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## NH DOT Connects Conservation Commission to Exit 4A Impact Study

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NUTFIELD NEWS

The Derry Conservation Commission met on Feb. 24, and Chairman James Degnan reported correspondence had come in from New Hampshire DOT (Department of Transportation) regarding the I-93 Exit 4A Project.

Degnan reported the NHDOT was making their approved impact study for the Exit 4A project available to the Conservation Commission and to the public. This study is now available on the project's web site. [www.i93exit4a.com](http://www.i93exit4a.com). The

Conservation Commission Chairman and members noted they will be monitoring the project and aligning with the report as appropriate. The impact study provides important information regarding environmental and conservation situations that are in place in the project area and described how the project will account for these situations.

The Exit 4A project lies within the Upper Beaver Brook watershed. Beaver Brook, which is south of the Project, flows west under I-93 and then south into Massachusetts where it joins the Merrimack

River in Lowell. Upper Beaver Brook has been subject to water quality investigations since 2003 in response to proposed development in the watershed, including widening and improvements to I-93.

Exit 4A Project developers are subject to a variety of state and federal regulations and associated programs to ensure surface water quality is preserved or restored in all waters in the area. Impacts on bodies of water near the Project will necessitate involvement with these regulations as the Project proceeds

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## Holy Cross Church Closing Due to Fire Sprinkler Issues

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Holy Cross Church in East Derry is faced with failing fire sprinkler system that requires the church to close its building doors in two months. The Diocese of Manchester — the local authority for the Catholic Church of New Hampshire — is now considering future plans for the church building.

Director of Communications for the Diocese of Manchester, Tom Bebbington reports that the building's sprinkler system has recently failed to pass inspection, so the Derry Fire Department was not able to renew the building's certificate of occupancy. This situation was communicated to the Parrish and the public on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26.

Derry Fire Chief Michael

Gagnon reported, "We reviewed a third-party vendor test report in 2018 where random sprinkler heads were tested, and the report showed an unacceptable percentage of those sprinkler heads failed to activate."

Chief Gagnon said in an effort to assist the Parrish, the Derry Fire Department granted their request for testing additional sprinkler heads, but that test also showed unacceptable levels of sprinkler head failures.

The deadline for the current occupancy certification is set to expire on Feb. 29. Derry Fire Chief Michael Gagnon helped the church with a deadline extension after Rev. Roger Croteau requested additional time so the church could offer services through the Holy Week and Easter.

The church building's occupancy permit now

expires on April 30 and while Chief Gagnon said the department is willing to work with the parish to resolve the issue, the diocese reports that around \$150,000 is needed to upgrade the fire sprinkler system. At this point the parish is currently in debt and has no means to fund the project.

Bebbington made it clear that the diocese has not decided for the parishioners to stop assembling, though he points out that building can no longer legally support any gatherings at 187 Hampstead Road location after the certificate of occupancy expires.

Peter Anthony Libasci is the prelate of the Roman Catholic Church and the current Bishop of the Diocese of Manchester. The Bishop provided a statement for the community, "As good citi-

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## VETERAN THANKS

Tony Travia, commander of the Derry American Legion Post 9 cuts the cake during a Appreciation Day Ceremony held at the VFW Post 1617 on Sunday afternoon, March 1. Three veteran's groups were involved. See details on page 5.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

## Derry School Board Has Four Candidates Running for Two Seats

Town and School elections will be held next week on Tuesday, March 10 and there are only two contested races that residents will be voting on.

On the Derry School District Ballot, there are two seats open for the School Board, and four candidates will be looking for voter support.

The Nutfield News asked each candidate for their input on their views:

**Derick Anderson**  
**Occupation:** Pharmacy Owner  
**Family:** Married with three children

**Years in town:** 15 years

**How do you feel that you could make a difference?**

In my own business I rely on gaining knowledge from

experts in order to make a good decision. Derry has great teachers and administrative staff that can provide valuable information to the Board. Sometimes, it is best to bring in outside experts to look at processes and make recommendations on how to improve. I would be interested in using our local as

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## School Board

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well as outside experts to create better long term planning with the goal of both improving our educational growth and becoming a more efficient school district.

**The reason why you are running?** My primary interest is to assist the admin team and teachers through good leadership and management practices with a goal of increasing student academic growth. School ranking solely based on reported test scores and subjective ratings should not be used to judge how successful a school district is in educating its children. I want to help create a more transparent process that our district can share with current Derry citizens with or without children as well as those seeking a new home in our town. Once we have a good system in place that measures multiple indicators, our district will be able to track progress more effectively over time.

**What do you think you bring to the table/Why you?** I do have experience as a school board member and operate a small business. It takes a good amount of time to come up to speed and I feel I can step back in with minimal research in order to be back to where I was when I left the school board. I worked very hard and took the responsibility seriously through work on key committees as well as taking time away from my

business to testify in Concord for school funding. I intend to do the best job possible in order to improve our district's education. Having experience in operating a business in a highly regulated environment helped me bring a different viewpoint to the Board.

**Paul Lutz**

**Occupation:** Retired police lieutenant and retired educator; both in Derry

**Family:** One adult son

**Years in town:** 49 years

**How do you feel that you could make a difference?**

As someone who has worked within the community for nearly 50 years, I have seen a number of trends and changes, all of which involve the student age population to one extent or another. The rate education and the manner in which it's delivered is changing at a more rapid rate than ever. Career paths are vastly different from the manner in which they existed in the past. In order to increase the economic health of the state and our tax base, we need to be able to offer a well-educated pool of potential employees, both professional and technical. With a young, capable pool of young people, businesses and industry will be attracted to New Hampshire, thus increasing the state of our economic viability. Public schools lay those foundations and my focus on placing curriculum, as a priority will help in achieving that.

**The reason why you are running?** I have no children

in the schools and own my home. I represent the view that all members of the community are stakeholders in quality education.

**What do you think you bring to the table/Why you?** I understand our funding model for our schools is either equitable or viable. The state has abdicated its court ordered responsibility to ensure an adequate education and taxpayers have felt the impact. They have also shifted costs from the state to the cities, towns and school districts. This alone has caused a considerable additional financial burden on schools and the local tax rate, with no corresponding return. I have been and will continue to be, vocal in urging the legislature to formulate a funding model by testifying in legislative hearings and working toward a resolution of that issue.

**Anne Copp**

**Occupation:** Insurance

**Family:** Husband and four grown children two of which attended Derry Schools.

**Years in Town:** Moved back two years ago.

**How do you feel that you could make a difference?**

Representing Parents and Taxpayers on the Board

**The reason why you are running?** Fiscal conservatism and I have a strong view on Common Core. Our kids are anything but common.

**What do you think you bring to the table and why you?** I believe we need to have the best interest of the

children at heart. I'm planning to be a conduit to the board on behalf of Derry residents and taxpayers

**The most serious issues are?** Enrollment and Funding. While the student body continues to decrease, no elementary schools have closed. Though without restraint the school Board is asking the Town of Derry approximately 35,000 residents to fund additional programming.

The Town has to adhere to a strict Budget and like many residents must pick and choose what they can afford to spend. All the while running the entire Town including Police and Fire Departments, with 1/2 the Funds of the School Budget.

In March of 2020 at the School board deliberative session the board proposed a new Budget of 92 Million dollars. I was hoping to see many more taxpayers and parents at the meeting. I'm sure that is attributed to their raising their families at a hectic and harried time.

I hope to represent parents and taxpayers concerns on the School Board.

**Jessica Ring**

My name is Jessica Ring and I am running for a seat on the Derry School Board. I have lived in Derry for 17 years with my husband and our two daughters, ages 11 and 14. I received a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and molecular biology and had worked as an analytical chemist for 12 years prior to staying home with my children. Over the last 10 years, I have been an active volunteer within the Derry Public schools and in the community. From being inside a kindergarten classroom helping with Reader's Workshop to being an officer in the PTA to running the Book

Fair, I am always there to step up and step in. Outside of the classroom, I served as a member of the Facilities Committee and more recently I have worked to register new voters during elections with the Supervisor of the Checklist.

I believe in giving back to my community and these years of volunteerism and advocacy have led me to this point. I have attended or watched the majority of the school board meetings over the last 5 years and feel like I have a good pulse on current issues and community concerns. My analytical mind set, collaborative nature, and my passion for education makes me well suited for this job. Being active in the district PTA and PTSA organizations, I see what a direct impact parental involvement has on students' academic achievement and quality of the schools. I believe the schools are an integral part

of Derry and their success is impacted by the involvement of the whole community, parents and non-parents alike.

There are concerns over decreasing enrollment, increasing costs, and mediocre school rankings. Consistent with other efforts across the town to make Derry a more desirable location, the District and Board need to continue to think and act strategically to deliver the variety of improvements the community is expecting. My focus is to make sure any change will improve the quality of education and well being of the students while remaining fiscally responsible. I alone cannot make a difference. Joining the School Board will make me part of a team. Collaboration, communication, and transparency are of the utmost importance to me and I will bring that to the table.

## OBITUARY

### Heidi Lee Seavey



Heidi Lee Seavey, 50, of Derry, NH passed away in her sleep, Sunday Feb. 23, 2020. She was born April 1, 1969 in Derry and was a daughter of Elisa B. (Kevlik) Preston and Ronald S. Seavey. Heidi was raised and educated in Derry where she lived most of her life.

Heidi was known for her thoughtfulness and loyalty to her friends and family. She enjoyed the beach and mountains, camping and spending time with her many friends and beloved family. She especially cherished her "Mimi" time spent with her grandson, Nash. Heidi will forever be remembered as a hard worker and valued friend.

In addition to her parents, Heidi is survived by her daughter Chelsea J. Janiak, two grandchildren, Nash Janiak and Camden Collins, a sister, Shayne Bolduc and her husband Ty, two nephews, Jesse and Dakota Riel two nieces, Megan Seitz and Kristen Bouchard, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family. She was predeceased by her brother Kevin Seavey in 2011.

Following cremation, a memorial gathering was held Friday, Feb. 28, from 5 - 7 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry.

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# Residents Granted Special Exception for Home Handyman Business

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Craig and Linda Boulanger came to the Derry Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) on February 20 as applicants

requesting a special exception to allow them to support a home business for a handyman services business. This business would be operated from their residential property at 9 Mundy Lane in an area zoned

MDR (Medium Density Residential).

As per ZBA guidelines, the Boulangers presented their specific criteria support for consideration of this home business exception. ZBA members also posed questions to them related to approval for their request, including about the size of their large garage that will support the business and was outside the parameters certain criteria and also about a driveway of multiple vehicles located very near to their neighbor.

At the public input session, that abutter came forward to express concerns that his home was located close to their driveway and garage. The abutter wanted to understand possible uses of chemicals, machinery noise and lighting that he felt could be invasive to the quiet atmosphere around his home. The abutter was not completely opposed to this home business, but wanted to ensure his family's life style would not be interrupted with related handyman type business issues.

ZBA Chairperson, Lynn Perkins, noted there is town code enforcement that could be called upon and requested the applicants to insure there would be a harmonious neighbor relationship if they granted this exception for their handyman business. After deliberation, the board voted unanimously to approve the home business — subject to all local and state conditions. Chairman Perkins told the Boulangers, "Congratulations and please remember our words of wisdom to be a good neighbor."

NH and Derry allow special exceptions for zoning to be granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment for an owner-resident to conduct a home business in his or her dwelling. Such home businesses are limited to certain professions or trades — lawyer, doctor, clergyman, real estate agent, insurance agent, or similar recognized profession, as well as for artists, artisans or craftsmen and tradesmen or repairmen.

A request for special exception uses may be granted as specified in the Town's zoning ordinances, provided the Zoning Board of Adjustment finds favorably with respect to specific criteria outlined in the ordinance language. That criteria includes the following:

The applicant claims the dwelling unit as her/his legal residence; The residential use was established by the applicant prior to the filing of the request for the special exception; The proposed home business will not be injurious, noxious, or offensive to the neighborhood by reason of emission of odor, fumes, dust, smoke vibration, noise, or other cause.

Additional criteria that must be met includes that the home business use will be conducted within the residential structure, or other existing structure, and will not exceed 25% of the finished living area of the dwelling; The home business use may not change the residential character of the dwelling, or the property.

And finally, an applicant must also observe the following to be granted a special exception — not more than one person not residing in the dwelling unit will be employed on the premises at the same time; Sufficient off-street parking will be provided for employees, clients, and customers. Where lot size permits, the parking will not be provided within 25 feet of the front lot line, nor within 10 feet of a side or rear lot line; Not more than one home business use will be conducted on the property.

## OBITUARY

### Harriet I. Ross



Harriet I. Ross, 97, of Derry, NH, went home to Heaven, Friday Feb. 28, 2020 in her home surrounded by love. She was born in Exeter, NH on June 1, 1922, the youngest of eight children of the late James and Lillian (Crosby) Thurlow. She had been a resident of Derry for the past 75 years. She was raised on the family farm in Hampton Falls, NH. Harriet was retired from the Derry School System hot lunch program. Harriet loved to cook and was famous for her apple pie and chocolate cream roll. She loved to feed anyone that came for a visit and always had a smile, a stocked fridge and plenty of cookies on hand. She had a servant's heart and loved doing whatever she could for others.

She is survived by two daughters, Sharon King and her husband Edwin of Derry, and Jennifer Vesey and her husband William of Hooksett, NH; and also her "adopted daughter" Sandra Boudreau; six grandchildren, Edwin King (Leslie) of Pittsburgh, PA, Allison King of Derry, Jonathan King (Jenny) of Manchester, NH, Darren Downing (Heidi) of Alexandria, NH, Leigh Downing - Ransom (Richie) of South Daytona, FL, and Bethany Everett (Andrew) of Derry; 13 great grandchildren; and her sister, Martha Knight of Derry. She is also survived by several nieces and one nephew, all of whom she loved dearly. She was predeceased by her first husband, Alvin Johnson in 1964, her second husband, Eugene Ferraro in 1977, and her third husband, Herbert Ross in 1993. In addition to her husbands, she was predeceased by her brother Roger, and her sisters Ardele, Caroline, Pauline, Dorothy and Esther.

The family would like to thank all of the caregivers of 360 SHS and the Hospice nurses, aides, social workers and Pastor Dean from Amedysis for all of the excellent care provided and the love and compassion shown to Harriet.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, March 4 from 9 - 11 a.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry, a funeral service to follow at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The burial will be in the Forest Hill Cemetery in E. Derry. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

## OBITUARY

### Labon T. Bumphus



Labon T. Bumphus, 84 of Derry, NH passed away Wednesday Feb. 26, 2020 in the Elliot Hospital, Manchester, NH. He was born on Feb. 19, 1936 in Newburgh, NY, a son of the late Lambert and Geraldine (Scott) Bumphus. Mr. Bumphus proudly served his country in the US Air Force during the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. He was honorably discharged after 30 years of service as a Chief Master Sergeant having worked in Logistics Communications. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion Lester W. Chase Post #9 where he was a Past Commander. He was also a life member of the VFW Post #1617 in Derry and the Disabled American Veterans and a member of Paxton # 16 Masonic Lodge of Harrisburg, PA. Labon loved playing cards, reading and doing crossword puzzles.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 30 years, Elsie Jeannette Howard of Derry, many nieces, nephews and cousins including two nieces, Geraldine Blake and Rosella Curry and two cousins, Tru Fischer and Lola Garland, with whom he had a close relationship.

Calling hours were held on Monday March 2, from 2 - 4pm in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. Funeral services will be held Saturday March 7, at the Keyser Funeral Home, 326 Albany Avenue Kingston, NY followed by burial at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Newburgh, NY.

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# Editorial

## Be Prepared to Vote on March 10

Election Day for most towns in the state is March 10. In the days between now and then, we hope you'll listen to candidates speak, read their words, and ask them about the issues that concern you.

Local Elections affect everybody in town; the money being sought is your tax money, and you have the right to have a say in where it goes. This is your town, and your views make a difference, but only if you vote.

The March election has no state or national candidates, and that's traditionally bad news for voter turnout. We remind you, that your vote has far more impact in the local government elections than it ever will on the state or federal level.

In countries across much of the world people take to the streets and literally risk death to demand free elections and the right to have a say in their government. They look to the United States as an example of how government by the people works.

Equally important are the warrant articles on both the town and school ballots whether it's the school budget or a request for funding for other items. Town and school requests should be handled the way you handle your checkbook - Can you afford it? Is it a necessity or a luxury? Is it something you can put off, or is will cost much more later on?

Staying home is easy, but taking the time to cast an informed vote is what a democratic country expects of its citizens. If you don't understand what you're being asked to approve, seek the answer. The right to vote is important, but it carries with it the responsibility of understanding the issues. Your vote shouldn't be swayed by the vote of the town council or the budget committee. Your vote should also not be influenced the views of your neighbors. The vote is yours and you must vote on what is true to you. So choose wisely and educate yourself. There are bios of the candidates that run in the local papers and sample ballots are printed as well. Also the website of your town should have sample ballots posted.

We let ourselves and everyone else down when we ignore local elections. If you fail to vote and find yourselves taxed out of your home and represented by people who embarrass or upset you, complaining after the election will not help.

How about union contracts? Most contracts are for two to five years and add a dollar amount for each of those years it is in effect. Make sure you understand the costs attached to each additional year because you won't be asked to vote on it in future years; the money will be added to the overall budget each year and will be part of your future tax bill. When a warrant article states that there is no tax impact that may not be true for future years.

Please educate yourselves and understand the complete picture. Each article has pros and cons. In addition, many have long-term implications that affect your wallet every year. It pays to listen and understand both sides' citizens and local governments.

So for the good of the community, please vote March 10.

# Letters

## Support Derick Anderson for School Board.

To the editor,

Reelect Derick Anderson for Derry school board. During his prior 3 years on the school board, Mr. Anderson brought a well-rounded understanding to education that helped me and others in the process of decision making relative to the needs of the Derry cooperative school district. Brand new faces on the school board relative to the road ahead for Derry's students are not the best course going forward. The

term seasoned has significant meaning in this case, both for the educational process and the fiscal aspects of the town. Regardless of the results of the budget warrant, the district will face significant challenges going ahead which Mr. Derick Anderson has convinced me he has the comprehension for. Like all of us on the school board Mr. Anderson served on multiple committees, Derick Anderson served on the High School committee where he gave an earnest break down on the educa-

tional needs for high school students also carrying a strong fiscal comprehension to that process. In turn he carried that over to streamline the costs with NEXT, an alternative charter school for the benefit of students who might be left behind in a regular school setting. Let me not forget the benefit this work brought to the tax payers of Derry. Please return Derick Anderson to the school board.

Thankyou  
Lynn Perkins  
Derry School Board

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## Holy Cross

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zens who value the lives and safety of our people, the sacrifices of our firefighters and all our public servants, we must close this building until the necessary issues are resolved."

"It is important to note that only the building will be closed," Libasci stated. "The future of the Parish of the Holy Cross itself is unaffected by this action. In order to attend to the process ahead of us, we must engage in consultation with all the parties involved, especially the parishioners. I will announce any decisions as a result of these consultations, via the diocese's Office of Communications. Anything to the contrary will amount to nothing more than rumor and misunderstanding."

The diocese stressed it has not made any decisions yet to close the Catholic church but will be forced to

make tough choices moving forward. Some of local congregation members have noted their understanding of the situation but are concerned this might be their last Lent and Easter here. It is unclear if the parish will attempt to raise the funds necessary to remedy the issue so the fate of the 15,400 square-foot church building is yet to be determined.

Members have stated that their numbers have wavered over the years, but they are hoping for help from the archdiocese to provide an appropriate solution. When the church building is shuttered at the end of April, the diocese is encouraging the congregation to attend other nearby churches such as St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry or Saint Anne in Hampstead.

Founded in 1999, the Holy Cross Catholic Church is located on 187 East Hampstead Rd., Derry, New Hampshire. Mass is scheduled on Saturdays at 4 p.m.

and Sundays at 9:30 a.m. There are also weekday Masses Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7:30 a.m.

The church has been working to provide a strong foundation for the next generation of their community, by supporting spiritual needs and growth for its members. According to Derry records, the building began construction plans in 1998, and the property and building are now valued at over \$2.2 million.

According to a website history of the parish, the diocese first explored establishing an East Derry mission as a branch of St. Thomas Aquinas in 1988 and the parishioners held their first Mass in the gym of East Derry Memorial Elementary School on Oct. 2, 1988 before organizing plans for the current church building that was built a decade later.

"Although the building will close, the parish does not cease to exist," Bebbington said.

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# Derry Veterans Groups Present Appreciation Awards

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Derry American Legion Post 9, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1617 and the Society of Forty and Eight held a ceremony on Sunday, March 1 to honor some locals for help to the organizations.

At that event, the Nutfield News, Derry Community Access Media and the Daughters of the American Revolution were all honored.

Deb Paul, Publisher of the Nutfield News as well as the Londonderry Times and Tri-Town Times was presented with Certificates of Appreciation from each of the organizations.

American Legion Post Commander, and VFW Post Commander Tony Travia presented the awards and acted as the Master of Ceremonies for the event.

Derry Cable Division Coordinator Owen Provencher accepted awards for his organization.

Adrienne Dancer, Regent of the Molly Reid Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution accepted three awards for her organization.

Also receiving an award was the Naval Sea Cadets who meet in Londonderry at the Reserve Center on Harvey Road.

Lenny Perkins and Joe DiChiaro also presented awards.



Debra Paul, Nutfield News Publisher was a recipient of three certificates by veterans. At left, she is presented the 40/8 Box Car Award by Joe DiChiaro.



Tony Travia, Joe DiChiaro presented Adrienne Dancer, Regent of the Molly Reid Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was thanked.



Lenny Perkins presented Derry Cable Division Coordinator Owen Provencher with a VFW Award.

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# Derry Transfer Station Will Now Be Taking Credit Cards

MAC K LEATHURBY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Town Transfer Station located at 43 Transfer Lane (off Fordway) has updated its fee processing and now accepts major credit cards including Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and American Express payments.

The Town charges residents a fee for disposal of larger or more difficult to handle items. In addition to credit cards, residents may also pay with cash or by check when disposing of these types of items.

There is an added fee for using credit card for station

transactions - 2.79% with a minimum fee of \$1.50 per credit card transaction. The Derry DPW reports that accommodating credit cards was set up in response to town resident requests.

Derry's Transfer Station provides an effective, efficient way of handling the recycling and waste management needs of the Town in compliance with Federal, State and local laws. Transfer Station operations support collection of household and yard wastes. The division strives to find the most cost-effective markets for recyclable goods and to assist the community through education to be as

environmentally friendly as possible. Derry is a recycling community and the town asks all residents to please recycle.

Derry residents have utilized the newest Derry Transfer Station for disposing most of their household waste items since 2016. There are specific categories for segregating materials at drop-off that should be carefully observed when bringing trash and recyclables to the station.

Each waste category has its own disposal bay at the station. These category bays are marked accordingly for Household Trash, Cardboard (Corrugated Card-

board Boxes), and Mixed Paper (Junk mail, newspaper, magazines). There are also category bays for #1 Plastics - PETE or Polyethylene terephthalate (Soft drink, water bottles, mouthwash bottles, peanut butter), #2 Plastics - HDPE or High density polyethylene (Milk jugs, detergents, shampoo, cereal box liners), #3-#7 Plastics (All other plastics including plastic cups, yogurt containers, salad dressing bottles), Steel/Tin Cans (Food Packaging), Aluminum Cans (Soft drinks, beer cans) and Glass (Bottles, Jars - NOT include light bulbs). The following materials are also accepted

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Do not throw away toxic or highly hazardous waste products at the station as they contaminate the soils and ground water and such products could also cause fires. Hazardous waste must be disposed on the Hazardous Waste Collection

Day that is conducted several times per year - in the Spring and in the Fall. The exact dates and drop off locations are posted on the town web site. The Towns of Derry and Londonderry collaborate support for these days and logistics are coordinated to use same location for this drop-off waste. Hazardous Waste Collection Day does not accept batteries, latex paints, explosives, asbestos, or radioactive and infectious wastes.

For questions or concerns, please call Derry Transfer Station at 432-4650 between Tuesday and Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

## DOT

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through final design to construction. Several lakes, ponds, and streams in the Project area may be affected by the construction and maintenance in the area. Beaver Lake is the largest body of water in the study area, and this lake has a surface area of 134 acres and a maximum depth of 46 feet and it is an important recreational resource for the Town of Derry that must be protected.

There are several other important ponds in the area. Hoods Pond is an impoundment of Shields Brook and is located in Derry near the center of the study area for the Project. Hoods Pond is approximately five acres, with a maximum depth of 6 feet

and an average reported depth of approximately 2 feet with an estimated watershed area of 6.13 square miles. NHDES (NH Department of Environmental Services) noted that Hoods Pond was highly biologically productive.

Horns Pond is also an impoundment of Shields Brook located in Derry near the center of the study area. Horns Pond is too small to be listed as Public Water in the state.

Lower Shields Pond is located in Derry near the northern limits of the project study area. This body of water forms part of the headwaters of Shields Brook. Because it is less than 10 acres in size, it is also not listed on the NHDES Official List of Public Waters.

There are several other

ponds located on the Londonderry side of the project - notably Wheeler Pond and Scobie Pond that will be aligned for proper protection during the project. Several important streams and brooks in the area will also be affected, including Beaver Brook, which is a perennial stream, and the largest stream in the impact study area. It flows from Beaver Lake in the northeastern corner of the project area in Derry to the south and west through adjacent portions of Derry and Londonderry. It is listed as public water, and its watershed upstream of I-93 is slightly less than 24 square miles. Much of the watershed area for Beaver Brook is highly developed with commercial, industrial, and residential properties, as well as supporting

transportation and utility infrastructure.

Shields Brook is a perennial stream that starts at the northern limits of the study area where it flows out of Lower Shields Pond and flows in a generally southerly direction through Derry Prime Wetland A-01, Hoods Pond, and Horns Pond to Beaver Brook. Scobie Pond also flows into Shields Brook just north of NH 28. West Running Brook, a perennial stream, is located within the eastern portion of the study area and flows in a southerly direction. It drains into residential and commercial areas to the east of NH 102 and NH 28.

Additionally, there are numerous additional unnamed streams and tributaries that are within the study area, as well as several unnamed tributaries located in the northeastern corner of the study area

that flow under Tsienneto Road in Derry.

The impact study noted there had been water quality violations that had prompted NHDES and NHDOT to conduct a comprehensive water quality-monitoring program in the Upper Beaver Brook watershed in 2006 and 2007. The subsequent data, which documented further violations of the acute chloride standard, resulted in listing Beaver as impaired for chloride on the 2006 list. Ultimately this led to the development of a special study and implementation plan for Beaver Brook to meet water quality standards. As a result of the chloride threshold excesses observed in portions of Beaver Brook and some of the contributing tributaries, and as a result of the I-93 widening project, NHDOT and NHDES entered into a program to develop and

implement additional studies for chloride in Beaver Brook. Since that time the NH DOT has implemented procedures that were derived from the studies to reduce chloride imports into the Beaver Brook watershed.

Programs to reduce bacteria in the water bodies have also been implemented. Hood Pond has experienced periodic summer bacteria blooms in the center of the 4a project area and there have been reductions of phosphorus compounds that have contributed to these blooms.

The NH DOT plans call for protection for all the watershed areas during construction of the Interstate 93 Exit 4A Project and there will be a coordinated approach with the town including the Conservation Commission to assure regulations and protections are properly administered.

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# Derry Public Library Trustee Seats Attracts Nine Candidates

MACK LEATHURBY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Derry Public Library is a busy resource that many folks in the community support. Many people actively participate in library programs, so it is interesting that 9 candidates are running for 3 open positions as a Derry Library Trustee.

The candidates are Rachael Armstrong, Monica Cataldo, Linda Coate, Margaret Ives, Theresa Leney, George B. MacIntyre Jr., Valerie Roche, Jeanne Roussel, and Eric Walters, who are all looking to become Library Trustees.

So, why are so many folks interested in running for this position? What makes the Derry Library an attractive place for some of the town's best and brightest to contribute as trustees?

The Nutfield News

reached out to Daniel Healey, Derry Town Clerk, to get the names of all the candidates and Healey told us this is perhaps the biggest turnout for this position in Derry's election history.

When we contacted the candidates running for this position, they told us that the Derry Library staff proactively connected to interested library patrons about the open library trustee position. The library staff is likely looking to keep things running optimally, especially with the recent departure of Derry Public Library Director, Cara Potter, who ended her tenure with the library on January 31, 2020. Potter was the director for 5+ years and she steered the library through many building and community initiatives.

We reached out directly to all the candidates and several told us how the library

staff and other active library patrons reached out to them personally about the open trustee positions.

Monika Cataldo told us she has been a long-time library patron who loves the Derry community and that the Derry libraries "...are like a second home for me as I have connected my family with many library programs." Cataldo says that library staff encouraged her to run for the position and that she feels strongly attracted to support the library, as a trustee with experience that will be beneficial for the community.

Rachel Armstrong says, "When I saw the library was looking for trustees, I felt called to volunteer. I love the library and all it offers Derry and want to give back. I want to bring my passion for reading and learning to the work as a trustee to make it even better. ...I'm guessing

I'm not the only one who feels strongly about the health of our library."

Margaret Ives had a sister, Margie Ives, who was not only a former Town Moderator but who also was a library trustee and folks can consider Ives to continue her sister's efforts as contributor for the community.

Jeanne Roussel has resided in Derry since 1993. Roussel told us, "I operate and own my local family business, Let's Play Music and Make Art. When the library put out a notification to patrons about openings on the board, I thought I'd give back to one of my favorite local institutions. I can bring my experience to the board as a local business owner, as well as my passion for childhood literacy."

Eric Walters is a Dartmouth grad, who is active in visual design including pho-

tography along with another passion to collect vintage posters from around New England. Walters provided insight about the library community attracting many candidates for trustee, "To start, it says a lot about how the residents of Derry feel about their community, and their desire to be of service to their hometown."

Walters says that many people running to support the library is a very good thing. "I think it's also fair to acknowledge the library clearly ran an effective campaign to get the word out. People do want to invest in their community and will rise to the occasion when given the opportunity to do so; I think this turnout proves just that."

Valarie Roche participates in several music groups as a flutist, and currently serves as a Trustee of

the Derry Public Library and is looking to continue her efforts including supporting the search for the new Library Director.

Roche says, "I believe libraries are one of the most important institutions in any community. Libraries function as a vital resource for people in a variety of ways. Our library has the most visits of any building in the town."

"Yes ... many people are running," says Roche. "...and it is great for the library and a reflection of the type of community in which we live. I think this is also a result of the library staff, who did an excellent job advertising the vacancies. The Board requires a variety of skills, effort, and dedicated Trustees in order to be successful. It is a wonderful way to make a contribution and I am so pleased that there are many candidates."

## NH DHHS Announces First Presumptive Positive Test Result for Person in NH tested for COVID-19

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) announces the first presumptive positive test result in New Hampshire for COVID-19, the disease caused by the new 2019 coronavirus. This individual is an adult male from Grafton County and is currently isolated at home with mild symptoms. DHHS conducted testing today on the individual after they returned from travel to Italy and notified their healthcare provider after developing fever and respiratory symptoms within 14 days of travel.

"This morning, we identified the first presumptive positive test result for COVID-19 in New Hampshire. This positive test is in an individual who traveled to Italy and developed symptoms consistent with COVID-19 within several days of travel. At this time, there is no evidence of more widespread community transmission in New Hampshire," said State Epidemiologist Dr. Benjamin Chan. "The State is conducting an investigation to determine potential exposure to other people in

order to quickly isolate and test any additional people with suspect coronavirus."

The NH Public Health Laboratories (PHL) conducted the test and identified the presumptive positive result. The patient's specimen is being sent to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention today for confirmatory testing. The CDC is conducting confirmatory tests on all state laboratory tests that are found to be presumptively positive for COVID-19.

DHHS has started a contact investigation and is reaching out to individuals who may have been in direct contact with the individual. Public health professionals will monitor any close contacts and ask them to self-quarantine for 14 days following their last exposure to monitor for potential symptoms of the virus. Household contacts of the person who has presumptively tested positive have been self-quarantining at home since the state and healthcare providers determined that the individual met the criteria to be evaluated for COVID-19.

The U.S. expects to detect more introductions of COVID-19 through travel, as well as more person-to-person spread and community transmission of this virus. The CDC and New Hampshire are conducting aggressive containment efforts, including ongoing use of isolation and quarantine measures to decrease introductions and spread of the virus.

Because COVID-19, and all respiratory illnesses, are commonly spread through

respiratory droplets, residents should take the same precautions as those to prevent influenza:

- Stay home and avoid public places when sick (i.e. social distancing)
- Cover mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing
- Wash hands frequently
- Avoid being within 6 feet (close contact) of a person who is sick
- Avoid sharing drinks, smoking/vaping devices, or other utensils or objects that may transmit saliva

• Disinfect frequently touched surfaces

The CDC has currently issued travel advisories for the following countries, but given the rapidly changing situation, these advisories are frequently changing:

- Level 3 Travel Warning (avoid all nonessential travel due to widespread community transmission): China, Iran, Italy and South Korea
- Level 2 Travel Alert (practice enhanced precau-

tions due to sustained community transmission): Japan

• Level 1 Travel Watch (practice usual precautions but limited community spread has been reported): Hong Kong

For more information on COVID-19 in NH, please visit [www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/2019-ncov.htm](http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/2019-ncov.htm). For the latest information from the CDC, please visit [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html).



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Throughout the winter months, the Taylor public library has been offering a Story Hour with a Craft on Monday, Wednesday and Sunday. On a recent Wednesday afternoon, Taylor Library Director Linda Merrill sat down with children and read stories, and then helped them to create snow headbands.

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# DERRY SPORTS

## Astros Boys Hockey Will Make Playoff Push as 9th Seed

MATT TRITTO  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Boys' Hockey team finished their regular season with a record of 10-8 and enter the NHIAA Division I playoffs as the number nine seed.

The Astros had two games this past week, concluding the regular season, and the first of those two games was against rivals Londonderry High School

(6-9-1) on Wednesday, Feb. 26. In that game, the PA squad managed a late comeback, getting a 4-1 win. It was also the Astros team senior night, and they took some time before the game to honor those players who will be graduating this year, Brett Masterson, Sean Mccan, Matt Gilliland, JD Normand, Mason Drouin, Josph Marra, Scott Cavan, and Ethan Livingston.

The game started with both teams playing physical and the Lancers having some chances early. It was a scoreless first period, and the second period started with some back and forth play. Both squads delivered big hits on defense and then Londonderry struck first at the 3:01 minute mark. The Lancers kept rifling shots at the Pinkerton goaltender, which finally resulted in a rebound shot for them. All the momentum was with Londonderry and things got more aggressive, as both teams turned things into a bit of a shoving match, elevating the crowd participation.

Londonderry headed into the final break with a 1-0 lead, but that lead only lasted 40 seconds as they returned for the third period. At 14:20, senior PA captain, Mason Drouin, found the back of the net, to tie things up 1-1. A few minutes later Joseph Marra passed the puck up to Mason Drouin who then went coast-to-coast for a beautiful goal in the top left corner of the net for a 2-1 lead. Towards the end of the final period, at the 3:39 minute mark, Pinkerton's Aidan Price scored off an assist from Hayden Shattuck. With the Astros now up 3-1 late into the game, Londonderry pulled their goalie, leading to Mason Drouin's hat-trick

goal on an open net.

Senior Mason Drouin led his team out of the locker room knowing what they had to do to win the game. "We knew we were going to take it to them in the third period it was just a matter of if we were going to score or not. It's been an up and down season, but I think I the final stretch were going to surprise some people," said Drouin.

Head coach Samuel Littlefield was pleased with how his squad performed especially heading into the playoffs. "It's been an up and down season, the playoffs are now you have to treat it like the playoffs and fortunately they did. We finally buckled down and put the puck in the net." The teams mindset has been a

few different places because of the season they've had, but they know what needs to be done to be successful. "It's been a mixture, its been frustrating. We had a really good game against Windham and then got shutout two games in a row against Exeter. We know we were better than what our record shows," Littlefield said.

The Astros regular season ended on Saturday, Feb. 29, with a 4-1 win over Manchester Memorial High School (2-15). The Crusaders struck first in that contest, but Hunter Drouin answered with a goal off an Ethan Burgess assist, and then Josph Marra ended the first period with a goal from the help of Ryan Leighton and Lorenzo Corsetto.

In the second period Burgess found the back of the net off assists from Hunter Drouin and Scott Cavan, putting the squad up 3-1. In the final period, Josph Marra scored his second goal of the game off a Ethan Livingston assist which capped off their 4-1 win. Pinkerton goaltender Matt Gilliland had 18 saves in the game.

Pinkerton was scheduled to start their playoff run with a game against the eighth seeded Hanover High School, on Hanover's Ice, Wednesday, March 4, at Champion Arena after the Nutfield News went to print. If the squad wins they will play top seeded Concord High School on Saturday, March 7, at the Everett Arena in Concord.



PA senior captain Mason Drouin scored three goals in the third period vs. LHS. Photo by Chris Paul

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# PA's McLaughlin Wins Third Straight Meet of Champions Title

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Over the weekend, on Saturday, Feb. 29, seven Astros represented Pinkerton Academy's Wrestling team at the NHIAA Meet of Champions. The best wrestlers in the state from Division I, II and III battled it out at Nashua South High School for the rights to represent New Hampshire in the New England's next week. The Timberlane Regional Owls once again

placed first with 237 points, while Concord followed in second with 203, Salem, third (160), and Pinkerton placed fifth with 106 points.

The seven Astros that competed were Dominic Robinson (120 lbs), David Hammond (138 lbs), Marcus Sconza (145 lbs), Jack MacKiernan (160 lbs), Issac Cohen (170 lbs), Sterling McLaughlin (182 lbs), and Will Brown (195 lbs).

For the third consecutive year at this event, senior

Sterling McLaughlin took home the first place title, this year in the 182 lbs weight class, with a pin over Timberlane's Cooper Kelly in 2:19. McLaughlin will now move on to compete in the New England Tournament in Methuen, Mass. on Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8.

McLaughlin was happy with his third straight title, but he is more focused on the New England title. "This isn't what I'm looking for, I'm looking for next weekend." He did take a moment to realize and appreciate what he has done, but it's all motivation for what lies ahead. "It's great to be able to do it, it's an accomplishment not many people have, but in the end, all the bigger goal is this weekend and that's where I really got to show myself why I'm here." The PA senior added.

Each of McLaughlin's bouts ended in the first round. In his first match, he pinned Nick Beebe of Exeter in 1:10, the second round bout only lasted three seconds more, pinning Sid Dhanaraj, of Merrimack in 1:13 to move on to the championship.

Fellow Astro Jack MacKiernan (160 lbs) placed second in his bout against a tough Austin Morris of Keene High School. The bout ended in regulation with

a 2-2 tie due to a final second burst from MacKiernan. The two wrestlers went through three overtime periods, where MacKiernan narrowly lost a close 3-2 tiebreaker. MacKiernan will have another chance at the New England's this weekend.

The third Astro wrestler heading to the New England Tourney will Dominic Robinson (120 lbs). He will be seeking revenge as well, since he lost a tough bout to Concord's Ethan Comeau in a 29 second pin. Robinson took second place in the MOC tournament, which punched his ticket to the New Englands.

Will Brown (195 lbs) went up against Niko Langlois of Timberlane Regional for third place, but lost a tough bout in a 42 second pin as Brown ended up with a fourth place finish to end his season.

PA's David Hammond (138 lbs) competed for fifth place against Victor Ceballos of Souhegan, and they really battled things out.



Sterling McLaughlin celebrates after winning his third straight first place title at the MOCs. Photo by Chris Paul

Unfortunately Hammond was pinned in 5:42 and he ended his season with a sixth place finish.

Pinkerton will wrap up their wrestling season the weekend of March 7, and 8, at Methuen High School in Massachusetts with three wrestlers having a shot at a New England title.

## Athletes of the Week

Week of Feb. 24



**Sofia Riccio**

**Senior, Girls Basketball**

Sofia Riccio lead the team in points with 14 against Nashua South. Her hard work on the floor is helping keep her team, 'playoff ready.'



**Sterling McLaughlin**  
**Senior, Wrestling**

Sterling won his third straight Division I and Meet of Champions title over the past two weekends. He heads into the New England Championship with a career record of 146-23, and a season record of 41-1.

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## PA Track Teams Set School and State Records at N.E.'s

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NUTFIELD NEWS

On Saturday, Feb. 29, Pinkerton Academy's Boys' and Girls' Indoor Track teams season officially came to an end at the New England Championships at the Reggie Lewis State Track Center in Boston, Mass.

History was made at that

event, as the boys 4x200 relay team of Benjamin Fleming, Ryan Dane, Pat Cotnoir, and Conor Seleny set a new state record with a relay time of 1:31.05. That time placed them second overall out of 25 schools, with the Lowell High School team placing first with a time of 1:30.60.

The girls 4x800 relay time made some history as

well, when the team of Mariesa Preble, Faith Mamos, Meghan Cross, and Macy Graves finished with a time of 9:45.31, setting a new Pinkerton Academy girls' record. That time placed them 12th overall out of 26 schools. Greenwich High School, out of Connecticut, placed first with a time of 9:17.27.

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# PA Girls Hockey Squad's Season Ends With 10-5 Record

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NUTFIELD NEWS

In just its second season of play in the NHIAA Division I league, Pinkerton Academy's Girls' Hockey team earned the fifth seed heading into this week's winter season playoffs.

The Lady Astros finished up their regular season with two games this

past week, and split in those contests with a win and a loss.

Their first game was against St. Thomas Aquinas (9-8) on Tuesday, Feb. 25, and the squad got the job done with a close, 8-6 win.

Spencer St. Pierre scored the first goal for Pinkerton and then Molly Fahey scored as well. Both

of those goals were unassisted. Fahey scored again, this time with an assist by Lauren Riviere to finish the first 3-2.

The PA girls kept things going in the second, as Fahey scored a hat trick goal off a feed by Madison Gibeault. Lauren Riviere then found the back of the net off a Gibeault and Kelsey Levesque assist.

Emily Buckley then scored for Pinkerton with the help from Riviere, which gave them a 6-2 lead at the end of the period.

The final period of play is where things got scary for the Astros, as St. Thomas scores four goals, but Madison Gibeault scored a goal unassisted and then Fahey capped off her great offensive per-

formance with another goal off Riviere assist, pushing the PA tallies up and securing the win.

Pinkerton's final game of the regular season was against the Exeter Blue Hawks (10-6) on Friday, Feb. 28, at the Tri-Town Ice Arena. The girls weren't able to end the season on a high note as they suffered a tough 7-1 loss.

With the girls managing to receive the fifth seed Division I playoff, they received a bye in the first round, and the girls will play fourth seeded Hanover High School in the quarter finals on Friday night, March 6, at Campion Arena. If they win that game they will play in the semi-final round on Tuesday, March 10.

# Pinkerton Boys' Basketball Troop Drops Another Game

MATT TRITTO  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Things haven't gotten any easier for the Pinkerton Academy Boys' Basketball team as the Division I season comes to a close. They have managed just one win this season, and have just one home game left to

play.

Last week, on Tuesday, Feb. 25, the Astros squad fell to a woeful 1-15 on the season, as they suffered a 59-50 home loss to Alvirne High School (7-7).

Pinkerton had a 28-21 lead in the first half of play, due to some great playing by Mike Packowski and

Andy MacDonald, but the Astros couldn't manage to continue that in the second half.

Alvirne put on a shooting clinic in the second half, outscoring Pinkerton 38-22 and the Pinkerton squad wasn't able to keep up with them despite how hard they fought.

Andy MacDonald and Mike Packowski both scored 15 points for the Astros, while Justin Dunne scored nine, Jimmy Flynn had five, Miguelangel Mejia managed three, and Declan Conroy scored three as well. Dunne hit two shots from beyond the arc, while MacDonald,

Conroy, Flynn, and Packowski hit one each.

The season will end this week for the Astros as they hosted a game on Monday, and play on the road Friday to finish the season. They first hosted Manchester Central High School (8-9) on Monday, March 2. That game also

served as the team's Senior Night, celebrating the squads graduating players Cam Leppert, Miguelangel Mejia, Andrew Bolduc, and Mike Packowski.

Their final game of the season will be a road game against Timberlane Regional High School (2-14) on Tuesday, March 3.

# Five PA Bowlers Competed in Meet of Champions

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Five Pinkerton Academy Bowlers represented their team at the NHIAA Meet of Champions Meet on Saturday, Feb. 29. After winning the state title a week earlier, Lance Lemieux, Harry Michaud, and Matthieu Gagnon competed in the top 32 for the Championship Flight. Bryant Nourse and Colby Wong both competed for the Medal Flight.

In the three game championship bracket round, Lance Lemieux bowled games of 209, 149, and 160. Harry Michaud rolled a 194, 201, and 163 while Matthieu Gagnon bowled a 123, 186, and 136. Lemieux and Michaud both advanced to the round of 16 where Michaud then rolled a single game of 170 and placed 11th in the tournament. Lemieux bowled his single game of 198, which advanced him to the round of eight where he then rolled a 150 earning

him sixth place in the state tournament.

Moving to the three game medal bracket round, Bryant Nourse had games of 122, 155, and 127 while Colby Wong rolled a 107, 196, and 156. They both advanced to the round of 16, and then Nourse went on to roll a single game of a 169, placing him in tenth for the day. Colby Wong bowled a 108, which put him in 14th place. Even though no Astro Bowlers took an individual flight, they are still NHIAA

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# PA Girls Hoops Finish Season 12-6, Get Seventh Seed

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The Pinkerton Academy Girls' Basketball team wrapped up their regular season on a high note last week, beating Nashua South and Alvirne High Schools quite easily. The two wins gave the Lady Astros 12-6 record, and a seventh seed ranking headed into the NHIAA Division I Championships.

The Pinkerton girls' started their final week of

regular season play on Tuesday, Feb. 25, with a game in Hudson against the Alvirne Broncos, who had only seen two victories this season. The Lady Astros took care of business and handed the Lady Broncos a lopsided 35-19 loss.

Avah Ingalls was able to finish the game with 11 points, while Sofia Riccio followed closely with ten. Jesse Ames, Allison Ingalls, Kristian Packowski, and Samantha Franks all scored three points for the Astros.

Pinkerton's defense was stellar as they held Alvirne scoreless in the first period and only allowed five points in the second.

Later in the week, on Friday, Feb. 28, the Pinkerton ladies wrapped up their season with a home win against Nashua South High School (8-9) by a score of 45-31.

Sofia Riccio led the way with 14 points along with Avah Ingalls having 13 and Alyssa DiMauro scoring ten. Jesse Ames and Allison Ingalls scored three while Samantha Franks had two.

With their 12-6 regular season finish they will now head into NHIAA Division I Championship playoffs in a rather tough spot. Head Coach Lani Buskey knows what her squad needs to do to stay alive and advance throughout the playoffs. "Our mindset going into the playoffs is to keep working on the things we have been

trying to improve on. We want to walk the walk for a whole game and not just parts of it." She believes if her team sticks to the game plan they will have success against any matchup. "If we can do that, we will give ourselves a good chance to compete with most teams in this league." Buskey added.

Pinkerton was scheduled to host their rival Londonderry Lancers in the first round of the playoffs on Wednesday March 4, on their home Hackler Gym court, after the Nutfield News went to print.

If they manage to get by LHS, who just finished a six game winning streak, they will have to play Merrimack High School who is the second seed in the tournament and have only lost two games all season. That game is planned for Saturday, March 7, at Merrimack starting at 7 p.m..



Ava Ingalls the Lady Astros head into the DI Tourney as the seventh seed. *Photo by Chris Paul*

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