help it shine brighter for our community. I ask for your trust in guiding the library and making it even better. Please get out and vote on February 11.

Thank you,
Rachael Armstrong

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State Law Versus Best Practice

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This next issue of information on protecting your child while riding in a motor vehicle deals with State Law versus Best Practice. What do we mean by this? Take a snowy/ icy day on the roads. While the state law for the speed limit is the posted speed limit, we all know "Best Practice" is to lower your speed to keep control of your vehicle.

The same is for car seats and child restraints. While the "Law" may be written a certain way, we know your child can be safer. In brief, the NH State RSA states a child must be properly restrained until 7 years of age and 57 inches in height. That means once a child is either 7 years old, or 57 inches tall, by law they are not required to be in a child restraint. To see the full wording of RSA 265:107, use this link: www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/xxi/265/265-107-a.htm

There is no wording in our RSA about maintaining rear facing, 5-point harness or booster seat use. All our research, and now adopted

by the American Academy of Pediatrics until at least 2 but even longer when able, shows a rear facing child is safer than riding forward facing. The crash forces exerted on the child in a crash can be spread over a larger surface area, therefore lowering the potential for injuries. In addition, the chance of internal injuries is greatly reduced. The same goes for a forward-facing child in a 5-point harness than a booster seat. The 5-point harness restrains the child better and spreads these crash forces over a larger area, usually over stronger areas of the body as well. Many caregivers want to move their child to forward facing, or to a booster set, before the child is physically ready for this move. The child has the rest of their lives to look forward in a vehicle, let's wait until they are ready for the move. While NH state law states up to 7 years old or 57", please remember that a booster seat can fit a child for many years after both of these and provides the added safety needed. Children can be in a booster seat up to 10 years old, some longer. The other concern is moving a

child into the front seat. The NH law does not govern when this is allowed, however many safety and medical professionals, along with most vehicle manufacturers will state this should not happen until 12 or 13 years old. Just look at your sun visor for the red warning label, what does yours state?

Our final point to cover in this edition is when traveling with your child(ren) to another state, you need to know the law in that state. The laws in other states could be stricter than in NH and you need to make sure your child is restrained properly for that states' law. For a complete listing of state laws for each state in the country, please visit: <https://saferide4kids.com/car-seat-laws-by-state/>.

For more safety tips go to www.safekids.org/safetytips. To contact our program, you may leave us a voicemail on our information line: 603-432-1104 ext. 4623 or via e-mail at cps@londonderrynh.org. To find car seat inspection station in other areas, or for information on other child safety articles, please visit the Safe Kids USA website: www.safekids.org.

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West Running Brook Students Performs Footloose Musical



West Running Brook Middle School Drama Club members performed the musical "Footloose" at Pinkerton Academy's Stockbridge Theatre this past Friday and Saturday with over 50 cast members taking the stage. The lead roles of Ren McCormack and Ariel Moore were played by Alex Spencer and Chloe Hakim. Other supporting roles were played by Ryleigh Hines, Landon Martin, Samuel Fontaine, Danielle Higgins, Emma-Lynn Lincoln, Kaylee Gifford and Brandon Marks. The musical was directed by Jennifer Ciarla and Blake Leister.

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Highway Safety Committee Working with State on Road Safety

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The Derry Town Council met with Highway Safety Committee member, James Roddy on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 to hear the committee's annual report. By Town Charter, the council annually hears reports from key town committees to assist them where appropriate.

The Highway Safety Committee works with the Highway Department and other related Town departments to assist them and help ensure roadways and town infrastructure are safe

for public travel and that safety is properly managed. This mission of this committee is achieved through preventative measures, long term planning, and efficient emergency response to critical safety situations.

Scott Savard is the Chairman and Walter Deyo is the Co-Chairman of the Highway Safety committee. This committee also includes Alan Cote as the Highway Division Representative, Michael Gagnon as the Derry Fire Department Representative, Jane Simard as the School Department Representative

and Edward Garone as the Derry Police Department Representative.

Highway Safety Committee member Roddy told the Town Council, "We meet the third Thursday of every month — if there is an agenda item — so this past year we had 10 meetings. Most of our activities are about speeding, crosswalks and things like that. Last year, we had about five requests for setting up no parking areas — some of which we could honor and some of which we could not. Ironically, some members of clubs requesting no parking were actually the cause of the parking situation problems, so on occasions we worked with the organizations to support parking strategies so as not to impede the traffic flow."

Roddy continued, "We have two very exciting updates to tell you about. One of which is visible every day now, as we now have multiple active speed limit signs installed in

town. I have to give a shout out to Police Chief Garone — as his team worked tirelessly on getting grants to get those very costly active speed limit signs. These are the ones where you approach, and the sign accurately tells you what your speed is with the actual speed limit sign right there too. While Garone and his department secured the grant for these electronic signs, the police chief also had the respect to come to us at the safety committee, so we had lengthy talks about where they should be placed in Town to be most effective."

Roddy noted these signs are on Hempstead Road, E. Derry Rd., East Broadway near Hoodcroft country club, and there is one on West Broadway near the Memorial Bridge. Roddy said they wanted a sign at the entrance to the town to make sure people coming into town — especially from I93 — were not speeding. Roddy noted

there is also an electronic sign over by West Running Brook.

"Every time I see the signs I'm thankful to Chief Garone for allowing us to participate with the police department about where to place the signs," said Roddy. "I am also thankful to the Police department to get those grants and the signs at very low cost for the town."

Roddy noted a second important focus for the Safety Committee saying, "We were approached over the last year by the Southern New Hampshire Planning Committee as they do annual studies using information that has been sent to the state on dangerous roads from tragedies that were either multiple injury crashes or fatal crashes — and Derry has a couple of those areas."

"And they asked us if we would consider spending time with them to help them determine dangerous roads in Derry — since they have a limited budget,

they want to insure the right places where money should be best spent to improve safety."

Roddy reported that the committee is actively working on determining dangerous state roads in the town and how problems might be remedied. The committee expects to make some safety adjustments in 2020 as a result of this work. And they are close to making final recommendations as to priorities for any monies that might become available from this study work by the state.

The Safety Committee member noted, "This money has to be used only on state roads and the areas chosen have to reach certain levels of tragedies or a proven danger — so there's only a few such areas in town, but we are going to do everything in our power to secure that state funding to make those corrections needed for improving the safety of these roads."

OBITUARY

Elizabeth S. Callahan



Elizabeth S. Callahan, 95, of Derry, NH, died Wednesday Jan. 29, 2020 in Pleasant Valley Nursing Center in Derry. She was born in Somerville, MA on April 22, 1924, a daughter of the late Frank and Sarah (Garland) LoSciuto. She had been a resident of Derry since 2005, formerly living in Windham, NH. Elizabeth had been employed as a bookkeeper for Belotti Oldsmobile in Somerville, MA for many years. She was a member of the Londonderry Senior Center, and enjoyed knitting.

She is survived by three sons, John Callahan, Jr. and his wife Christine of Lewiston, ME, Stephen Callahan and his wife Mira of Gorham, ME, and Daniel Callahan and his wife Jean of Londonderry, NH; nine grandchildren, Janice, Annissa, Stephanie, Kristen, Robert, Jeffrey, Ryan, John and predeceased by Karolina; thirteen great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; and her niece, Irene DeCata of Woburn, MA. She was predeceased by her husband, John "Jack" Callahan, Sr. in 2014.

Calling hours were held on Monday, Feb. 3 from 1 - 4 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. Funeral services followed at 4 p.m. in the funeral home. The burial will be in Pillsbury Cemetery, Londonderry in the Spring.

EDAC

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to Derry to see what they thought about the Derry community.

Both Town's steering committees reported their findings and multiple action committees have been formed; one of these action committees is meeting this month to work on certain recommendations from that effort. That group is starting off with marketing and branding

and EDAC will be heavily involved with this action team headed up by Owen Provencher, who will be reporting findings and actions steps to the EDAC.

Gossel told the council, "We continue to work with Beverly Donovan, Derry's Economic Development Director, on various projects such as the façade improvement as well as with other efforts happening around town."

The EDAC Chair reminded the council that some of the revisions to the committee bylaws made

last fall were to facilitate developing subcommittees. And at this time, three subcommittees have been formed; there is a zoning and land-use subcommittee; a business relations subcommittee; and a Derry Master Plan subcommittee. Members of EDAC have all been assigned to those subcommittees and will continue to be heavily involved with them throughout 2020.

Town Council Chairman, Neil Wetherbee, told Gossel, "If there is anything the Town Council can

do to help you guys to support your mission, our door is always open."

Gossel told the councilors that member Richard Tripp, who is the Town Council liaison to the EDAC, has been especially helpful. She also pointed out that Economic Development Director, Beverly Donovan, has had real impact to help the town, the EDAC and the various subcommittees that have been formed. Gossel said, "Bev really helps bring our committee together."

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Local Talent Make Fundraiser, Open Mic Nights Happen

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
NUTFIELD NEWS

Carleigh “Mack” McRitchie and her band, the Haze are helping to bridge the Derry music scene with Londonderry talent and both towns should be proud. On Friday January 24th, the Pinkerton student council along with Sunday Ave, a local Derry band, organized the Bridgestock concert to include the Haze. The event, to raise funds for the school’s junior prom, was staged at the Stockbridge Theatre and featured top musical talent from the Derry music scene.

Many Pinkerton students perform, entertain or attend Mack’s popular open mic night events that she has organized in Derry. The Pinkerton student council had the idea that well-known bands including Carleigh Mack and the Haze, the Stepping Stones and Sunday Ave might be a good draw for their fundraiser.

However, the fundraiser almost did not happen because after months of planning and rehearsals, the show was about to be cancelled when it was learned by school officials that Carleigh and Haze — who are from Londonderry — and

some other performers — were not members of the Pinkerton student body. This situation came to light only a couple of nights before the big show and most everyone involved was highly disappointed that this school activity fundraiser was about to be cancelled.

However, Pinkerton’s Dean of Students, Susanne Tartarilla, found out about all the efforts that had already gone into the event and how the three bands were an integral part of the Derry and Pinkerton community, through their music. Upon realizing this Dean Tartarilla announced that the show could go on. She said that the organizers should convey this support to the bands and promote the concert to the community. In the end over \$1000 was raised through the concert.

Carleigh Mack is a 16-year-old singer/ songwriter and a Londonderry High School student, who has already made an impact on the local Derry/Londonderry music scene, including with her high school student friends from Pinkerton, Londonderry, and other nearby towns. She has already received a partial scholarship to the prestigious Berklee College of Music’s five-week program. Carleigh has won local talent contests including Lon-



Carleigh McRitchie performing at a recent Pinkerton fundraiser for the Junior Prom. Photo by Chris Paul

donderry Sings, Derry’s Got Talent, Milford’s Got Talent and she was accepted to sing for NH Allstate festivals, as well as, perform solos at Prism shows.

Mack has had the musical bug since she was a toddler, singing rock and jazz styles, including a jazz style influence of the late Amy Winehouse. Mack is actually Carleigh McRitchie’s stage name — one she proudly uses to honor her Grandpa, Jimmy Mack — who was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II for his contribution to UK radio. Jimmy Mack is one the UK’s most famous radio DJ icons and is listed in the Pirate Radio Hall of Fame — while fin-

ishing his career with Clyde Radio Scotland.

Even at her young age, she is a mover and shaker in the Derry/Londonderry music scene. She hosts an open mic night at the Coffee Factory in Derry, once a month. This open mic night is open to anyone of all ages, skill, and interests.

For those interested — check the monthly schedules with Mack or the Coffee Factory. Signups are at 6:30 pm — usually all 15 spots fill up within a few minutes of the list going out; entertainment starts at 7 p.m.

and runs until after 9 p.m.

Mack says, “My open mic night has open arms for everyone who wants to express themselves in ways they don’t really get the chance to do anywhere else. I’ve had poets, comedians, local musicians, and even a clarinet quintet! This is a family friendly event, so I’m appreciative that the content to be suitable. The turnout is amazing every month, and has been growing rapidly since my first one, two years ago. I usually see around 70-90 friends, students, and locals; I run this open mic because I am passionate about music and I love providing a space for locals to express themselves through art.”

She says, “This event provides a popular spot for teens in the Greater Derry and Londonderry area to go hangout. Teens need a place to congregate and not get in trouble, and to go where we can be social and have fun. Here we have a safe and encouraging environment to do just that!”

You can connect with Carleigh Mack to find out more about the open mic nights or about her and her band via her social media connection — @hazeband-official and @carleighmackk.

OBITUARY

Andrew James Ahern



Andrew James Ahern, 36, of Derry, NH passed away suddenly Friday Jan. 24, 2020, in Derry. Andrew was born Nov. 28, 1983 in Lowell, MA and was a son of Patricia (Hadley) LaPenna and Robert Ahern. Andrew was raised in the Londonderry/ Derry area where he lived most of his life. He was a graduate of Londonderry High School.

Andrew was an avid Boston sports fan and loved all the local teams. He played high school basketball and lacrosse and still enjoyed playing basketball. Andrew loved time spent with his family and friends.

Members of the family include his mother and stepfather, Patricia and Michael LaPenna, a brother Paul LaPenna and his wife Nicole, his sister, Christin Hadley, his maternal grandmother, Anna Hadley and his two nieces, Catherine and Susanna.

After cremation, a Liturgy of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday Feb. 1, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mark the Evangelist Church, 1 South Rd., Londonderry, NH. The family also extends an invitation to everyone to join them for a time of refreshment and remembrance immediately after the Liturgy in St. Mark’s Hall.

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SPORTS

Pinkerton Boys' Indoor Track Team Takes DI Championship

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

Over the weekend the Boys' and Girl's Track teams from across the state competed in the Division I State Championship at Dartmouth College on Sunday, Feb. 9.

The Pinkerton Academy boys continued their dominance, by taking the state championship for the second straight year, and for the seventh time in eight years.

The boys finished the day with a score of 67 to take the top spot, Nashua North took second with 51.50 and Bedford finished in third with 48.5.

For the girls' squad, Pinkerton came in fifth with 38 points and Exeter took the state championship with 104 points.

Conor Seleny and Stephen Connelly were named All-State athletes. Along with that, Lady Astros Macy Graves, Meghan Cross, and Emily Lesburt earned entry into the New England Championships on Feb. 29.

Needless to say the PA boys had a lot of individual success, starting with the 55-Meter Dash, Benjamin Fleming placed third (6.69).

Conor Seleny placed first in the 300-Meter Dash with a time of 35.64, which

gave him the Division I State Champion title.

Fleming also came in fifth in the 300-Meter Dash with a time of 36.84.

For the 600-meter Run, Stephen Connelly came in seventh (1:29.03), and Jackson Cappello placed 11th with a time of 1:35.54.

In the 1,000-Meter Run, Zach Plaza placed second with a time of 2:33.79.

In the 1,500-Meter Run, Luke Brennan placed eighth (4:31.07) and Nolan Preble came in ninth with a time of 4:35.14

The 3,000 meter run had Nolan Preble coming in fifth place (9:09.82), Luke Brennan sixth (9:11.79), Stephen Connelly eighth (9:21.50), and Ethan Charles placed 11th with a time of 9:36.80.

For the 55-Meter Hurdles, Pinkerton's Jayson Choy came in sixth with a time of 8.35.

Benjamin Fleming, Ryan Dane, Patrick Cotnoirm and Conor Seleny finished first in the 4x200 Meter Relay with a time of 1:32.09.

In the 4x400 Relay, the team of Kyle Walker, Vernon MacPhee, Jayson Choy, and Zach Plaza came in tenth with a relay time of 3:44.61.

For the 4x800 Relay, Theo Davis, Thomas Davis, Jackson Cappello, and

Nathan Steiger placed ninth for Pinkerton with a time of 9:21.51.

In the High Jump Nick Tagalakakis tied for ninth (5'6").

Three Astro's placed top ten in the Long Jump. Ryan Dane placed second (21'5"), Nick Tagalakakis fourth (20'8.5"), and Colton Boursier came in fifth with a score of 20'8.25".

In the shot put, Pinkerton's George Nigro III placed eighth with a throw of 40'9.75".

Girls

The Astros girls' saw quite a bit of success also, the team of Olivia Welch, Molly McGaffigan, Mariesa Preble, and Macy Graves took first place in the 4x800 Relay with a time of 9:56.17

In the 600-meter Run Macy Graves placed fourth (1:41.58), and in the 1,000-Meter Run, Mariesa Preble came in sixth with a time of 3:12.12.

In the 1,500-Meter Run, Meghan Cross finished sixth (5:14.32), and she also placed third in the 3,000-Meter Run with a time of 10:39.56.

For the 4x200 Meter Relay Madison Connors, Hailey Laskiewicz, Jordan Wheaton, and Macy Graves placed eighth for the Astros with a time of 1:54.62.

In the 4x400 Relay, the



The Pinkerton Academy Boys' Indoor Track team won the schools seventh title in eight years over the weekend at Dartmouth College.

Courtesy photo

squad of Madison Connors, Lesburt placed third (5'2"), eighth with a jump of 15'7.5". Mariesa Preble, Sierra Edgecomb, and Macy Graves finished third with a final time of 4:17.87.

In the High Jump, Emily Marisa Douglas came in 33'.75".



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Astros Girls' Hoops Get Big Win Over Rival on the Road

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

After suffering a loss to Goffstown two weeks ago, the Pinkerton Academy Girls Basketball team won two in a row and now stands at 9-3.

Last week, the Lady Astros squad hosted Nashua North High School at Hackler Gym on Monday, Feb. 3 and beat that team with relative ease, 50-35.

Jesse Ames took over offensively as she scored 16 points while Avah Ingalls had nine, and Kristina Packowski scored eight. Both Sofia Riccio, and Alyssa DiMauro had six points, while Allison Ingalls had three and Samantha Franks had two. Both the Ingalls sisters had a three-pointer of their own, and Sofia Riccio had two from behind the arc.

Then on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 8, the Pinkerton squad traveled to face their rival Londonderry High School. It certainly wasn't easy, but the Astros took care of business on the road as they battled their way to a 50-41 win. The Ingalls sisters led the way again for Pinkerton with both Avah and Allison scoring 14 points. Jesse Ames contributed with six while both Samantha Franks and Sofia Riccio scoring five.

As always, loud Londonderry gym for the annual Ball Family Trophy meeting, and the rivalry was very much alive on the court and in the stands.

The first quarter of play



Samantha Franks

started with Londonderry putting the pressure on defense and also both teams committing turnovers early. Pinkerton took a 5-2 lead when Riccio assisted Allison Ingalls on a three pointer, but the Lancers responded when Courtney Shay found an open Ashley Rourke behind the three point line to tie the game up. Both teams played very competitively and were moving the ball around great. It then became back and forth play when Allison Ingalls hit another three to take a 11-7 lead, but Lancer Colleen Furlong used her playmaking ability to find Olivia Chaui for a jumper to end the first quarter with a two point deficit as Pinkerton lead 11-9.

The second quarter started with both teams diving on the court to gain possession, and then Samantha Franks set up Kristina Packowski for a jumper as Pinkerton then started to put the pressure on the Lancers.

Pinkerton forced a turnover and Avah Ingalls then scored to give the Astros a 15-9 lead with 5:55 left in the half.

Courtney Shay answered for Londonderry with a three-pointer, but Samantha Franks immediately hit a three of her own. Both squads were hustling on the boards, and trying to out-rebound the other. The Lancers kept themselves in the game when Shay found Jordyn Furlong for a three-pointer to make it a 25-19 Pinkerton lead. The Lancer's then ended the first half with a Katie Sullivan lay up to make the score 25-21 in Pinkerton's favor as the buzzer sounded.

Pinkerton gained early momentum in the third quarter, when Alyssa DiMauro hit a jumper to start things off, and Londonderry had back-to-back turnovers. It was now a 31-20 Astros lead, but the Lancers cut it to 32-26 when Courtney Shay scored a lay up plus the foul.

It was clear that Londonderry was frustrated on offense, but they didn't back down, as Jordyn Furlong hit another three to give the Lancers life. Late into the third quarter Colleen Furlong finally got one of her three-point shots to go, and she cut their deficit to just one basket. She didn't stop there, as the next possession Colleen nailed another three before the buzzer to give her squad a 37-36 lead heading into the final quarter.

Allison Ingalls started the quarter with another three-pointer to take a 41-37

lead, and there was a playoff atmosphere in the gym. Both teams fighting hard for the ball, and it was a scoreless couple minutes until Packowski found a wide open Allison Ingalls under the rim to break the silence.

Pinkerton then took a 45-37 lead with 3:23 left on the clock, and then it became crunch time for the Lancers. There was a small moment of hope when Londonderry grabbed a steal with 1:53 left, but they weren't able to capitalize on it.

Jesse Ames sealed the game for the Astros with a pair of free throws before the game ended. Pinkerton then took on Windham High School (5-7) on the road Wednesday, Feb. 12, after the Nutfield News went to print. They will then have a big test on Friday, Feb. 14, when they face a very tough Manchester Memorial High School team (12-1) on the road.



PA senior forward, Jesse Ames, battled under the hoop and scored six points Saturday. Photos by Chris Paul

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PA Wrestlers See More Success as Regular Season Winds Down

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy wrestling team saw more success when they traveled to Hudson on Wednesday, Feb. 5 for a Dual Meet with Alvirne High School. At that meet, the Astros improved to 9-2 by cruising past the Broncos team 60-18.

The Astros came out hot as Marcus Sconza (145 lbs) started with a 3:58 pin over Timothy Barrett, and then Xavier Anthony (152 lbs) dominated Grant Dickieson with a 17 second pin.

In the 160 lbs weight, Jack Mackiernan earned a pin over Nicholas Maniatakos at 2:45.

Sterling McLaughlin was

able to pin Christopher Penny in just 13 seconds at 182 lbs. William Brown (195 lbs) grinding for a 5:52 pin over Alex Linke.

The next four Astro wrestlers won by forfeit, and the last points of the evening were earned by a Pinkerton's Dominic Robinson at 126 ilb, as he pinned Kyle Clark.

The Pinkerton squad then

traveled up to the state capital again as they competed in the Concord-Quad Meet against three other wrestling squads at Concord High School. There, the Astros took two of the three match-ups.

Pinkerton's first dual was with the Crimson Tide, where they suffered a 57-15 loss.

Only three matches went Pinkerton's way. Jack Mackiernan (170 lbs) had a 1:06 pin over Joseph Gimaranzi, Sterling McLaughlin (195 lbs) pinned Abbas Abdulrahman at 2:44, and Michael Follo (106 lbs) took a 14-12 decision.

After that rather uneven battle, the team faced Manchester Central High School and cruised past them 60-21. Casey Phelan (113 lbs) started with a pin that only took 13 seconds, while Dominic Robinson pinned Bryan Macias in 31 seconds to give Pinkerton a fast 12-0 lead. In the class of 132 lbs

Nathan Lindquist pinned Manuel Velazquez in 44 seconds, along with David Hammond (138 lbs) earning a pin in 4:42. Right after that Marcus Sconza (145 lbs) was able to pin Jackson Robidoux at 4:30.

The next three Astros won points through forfeits and Jack Scarelli (285 lbs) finished things up with a 3:29 pin over Andrew Farrell.

The squad's final dual was against Nashua North High School, and Pinkerton won with ease 72-12.

Casey Phelan (113 lbs) pinned Mirenis Torres in 3:25, while Dominic Robinson (120 lbs) earned a pin over Michael Mathson at 3:19.

In the 132 lbs class, Nathan Lindquist pinned Andrew Frye in just 41 seconds. David Hammond (138 lbs) followed that up with a pin of his own over Andrew

Tate in 3:57.

Marcus Sconza (145 lbs) pinned Dimitri Moreno in 1:04, and then Jack Mackiernan (170 lbs) took down his opponent with a 2:01 minute pin.

Sterling McLaughlin, at 182 lbs, quickly beat Spencer Whiting with a 15 second pin, then William Brown (195 lbs) won a 3:07 default over Toby Brown.

At 220 lbs, Ben Fairbank took down Jessy Allen in a 1:37 pin, while Jack Scarelli (285 lbs) ended the day with a 2:39 pin over Max Ackerman.

There's only one match left in the regular season before the NHIAA Division I Championships that are set for Saturday, Feb. 22, at Londonderry High School. Pinkerton finished their regular season on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Exeter High School after the Nutfield News went to print.

Pinkerton Skiers End Regular Season at Mount Sunapee

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Ski Teams ended the regular season on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at Mount Sunapee in Newbury N.H. in a nine-team meet.

The boys' team took third place for the Slalom, and seventh in the Giant Slalom while the girls' came in seventh for the Giant Slalom and third in Slalom.

Pinkerton's Chris Bennett was the overall winner for the boys in the slalom race with a time of 1:05.56. Following in second for the Astros and 12th overall was Colton April (1:23.27), Ethan Hatch was third and 20th overall (1:33.71), while Jackson Kuncik placed fourth and 24th overall (1:36.70), and Ryan Bright came in fifth and 43rd over-

all with a time of 2:00.23.

In the Giant Slalom, Colon April came across the line first for Pinkerton and 16th overall with a time of 1:21.43. Ethan Hatch was the second Astro in, and 18th overall (1:22.88), Jackson Kuncik third and 25th overall (1:30.44), and Ryan Bright finished fourth and 47th overall with a ski time of 1:59.15.

For the girls' team, in the Slalom, Katelyn Bennett finished first for her squad and eighth overall (1:20.89), while Ava Sezgin came in second for the Astros, and 12th overall (1:24.18), and Madeline Frank finished third and 17th overall with a time of 1:30.79. Hannah Flagg came in fourth and 19th overall (1:31.45), Sydney Pratt fifth and 27th overall (1:37.75), and Annabel

Veale placed sixth and 31st overall with a ski time of 1:42.07.

In Giant Slalom, Sydney Pratt finished first for Pinkerton and 21st overall with a time of 1:31.09. Next across the line was Hannah Flagg coming in second and 22nd overall (1:31.13), then came Katelyn Bennett third and 23rd overall (1:31.78), Madeline Frank fourth and 40th overall (2:14.91), and Annabel Veale came in fifth and 41st overall with a 2:25.81 ski time.

The Astros skiers season came to a close on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Gunstock Mountain when they competed at the NHIAA Division I Championship after the Londonderry Times went to print. This event was originally scheduled for Tuesday, but was postponed

Pinkerton Gymnastics Team Ends Regular Season at 37-0

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Gymnastics team completed their regular season on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at Absolute Gymnastics in Tyngsboro, Mass. The meet was hosted by Nashua North High School, with Nashua South, Londonderry, Spaulding, Dover, and Exeter High Schools competing as well. Pinkerton took first place with 136.05 points, while Londonderry finished

second with 128.65 points. Nashua South placed third (117.35), Spaulding fourth (116.95), and Nashua North came in fifth with a score of 104.55.

The outstanding Sophia Viger won the vault, bars and the all around, while Ashley McKinnon won the floor exercise with a career best of a 9.5 score. McKinnon also placed second in the all around, along with Hana Phaneuf winning the beam with a score of 9.0.

The Astros team now

have their eyes set on the NHIAA Division I State Championship, and will see if they can continue their success on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 15 in their very own Hackler Gymnasium at Pinkerton Academy.

Pinkerton will be going for its fourth straight Division I State Championship and ninth since 2010. Their last loss was to Londonderry High School in 2016, where they lost by less than one point.



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Astros Girls' Ice Hockey Sweeps by Another Division I Opponent

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

In just their second year competing in the Division I Girls Ice Hockey ranks, the Lady Astros are seeing a lot more positives than negatives. With just four games left to the regular season PA stands at 7-4, and in the last two games they outscored their opponents 21-1.

Last week, the Lady Astros team hosted a winless Kingswood Regional High School team (0-9) at the Tri-Town Ice Arena on Wednesday, Feb. 5, and skated away with an overwhelming 11-1 victory.

Pinkerton controlled the game as soon as the puck dropped as they

scored just 34 seconds into the game when Molly Fahey found the back of the net with an assist from Kelsey Levesque, and Jordyn Wasiejko.

The Astros continued to put pressure on the Kingswood goaltender as they shot the puck continuously and eventually scored again at the 5:34 minute mark. This time it was Wasiejko with the goal from the help of Chloe LaBorgne and Madison Gibeault. Shortly after that Molly Fahey struck again for Pinkerton and put her squad up 3-0, and Hailey Sauer followed that up with a goal of her own a minute later with an assist from Kaylie Hogan. The puck barely reached the

Pinkerton end of the ice in that period, as Kingswood had trouble gaining possession of the puck and the first period ended with Pinkerton looking at a 4-0 lead.

Pinkerton didn't take their foot off the gas in the second period as the Astros as they got out to a 5-0 lead early when Emily Buckley scored of an assist from Wasiejko when the clock showed 12:37.

Kingswood gained some life when they were gifted a two-minute power play, with Pinkerton committing a penalty, and they capitalized on it. Kingswood finally scored at the 8:23 mark, but Pinkerton made up for their mistake immediately after that.

Jess Mitchel got another point for the Astros with assists from Fahey and Levesque. Only a few seconds later, PA scored again, and this time it was Fahey who notched another hat-trick performance as she now has a few of those under her belt on the season.

Pinkerton never let up on offense in that period, as Levesque scored with help from Mitchel, and Fahey. Then, Sauer scored two goals in a row to end the second period giving Pinkerton a 10-1 lead heading into the final intermission.

With Sauer's two goals to end the period she joined Molly Fahey with a hat trick of her own. Pinkerton's aggressive play cooled down a bit in the final period of play, with just one more goal scored by Maddie Knight to finish with a 10-point difference in this uneven contest.

The girls will most likely have another easy match up on Saturday, Jan. 15, as they take on the Lady Bulldogs of Bedford (2-10) on their home ice.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Feb. 2



**Conor Seleny, Senior
Boys Indoor Track**

Conor did his part to help the Pinkerton Boys Indoor Track team secure another Division I title on Sunday. Conor won the 300-Meter, finished second in the hurdles. He also anchored all relay teams, one of which broke a Division I record.



**Macy Graves, Junior
Girls Indoor Track**

Macy came in fourth in the 600-Meter and anchored all three relays at the Division I Championship on Sunday. Her 4x800 Relay team ran the best time in the state to take first place at the event.

Athletes are chosen by Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

Astros Boys Hockey Squad Suffers Tough Overtime Loss

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys Hockey team has seen more ups than downs this season, but they ended the week on a two-game losing streak, and are now just above the .500 mark at 7-6.

Last week's only game was a battle against Bishop Guertin High School (8-4) on Wednesday, Feb. 5, where the team suffered a close 2-1 overtime loss.

The Pinkerton squad traveled to Tyngsboro, Mass. and played at Skate3 where the game went through two scoreless periods.

It was a back-and-forth game as both teams were evenly aggressive, but 32 seconds into the third period Pinkerton's Ethan Burgess struck first with the help from a breakout pass by Mason Drouin.

Pinkerton was up 1-0 and hoping to keep that slim lead, but Bishop Guertin responded quickly, as they scored a goal of their own in less than a minute when the Astros turned the puck over and the Cardinals capitalized on the mistake to slip one by goaltender Matt Gilliland. At the end of regulation, the score was knotted at one.

As the overtime period began, Pinkerton had a few good chances to score, but a turnover in the neutral zone is where things went wrong for them. That then led to a breakaway goal for Bishop Guertin, and their 2-1 win.

Despite the loss goaltender Matt Gilliland had 30 saves, and the Cardinals were only able to score when PA made mistakes.

The PA squad will take the ice again on Wednesday, Feb 12, when they will travel to the Ice Center in Salem to face Windham High School (8-5).

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Boys Hoop Squad Handed 11th Loss

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys' Basketball team is still seeking their first win of the season as they fell to 0-11 after two more tough losses last week.

The PA squad traveled to Nashua North High School on Tuesday, Feb. 4, where they suffered another lopsided loss, 80-49.

Pinkerton was consistent with their scoring as they had 11 points in the first three quarters and ended strong with a 16 point fourth quarter. Their defense is what hurt them as they allowed 21 points in the first and then let Nashua North score 23 points in the second quarter. They then let up a total of 36 points in the second half of play.

Pinkerton's leading scorer was Jimmy Flynn who had 18 points, and Justin Dunne was the only other Astros player with double digits as he scored 11.

The Astros nailed six shots from beyond the three-point arc as Flynn had two, along with Warriner, Dunne, Packowski, and Desalvo each having one.

Pinkerton then traveled to Londonderry High for the annual Ball Family Trophy game on Saturday, Feb. 8.

From the way things started in this one, it looked like coach Pete Rosinski's Astros were going to get their first win of the year, until things took a turn and the Lancers came out on top 55-44. Declan Conroy and Justin Dunne led the way with 13 points, while Jimmy Flynn had five and both Mike Packowski and Mejia Miguelangel had three.

It was a packed and energetic Londonderry gym as fans were excited for the rival match up. The game started with sloppy play from both squads as Pinkerton kept turning the ball over. Lancer Luke Marsh broke the scoring silence after over a minute of play when he muscled his way for two offensive rebounds and a lay up. A Pinkerton steal and a Justin Dunne lay up finally put PA on the board. A Jimmy Flynn steal was quickly



PA's Justin Dunne gets over Lancer Cole Keegan for a basket in Saturday's game. *Photo by Chris Paul*

snuffed out when Lancer Alex Tssetsilas came from behind and blocked his lay up attempt to get the crowd going. Astro Justin Dunne stepped up on defense as he blocked Mike Rosatano's shot and at the end of the quarter, giving Pinkerton a 14-7 lead.

Jackson Cox drilled a three-pointer for LHS to start the second and Pinkerton answered when Jimmy Flynn heaved a full court pass to Declan Conroy for an easy lay up. Pinkerton's defense improved and they started to move the ball around a lot better on offense in that quarter.

It became a very close game when Luke Marsh had an incredible ball fake on Justin Dunne that led to a score and only a 16-15 Astros lead with 3:48 left in the half.

Miguelangel Mejia nailed a three off a pass from Andy MacDonald to take a 22-19 lead. Mike Rosatano hit a three for the Lancer's, but Pinkerton ended the first half with a Declan Conroy three-pointer as Pinkerton took a 25-22 lead.

The second half is where Londonderry took control of the game. Pinkerton's Mike Packowski drilled a three to start, but then the Lancer's scored four baskets in a row to take a 34-29 lead. Both teams traded turnovers, with Justin Dunne ending the sloppy play with a wide

open one-handed slam to get his bench into the game, while Jimmy Flynn scored a lay up to cut their deficit to five with a minute remaining. Londonderry was able to maintain the lead as the quarter ended, in a 42-33 Lancer lead.

The game got very physical as the rivalry was very much alive when both a Pinkerton and Londonderry player received technical fouls. The competitiveness was through the roof from both teams, as the players had to earn their points at the foul line when there was a foul on almost every shot attempt.

It was a 45-39 Lancer lead after Astros Jimmy Flynn assisted Andy MacDonald on an inside score, but then Zach Fawcett completely faked out Pinkerton's defense with a fake pass and an easy lay up which started the Lancers final push to seal the game.

Lancer Cole Keegan, hit a three-pointer to give his team a 50-39 lead. Declan Conroy hit a late three for the Astros to make it a 53-44 game, but Jackson Cox put the game out of reach with two free-throws for the Lancer 55-44 win.

The Astros hosted Windham High School (6-5) on Tuesday, Feb. 11, after the Nutfield News went to print. Their next game will be another home stand against Manchester Memorial set for Thursday night, Feb. 13.

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