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## Capital Improvement Plan Presents to Planning Board

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At the Feb. 19, Planning Board meeting, Town Administrator, David Caron presented his initial work on the Town's CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) for fiscal years 2021 through FY 2026. The Planning Board, Chaired by John O'Connor, posed questions and provided input in alignment with their budget responsibilities, before the CIP is moved to the Derry Town Council.

Caron pointed out, "The preparation and adoption of a Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) is an important

part of Derry's budget process. A CIP aims to recognize and resolve deficiencies in existing public facilities and anticipate and plan for future demand for capital facilities."

"A CIP is a multi-year schedule that lays out a series of municipal projects and their associated costs. Over a six-year period considered by the CIP, it shows how the Town should plan to expand or renovate facilities and services to meet the demands of existing or new population and businesses."

The Town Administrator has also noted that the Derry CIP is an advisory document

that serves many purposes, among them to guide the Town Council in the annual budgeting process, as well as contribute to stabilizing the Town's real property tax rate. In addition, the CIP is an aid for the prioritization, coordination, and sequencing of various municipal improvements across various town departments as well as a written record to inform residents, business owners, and developers of planned improvements and what projects or capital purchases that the Town is prioritizing.

Caron also outlined the  
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## Derry Police Chief Welcomes Enhanced FirstNet System

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On Feb. 14, the Derry Police Department, along with other NH Police Departments and State Officials, Governor Sununu and officials from the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) got together to welcome a major boost in wireless communications for NH first responders with new, purpose-built cellular connectivity sites. In addition, over 100 network enhancements are now being delivered to NH first responders using FirstNet. The new infrastructure solutions being deployed across the state support unthrottled broadband access communications along with increased coverage, capacity and capabilities that will be used to support communications for public safety.

The FirstNet Authority is an independent agency within the federal government and supports a nationwide, wireless communications platform - FirstNet - that is dedicated to America's first responders to support the public safety of their communities. This network is a first of its kind public-private partnership that has been set up between the federal government, state governments and AT&T. FirstNet offers public safety providers a communications network built and customized to meet their specific needs.

In the Fall of 2018, the Derry Police Department became the first public safety agency in NH to join FirstNet. Derry Police Department Chief Edward Garone spoke about the positive impact FirstNet has had on his department. "The

Derry Police Department saw beneficial use from FirstNet from day one," said Chief Garone.

Garone continued, "We had been experiencing intermittent and dropped coverage connectivity for all of our mobile computers prior to becoming FirstNet users, especially during the late afternoon and evening commute hours. Since Derry hosts the largest high school in the State, with over 3,400 students and another 400 staff, we experienced significant network slowdowns or loss of coverage completely from the time school let out in the afternoon until the evening commute time ended due to network overload issues. We simply could not get reliable connectivity for our broadband devices. That problem was solved the very first day we became

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## UP IN FLAMES

Jonah Sidman of the Boston Museum of Science Traveling Program brought his show to Derry Village School last week where he explained to second grade students the effects of extreme temperatures, and how gases work. See more photos page 8.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

## Pre-Kindergarten Home Software Learning Program Benefits Kids

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Derry Cooperative School District Superintendent, Dr. MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian, provided an update to the community and the School Board about a new tool now available for parents with young kids to help them provide pre-Kindergarten learn-

ing advantages at home.

The Superintendent said, "The New Hampshire Department of Education is providing an opportunity for families with four-year-olds to participate in a free early learning program supported by Waterford Upstart (the Waterford Institute). A few of us met with the consultant that was provided to the NH

Department of Education (DOE) and learned that this is not an online preschool - it is a resource that will be available to children with a birth date between Aug. 1, 2015 and Aug. 2, 2016."

"...families will be given computer adaptive educational software and if needed - Internet access. Techni-

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## CIP

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process for the Town's CIP to be adopted. Town departments first submit requests to the finance department outlining their capital needs for the next six years; then the requests are reviewed in relation to existing services and available revenues; the town administrator reviews draft CIP plans with town staff; the plan is then presented to the Planning Board for review and consultation; per the Town Charter, the

Town Council adopts the plan with or without modification prior to June 1.

Over past years, the Town Council has adopted a policy to fund Capital Reserve Funds up to \$1.5 million annually, however history has shown that this funding source is unpredictable and at times, unsustainable. This new CIP plan presented to the Planning Board instead will presume an annual funding of \$1 million for the Capital Reserve Fund - though over the mid to long-term, this level of

support is likely to be insufficient to meet the capital needs of the community. The fiscal year 2020 budget included a \$250,000 appropriation to the Capital Reserve Funds to reduce the Town's reliance on the on the Unreserved Fund Balance (UFB).

The CIP that the Town Administrator presented to the Planning Board included the plan as well as details for department trust fund budgets for the coming fiscal year as aligned to prioritized needs.

Public works is budgeted for \$12,935,000; the Fire Department budget is projected to be \$5,726,003; the Police department budget is projected to be \$1,090,546; The library is set for a budget of \$230,000; the expendable trust will need a budget of \$2,872,001; IT is projected for a budget of \$359,000. The town is projected to need a budget of \$14,984,064 for Water, while supporting a budget of \$10,428,000 for Wastewater. The TV/Cable department is budgeted for \$480,000

Caron outlined major projects prioritized for fiscal year 2021: a police cruiser video system replacement; fire department self-contained breathing systems; a fire department quint.

A fire department quint is combination pumper that is a fire-service apparatus serving the dual purpose of an engine and a ladder truck. The name "quint" refers to the five functions that a fire service quint provides - pump, water tank, fire hose, aerial device, and ground ladders.

In addition the following are also major project priorities for FY 2021: Department of Public Works pavement management; highway trucks and equipment; water mains and a Cohas pump station upgrade; a wastewater pump station and standby generators; cable

TV broadcast studio lighting as well cable TV/media workstations, switches, and a media facility.

The Town Administrator prepared a detailed spreadsheet of the CIP numbers including the projected net tax impact that the CIP will have for Derry residents.

The net tax impact currently projected analysis breaks down as follows: the 2020 CIP will have a projected net tax impact of \$1.34; the 2021 CIP will have a projected net impact of \$1.25; the 2022 CIP will have a projected net impact of \$1.16; the 2023 CIP will have a projected net impact of \$1.16; the 2024 CIP will have a projected net impact of \$.95; the 2025 CIP will have a projected net impact of \$1.95; and the 2026 CIP will have a projected net tax impact of \$.90.

## Kindergarten

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cal support will be included from Waterford Upstart, which is including a family educational liaison. For additional information, parents and families can visit the website or call us ...and handouts are available on our district website, as well as the school's website. And to my knowledge each school has sent this information out to families."

The handout is titled the "Longitudinal Study" and it overviews the Waterford Kindergarten-Readiness Program and Curriculum. The documentation provides information about the program and how effective it has been since the pilot program began about a decade ago in Utah.

In an independent evaluation regarding the effectiveness of Waterford Upstart Curriculum as a kindergarten readiness program, results showed that the program significantly increased literacy skills - espe-

cially among at-risk populations. Data from the last five years shows that the gains from the program have lasted beyond kindergarten.

The software uses individualized lessons—digital books, songs, and other interactive activities—to deliver early literacy content. The adaptive software allows students to move on through the fun software program at their own pace and receive additional instruction as needed.

Waterford Reading Level 1 teaches the following reading skills including Phonics - letters, letter sounds, sight words, and decoding; Phonological Awareness-listening, rhyme, syllables, blending, phonemes; Comprehension/Vocabulary - vocabulary knowledge and oral comprehension; Language Concepts - print conventions, readiness skills, and language conventions.

The intention of the program is for families to help their children use the program for 15 minutes a day, 5

days a week. Families are provided with parental resources and technical support from Waterford customer service representatives.

An evaluation of the program was conducted in 2016 by an independent evaluator, ETI (Evaluation and Training Institute) using a pre-test/post-test design with a statistically balanced one-to-one match of the Waterford treatment and control students (not using the program). The evaluation assessed the program's impact on developing children's early literacy skills in preschool - Hobbs, 2016.

ETI measured the difference between the Waterford group and the control group and found the Waterford group scored tested significantly higher on all the empirical testing conducted - showing strong evidence that Waterford Curriculum was successful in helping children develop key early literacy skills (Hobbs,

2016).

The outcomes from the program also show significant benefits for at-risk students. Because these students and their families struggle with poverty and other issues, they often lack the resources to help their children develop the literacy skills needed to succeed in school.

Waterford's kindergarten-readiness program brings lasting academic growth to all types of students. A combination of Waterford learning products contributed to the program's success. The Waterford Curriculum has traditionally been available in schools only, but with this new Home Access that is now available to Derry families, students can run sessions at home and school.

Waterford's Professional Development team provides enhanced support and encourages parent engagement, both key factors for success. Professional Development gives students and educators tools to meet usage goals, which is vital for seeing the kind of gains shown in the study that have been made that support the potential of this tool to be a help for kids to gain a kick start on their reading education with optional support for math and science sessions for young kids.

## OBITUARY

### Roberta A. Robie



Roberta A. Robie, 86, of Derry, NH passed away Saturday Feb. 15, at her home after a lengthy illness. She was born on Feb. 27, 1933 in East Derry, NH, a daughter of the late Nicholas and Laura (Ivon) Lewis. Roberta was a resident of Derry for most of her life. She was a graduate of West High School in Manchester where she was a member of the National Honor Society. She worked for the Internal Revenue Service for many years. Roberta was actively involved around the Town of Derry volunteering, attending Town meetings and was instrumental in starting 4A. She received a Citation from Governor Jeanne Shaheen for her service in 2002 and a Volunteer Recognition Award in 2003 from the Town of Derry. Roberta enjoyed sewing, crocheting in her younger years but her main "hobby" was politics.

She is survived by her two daughters, Lynne Szulcowski and husband Karl and Lisa Riley, four grandchildren, Jared, Brooke, Jacob and Jamie, her sister-in-law Joan Lewis as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her beloved husband John Robie, son Jeff Robie and her brother Richard Lewis.

Calling hours were held on Saturday Feb. 22, from 2 - 4 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. Funeral services will follow at 4 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in the spring at Pillsbury Cemetery, Londonderry with her husband.

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# Two Pinkerton Students Selected for Disney Dreamers Academy

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“Pretty amazing!” That is how one Pinkerton student summed up her selection to join with learners from all over the U.S. at the Disney World in a few weeks. Two Pinkerton Academy students - Asling Smith and Jessica Carscadden were selected to attend the Disney Dreamers Academy in Orlando Florida this March for an all-expenses paid trip to Disney World for themselves and a guardian.

Each spring, 100 exceptional young people arrive at the Disney Dreamers Academy with distinct ambitions, lots of excitement and with a hopeful vision for their future. 4 days later, these dreamers return home with deeper motivation, unique guidance and practical skills that can help them make their dreams come true.

Aisling Smith is a sophomore at Pinkerton Academy who lives in Auburn. “I have been obsessed with zoology since getting a zoo membership when I was 19

months old,” says Smith. “I am currently in an animal science program in addition to my regular coursework. I am also active in theatre and a nationally competing member of the Granite State FFA (Future Farmers of America). I enjoy traveling to zoos throughout the US to compare their conservation efforts. My dream is to be accepted to a top zoology program where I can major in mammalogy and sustainability with a minor in theatre.”

Jessica Carscadden is a 17-year-old student who lives in Chester and attends

Pinkerton. Jessica was born in China, adopted at the age of 5 and then moved to the U.S with her new family. Carscadden also has a unique story about how she started ‘We Care Bears’ with help from her family when she was 9 years old.

Jessica says, ‘We Care Bears’ provides brand new stuffed animals to first responders across the country to give to kids who they meet on calls - who may be scared or injured. As a result of my work with ‘We Care Bears,’ I have received awards and recognition, but the best reward of all is

knowing this work provides comfort to kids during a scary or traumatic time during of their lives.”

“When I started ‘We Care Bears,’ I just wanted to donate my stuffed animals, but fire fighters told me how much it helped kids so I wanted to do more. I held a bear drive at my school and we had enough donations to give bears to every fire station in our school district and from there it grew and grew. So far I’ve donated 3,000 bags of stuffed animals all over the country.”

Jessica’s dream is to become an engineer, though she is still considering where to focus her engineering mission at this point. Jessica says, “I just love math, science and problem solving. I think attending the Disney Dreamers Academy will help me define what area of engineering I want to go into.”

She says, “I think kids in smaller town sometimes forget to DREAM BIG or if we do dream big, we don’t know how to put those dreams to work for us. Disney Dreamers Academy takes kids from all over the country, big cities and rural area and teaches them to dream even bigger and shows them how to put their dreams into action.”

Those who were selected

for this opportunity to become a “Disney Dreamer” are high school students between the ages of 13 and 19 years old, who submitted essays that led to their selection by a prestigious panel of judges.

The Dreamers Academy was founded in 2008 to give students with a dream, the right tools to let their potential shine through. The Walt Disney Company, entertainer Steve Harvey and ESSENCE magazine will host this year’s event in March at Walt Disney World Resort.

Dreamers will get to interact with Disney cast members, celebrities, industry experts and community leaders and will participate in inspirational talks, immersive career activities, networking and with opportunities to gain interviewing experience. Dreamers will also get to enjoy the fun of being at the Walt Disney World theme parks and even to explore the magic behind the scenes.

Jessica has a message for all high school students, “Teens are chosen for the Disney Dreamers Academy by writing an essay. I have applied and sent my essay to them before I won this year, so I would encourage everyone to apply and don’t give up if you aren’t chosen the first time.

## OBITUARY

### Gary Raymond Cairns



Gary Raymond Cairns, 69, of Derry, NH passed away Saturday Feb. 15, 2020 at the VA Medical Center in Manchester, NH, after a courageous battle with cancer. Gary was born May 15, 1950 in Jackson Heights, NY and was the son of Betty (Eva Widdup) Cairns and the late

John P. Cairns. He was raised and educated in Sea Cliff, NY and received his bachelor’s degree in Business from Johnson & Wales College. Gary was a resident of Derry for the past 18 years, after relocating from Latham, NY.

Mr. Cairns served his country in multiple ways firstly as a Lance Corporal in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. After his return he served in the Rhode Island Army National Guard as a member of 103rd Field Artillery Brigade.

The US Government in several capacities employed Gary: with the Comptroller of the Currency and then the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. He then became a Vice President of Key Bank and finished his career as a Bank Examiner with Chaston Associates of N. Andover, MA. He enjoyed traveling in England, the Caribbean, Africa and many other locations.

In addition to his mother of Glen Cove, NY, Gary is survived by his brother, S Robert Cairns of Sea Cliff, NY. Gary also is survived by his former wife, Ednor Larson with whom he served in the Rhode Island National Guard.

Also mourning Gary are his three closest friends, Cherie Senz, Ania and Bill Waller. Following cremation, Gary was interred with military honors at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 21, at the NH State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, NH.

## OBITUARY

### Henry L. Mathis



Henry L. Mathis, 93, formerly of Derry, NH died Tuesday Feb. 18, at the NH Veteran’s Home, Tilton, NH. Henry was born in Albany, GA on June 10, 1926, a son of the late Neal and Lula Mathis. He

served with the US Navy during WWII, and was a former member of the American Legion Lester Chase Post #9 in Derry. Henry retired from the VA Medical Center in Boston, MA where he worked for 22 years. Henry was a longtime member of the Community Church in Milton, NH and the First Baptist Church of Derry. He was a member of AA with 50 + years of sobriety.

He is survived by his daughter, Deborah Staufenberg of Greenbackville, VA, two sons, Christopher Mathis of Milford, NH, and Timothy Mathis of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, four step-kids, Danny, Jackie, Willy, and Debbie, several grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and his wife, Pauline O’Neil of Manchester, NH.

Calling hours were held on Monday Feb. 24, from 9 – 11 a.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. A funeral service followed at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial with military honors will be in Forest Hill Cemetery, E. Derry. Donations in his memory may be made to the NH Veteran’s Home, 139 Winter St., Tilton, NH 03276.

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# Editorial

## Everybody Read

The first week of March is marked in many local schools as Read Across America Week. This week celebrates children's author Dr. Theodor Geisel, better known to the world as Dr. Seuss. Dr. Seuss's birthday was March 2, the Saturday of winter vacation, so this is the week when most celebrations are taking place.

True to the famed children's author, school activities focus on reading. Read Across America Week was created by the National Education Association and no matter what people think of unions, we hope everyone can agree on the importance of reading, and of reading to children - early and often.

Whether dressing up as the Cat in the Hat, creating green eggs and ham, serving as a "celebrity reader" in a local elementary school, or just cuddling up to your child to read a bedtime story, Read Across America reminds us of the importance of what could easily become a lost art in the rush of life today. Reading is the most important skill in assuring the future success of our children. The ability and the desire to read, and not just texts will prove invaluable. Most of us take it for granted and don't remember how we learned to read, but we use the skill every day.

Research shows kids who spend time reading do better in school. Whether it's by reading traffic signs, employment applications, college textbooks, exam questions, or the enjoyment of sitting by a warm fire and reading a book to relax for the evening, reading follows us through our lives.

If your child's school asks you to spend a little extra time reading at home, go for it. In the midst of our busy, out of control schedules, it will be time well spent. While you're at it, schedule a trip to the children's room at your local library. Seeing an entire building filled with books can open up yet another reading experience for your youngster.

Whether it's from Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) time in class, or awards given to students "caught" reading during the school day, Read Across America Week underscores the importance of the simple act of picking up a book and getting lost in its story. You can read on a Kindle, you can read on a computer, and best of all, you can read in a book. And when you read to a child, you're building memories for both of you.

As Dr. Seuss wrote, "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child."

# Letters

## Derry School Board Candidate.

To the editor,

As a current school board member in Derry, I am taking the time to advocate for Paul Lutz for reelection. Mr. Lutz has not only been a multi decade resident of the Derry, seeing his own son through the district and into Pinkerton Academy, but has served the town in a couple different ways including the last three years as a school board member. Paul

has been a police officer in Derry and upon retirement went into teaching within the district. He was influential in the startup of the robotics program in the middle school while in his teaching position.

The value Paul Lutz has brought to the Derry school board has been one of insight to the interactions of a teacher to the students, as well as the challenges teachers face in the class rooms and what educators may need to prevail in the ever

changing environment in today's class rooms. Mr. Lutz also understands the value of the dollar relative to the tax rate and uses that knowledge to advocate for fair and balanced utilization of Derry's fiscal needs. If life experiences matter's reflective to what a candidate can bring to the table, Mr. Paul Lutz certainly is well rounded.

Thank you,  
Lynn Perkins  
Derry school board

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## Pinkerton Academy Senior Named National Merit Scholarship Finalist



Pinkerton Headmaster Tim Powers and Dean of Students and Support Services, Susanne Tartarilla, with Vincent Villanueva. *Courtesy photo*

The National Merit Scholarship Program has recently announced that Pinkerton Academy senior Vincent Villanueva of Derry has been named a Finalist and will be considered for National Merit Scholarships to be offered in 2020.

About 1.6 million stu-

dents take the PSAT/NMSQT and are considered for recognition by the National Merit Scholarship Program. Approximately 50,000 students with the highest scores are notified that they are either Commended Students or Semifinalists. Those who are named semifinalists (about

16,000 students) then go on to be considered finalists. From the original 1.6 million, only 15,000 students make it to the finalist standing where they will be considered for scholarships. Approximately half of Finalists will be awarded scholarships.

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# Frozen Jr. Coming to Derry Opera House March 13 and 14

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The Kids Coop Theatre (KCT) will be presenting their performance of Frozen Jr. on March 13 at 7 p.m. and March 14th at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Derry Opera House at 29 West Broadway, Derry. It's a time for kids all over our area to join the magic to "Let it Go."

Danielle Melendez, President of KCT points out, "Tickets are selling fast, so we encourage patrons to secure their seats soon. We hope to see lots of littles dressed as their favorite Frozen characters, as some of the most magical moments happen when the curtain closes, and our cast members interact with the audience... a little bit of Disney enchantment right here in Derry!"

Disney's Frozen Jr. explores the emotional journey between Princesses Elsa (played by Bailey Kim, 16, Concord) and Anna (played by Zoe Sternberg, 14, Hampstead). Colby Ltnch, of Londonderry Hans

Melendez says, "This production is special because of the Young Directing Team. We are in our ninth year of offering this annual showcase program to our older teen members and we enjoy watching them grow in the craft on the other side of the table."

The musical is KCT's Young Director's Showcase where the creative reigns are held by three of Kids Coop's dedicated members, aged 16



Zoe Sternberg and Colby Lynch play Anna and Hans.  
*Photos by Chris Paul*

and up. This year's team includes Direction by Erin Downey (Derry), Music Direction by Maya Lincoln (Londonderry) and Choreography by Christine Kattar (Derry).

The team is overseen by professional Mentors, Maureen Mansfield and Marilyn Olbricht. Melendez says, "These professionals share their expertise and guide the process."

The 42-member cast features children ages eight to 16 from Derry, Londonderry, Hampstead, Sandown, Danville, Concord and Windham.

The story itself is adapted from the Disney's Frozen narratives with a few new surprises. When the Princesses' kingdom of Arendelle is faced with danger, the two discover their hidden potential and the powerful bond of sisterhood.

With the help of magical snowman Olaf (played by Isabella Charlebois, 14, of Hampstead), Kristoff (Logan Young, 14, Hampstead) and his best friend Sven (Deontae Lepine, 11, Derry), Elsa and Anna find that true love conquers all and "Let the Sun Shine On."

This production has evolved from the smash Broadway musical that Disney adapted especially for this type of audience. The show and is loaded with magic, adventure, and plenty of humor. Disney's Frozen JR. is sure to thaw even the coldest heart! This version while related to the movie - is designed specifically for kids and their families to enjoy together. The musical performance features many of the songs heard in the movie, plus some new ones written specifically for the stage



Isabella Charlebois plays Olaf in the KCT presentation of Disney's Frozen Jr. musical.

"We are incredibly proud of this dedicated group of local children!" says Danielle Melendez President of the Kids Coop Theatre. "They rehearse three times per week at the new KCT Studios on East Derry Road in Derry. The cast of 40 is working hard to put on a truly magical show! We are honored to bring this story to the Derry Opera House stage and looking forward to spreading some magic throughout the house!"

All tickets are \$15 and are available at [www.kidscoop-theatre.org](http://www.kidscoop-theatre.org). Discounted rates are available for groups of 10 or more.

For more information, please contact Danielle Melendez, President, Board of Directors, Kids Coop Theatre. Email: [danielle.melendez@gmail.com](mailto:danielle.melendez@gmail.com) or Phone: (603) 765-8593

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The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for an area the size of Greater Derry plays an important function to protect the safety as well as support residents in crisis situations. Derry Fire Chief Mike Gagnon was at the Derry Town Council on February 8th to present the area's CERT leadership and volunteer group as well as to facilitate an update of CERT's direction.

(CERT) stands for Community Emergency Response Team and this Derry group of volunteers helps educate and support local people with disaster preparedness. These volunteers train in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organizations/communications and disaster medical operations.

At the meeting, Chief Gagnon told the public and the Council, "One of the other hats I wear in this town is that I am also the Emergency Management Director. I work there along my deputies - including Assistant Chief Richardson as well as Capt. Ryan Bump and Lt. Todd Donovan."

Gagnon continued, "We are also the Derry Fire Department representatives and liaisons for community's emergency management efforts that is supported by CERT. We have made goals working with the CERT here in Derry for several years, but we did not have a large

membership for some time, so about two years ago we began a membership campaign. Captain Bump was in charge of that and we brought people together from the community to learn about our vision for CERT efforts in the community."

"We were looking to set up an emergency response team that is ready and prepared to assist emergency management in large-scale incidents that might occur in this town, as well as to help the community with other smaller incidents. At the time of the membership campaign's first meeting, this council room we are now in was full of people. And since that time, we have been able to bolster a very good emergency response team with an even stronger membership. I could not be prouder of them and of the leaders of the group."

Lt. Todd Donovan, the primary liaison for CERT came forward to call out the CERT volunteers in attendance to the meeting. Donovan said, "I've been working with CERT for about eight months now and I'm really proud of the organization that leaders Jay Morris with his wife Barbara have put together with these CERT folks."

"It's an honor to be able to work with these people especially when we think about large-scale incidents that could occur in town. We will need to rely on the citizens of this community in a crisis situation to help out. I think back to the 2008 ice storm or perhaps some type

of influenza pandemic incident that could happen or about a large-scale electrical shut off. This is something where the CERT team is going to be a big help to us all."

Donovan introduced CERT Leader Dr. Jay Morris who then spoke to the Town Council about what the Cert team does.

Morris said, "At present our roster boasts 36 active members and we are one of the largest active CERT groups in the state. These are citizens who made a commitment to be trained in a variety of public safety topics and are able to respond and assist our professional first responders when called upon to do so. Many of these individuals have been on the team since it's re-inception in 2016. And they come from all walks of life including engineers, nurses, business owner's, teachers, students, retirees and many others."

"Much of our training is developed and offered locally with the help of other agencies such as Derry Fire, Derry Police, the religious community, the National Weather Service in Gray Maine, New Hampshire Fish and Game, Eversource, Nashua PD, West Rockingham Amateur Radio Emergency Services, the Salvation Army, the American Red Cross and several others."

Morris pointed out that the 20-hour course of study certification course for new members comes from FEMA (Federal Emergency

Management Agency) and is comprised of classroom and hands-on activities. The course addresses topics including disaster preparedness, medical operations, terrorism, psychological first aid, fire theory, fire safety, the use of fire extinguishers, utility controls, search and rescue, emergency communications, incident command systems and more.

The Derry CERT organization mission is for citizens to prepare themselves and their families and then branch out to neighbors and

community in times of disaster.

Morris said, "We try to train monthly and we have an ongoing rotation of course topics such as first aid, CPR, crowd control, shelter operations, sheltering of animals, traffic control, utility safety, scene assessment, active shooter awareness, hazardous weather, and terrorism awareness."

Most members now have an FCC amateur radio license so the team can have their own communications network within the field.

They work closely with other CERT organizations in the area and would respond if called upon by one of those communities. A number of members are certified weather spotters for the National Weather Service and can respond to various types of weather missions.

Morris said, "We are extremely thankful to our sponsoring agency, Derry Emergency Management, and we hope to continue to grow and expand our capabilities and services well into the future."

## FirstNet

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FirstNet subscribers. With FirstNet, we now enjoy reliable and consistent connectivity 100% of the time without interruption. Officers get the information they need to do their jobs safely in every instance."

Capitan George Feole of the Derry Police Department reflects on the agency's first year operating on FirstNet, and discussed that this platform has transformed operations and enhanced coverage for the town's police department. Feole who has significant experience and training in Police, land and mobile communications says, "The Town of Derry is the 4th largest community in the State of NH with about 33,000 residents and we have 59 sworn police officers on our staff and 16 civilian staff and the migration from our previously existing communications and radio network to FirstNet was seamless."

"All the communication

devices were switched over and the folks at AT&T were extremely helpful in managing that migration for us. The reason we wanted to go with FirstNet...is that we want to afford our officers the latest and the greatest technology to assist them in doing their job safely and efficiently. One of the first things I learned from experience is that in a time of crisis, the first thing to break down is communications. If we lose communications whether it is 2-way LMR (Land Mobile Radio) or telephone conversations or face-to-face communications - if you lose communications abilities, you lose the ability to command the situation and that can impact safety. I would just say this about FirstNet. There are applications in development and things coming down the pike that we can't even imagine, so FirstNet makes our jobs much easier now and as we move forward."

Governor Chris Sununu was present at the FirstNet statewide NH launch celebration on the Feb. 14 and

said, "FirstNet In NH will transform wireless connectivity and strengthen public safety across the state. My office and state officials worked diligently to ensure that first responders are delivered a network and communications capabilities that are state of the art, highly secure, and second to none. They deserve nothing less. I'm certain that New Hampshire has the best FirstNet plan of any state in the nation, and we appreciate our partnership with AT&T to bring much-needed connectivity to areas that have struggled with wireless services for years."

To ensure AT&T and the FirstNet Authority are putting coverage and capacity where it's needed most, the FirstNet build out is being done with direct feedback from state, local and public safety officials. The most recent NH FirstNet build out program is currently ahead of schedule and has already brought New Hampshire first responders many advanced communication capabilities and connections.

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# Derry PD Urges Public To Be Wary Of ID/Credit Card Scams

MELISSA BETH RUIZ  
NUTFIELD NEWS

In 2018, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) ran 1.4 million fraud reports, the results of which totaled \$1.48 billion in losses. Among the most common categories for fraud complaints were imposter scams and identity theft, with credit card fraud being the most prevalent in identity theft cases.

Financial and identity crimes occur all over the world, and the town of Derry is certainly no exception.

"It's all around us now. Every time someone comes up with a new, more efficient way to use a credit card, there will be people out there to exploit it," said Captain Vernon Thomas of the Derry Police Department.

Capt. Thomas stated that credit card fraud occurs when a criminal is able to

get a hold of another person's credit card or number, and then uses this information to make purchases.

Whereas in the case of identity fraud, a criminal will first need to obtain a person's personal information, such as a social security number, to open accounts under the guise of the victim, said Capt. Thomas.

In both cases, a victim's credit score can be severely affected, and can result in major financial losses. The effects from fraud, especially identity fraud, can take years to correct, explained Capt. Thomas.

According to the FTC, identity fraud can occur if a person's wallet, purse, or anything containing identification cards, credit cards, or bank information is stolen, if mail containing credit and bank statements, phone or utility bills, new checks, or

tax information is stolen or retrieved from the garbage, or if personal information is shared on the internet.

To help prevent identity fraud, the FTC states that important documents such as social security cards should be kept at home, secure passwords should be used for all credit card, bank, and phone accounts (these passwords or pin numbers should never be kept in a wallet or purse), personal information should never be given freely over the phone or online unless it is to a trusted and legitimate source, and mail should be guarded and shredded as necessary.

Capt. Thomas also urges

residents to frequently check their credit card statements for suspicious charges, even ones in small amounts.

"If you look on a credit card statement online and see a couple of small charges in two, three, or four dollars you didn't make, someone is testing (your card)" said Capt. Thomas. "They do a couple of small transactions, and if they are successful, they will try to do bigger ones before you can tell what's happening."

Capt. Thomas also mentioned that residents should do their due diligence by making phone calls when and if they should come across any charges they may

not recognize. Often the case may be that the charge went through as one they did make, but taking the time to confirm the vendor is the perfect example of better to be safe than sorry.

The FTC urges anyone who suspects that they may be a victim of fraud to first call any companies where the fraud may have occurred, place a fraud alert and obtain credit reports, report the fraud to the FTC, and file a report with the local authorities.

"A lot of times, your bank won't help you until you make a police report," explained Capt. Thomas, adding that many financial institutions require a report to legitimize a fraud claim so that they don't give out money for nothing.

Capt. Thomas stated that a few current scams to watch out for include criminals posing as representatives to update a used car warranty, or as representatives of credit card companies, claiming that they are contacting victims to help them get a better credit rating.

Among these scams include phishers contacting victims under the guise of the IRS or other government officials, attempting to get victims to wire money or release private information to get out of trouble.

"There is no government entity that's going to ask you

to wire money to do government business," stated Capt. Thomas. "It's not going to happen."

One way that many scammers attempt to get victims to pay large sums of money is through the use of gift cards. Capt. Thomas explained that he has heard of scammers contacting businesses, claiming that there are explosives planted in the building and the only way they will disconnect them is through payment via gift card.

Another gift card scam involves criminals calling victims stating that they have won the lottery, and they just need to pre-pay the taxes using gift cards.

As a safeguard against any possible scamming, Capt. Thomas urges residents not to answer a phone call if it is from a phone number they do not recognize, and to keep in mind that no professional or legal entity should ever call a customer to verify information. He also recommended that residents take advantage of some fraud protection services many financial institutions offer.

For more information on identity and credit card fraud, visit the FTC's informational page at [identitytheft.gov](http://identitytheft.gov). To report a potential identity or credit card crime, the Derry Police Department can be reached at (603) 432-6111.

## OBITUARY

### Michael Joseph Desmond



Michael Joseph Desmond, 69, of Derry, NH, died Wednesday Feb. 19, 2020, in his home. He was born in Weymouth, MA on June 24, 1950, a son of John and Doris (Gerry) Desmond. Michael proudly served in the U.S Army during the Vietnam war and later became a member of the ASA and the National Intelligence Service. Michael began his professional career in hotel and restaurant management, working with some of the finest chefs around the world, later becoming self-employed and worked in everything from real estate to currency trading. Full of adventure, he traveled extensively around the world for work and pleasure.

Michael had a tremendous impact on many lives, serving as a friend, role model, and mentor. In addition to his great sense of humor, Michael will be remembered as a master storyteller. Known for his "Mac Giver" personality, Michael was the go-to person that everyone went to for answers no matter the problem. Thanks to his many gifts and never the shy type, he quickly acquired friends and maintained those friendships throughout his life. His compassion was not limited to friends; his love for nature and animals was unparalleled.

He is survived by his beloved wife, who he has spent 42 loving years with, Dolores (Pestana) Desmond; brother, Kevin P. Desmond of Concord, NH and several nieces, nephews and beloved friends.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 9 - 11 a.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. Funeral services will follow 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The burial will be in Forest Hill Cemetery, E. Derry Rd., East Derry. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

## OBITUARY

### Roline G. Newcomb



Roline G. (Sister) Newcomb, 73, of Derry, NH, passed away peacefully on Monday, Feb. 17, 2020 in the Pleasant Valley Nursing Center in Derry. She was born in Derry on Feb. 26, 1946, a daughter of the late Louis and Roline (Wissig) Newcomb, and had been a lifelong resident. Roline was a graduate of Pinkerton Academy in Derry, Class of 1964. She had been employed for Merrimack Valley Wood Products in Derry for many years. Roline enjoyed reading, listening to music, and watching television and movies.

Roline is survived by her brother, Bill Newcomb and his wife Judy of Windham, NH; her niece, Dr. Kathleen Rekart and family; her nephew, Matthew Newcomb and family; as well as several other family members and friends.

Following cremation, a graveside service will be held in the Spring in the Forest Hill Cemetery in E. Derry. Memorial contributions may be made to the Activities Dept. at Pleasant Valley Nursing Center, 8 Peabody Rd., Derry, NH 03038. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements.



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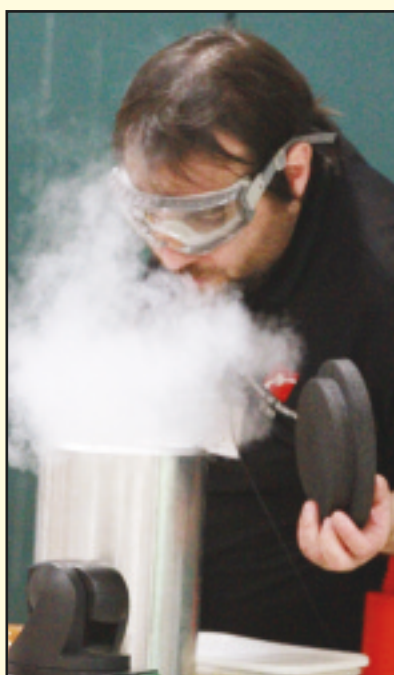
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# Derry Village School Gets Visit From Museum of Science



Jonah Sidman of the Boston Museum of Science presented second grade students at Derry Village Elementary School a program involving gases, liquids and solids and what happens to them when put under extreme temperatures. The science lesson was part of the museum's traveling educational program. Much of the demonstration involved liquid nitrogen and its effects on different material. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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# DERRY SPORTS

## Pinkerton Wrestling Squad Has Three State Champions

MATT TRITTO  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Wrestling team saw quite a bit of success at the NHIAA Division I State Championship on Saturday, Feb. 22. Out of the 13 wrestlers Pinkerton brought to the event, more than half of will be moving on to the Meet of Champions next weekend.

Pinkerton had three State Champions that afternoon. Dominic Robinson, Jack Mackiernan and Sterling McLaughlin all took first place in their respective weight classes. David Hammond, Marcus Sconza, and Will Brown took fourth place and Isaac Cohen received a fifth place medal.

A total of 14 schools attended the Division I State Championship at Londonderry High School and Timberlane Regional High School was once again crowned the State Champs with a total score of 310.5 points. Concord placed second with 271.5, Salem took third with 168, and Pinkerton came in fourth place with 153 points. This was Timberlane's 19th Division I title in twenty years.

In the 120 pound weight class, Dominic Robinson's first place win started with a 4-3 decision over Exeter in his first match, followed by a pin over a Nashua South competitor in his second



Dominic Robinson



Jack Mackiernan



Sterling McLaughlin

match. In his championship bout, Robinson finished with a 12-4 decision, despite having what looked to be two pins in his match over Jake Rousseau of Timberlane.

Robinson was overcome with emotion as he tried to wrap around his head the fact that he is now a state champ. "How much hard work it took, and how much support I had from everyone. Especially from my parents, just a lot of hard work," said Robinson.

Pinkerton's Jack Mackiernan's championship came at the 160 lb. weight class with a win over Alvirne in the first round, a 4-2 decision over Timberlane in his second match and a 4-2 decision over Bedford's Jack Carrozzi.

Mackiernan commented after his championship bout,

"It feels good, it was tough. Stuck to it, kept going, state champ as a sophomore." He also went on to speak about his squad and how much work they've put in. "We lost a lot of seniors, but I think we have more champions this year than last year."

Sterling McLaughlin, who was looking to get his third straight state Division I title, made it look almost too simple at 182 lbs. The PA senior had pins over Nashua North, Londonderry High School and Kody Rasheed of Concord in the championship bout. All of the pins were under three and a half minutes, and with that, he earned his third consecutive State Championship title.

McLaughlin is used to the feeling of being a state champ, but still treats it like his first time. "It feels good, I

mean a lot of hard work these past three years, especially my senior year." But Sterling isn't satisfied yet, as he still has the Meet of Champions ahead of him. "Just keep pushing through, fighting

through, whatever, this is my last postseason stretch, so I want to make it the best win I can possibly have." McLaughlin added.

Seven Astros wrestlers will now move on to compete

in the Meet of Champions on Saturday, Feb. 29, at Nashua South High School. Those placing in the top three will move onto the New England Championship in Massachusetts on March 7 and 8.

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# Pinkerton Bowling Team Wins Its Third State Championship

MATT TRITTO  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Bowling team faced off against ten other high school squads for the NHIAA Division I State Championship at Strikers East in Raymond on Saturday, Feb. 22, and were crowned State Champions. The Astros team was able to earn their third State Championship title, and first one since 2015. Goffstown High School came in second.

The Astros were the fourth seed, and their day started against the fifth seeded Raymond High School. Pinkerton won in three games with the first one being 161-131, then 180-32, and 162-109.

After that victory, the Astros faced the top seed of the tournament, Hollis-Brookline, in the semi-final round. Pinkerton won in four games with scores of 160-147, 166-144, lost the third game 170-130, but won the last two 137-129 and 174-151.

The final round of the championship had Pinkerton facing the Goffstown Grizzlies, with both teams having two State Titles under their belts. The Grizzlies most recent success was in 2017 and 2018. The teams playing seven games until Pinkerton eventually came out on top.

The Astros took the first two games in close fashion 148-144, and 155-151. Goffstown came back to win game three 156-152, but PA answered with a game four 179-136 win. Goffstown then took both game five and six by scores of 185-159, and 173-144.

Pinkerton gave it all they had, and blew out Goffstown with a clean game of 232 with six strikes and four spares. Senior captain Bryant Nourse was elated to have finished his career as a State Champion, and has more to accomplish next weekend. "The team championship was very nerve-racking from the beginning. I knew there'd be other teams that could very much demolish us. This is my senior year, and being captain this year was a lot to take in. I'm glad I was given the opportunity to make it that far and be able to hold the plaque at the end of the day. There are quite a lot of good bowlers. It's going to be tough to qualify, but also tough to maintain a clear state of mind. The sport is based around having



The Pinkerton Bowling team poses with the Division I trophy on Saturday.

a good mind set just as much as it is skill. I feel that at least one of us could walk away with an individual medal."

Pinkerton head coach Janet Boyden couldn't be prouder of what her squad was able to accomplish this season. "Congratulations to an awesome team, captain and senior Bryant Nourse finishes his four years of bowling for Pinkerton with a

championship, what a way to go."

The squad didn't have an easy journey to the State Title, as they faced adversity quite often, but they never backed down. "This team had many ups throughout the season winning some close matches and same downs; a sprained ankle, broken finger, and two cases of the flu. From the beginning of the

season it looked like our team had what it would take to win the championship; spirit and determination, but never losing sportsmanship," added Boyden.

Pinkerton isn't finished yet, as they will compete on Saturday, Feb. 29, for the NHIAA Individual Championships at Yankee Lanes in Keene.

## Athletes of the Week

Week of Feb. 9



**Kylie Coupal**  
Junior, Girls Ice Hockey

She had 35 saves in the win over Bishop Guertin and only let in two goals on a total of 37 shots. Over the last seven games, she is 7-0 allowing only 10 goals through those seven games.



**Dominic Robinson**  
Sophomore, Wrestling

Dominic successfully won his first State Championship for his weight class of 120 pounds at the NHIAA Division I State Championship on Saturday in Londonderry.

Athletes are chosen by Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

## Pinkerton Boys' Hockey Get Shutout 4-0 in Two Games

MATT TRITTO  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys' Hockey team has fallen into a bit of a scoring drought as they lost their last two games without a goal. With that rough go of things last week, the Astros fell to a .500 season record of 8-8.

The PA team first took the ice against the Exeter Blue Hawks on Wednesday Feb. 19, on their home ice and suffered their first

shutout loss of the season. Despite having goaltender Matt Gilliland make 32 saves in that contest, PA fell 4-0.

The Astros fell behind early in this one, with Exeter scoring twice in the first, and two more times in the second period. He third period was scoreless by both teams.

Later in the week, on Saturday, Feb 22, Pinkerton took the ice against the Salem Blue Devils at the Icenter where they lost in another 4-0 shutout.

The Astros were scheduled to host their rival Londonderry Lancers (6-8-1) on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at the Ice Den after the Nutfield News went to print. The Astros beat LHS 7-1 in the first meeting during the Ball Family game earlier in the season.

The team's regular season will come to an end on Saturday, Feb. 29 with a road game against Manchester Memorial High School (2-14).



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# PA Girls' Hockey Team Extends its Winning Streak to Seven

MATT TRITTO  
NUTFIELD NEWS

In just their second season of play in the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association Girls Hockey league, the Pinkerton Academy Girls' Hockey team sits in fourth place in the division standings, and

has a 9-4 season record with just two games left to go before the playoffs.

The Lady Astros only had one game this past week and they faced Bishop Guertin (7-7), at home, on Wednesday, Feb. 19.

That game wound up being quite the battle, as the PA girls pulled off an impres-

sive 3-2 win over the Cardinals to extend their winning streak to seven games.

The first period of that contest ended with the score knotted at a 1-1 tie, sophomore captain Jordyn Wasiejko scored the lone goal for the Astros off an Emily Buckley assist.

The teams ended second

period at the same 1-1 score, but in the third period, sophomore Molly Fahey ended the tie by scoring the second goal with help from Kelsey Levesque.

Wasiejko got her second goal of the game, unassisted, to seal the win.

First year junior goaltender Kylee Coupal contin-

ued her fanatic play for Pinkerton, as she had 35 saves in the game, and only allowed two goals out of the 37 shots. Over the last seven games, she is 7-0 allowing only 10 goals through those seven games.

The Lady Astros took the ice on Tuesday, Feb. 25, against St. Thomas Aquinas High School at the Dover Ice

Arena after the Nutfield News went to print.

Their regular season will come to an end on Friday, Feb. 28, as they will host Exeter High School at the Tri-Town Ice Arena. At that last home game, the team will celebrate the squads two seniors, Jessica Mitchell and Spencer St. Pierre.

# Two Astro Skiers Compete at Meet of Champions to End Season

MATT TRITTO  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton skiers Chris Bennett and Katelyn Bennett officially ended their Alpine Skiing season, as they were the only two Astros represented Pinkerton Academy at Cannon Mountain on Thursday, Feb. 20, in Franconia. They were the top two skiers for their teams and led them throughout the regular sea-

son and being able to compete on Thursday gave them the recognition of what they did all season long. There were a total of 32 teams from all over the Granite State that made the trip to Cannon Mountain, and some schools had multiple skiers representing their teams.

Starting with the Boys' Giant Slalom Race, Chris Bennett placed fifth out of 37 skiers. His first run time

was 38.24, and then he followed that up with a time of 38.60, which gave him a final time of 1:16.84.

Matous Bohonek of Goffstown High School finished first with a time of 1:13.33, Plymouth's Dylan Welch second (1:14.37) and Jacob Kuczynski of Windham High School placed third (1:15.69), and. Now for the Men's Slalom Race Chris Bennett crossed the finish line 26th out of 47

total skiers.

In the Boys' Slalom, Bennett's first ski time was a 37.90, and his second run took him 36.84 seconds, which gave him a total time of 1:14.74.

Plymouth's Dylan Welch finished first with a time of 1:07.34, Matous Bohonek placed second (1:07.40) and Connor Wachsmuth of Bow high school finished third (1:09.20).

For the Girls' Giant

Slalom Race, Pinkerton's Katelyn Bennett placed 20th out 40 skiers. Her first run time was in 40.90 and her second was a time of 41.35, which gave her a final time of 1:22.25. Savannah Shannon of Concord took first place with a time of 1:16.04, Emme Bell of Profile finished second (1:16.81) and Kennett High School's Ashley Garside placed third (1:18.46).

In the Slalom Race,

Katelyn Bennett found herself in 33rd placed. Bennett's first Slalom time was a 43.62 and her second a 45.49 which resulted in a final time of 1:29.11.

Emme Bell moved up, as spot as she took first place with a time of 1:16.38, Sophie Bell finished second for Profile (1:17.22), and Savannah Shannon of Concord placed third (1:17.57).

# Season Struggles Continue For Pinkerton Boys Hoops

MATT TRITTO  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Boys Basketball is now 1-14 on the year with another two losses last week. Their week started on Wednesday Feb. 19th with a home game against the Bedford Bulldogs as they suffered a rough 63-48 loss. Justin Dunne poured in 15 points while Jimmy Flynn had 11 and Miguelangel Mejia and Any McDonald both had six. Mike Packowski and Anthony Delsalvo had three points along with two points from Declan Conroy.

The Astros then traveled to Merrimack High School (9-5) on Saturday, Feb 21,

and suffered another loss in a game that went into two, overtime period. The final score in this one was 44-42.

The Pinkerton squad had six points in the first quarter, five in the second, 14 to start the second half, nine in the fourth. The Astros only scored eight points in the two overtime periods, giving the Crusaders a two-point win.

Despite the loss the Astros had a great defensive game holding Merrimack team to just 15 points in the first three quarters combined.

Jimmy Flynn had five steals and Justin Dunne contributed five blocked shots in the defensive effort.

The Pinkerton boys controlled the boards with seven PA players getting three or more rebounds. Justin Dunne and Andy MacDonald both had seven rebounds. Mike Packowski was a major force on offense, hitting four three-pointers and getting a team high 17-points.

Pinkerton was back at it again on Tuesday, Feb. 25, as they hosted Alvirne High School (7-7) after the Nutfield News went to print.

They will then play again on Monday, March 2 with another home game against Manchester Central (6-8). The team will finish the season on Friday night, March 6.

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# Astros Girls' Hoops Enters Slump As Season End Nears

MATT TRITTO  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls' Basketball squad has fallen into a three-game losing streak after suffering two losses last week. With those losses the team now stand at 10-6 for the season.

Their first game last week was against the Bedford Bulldogs (11-3) on Wednesday, Feb. 19, on the road. Where the Lady Astros came up just a little short, suffering 46-43 loss.

Avah Ingalls took care of much of the scoring with 16 points, and Jesse Ames had nine. Both Sofia Riccio and Samantha Franks had six points while Allison Ingalls, Alyssa DiMauro, and Kristian Packowski all had two points.

Their week wrapped up with a home game against Merrimack High School on Friday, Feb 21, who had only lost two games this season. It was Pinkerton's sen-

ior night that evening, and before the game, head coach Lani Buskey took a few moments to speak about her seniors Jesse Ames, Sofia Riccio, Alyssa DiMauro, and Mya Landry.

Unfortunately Merrimack spoiled Pinkerton's special night as they handed the team a 51-40 loss.

Pinkerton's home crowd was very energetic to start, but that didn't help jumpstart their Astros. Merrimack came out fast with a three-pointer on the first possession and brought the pressure on defense with a tough full-court press. Pinkerton was struggling to get the ball across half court as they had several turnovers early. They weren't given many open looks on offense, but Jesse Ames brought life with a tough lay-up plus the foul. Pinkerton kept rolling as Samantha Franks set up an open Jesse Ames for a jumper which cut their deficit to just two scores.

Avah Ingalls ended the first quarter at the foul line and she hit both her shots, which resulted in a 16-13 Merrimack lead.

In the second quarter Pinkerton started with a bang, as DiMauro assisted Avah Ingalls on a three-pointer to tie things up at 18 and then Jesse Ames took the lead with a pair of free-throws. It was a back and forth affair as Merrimack retook the lead with a three-pointer, but the Astro's responded when Samantha Franks assisted Jesse Ames with an impressive athletic effort as she was falling to the ground to get the crowd roaring. Pinkerton lead 24-23 heading into halftime thanks to Avah Ingalls with a strong take to the rim for two before the quarter ended.

Merrimack came out strong in the second half and set the tempo as they made it difficult for PA to score. Merrimack maintained the momentum and

shocked Hackler Gymnasium with an amazing half-court buzzer beater shot to end the third quarter with a 35-28 lead.

Pinkerton didn't let that bother them though, as the fourth quarter started with a Samantha Franks three-pointer off a dish from Jesse Ames. Merrimack stayed hot with back-to-back three-pointers and Pinkerton had great looks but nothing would fall for them. Avah Ingalls broke their scoring silence with a smooth jumper, which then led to a DiMauro assist to Kristian Packowski for two-points and then forced a Merrimack inbound turnover. Things were looking good for the Astros as it was a

Merrimack led 42-35 with just under three minutes to play, and Pinkerton's bust of life didn't last long as Merrimack took control again with a lay-up plus the foul and they took a 45-37 lead. With 30 seconds left in



Astro senior Guard Sofia Riccio. Photo by Chris Paul

the game Allison Ingalls hit a three to make it a nine-point game, but it wasn't enough.

Jesse Ames led the way in this one with 13 points, and Avah Ingalls had ten. Allison Ingalls had six, Packowski with four, Samantha Franks with three and both DiMauro and Riccio had two points.

Buskey commented on her seniors after the game, "Our whole program from top to bottom we try to walk

the walk, this senior group has done a really good job of that. They do the little things, they're dirt dogs and they're natural leaders."

Buskey commented on the team struggles, "It's a mixture of things, not only are we going through a rough patch, we're exhausted. We understand the next two games are incredibly important, you cant take anything off now."



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## Town and School Election

The Town and School Election will be on Tuesday, March 10. The polls are open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. For this election there will be three polling places. Districts 1 and 4 will vote at Hood Middle School at 5 Hood Road. District 2 will vote at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road. District 3 will vote at West Running Brook Middle School, 1 West Running Brook Lane. The Town Clerk's Office will be open until 5 p.m. on Monday March 9 to accept absentee ballots. Please see the Town Clerk's page at [www.derrynh.org/town-clerk/pages/1-election-information](http://www.derrynh.org/town-clerk/pages/1-election-information) for more election information or visit the Derry School District page at <http://www.sau10.org> for information regarding the school ballot.

## Youth Basketball Tryouts & February Break Clinic

Spartans Basketball, NH's largest AAU Basketball program, will be holding Spring AAU basketball tryouts at the Derry Sports Zone in Derry. Tryouts will be open to boys and girls grades 3rd-High School. The next tryout date is Saturday March 7. Times are 3rd - 6th Grade boys and girls: 8 - 9 a.m. 7th & 8th Grade boys and girls: 9 - 10 a.m. High School Boys & Girls will be from 10 - 11 a.m. For any questions contact Chris Coates at [CoatesNew@hotmail.com](mailto:CoatesNew@hotmail.com).

## 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 4, 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Exchange Students Program

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## 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

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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.

## 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

## 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.

## Walk with Me

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## Women's Writing Group

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

## 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

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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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