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## Town Administrator Outlines Elderly Exemption Tax Program

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At their Feb. 4 Town Council Meeting, the Town Administrator, David Caron, updated the councilors about the N.H. Elderly Exemption Program and the programs impact now and in the future with regard to tax impact.

Caron said, "There's a couple of provisions of the program for us to consider. First is that the state has established minimum requirements that cannot be changed. Second the state allows towns to increase their program from the minimums. ...we want to look forward at any sort of demographic changes that we need to be mindful of in the future about this program. I also

want to give the council an idea of what the activity for this program has been at the local level."

The Town Administrator noted that the town couldn't change certain state requirements. For example, the program is only eligible for taxpayers 65 years and older. The due date April 15th for taxes is set by law and decisions to be made by the town by July 1 is also set by law. The appeal process either through Superior Court or the Board of Tax and Land Appeals is also a state mandated requirement. An applicant has to reside in the state for three consecutive years, the property has to be owned by resident and if the resident is claiming their spouse then they have to be married for at least five consecutive years.

The requirement defines income sources as all incomes and it defines the asset levels; the major asset excluded is an applicant's primary home plus two acres of land. And it is the net amount of an asset - so if you own an expensive car and have a large loan on it - it's the net value to the property owner, which is included as the asset.

One thing the state allows is an estate baseline program that is a \$5000 exemption for age 65 and older - and a town can allow up to 3 different age categories, which is done in Derry to support 65 up to 75, then 75 up to 80 and finally 80 years and older. The net income to be eligible on the statewide basis is \$13,400 for a single though Derry has increased

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## Net Zero Task Force Saves Town Over \$1 Million In Energy Costs

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At the Feb. 4 Town Council meeting, Chairman Jeff Moulton, of the Net Zero Task Force presented his annual report to the councilors. Moulton told them, "Our mission statement hasn't changed, and our goal continues to be to reduce costs for the town and replace carbon-based fuels whenever we can."

The Chairman pointed out what the group has accomplished so far - achieving over \$1 million in savings in energy costs over the last 10 years

which is quite impressive.

Moulton also pointed out contributions and help from Mike Fowler's Department of Public Works group, along with help from the previous energy committee, as well as their guidance and support about energy saving projects with the school district.

A lot of that savings was in modernization such as substituting natural gas for oil energy, LED lights in a number of different projects and places, then bringing in a small solar project as well as bringing in third-party energy suppliers.

The school district has

been looking at results on how the Honeywell energy savings project was doing and they're actually over-achieving on their original goals from this project. They had hoped to achieve a \$.5 million in savings and they are already close to \$600,000. They've now reduced their payback from about 20 years to about 15 years for extra savings

Moulton pointed out that the group is working on detailed tracking on the town side to be able to tell more precisely how much the town is saving. At this point the Task Force is collecting data to compare

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**Frost Fun** Young Kaleb Ward, 4, had tons of fun at the annual Derry Frost Festival that took place at the Alaxender-Carr Park on Sunday, Feb. 16. The weather was great and attendance for the one-day event was at an all-time high. Along with sledding, there was plenty for families to enjoy at the event. See more photos on page 8.

Photo by Chris Paul

## Derry School District Issues NH DHHS Report on Viruses

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The Derry Cooperative School District and Derry School Board have now issued a report and statement to the community from the NH Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS) about Novel Coronavirus COVID-19.

This report from the NH DHHS Bureau of Infectious Disease Control is also about preventing viral diseases including different virus strains that cause colds and flu disease across schools within New Hampshire communities. This report is now available on the School District web site. Over the recent month,

school administrators, teachers, staff, students and parents within New Hampshire have become alarmed about how the current outbreak of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 in China might impact NH communities and are seeking ways to stay healthy as this year's flu season has

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also become wide spread and is still increasing across NH according to the NH Infectious Disease Surveillance Section (IDSS) of the NH DHHS.

Coronaviruses are a family of viruses and there are different types of coronavirus disease strains within that family. Some of these strains are ones that often cause the common cold, but the COVID-19 that has recently emerged from China is a new type of coronavirus believed to have moved from animals to humans and is infecting people now for the first time. At this time there is no vaccine prevention for it and the virus is potentially lethal and is spreading rapidly in certain global populations.

The report issued by the Derry district from the NH DHHS is to head off rumors about the disease as well as present an overview so people can be proactive to prevent a spread of virus strains within the State. New Hampshire health officials are also working to clarify potential confusion about coronaviruses as there have been rumors and confusion about the COVID-19 virus existing in NH.

There was recently a report of the COVID-19 virus strain being found in NH that has since been retracted - as tests came back negative. There have also been incidences such when a school student was hospitalized with a respiratory infection this month and doctors told her family members, she was infected

with the HKU1 strain of coronavirus - which is not the COVID-19 virus strain that started in China. Stories like this have begun to flood public health offices with confusion - as families learn that their relatives are not infected with the same potential deadly coronavirus strain spreading across Asia, and Globally.

The NH DHHS report discusses how schools that provide health care services should prepare for the potential of COVID-19 coronavirus in the community if a pandemic begins to spread to our region. Residents should monitor up to date information from health officials as students who visit health services should also be instructed to wear a facemask when they are present with fever or respiratory symptoms to

limit the spread of airborne virus organisms. Registration staff and healthcare personnel should ask students with fever or respiratory symptoms whether they have traveled to China in the 14 days prior to the onset of their symptoms. School healthcare personnel or those with concerns can report suspect virus patients to the public health professional on-call at NH DPHS by calling 603-271-4496 during business hours and 603-271-5300 after hours; they are available 24/7.

Preventive measures should be taken by everyone to help reduce the spread of all types and strains of respiratory viruses. School staff, families and children should all be asked to prevent the spread of respiratory infections starting by covering their coughing and

sneezes with a tissue or sleeve and avoiding touching open areas such as eyes, nose and mouth.

People should wash their hands often several times a day for at least 20 seconds, especially after coughing or sneezing. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available. In addition, it is more important than ever to clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.

Children and people with respiratory symptoms should stay home from school and work until the sick individual has been fever free for at least 24 hours and off any fever reducing medication, and they are feeling better.

This is a time when people should avoid close contact with people who are

sick, and people are encouraged to get their annual influenza vaccine.

Schools are guided to follow standard procedures for routine cleaning and disinfecting with an EPA-registered product. Typically, this means daily sanitizing surfaces and objects that are touched often, such as desks, countertops, door-knobs, computer keyboards, hands-on learning items, faucet handles, phones and toys.

The New Hampshire Division of Public Health Services (NH DPHS) is working with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to support our communities and medical providers by developing guidance and education materials regarding this year's virus and disease issues.

## Energy

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what has been done in energy spends over the past several years and they are now able to go back to 2016 to show where the town is with such energy costs and goals progress going forward for 2020.

The Chair pointed to the groups new goals set for this year saying, "One of the important ones we're working on is to work with the NH State legislature to support legislation that would help us with our landfill project for solar energy. We want to re-benchmark our current

energy usage for all the buildings in town for solar. Some of this is going to come forward once the legislation gets settled, but we have detailed planning going on for the large solar energy project at the landfill. This project we are also looking at from a group metering perspective for all the town owned buildings in town could be covered by it."

Moulton continued, "If the legislation doesn't come forward the way we want it, then we would start looking at smaller projects for supporting each of the buildings and facilities. And there have been a lot

of LED deployments including this municipal building that is just finishing up. So, we want to step back and look at what haven't we done to see what other deployments we can also do from an LED replacement perspective."

Chairman Moulton pointed out to the councilors, "There is also a community choice program you may not be familiar with. This was legislation passed last year and it enables any town in New Hampshire to sign up on the behalf of citizens or a third-party supply arrangement for their energy."

And what is unique

about this program is that if the Derry Town Council decides to go with this program, all town residents would be automatically enrolled in it and they could still opt out. This type of program almost ensures a very high level of participation as it gives the town a real bargaining chip to be able to get energy for residents at a very reduced price. There is some administration that goes with it and there are already a couple of towns in the state pursuing this program.

Moulton said, "We're going to watch them to see how they do it. We don't want to take on something that may or may not save us money, but may drive up some of the administrative cost for the town. We do have a couple people working at this and watching what some of the other towns are doing."

The Net Zero Task

Force is also looking at helping with certain ordinances for the solar deployments - to provide guidance considerations for the town and the community while also continuing to work with schools to see what can be done to lower costs and use clean energy.

Moulton said, "What's interesting is where the town's electric usage is today - it has gone down significantly - on the municipal side we are now using 3.7 million-kilowatt hours a year. The schools are at about 2.75 million-kilowatt hours a year, so we are using a total of almost 6.5 million kilowatt hours a year. And what does that mean for our solar energy landfill project? If you wanted to cover all of that energy out at the landfill solar project, then it's about a 4 MW system. We could potentially set up to 5 MW solar system out there, so in

theory we should be able to cover the whole town owned property out there if the legislation comes through to allow us to do that. The other thing in net metering legislation is that all buildings have to be on the same meter, and we are - so that's not an issue."

So, on the legislative side - with some discussions with OSI (Office of Strategic Initiatives) and with the science and technology subcommittee - one of the bills in particular - HB 1204 - is geared towards municipalities. That bill is one sponsored by Gov. Sununu and what it does is allows us to lift the cap above 1 MW and that is one of the things we need. The second thing we need in this whole issue - that we ran into last year - is around the net metering reconciliation.

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# ZBA Approves Exception for Pet Grooming Home Business

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Marjorie Dastous did her homework - so said several members of the Zoning Board of Authority (ZBA) including Lynn Perkins, ZBA Chair - the board unanimously granted this Derry resident a special exception to allow her to operate a small business at her residence at 5 Sheldon Road that is zoned as Low Density Residential (LDR).

Unlike many applicants that come before the ZBA, Marjorie Dastous was prepared with all of her legal

and support documents. She presented her business plan and had properly researched the legalities tied to her application requesting that the ZBA allow her to operate a pet grooming business at her residence. Mrs. Dastous proactively listened and communicated with the ZBA with focused details to make a proper request. She included specifics that made the zoning board's job and decision about her application relatively straight forward.

The ZBA supported her application with stipulations sorted out during her

application discussion with the Board. Her business operation is now approved subject to all state and local regulations, as well as for supported permits. She will need to keep to her proposed hours of business which is set to be 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. from Monday through Saturday and she is allowed to have one sign that will not be illuminated

and is 3 square feet or less in size.

ZBA determinations made for special exceptions are considered in context of the applicant's ability to meet 5 different criteria that show a good plan for such an exception. This applicant had also put together a presentation for the ZBA members - though as Chairman Perkins point-

ed out, "Once you get through the 5 criteria from your application, we can let you speak all you want. The criteria is first though, as it is important and is considered to be your sworn testimony."

Dastous pointed to her reasons for the exception, "The proposed home business will not be injurious, noxious or offensive to the neighborhood by reason of omission of odor, fumes, dust, smoke, vibration noise or other cause. There are no other unusual sights, lights, noises or smells associated with the business."

Mrs. Dastous continued, "Any and all dog waste will be picked up and disposed of properly. This business will be carried on entirely within our dwelling. There are no hazardous materials or waste that will be produced in this business. There will be no noise from barking dogs as all dogs will be picked up and dropped off inside my home. And during the grooming, the dog will be inside with me at all times and at no time will a dog be left outside alone."

She stated, "Traffic will be no greater than normal residential area usage. Appointments are made so

only one client will be picking up or dropping off their dog or dogs at a time. There will be no deliveries of supplies than what is normal for residential areas."

The applicant over-viewed that the home business will be conducted entirely within the residential structure and will not exceed 25% of the finished area of the dwelling. In fact, the work area will be about 5% of the dwelling-space, as the business will be conducted in an 11x11 foot grooming area room that is located in my garage.

Dastous went on to outline complete details for the ZBA members to show she would meet all criteria for the exception, and she outlined a business plan in detail with considerable thought about her neighbors and her residential area. In the end, the applicant provided a focused and concise overview that was on track for her request according to the ZBA members. So, her home business for pet grooming was approved and she can now officially begin making dogs look good for their owners and friends.

## OBITUARY

### Nancy A. Caton

Nancy A. Caton, 65, of Derry and a former resident of New London, died Feb. 9, 2020 at Parkland Medical Center after a courageous battle with a long-time illness. She was born on Dec. 6, 1954 in Derry, NH a daughter of the late Evelyn F. (Hofer) and Frederick C. Caton Jr.

Nancy graduated from Pinkerton Academy in 1972 then received her Business Associates Degree from Rivier College in 1974. She worked as an Administrative Assistant for numerous corporations, Pinkerton Academy, and the Kearsarge Regional School District SAU 65.

She will be remembered for her beautiful smile, her love of the ocean, her passion for shopping, and her generosity. She enjoyed traveling, deep sea fishing, day trips to Maine, and spending time with family, friends and her cherished dog, Bonnie.

Nancy was predeceased by her father, Frederick C. Caton Jr., in 2001 and her mother, Evelyn F. Caton, in 2012.

She is survived by two brothers, Frederick C. Caton III and Dennis Caton; one sister, Christine Smith; and several nephews and relatives.

Calling hours was held on Monday, Feb. 17th from 4 - 6 p.m. followed immediately by a memorial service in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

## OBITUARY

### Isabella M. Farland



Isabella M. Farland, 13, of Derry, NH, passed away Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020, in Parkland Medical Center, Derry. She was born in Manchester, NH on Oct. 28, 2006, a daughter of Felicia Farland and Victor Cruz. Isabella greatly enjoyed watching Frozen, Sean Mendez and of course, her slipper collection. She had beautiful eyes which she used, along with her smile, to touch the hearts of those around her. She could make anyone smile and was even the ambassador for her school, Gilbert H. Hood Middle School.

In addition to her parents, Isabella is survived by six siblings, Raphael, Renia, Tomas, Ibralix, Elana and Julius; maternal grandparents, Teresa and Robert Farland; paternal grandmother and step-grandfather, Deborah Adorno and Angel Perez; paternal grandfather, Tomas Marrero; maternal great-grandparents, Robert Sr. and Shirley Farland; paternal great-grandparents, Renia and Ibrahim Graniela as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020 from 4 - 8 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. Funeral services were held on Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. The burial will be held in the spring in Forest Hill Cemetery, E. Derry Rd., E. Derry. Memorial contributions may be made to [www.facebook.com/donate/189981922366733/?fundraiser\\_source=external](https://www.facebook.com/donate/189981922366733/?fundraiser_source=external)

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## Editorial

### Meager Masses

It is not surprising to see yet another poor turnout at Deliberative Sessions in the area. This is the time and place where you have the power to, lower, zero out, or increase budgets and dollar amount of warrant articles. This is where you can make a change to what goes on the ballot, yet only a few citizens show up at these Deliberative Sessions.

If you don't show up and share your thoughts, but only complain after the fact, then you are not truly meeting your responsibility as an active interested citizen. High numbers of voters and Deliberative Sessions definitely do not go hand in hand, despite the fact that taxes are going up. The Deliberative Session is where you get an explanation concerning the proposed budget and the reasoning behind the warrant articles that are proposed for the town and school ballots. You, as a registered voter, have the power to question anything that will appear on the ballot. At this meeting you have the power to tweak the dollar amounts that will directly affect your taxes, before these measures appear on the ballot.

Many Towns have adopted the SB2 Deliberative Session in hope of attracting more voters, and have all articles voted on by ballot. SB2 got rid of the traditional New England town meeting, (also where few people showed up). Although this change has been adopted the voter turnout for local elections remains very low, as compared to the number of total registered voters.

We'll spare you the pitiful percentages. It seems highly unlikely that the low turnout means that all of the voters who didn't come to the Town and School Deliberative Sessions agree with the numerous warrant articles presented by the town and school and are ready to vote on March 10.

Are the elected officials who represent you doing an outstanding job? Regardless of what the majority of voters were doing that was more important than attending the Deliberative Sessions, the next opportunity to participate in our democracy is the local election, which will be held on March 10. Use your time wisely between now and March 10 to study the candidates and learn how they stand on the issues facing the town. Read about their positions in our pages and improve your knowledge on the issues that will appear on the warrant articles on the ballot.

We encourage you to study the money being spent, check out candidate forums, ask questions, and verify what the proponents and opponents of a particular warrant article are telling you. This year's election has attracted, in most cases, a choice of candidates for the various open positions. Make your vote an informed one. If people have made the effort to offer their time for public service we owe them, at the very least, enough interest to pay attention to their words. If their words are platitudes, agendas and generalities, you must demand specific answers. Asking tough questions about local politics matters and is bipartisan. These elections involve issues that affect all of us most closely. We have far more power with our vote in local town and school elections than in other election. Send in letters to the paper letting others know how you feel and whom you support. You may have missed your chance to participate at the Deliberative Sessions. Now is the time to participate for your own good and the good of the community, so please come out and vote on in the local Town and School election on March 10.

## Letters

### Thank You

To the editor

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who helped make Presidential Primary Day run smoothly in Derry. Thanks to the schools for organizing their calendar to allow school to be closed on election day and to make their facilities available for the elections. Thanks to Calvary Bible Church for opening up its gym as a polling place and for dealing with requests from the news media.

Thanks to Derry Police

and Derry Fire for their support. Thanks to DPW for help in setting up and clearing up the polling places. It went quicker and more smoothly than every before. Thanks to the CERT people who helped with traffic flow in and out of the parking lots during peak hours. Thanks to the town officials from the Town Clerk's office, the Supervisors of the Checklist, and the Town Council for helping things run smoothly. For the most part, despite a large turnout, voters were in and out of the polls in record time.

Most of all I would like

to thank the dozens upon dozens of ordinary citizens who stepped up to act as ballot clerks, registrars, greeters, assistant moderators, and especially to help count the votes at the end of the day.

Finally, thanks to all the Derry voters who came out to make all the preparation work worthwhile and to do their part to keep our democracy strong.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Mary Till

Town Moderator

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## Legislation for Property Owners on Private Roads Introduced

JOHN GOGLIA  
NUTFIELD NEWS

On Wednesday, Feb. 12, House Bill (HB) 1490 to establish a committee to study the taxation of property owners on private roads was introduced to the House Committee on Municipal and County Government by Dover Representative Peter Schmidt and co-sponsored by State Senator David Waters. HB 1490 came about through the efforts of the New Hampshire Private Road Taxpayers Alliance (NHPVRTA), a non-profit organization trying to unite property owners on private roads on a statewide basis, to support their efforts to rectify the unfair tax treatment of property owners on private roads. The NHPVRTA can be contacted at [nhpvrta@gmail.com](mailto:nhpvrta@gmail.com).

After introduction of HB 1490 several private residents from different parts of New Hampshire, including the President of the NHPVRTA, spoke to the committee in support of the bill. These residents owned

property on all types of private roads such as, dirt, gravel, stone and paved. Only one was from an age-restricted community development. There were approximately 18 members of the Municipal and County Government Committee (MCGC) present and an equal number of individuals present supporting the bill.

The common theme in support of HB 1490 was that although owners of properties on private roads were assessed and paid taxes equal to owners of properties on public roads they had substantial additional costs for snowplowing, maintenance and replacement of those roads that other taxpayers did not. It was mentioned by one supporter that all 11 of the senior communities in Londonderry are situated on private roads.

Some private road property owners talked about safety issues in the event of a need for emergency services stating that their private roads although acknowledged by local authority and required to meet certain

minimum standards were incapable of access by certain types of emergency equipment. A retired Fire Captain addressed his concerns about the existence of certain inaccessible private roads. A City Councilor also addressed the committee about his take on the issue of private roads. He concluded that it would probably be a good idea to study the problems, since there is an apparent proliferation and concern about the issues surrounding private roads.

The MCGC members were very respectful of the supporters of HB 1490 and quite a few committee members asked very good follow-up questions. However, many of those questions could not be answered at present because of insufficient research about certain relevant facts. One example of an unanswered question was "what percentage of NH roads are private roads?"

The committee now needs to deliberate on HB 1490 and a decision should be made in about 2 weeks.

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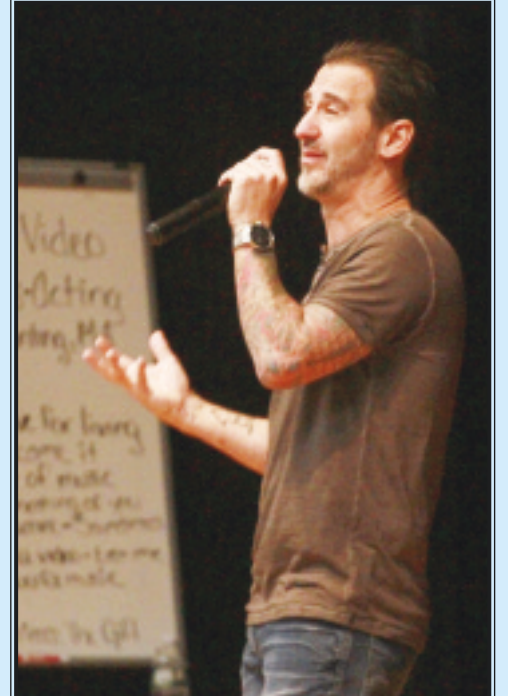
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# Godsmack Invites Derry Students to Participate in Video



Godsmack frontman, Sully Erna revisited Gilbert H. Hood last week with a film crew from the west coast, Immortal Cinema, and about 20 students from Pinkerton Academy who sang back-up vocals in the song 'Unforgettable.' On Friday morning, Feb. 14, the school had over 300 students gather in the gymnasium to hear an inspiring talk given by Erna. Those students plus the students who originally sang with Godsmack were invited to participate in another video of the song being taped in Manchester at the Southern New Hampshire University Arena the next day. But before that, a long rehearsal session had to take place at the school.

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# Beaver Lake Resident Gets Approval to Replace 1940's Cottage

MACK LEATHURBY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

At their Feb. 6 ZBA monthly meeting, Hepworth Family Beaver Lake Trust applicants Carl and Gail Hepworth, Trustees - requested a variance to the Town of Derry Zoning Ordinance, so they could remove an existing cottage and replace that dwelling with a new single-family home. The variance is needed because the new construction plan calls for front and side setbacks at the 32 Beaver Lake Ave., that is located in a residential zone.

The dwelling was built as a Beaver Lake summer cottage about 80 years ago and is one of several simi-

lar style cottages that were built in the area at the time. The family owners currently have to shut down cottage water system in the winter to prevent pipes from freezing and move out of the building or put up with living hardships for a dwelling that was built for summer rather than for year-round living. The ZBA granted the applicant's request subject to town and state permits and guidelines and noted that the family intends to move the new family home back from the lake shore in better alignment to current NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) guidelines.

The cottage is in some ways a piece of New Eng-

land Americana that marked a historical period for Beaver Lake living, but the cottage homes and properties in the area are marking time now as they adjust to a modern era of living now in Greater Derry.

Beaver Lake has been an historic area of NH for many years; this lake area was even a primary stop for trolleys that shuttled back and forth as a connection point for trips on the Chester and Derry Railroad during late 19th century and through the 20th century. That trolley line linked a thriving Chester and growing Derry area community.

Primarily during the summer, the trolley would

make stops at the Lake while connecting Chester and the Derry Depot for travel all over New England via bigger Boston and Maine Railroad trains. The Chester and Derry Railroad even built a large entertainment Pavilion on Beaver Lake to attract visitors who might pay a nickel or a dime for a trip that would help trolley owners keep their rail/trolley line going.

According to Derry Town Historian, Richard Holmes - this railroad-trolley company built their Beaver Lake Pavilion with a park area as destination attraction for mostly local people to reach via open-air trolleys. In the later 1800's and during the 20th

century, people living around the southern NH and the northern MA area were attracted to the Beaver Lake Park by a petting zoo, a dance hall, a restaurant, and even by a bowling alley.

Holmes tells us that at one time, there was slot machine gambling, boats and "Indian" style canoes to rent with a substantial sandy beach water area for swimming at Beaver Lake. And as film viewing became popular and more pervasive, movies were shown four evenings a week during the summer. The Pavilion first burned down in 1915 and was quickly rebuilt by popular demand but it was destroyed again - this time

completely in another fire in 1960 and was never rebuilt.

As time marched forward for Derry residents, Beaver Lake became a place for more summer home cottages - mostly kept up by certain Greater Derry area locals, though there were others arriving from more remote locations such as from Florida, who knew that Beaver Lake supported a great summer lifestyle. Alas, those days are gone and the trolley lines have been obliterated and the Pavilion Park is only a memory now, but good times at Beaver Lake continue - albeit in a very different cultural context.

## Tax Program

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that to \$35,000, so a resident can make up to \$35,000 per year and meet that portion of the eligibility test. For a married couple the minimum for the state is \$20,400 and Derry has enacted a level of \$45,000.

The net asset level on a statewide basis excluding a primary residence and 2 acres is \$35,000 and Derry has increased that level to \$150,000. And Derry has increased the minimum exemption level of \$5000 up to 75 and if are you're eligible you'll have a deduction of \$85,000 off

the value of your home. If you're in the middle category, which is 75 up to 80 you will have \$125,000 and if you are over 80 years old, you will have a level of \$165,000 off your property.

One of the challenges in Derry is that because of the fairly strong property tax baseline, residents have to work a lot harder to raise a dollar. Currently the state puts the town's value at about \$3.2 billion and currently this elderly exemption program, like the other ones such as for the blind, is shifted - Derry has

about \$760,000 every year that is shifted from successful exemption applicants to the other taxpayers in town. When all other exemptions are included then the town is transferring a burden of about \$1.3 million over to the general taxpayer base - i.e. back to property taxpayers not eligible for those programs.

The Town Administrator noted that, "One of our challenges is our assessed value per capita. If you look up all the surrounding towns we border, we have the lowest assessed value for capita at about \$95,000 per resident. That compares to the median of communities around Derry about \$150,000. For com-

parison, Londonderry is \$176,000 valuation per capita, Windham is \$162,000 and Salem is \$155,000, as is Auburn. So, you can see that Derry taxpayers have to work a lot harder to raise a dollar for taxes."

Caron continued his report, "We also look at the 10 largest communities because they share the same characteristics we do. Some of these may have a busy central service area, as they have sidewalks to maintain or the water sewer, though of the 10 largest communities - only Manchester and Rochester have lower assessed value per capita. We are at \$95,000 Manchester is at \$81K, Rochester is about \$85K and the median is about \$114,000."

Looking at the exemption activity over the last 4 years and Derry must review them every 5 years Caron pointed out a couple of challenges, "We try to review an exemption property every five years to make sure the information is accurate. We've reviewed 192 exemptions over the last four years and have removed 24% of those and 1/3 those folks removed were over income, though half of those removed were because folks did not respond. As far as new applications we've received about 114 applications of the last four years and 73% have been approved."

According to the town's numbers, a good majority of folks who apply for the

program are eligible. And the exemptions granted by the town are generous compared to other surrounding communities.

The Town Administrator pointed out that looking forward the town can expect that number of folks eligible to apply for the tax exemption will more than double by 2035 on a statewide basis.

Caron said, "We suspect that the amount to fund this program will increase from its current \$760,000 to between \$1.2 million and \$2.3 million over the next 20 years. So, this is something to keep in mind as the council considers these income levels, thresholds, and asset levels for elderly exemptions going forward."

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# Maple Syrup Season Gets Off to an Up and Down Start

MELISSA RUIZ  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Maple syrup and pancakes, maple syrup and waffles, maple syrup and oatmeal, the list goes on and on. People of New England and all over love to use this sticky sweet substance to bring a delightful flavor to any breakfast, or even lunch or dinner food.

But not only is this sweetener good for, well, sweetening—it's also good for the body and mind.

Maple syrup season is upon the Granite State, as seasons typically last from mid-February through mid-April, depending on location and weather.

Over at Folsom's Sugar House in Chester, NH, owner Brian Folsom has been able to tap a few weeks early, beginning in mid-January.

"We had a good summer with the leaves," said Folsom. "That's when the tree is making sugars."

Folsom explained that

local maple syrup has been made earlier and earlier in the season for the past 80 years, and agreed that it may be in part due to warmer winter weather.

But regardless of when tapping begins, there is no way to accurately predict how a maple season will go, since it is so tied to the weather, which can change from day to day and location to location.

Folsom stated that next to honey, maple syrup is the healthiest natural sweetener there is, and that there have been studies done which suggest that there are antioxidants found in maple syrup.

In fact, a study posted on the US National Library of Medicine National Institutes of Health website, titled "Further Investigation Into Maple Syrup Yields Three New Lignans, a New Phenylpropanoid, and Twenty-Six Other Phytochemicals," shows that there is more to the sweetener than just being sweet.

The report explained that during the boiling process necessary in making maple syrup, phytochemicals (compounds found to protect cells from damage) naturally present in tree sap are concentrated into the maple syrup. And while prior study had reported 23 phytochemicals from an extract of Canadian maple syrup, this study conducted in 2011 showed 30 additional compounds.

The report closed with, "The results reported here...confirm that this plant derived natural sweetener contains a wide diversity of phytochemicals, among which phenolic compounds predominate. Thus, the biological properties of these maple syrup constituents may impart potential health benefits to this natural sweetener..."

Meanwhile, at Pinkerton Academy's Sugar House, Forestry Instructor Michelle Mize says that students are looking forward to a good sugar season.

Nearly 45 students are eager to begin working in the sugar house, and will begin tapping through February vacation.

Mize stated that in order to produce maple syrup, tappers need days about 40 degrees Fahrenheit, which is when sap can most adequately run from the trees.

"A lot of times what happens is we get a run, then

things get cold," said Mize. "Then we have to wait for things to come back around, waiting on trees to start running with weather they prefer."

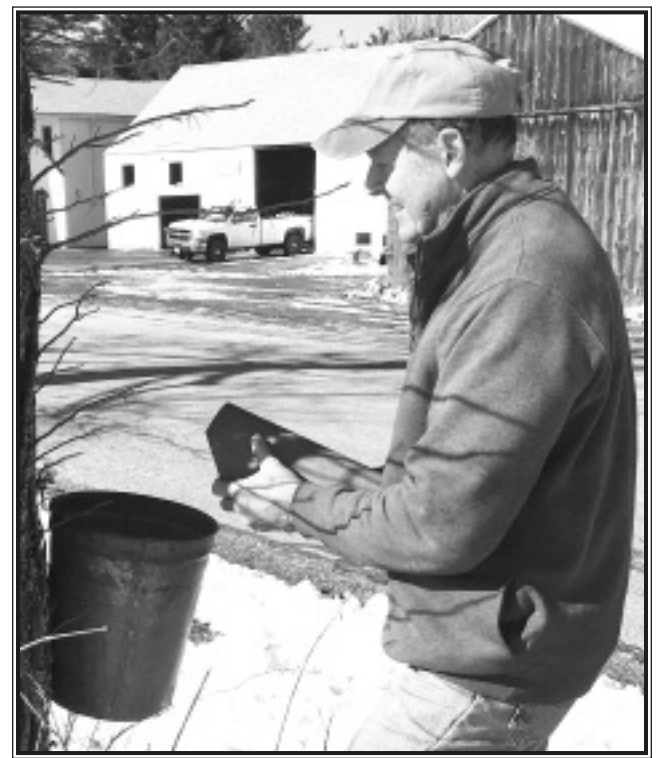
Mize's students will not just be creating a product from start to finish, a notable accomplishment in itself, but they will also be gaining invaluable knowledge and experience that will be sure to carry over into their post-secondary lives.

The students will put in hard work tapping trees, boiling sap, and creating maple syrup, which they will then develop a mock-up marketing plan for. Thanks to this sticky confection, Pinkerton youngsters may just develop a taste for entrepreneurship that will help to strengthen the community in the years to come.

Mize agreed that as with any natural resource, there were some environmental challenges that could affect production of maple syrup.

"Sugar Maples don't like road salt," said Mize, "and they are susceptible to pollution. A lot of our street trees are impacted by that."

Mize said that she and her students are currently learning how they can better deal with road salt, since so many people coming to Pinkerton are using cars. In addition to the skills needed to create syrup from start to finish, some students may find a spark of passion for



Chester's Brian Folsom gets ready for the peak of the season to start as he taps trees on Freemont Road.

conservation and protection of our state's natural resources.

"I think it's super important that we have future land and natural resource people in the field for a variety of reasons," said Mize. "Whether it's at the local, state, or federal level, we need to manage things so we can all enjoy clean water, products, recreation, and wildlife."

Maple syrup is a staple of most of New England culture, and by extension New Hampshire. With all of the health and educational

benefits to be gained from the substance, perhaps it is more important now than ever to support the local industry.

For more information on Folsom's Sugar House and Pinkerton Academy's Forestry and Maple Syrup program, visit [folsomsugarhouse.com](http://folsomsugarhouse.com) and [pinkertonacademy.org](http://pinkertonacademy.org) respectively (search Natural Resources in the Pinkerton Academy website and see first link). For the full study on antioxidants in maple syrup, visit [ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3140541](http://ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3140541)

## OBITUARY

### Lena E. Vaudrien



Lena E. Vaudrien, 96, of Derry, NH died Tuesday Feb. 11, 2020 at Parkland Medical Center, Derry. Lena was born in Claremont, NH on Nov. 24, 1923, a daughter of the late Cyril and Flora (Lavoie) Lariviere. She had been a resident of Derry since 1957, formerly living in Claremont. Lena was a member of the American Legion Lester Chase Post #9 Ladies Auxillary in Derry. She had held memberships in the AARP, the Eight and Forty Club in Manchester, NH and the Chester and Londonderry Senior Citizens. Lena was also a Communicant of St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry.

She is survived by her two children, Linda M. Rioux and her husband Raymond of Londonderry, and Wallace T. Vaudrien, Jr. and his wife Dena of Hooksett, NH, three grandchildren, Mark Rioux and his wife Christine of Derry, Matthew Rioux and his wife Lauren of Avon, IN, and Jeanette Bristol and her husband Tim of Londonderry, 11 great-grandchildren, Zachary, Thomas, Nicholas, Raymond, Luke, Nate, Sam, and Miles Rioux, and Bobby, Johnny, and Ryan Bristol. She also leaves nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Wallace T. Vaudrien, Sr. in 1997.

Calling hours were held on Sunday Feb. 16, 2020 from 2 - 4 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. Graveside services were held on Tuesday Feb. 18 at 10 a.m. at Forest Hill Cemetery, E. Derry.



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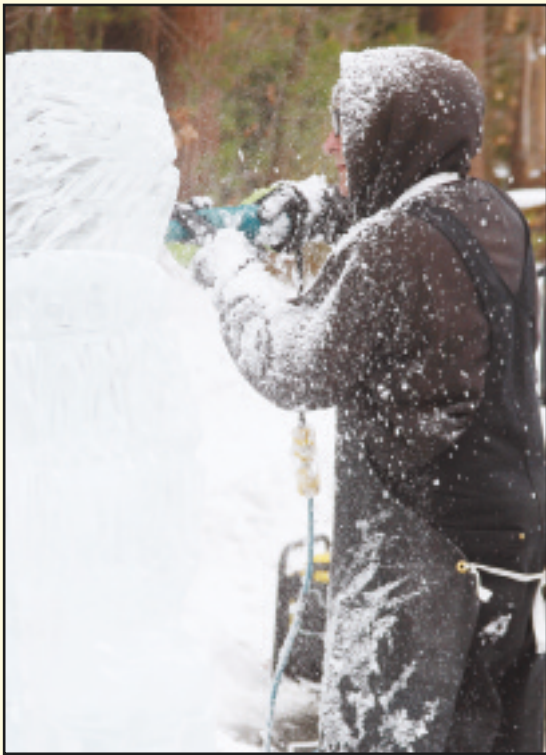
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# Frost Festival Has Good Weather and Sees Large Crowd



Hundreds of residents flocked to Alexander-Carr Park on Sunday, Feb. 16, for the annual Derry Frost Festival. This year the event was consolidated to one day and one location. There was plenty for families to do, activities included watching an ice sculpture being created, sledding, a petting zoo, the crowning of the king and queen, music, food, a bonfire and plenty of crafts.

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# DERRY SPORTS

## Astro Gymnastics Wins Fourth Consecutive Championship

MATT TRITTO  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Gymnastics team won their fourth consecutive state title on Saturday, Feb. 15 at the NHIAA State Championship at PA's Hackler Gymnasium.

The Astros put a cherry on top of their already stellar, undefeated season, with their fourth consecutive state championship, the ninth since 2010. The only other time a PA team has done that was back in 1994.

Pinkerton placed first with 136.925 points, Pelham took second (133.25), and Londonderry placed third with 126.15 points.

The Astros Senior Captain, Sophia Viger, finished her career at Pinkerton by being one of the most decorated gymnasts in the school's history. Viger has been a member of each of the four State Championship teams. Viger was the Astros top scorer on vault, bars, and beam where she took bronze in each.

She also collected a sixth place medal on the floor exercise.

Viger took second in All-Around, where she scored a career high of 35.35, just one point out of first.

Junior, Hana Phaneuf had an excellent day, she was third in the floor exercise, placing fifth in All-Around and sixth on vault.

Freshman, Sophia Phaneuf, also had a stellar meet; she contributed to the team score in three events. The highlight for Pinkerton at the meet took place on Vault, where Sophia performed one of the most difficult vaults to be seen that afternoon. Phaneuf placed in the top ten on vault, bars and floor.

Junior Ashley McKinnon, contributed scores on vault, beam and floor.

In the Vault, Sophia Viger came in third with a 9.0, Ashley McKinnon was fourth (8.8), Hana Phaneuf sixth (8.6), and Sophia Phaneuf placed eighth with a score of 8.3.

On the Bars, Sophia Viger came in third with a score of 8.4, and Zoe Demers placed seventh with an 8.07.

On the Beam, Sophia Viger once again took third place with 8.9, while Haley Rustad came in seventh with a score of 8.5 and Zoe Demers tied for ninth with

an 8.2.

In the Floor exercise, Pinkerton's Ashley McKinnon placed second with a 9.2, and Hana Phaneuf was right behind her in third with a score of 9.2, and Sophia Viger tied for sixth with a 9.05.

In All-Around, Sophia Viger placed second (35.35), and Hana Phaneuf came in fifth with 33.75 points.

Pelham's Abigail Druing was nearly unbeatable that afternoon, she took first in all but one category, the bars, where she tied for fifth.

The Astros will now move on to face some of the best gymnastics teams in the northeast when they compete in the New England Championships on Saturday, March 14 at Fairfield Warde High School, Conn.



Astro senior captain, Sophia Viger had strong performances in all every event, and got second place in All Around on Saturday.  
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Ashley McKinnon took second place in the Floor exercise on Saturday to help her team take the title.

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# Pinkerton Boys' Hoop Squad Finally Gets Their First Win

MATT TRITTO  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boy's Basketball team finally earned their first win of the season after an extremely long 11 game losing streak. The squad showed what it's like to keep grinding and battling each game despite the outcome not being in their favor.

The Astros hosted Windham High School on Tuesday, Feb. 11 where they finally got their first win with a 61-52 victory.

The PA squad started out slow, but then got going quick as Jimmy Flynn nailed his first shot from behind the arc, that basket was followed by a Mike Packowski three-pointer, giving them a 6-0 lead after three minutes of scoreless play. Justin Dunne then hit a three-pointer of his own and then blocked a Windham shot and set up Andy MacDonald for the transition lay-up. Windham had some great looks all quarter, but nothing was falling as the Astros had a 14-6 lead at the end of one.

Windham caught fire to start the second quarter as they crept back into the game 16-11, but baskets from Flynn and Dunne made it a 24-11 Pinkerton lead. The Astros controlled the momentum when they earned another steal on defense and then Flynn had a outstanding take to the rim for two points,

adding to the PA lead. The team played great defense and reacted well on offense to Windham's full court press attacks. It was smooth fluent ball movement for the Astros as Cam Leppert nailed a three-pointer at the buzzer off Declan Conroy and Will Warriner swinging the ball around to find Leppert open.

Pinkerton was up 34-17 going into the second half of play, and they picked up where they left off as Dunne blocked a shot and set up Miguelangel Mejia for a transition basket to start the third. Windham started to knock down three-pointers consistently, but Pinkerton kept answering back with their own buckets to maintain the lead. Dunne was an absolute force inside the paint, as he had two blocks on back-to-back possessions and then finished the job himself with a coast-to-coast lay up.

Pinkerton was up 54-35 after the third quarter, but the game took quite a turn in the final quarter of play. Windham really put the pressure on defense and had the Astros scrambling on a few possessions, despite being up 19 points Pinkerton kept attacking the rim. Windham made things difficult as they cut their deficit to 12 points with the help of some sharp shooting from beyond the arc. Pinkerton was tense knowing that they let their big lead slip out

of their hands as it was only a 59-52 game with 1:32 left on the clock. Windham potentiality blew the game for themselves when they committed a back court violation call on a huge offensive possession, and that then lead to Pinkerton hitting some free-throws and winning their first game of the season.

Justin Dunne led the way for his Astros with 13 points, while Jimmy Flynn had 11 and Miguelangel Mejia had ten. Andy MacDonald scored seven, Declan Conroy had seven, and Cam Leppert had four. Mike Packowski had a career night as he scored only nine points, but shot 50% from the field and 50% from behind the three-point line. Along with his nine points and tremendous shooting he grabbed ten rebounds and made a huge impact every time he was on the court.

Head coach Peter Rosinski was proud of how his squad has fought this year, despite their record, and knows how strong they are. "I am extremely proud of these young men, it is easy to show up when everything goes your way. But the real test is when you keep working hard and showing up when things don't go your way. They have had to endure and will continue to work hard because of their strong character."

The Pinkerton squad wasn't able to carry the momen-

tum from their big win into another home game on Thursday, Feb. 13, when they faced Manchester Memorial High School, who had only won one game also. The suffered their 12th loss of the season in a lopsided 74-52 game.

The game started just awfully for the home squad, with PA scoring only eight points to Memorial's 18 in the first quarter. Nothing seemed to fall for the Astros, while Memorial just kept adding to their lead.

By the halftime break, Manchester had massed a 26-point lead, as the left the court at 40-14.

The Astros ended strong with 21 fourth quarter points, but it wasn't enough to get to catch the Crusaders.

In that loss, Justin Dunne carried the load offensively with 16 points, while Miguelangel Mejia had eight and Jimmy Flynn scored seven. Declan Conroy contributed with six points and freshman Anthony Chinn saw some



Jimmy Flynn managed 11 points in the PA teams win against Windham and seven in the Manchester Memorial loss.

Photo by Chris Paul action as he scored six as well. (7-5) on Tuesday, Feb. 18, after the Nutfield News went to print. They will then head to Merrimack High School (8-4) on Friday, Feb. 21.

Pinkerton was scheduled to host the Bedford Bulldogs

## PA Girls' Hockey Keeps Rolling With Another Win

MATT TRITTO  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls' Hockey Team added to their five-game winning streak last week, and now find themselves standing at 8-4 for the season.

On Saturday Feb. 15th the Lady Astros Hockey squad took the ice against the Bedford Lady Bulldogs (3-12) and quite a few players contribute to a 10-1 victory at the Thomas F. Sullivan

Arena.

After a long lay-off, the girls seemed well rested for their first game in ten days, and picked up right where they left off.

Captain Jordyn Wasiejko led the way for her Astros with a three-goal hat trick and two assists. Defensive player Spencer St. Pierre also had two goals, while Molly Fahey scored one and assisted on a goal as well. Lauren Riviere found the back of the net along with Emily

Buckley, and Madeline McKnight also scored a goal for the Astros.

It was a quick 4-1 lead for Pinkerton in the first, then they made it a 7-1 game heading into the final period of play. The Astros then scored three more to cap off their eighth win of the season.

The girls only game this week was scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 19, against Bishop Guertin (7-7) after the Nutfield News press time.



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# PA Swim Teams Place Top 10 in Division One Meet at UNH

MATT TRITTO  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Swimming teams finished their season on Saturday, Feb. 15, as they battled for the Division I State Championship at the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

At that event, the PA girls' team placed third with 168 points and the boys' took seventh place with 88 points.

Out of 16 schools competing that day, Exeter High School took the State Champion for the girls with 266 points and the Bedford Bulldogs took second with 251.

Bishop Guertin became the boys state champions with a first place score of 263 points, Exeter took second with 177 and Nashua North placed third with 153.

Starting with the 200-yard Medley Relay, the Lady Astros team of Reilly Hazard, Amanda Roberge, Maya Hedstrom, and Jessica Smith placed second with a time of 2:00.01. For the boys William Poole, Alex Tovtyn,

Anderson Sharp, and Andrew Blaszkowski came in ninth with a time of 1:57.12.

In the 200-yard Freestyle, Emma Hazard placed eighth (2:09.85), and Kylie Winer came in ninth with a time of 2:11.82.

In the 200-yard Individual Medley, Amanda Roberge took home sixth place (2:27.82), while Gavin Divelbiss came in seventh (2:12.07), and William Poole finished 12th with a time of 2:18.88.

The 50-yard Freestyle, Maya Hedstrom earned fifth place with a time of 26.07, and Reilly Hazard finished tenth with a time of 27.33.

The 100-yard Butterfly had Maya Hedstrom taking fifth place with a time of 1:04.52, Meghan Knight took sixth (1:06.33). Gavin Divelbiss took third (57.06) in that race for the boys and Anderson Sharp finished 12th with a time of 57.55.

For the 100-yard Freestyle, Emma Hazard came in sixth (58.17), Camelia Hannah eighth (58.34), and Alex Tovtyn finished 12th with a 57.55 swim time.

In the 200-yard Freestyle Relay the squad of Emma Hazard, Meghan Knight, Jessica Smith, and Camelia Hannah came in fourth with a time of 1:48.45. The boys' team of Owen Muskrat, Andrew Blaszkowski, Alex Tovtyn, Gavin Divelbiss finished third with a relay time of 1:41.78.

Moving to the 100-yard Backstroke, Camelia Hannah placed sixth (1:06.17), Reilly Hazard seventh (1:06.63), and William Poole finished fourth with a time of 1:02.12.

For the 100-yard Breaststroke, Amanda Roberge finished seventh (1:16.73), Meghan Knight ninth (1:18.97), and Alex Tovtyn came in 12th with a time of 1:13.58. Finishing up with the 400-yard Freestyle Relay the Pinkerton squad of Maya Hedstrom, Reilly Hazard, Emma Hazard, and Camelia Hannah finished strong with a third place time of 3:54.45. For the boys William Poole, Anderson Sharp, Owen Muskrat, and Gavin Divelbiss came in sixth with

a time of 3:44.71.

Pinkerton head coach Edward Faszewski couldn't be more proud for what his squads accomplished at UNH, and the success they've had all season. "It was an amazing day of swimming for both the boys and girls squads. On the girls side this is the highest finish they have had in the 20 year program and our 200 medley relay broke the team record." Coach was also impressed and pleased with how his teams accomplished their goal they set before the season started. "Our goal this season was to perform at the state meet, and to get the best times at the meet. I can safely say that was accomplished by 95% of our swimmers." He also went on to congratulate his senior class and talk about the potential his younger swimmers have. "It was a nice way for our seniors to finish off their high school careers and with a

goos base of returning the next couple of years to underclassman both teams come." Faszewski added. have a promising future for

## Athletes of the Week

Week of Feb. 9



**Michael Packowski**  
Senior, Boys Basketball

Mike Packowski had the game of his career shooting 50% from the floor and 50% from past the arch. Mike finished with 9 points and 10 rebounds to help the Astros in a big win over Windham.



**Ashley McKinnon**  
Junior, Gymnastics

Ashley contributed to the State Championship with scores on the vault, beam, and floor. McKinnon placed fourth on vault and second on the floor exercise as she helped the team claim their fourth consecutive State title.

*Athletes are chosen by Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office*

## PA Wrestling Finishes Big

MATT TRITTO  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Wrestlers finished their regular season on Wednesday Feb. 12 with a Dual Meet against the Exeter High School Blue Hawks on the road.

The PA grapplers got the job done quite handily, as they won with relative ease 66-16. With that victory the team finished the regular season with a record of 12 wins and three losses.

The matches that evening started with a Sterling

McLaughlin, at 182 lbs, getting a 2:35 pin over Nick Beebe.

That win was followed up with two Astros getting 12 points by forfeit.

In the weight class of 113 lbs, Casey Phelan pinned Jasmine Laferte in a rather quick 21 seconds, and then Sophie Rench (126 lbs) pinned Tyler Kenney at 1:06.

Right after that, Nathan Lindquist (132 lbs) took down Mitchell Lennnon in a 1:14 pin, along with David Hammond (138 lbs) earning a pin over Nick Caron when at 1:48.

The meet finished with Jack Mackiernan (160 lbs) grinding his way for a pin over Joseph Bernard in 5:54, and then Issac Cohen (170 lbs) finished off Terrence O'Hara in just 41 seconds.

Pinkerton had a very successful regular season against granite state opponents, and now the squad will see who the best DI wrestlers are. The NHIAA Division I Championships will take place at Londonderry High School on Saturday, Feb. 22, with action scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m.

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## PA Ski Teams Place Top 10 at Division I Championship

MATT TRITTO  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys' and Girls' Ski teams started their week at Gunstock Mountain as they competed in the Division One Championship. The boys' hit the slopes on Tuesday, Feb. 11, and the girls' competed on Wednesday, Feb. 12, both against 17 other schools. Skiers faced some adversity on Tuesday as it was a rainy day with sleet, but on Wednesday it was beautiful blue skies with perfect snow conditions.

The Astros boys' placed ninth at that event with 552 points, while Bishop Guertin High School took the State Championship with 736 points, Bedford finished second (726) and Exeter finished third (653).

The PA girls' they came in fifth place with 633 points, Bedford High School earned first place and became the State Champions with 758 points, Concord took sec-

ond (644), while Exeter placed third again (639).

In the Giant Slalom Race, Chris Bennett finished first for his Astros and 21st overall with a ski time of 1:10.88. Following after him was Colton April in second and 33rd (1:14.65), Ethan Hatch third and 41st (1:16.35), Ilya Bochkov fourth and 67th (1:25.16), and Ryan Bright placed fifth and 84th overall with a time of 1:32.66. As for the girls' squad Katelyn Bennett led the way for the Astro's like usual as she crossed the line first and sixth overall with a final time of 1:17.72. Coming in second and 31st overall was Madeline Frank (1:28.86), Annabel Veale third and 36th (1:30.16), Teagan Stinson fourth and 38th (1:30.72), Ava Sezgin fifth and 44th (1:31.99), and Hannah Flagg placed sixth and 45th overall with a ski time of 1:32.18.

At the Slalom Race, Chris Bennett finished first again for Pinkerton and

sixth overall (1:11.64), while Colton April placed second and 25th overall with a time of 1:23.56. Ethan Hatch crossed the line third and 44th (1:36.05), Jackson Kuncik fourth and 55th (1:40.32), and Ryan Bright finished fifth and 70th overall with a time of 1:51.29. Finishing up with the girls' Katelyn Bennett crossed the line first again for her Astros and placed seventh overall with a ski time of 1:14.69. Ava Sezgin placed second and 14th (1:19.39), Hannah Flagg third and 23rd (1:28.19), Madeline Frank fourth and 28th (1:29.58), and Sydney Pratt finished fifth and 33rd overall with a final time of 1:34.57.

Pinkerton head coach William Frank was very pleased with his skiers, and loved watching them have a great time on the slopes all season. "I am extremely proud of the racers, they skied fast, had fun, and were great teammates to each other. I could not ask for anything more."

## PA Boys' Hockey Moves to 8-6

MATT TRITTO  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys' Hockey team took the ice against Windham High School on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the Salem Icecenter and cruised past that team 7-1. With that win, Astros find themselves at 8-6 for the season, and in eighth place in their division.

The PA skaters got straight down to business in the first period of play, when Lorenzo Corsetto scored the first Astro goal, with a Brett Levesque assist. Then, Levesque assisted Hunter Drouin for the team's next goal. Ethan Burgess then ended the period with a goal of his own, off a Hunter Drouin assist and Pinkerton was up 3-0 already.

In the second period, two more Astro goals were scored. The first one came from Burgess off another Hunter Drouin assist. The second and final goal of the period came from Mason Drouin, with the help from Joseph Marra and brother Hunter Drouin, and Pinkerton headed into the second intermission with a commanding 5-0 lead.

Windham struck first in the final period of play to gain a little life, but Pinkerton deflated them quickly when Ethan Burgess capped off his hat-trick performance with a Mason and Hunter Drouin assist.

Mason Drouin then ended the game with his second goal of the night with he help from Burgess. Goaltender Matt Gilliland

had 16 saves on the night.

Head Coach Samuel Littlefield was pleased with his squads performance and has been looking for that type of play all season. "Our performance in this game was what we have been expecting for a while, we've had a couple of game where we haven't produced to our potential and have struggled with consistency. This game was a good indication of our ability to moving forward to the last part of the regular season."

The Astros took the ice again on Wednesday, Feb. 19, on the road against the Exeter Blue Hawks (10-2-2) after the Nutfield News went to print. They will play on the road again against Salem High School (11-1-3) on Feb. 22.



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## Stone Walls

Discovering New England Stone Walls Amoskeag Mills Questers hosts NH Humanities Kevin Gardner presenting a program on the history, construction, and styles of the thousands of miles of NE stone walls. This event will be on Wednesday March 6, at 10 a.m., at the Marion Gerrish Community Center Derry. Free and open to the public. For additional information contact Meredith Hatch 603-434-8673.

## The Future of Work and Play

Wayne Kurtzman will talk on "The Future of Work and Play" Sunday, Feb. 23, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry. It is free and open to the public. This Sunday program includes bagels and all the fixings Wayne Kurtzman is a Worldwide Research Director at a global market intelligence company responsible for analyzing the future of social communications, communities and collaboration. Wayne writes extensively on the Future of Work and the Future of Customer Experience. An experienced technologist, Wayne led emerging technology programs for global B2B and B2C companies, including with the knowledge management team of Intel. A former journalist, Wayne volunteers with Destination Imagination, building 21st century creativity and problem-solving skills for students around the world.

## Watch Me Grow!

On March 24, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Learn how to assess child development and know when there is a need for further resources and where to turn in your community, at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd., Derry.

## On My Own Teen Series

Want to build new skills and have fun? Free Basic Sewing Survival Wednesdays March 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 2:30 - 4 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd.,

Derry.

## Teen Talk

You are not alone group Teen Talk (TT) for ages 13-18 yrs. - Free Tuesdays from 3 - 4 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd., Derry.

## Designing Shady Retreats

The Derry Garden Club opens their season on March 6 with a program on Designing Shady Retreats by Joan Butler and Jana Milbocker. The program begins at 10 a.m. at the Boys and Girls Club on Hampstead Road in Derry. A business meeting and refreshments will follow. The program is free and open to the public. Call 603-396-0053 or visit our website [www.derrygardenclub.org](http://www.derrygardenclub.org) for more information.

## Exchange Students Program

Exchange students program of academic exchange "Pax" is currently seeking families to host for the 2020-2021 school year. There are students coming in from over 60 different countries both male and female ages 15-18 the students come with good English skills own spending money/medical insurance. Families would provide a bed for the student to sleep in, place to study, share meals together occasional rides to and from after school activities once the student make friends carpooling is wonderful. For more information on the program Contact linda\_coffey@hotmail.com or go to [pax.org](http://pax.org).

## 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.

## 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.

## 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

## LTIPS

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.

## Snow & Ice Policy

The Department wishes to remind residents of the Town's Ordinance regarding parking and the placement of snow on the street. The Winter Parking Ban is in effect from now - April 1. During that time, no person shall park any motor vehicle on any public road between midnight and 6 a.m. Any vehicle parked in violation will be towed. Vehicles towed shall be stored and released to the owner only upon payment of the cost of towing. No person is allowed to place any snow or ice upon the surface of the traveled portion of any Town maintained portion of road or highway. Blowing, shoveling or plowing snow into the street creates a very dangerous situation that can cause accidents. Any person violating this ordinance will be subject to a fine. Location of Mailboxes: As a friendly reminder, all mailboxes and newspaper boxes are allowed to be located within the Town right-of-way at the owner's

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## Story Hour with a Craft

A story hour with a themed craft is available for children ages 2 - 5 years old on Mondays at 10 a.m., Wednesdays and Sundays at 1 p.m. at the Taylor Public Library. Space is limited so called the library at 432-7186 to register or with questions.

## Raising a Teenager?

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

## Transitions Support

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

## Tiny Tots

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

## Evolve!

A group for young woman ages 13 to 18 to talk about today's challenges meets every Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. To register, Call 437-8477 to register ext. 16.

## UR Parents

A weekly Resource group for parents, grandparents and caregivers raising teens meets every Thursday, from 6:30 -

7:30 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. Drop ins welcome.

## Walk with Me

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

## Women's Writing Group

Derry Women's Creative writing group meets the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at the Derry public Library at 6:30 p.m.

## 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.

## Parents Support Group

Are you frustrated with your teenager or in need of support regarding your teenager? Does parenting your teenager mean you have new concerns about anger, defiance, motivation and trust? If so, you are not alone. Welcome to the club! Meet up with other parents at our Parents Support Group every Thursday night, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., at The Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Road,

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## Walking Together

A support group for widows and widowers meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Manse at Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. When we meet, we walk together our journey of grief. No need to do it alone. If you have any questions, please call 781-866-9976.

## Derry Lions

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## Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support Group

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

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