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Coronavirus Exposure Found at Pinkerton and Chester Academy

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NUTFIELD NEWS

School officials from Pinkerton Academy in Derry and Chester Academy in Chester have sent messages and posted public notices for the community this past week with reports of potential local exposure to coronavirus at both schools. Pinkerton Academy has reported - "an individual in our daily school community has been diagnosed with the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19." Chester Academy officials have reported that state authorities have informed them that "an individual who had contact with the YMCA aftercare program (for young children) last week has tested positive for COVID-19."

At this time, one of the bigger challenges our com-

munities are faced with in regard to combating the COVID-19 virus pandemic is to know exactly who is carrying the disease and where the virus may have been transmitted within our social environments.

According to a public notice posted on the Pinkerton Academy's website written by Headmaster, Tim Powers - officials from the NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) notified the school this past weekend that they are conducting an investigation of contacts to identify anyone who may have come in close contact with this infected person.

Powers stated, "This individual has not been on campus since Tuesday, and we anticipate the exposure has been limited. However, this is the time period when symptoms might start show-

ing for those who might have had close contact, which is defined as several minutes of face to face interaction."

Pinkerton's Headmaster further noted, "Please monitor your students for symptoms such as fever, dry cough, and chills. If you have any questions or concerns about this situation, please contact your health-care provider or NH DHHS at 2-1-1.

DHHS will move to directly contact any person identified in their investigation as having been in close contact with this person. Other people, who may be concerned, but who are not directly notified by DHHS are considered to be at low risk at this point but they should monitor their health and wellness closely for fever or respiratory illness.

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Derry Holds Annual Election For Town & School District

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The town wide election in Derry was held on March 10 with a total of 1,833 voters participating in the election. For Town Council - in District #3, Neil Wetherbee was re-elected to the Town Council with 304 votes and Joshua Bourdon was re-elected as Councilor at Large with 1,441 votes.

Cristina "Tina" Guilford won the position of Town Moderator with 1,407 votes.

The Trustee of the Derry Public Library posi-

tion was a strong contest with 9 candidates running. The winners were Margaret Ives with 704 votes, Rachael Armstrong with 494 votes and Monica Cataldo with 462 votes. Trustees of the Taylor Library elected include Candice Westgard with 1,140 votes and Jillien Klok with 1129 votes.

Dina Bourassa was elected as Supervisor of the Checklist with 1361 votes.

For School Board at Large, Jessica Ring was selected with 1084 votes and Derick Anderson was chosen with 853 votes.

All the warrant articles on the Town of Derry ballot for the town government and the school district were approved with yes votes.

This means the School Board's new budget of \$92,078,198.01 passed with a vote of 1,072 yes votes vs. 719 no votes.

The Derry Cooperative School District's Collective bargaining agreement with the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, Local 1445 - with estimated increases in salaries and benefits of \$28,225 for the

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FROZEN KIDS The Kids Coop Theatre group performed the musical Frozen Jr. at the Derry Opera House on Friday night, March 13. Picture are Elsa and Anna who were played by Bailey Kirn and Zoe Sternberg before a near-capacity crowd. See more photos on page 9 Photo by Chris Paul

All Derry Schools Closed to Students - Remote Learning Begins March 23

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With NH Governor Sununu's declaration on Sunday March 15 - all New Hampshire public schools including schools in Derry are now closed. Per the Governor's executive order, the action to close the schools was taken

to help stem the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Derry Schools closed to students on Monday March 16.

In the Governor's declaration, Sununu requested that all public, K-12 schools initiate plans to start teaching students remotely beginning on Monday March 23. The

Governor directed one week's time for teaching staff and superintendents to develop and support remote learning and teaching plans.

The Derry School staff has been utilizing this week long, state-approved time to prepare for all the additional days that students will be learning remotely. **continued on page 2**

Pinkerton Campus Closed Through March 30: Spring Musical Rescheduled

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On Monday, March 16, the Pinkerton Academy campus closed, and has moved to remote learning for at least several weeks with a possible reopening of the campus on March 30th. Given the nature of this quickly developing pandemic situation in NH, the timeline could still be hindered by the COVID-19 situation, as per State or Federal guidelines.

Pinkerton Academy Headmaster, Tim Powers, sent out a letter to the public stating, "As we have seen, things are changing very quickly in regard to the COVID-19 situation. At this point in order to protect our communities, we are taking active measures to minimize exposure to the virus. We understand

the deep impact this will have not only on our students but also on their families. However, due to the extenuating circumstances, we believe that this is in the best interest of everyone."

The Nutfield News was planning a preview story for the Pinkerton Players production of "Children of Eden" which has been in rehearsal the past several weeks with musical performances scheduled for March 20 and 21. "Children of Eden" Director Laura Iwaskiewicz, who is a Music and Theatre Teacher in the Pinkerton Fine Arts Department, contacted us over the past week to let us know about ongoing discussions about the performance dates. This happened prior to receiving the word that the Pinkerton spring musical performance has been can-

celled for this weekend, but is to be rescheduled for a later date.

All Pinkerton campus events involving outside parties have now been canceled for the next 4 weeks from the date of the March 13 announcement. Cancellations include Pinkerton's college fair, certain athletic events, and other events at the Stockbridge Theatre. Sports try-outs will be rescheduled as it makes sense for these activities.

Pinkerton officials further report that school-sponsored travel, all scheduled trips, foreign and domestic, are canceled for the next month; participants of each trip will be notified regarding rescheduling and/or reimbursement options.

Headmaster Powers continued, "We understand the disappointment and

inconvenience this causes many people, but we have decided to take these measures to keep our community safe. At this time, there are no plans to postpone or cancel events beyond the 4 week period, but we will constantly reassess and make determinations accordingly."

It was projected at that time of this announcement that prom and graduation would still be scheduled as planned and that the school intends to return to normal operations as soon as possible. Questions regarding trips or student activities can be sent via email to Dean of Students and Support Services, Mrs. Susanne Tartarilla at sttartarilla@pinkertonacademy.org.

During this time in March, Pinkerton is going to leverage their remote learning experience that

has been developed and aligned with the Derry Cooperative School District "Blizzard Bag Program".

Powers says, "...we have been preparing to be able to respond to any changing circumstances. Our experience with blizzard bags has shown us that most families are prepared to support remote learning at home."

Many families will already have a computer that can be used for home learning access. However, if there is a Pinkerton Student in need of a computer there is an allocation of a Chromebook devices that can be made available by contacting the school librarian, Mrs. Jennifer Warburton via email. Her email is jwarburton@pinkertonacademy.org and phone is (603) 437-5200 x1107. Students will

need to access a Google doc, Remote Learning Resource Request form for this device support, which is available via Pinkerton's google forms setup.

Parents and Students should check with the Pinkerton home page over the next week for additional details regarding the move to the remote learning and for other related updated information. www.pinkertonacademy.org

Pinkerton Academy and Derry Town officials ask everyone to do their part in practicing good hygiene practices including hand washing and to maintain limited physical contact. Everyone in the community is reminded to follow the recommendations of the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Schools

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dents will be out of school. This time for preparation is also being focused to enable school staffing to thoroughly prepare to meet individual student needs across all the district school population.

The Derry Cooperative School District, as per the Governor's order, will support remote learning for all students for a minimum of two weeks, until at least Friday, April 3. According to Sununu, NH officials will reassess the situation during that time period and provide guidelines as to

when or if school districts across N.H. can reopen again for this calendar year.

Derry School District Superintendent, Dr. Maryann Connors Krikorian has been keeping parents up to date about the impact of the pandemic upon schools in Derry over the past several weeks. Derry staff members from each school have been reaching out to connect with each of the students that are part of their classrooms. This past week, parents and students have also been receiving comprehensive updates about their school's remote learning plans - along with the

associated technology support for remote internet access connections that will be required for students and families.

Events and decisions have been moving rapidly, so it is important for students and parents to continue to check for status updates - everyone should check their emails, messages, Twitter statements and access the districts web site for the latest developments. To access the Derry Cooperative School District web site, please connect your web browser to www.sau10.org

Superintendent Connors-Krikorian wants the

school community to know, "We understand the newest emergency measures cause significant disruptions not only for students and schools but also for our families, employers, and our collective community. Your flexibility, patience and understanding during this challenging time in which conditions are emerging and evolving are sincerely appreciated. As a School District, we will remain vigilant and in communication on a continuous basis. Please know that we are here to support you to the greatest extent possible and will continue to work with our community partners to do so."

School officials point out that most school district staff members have

been working at their school buildings this past week. Derry Officials and staff want the community to know that in spite of these challenges there is an expectation of students and staff to continue their learning efforts.

District officials also realize that certain age groups, courses, and material will not translate well to remote learning. The district team intends to do everything they can to ensure that learning continues with best practices that will keep learning skills growing for their students. School officials note that these are unprecedented times, and they are asking for the school staffing, students and parents to be creative and adaptable wherever possible.

It is very important for the community to recognize the school closing and remote learning support are being set up in order to advance and maintain the health of the community, and this situation should not to be considered a 'time off' for students or staff. In order for this remote learning period of time to count towards a school year period, teaching staff must continue to offer learning experiences with best practices, and students and their families should likewise engage in the material that is being organized for them. There is a possibility for complications and glitches, and patience will be required as school staffs work to resolve them.

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Parks and Recreation Open: Games, Events, Meetings Postponed or Cancelled

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Nicole Ferrante has been the Acting Director for Derry Parks and Recreation until Kim Walsh the new Director started on March 16th. With advent and impact of the COVID-19 situation, Ferrante updated the community with a statement this past week about the many cancellations that are now occurring in the department's programs with the intention of keeping the community informed about when the programs can ramp up again.

In Ferrante's statement she outlined that the Derry Parks and Recreation Department has been closely monitoring the growing concern over the new Coronavirus (COVID-19) and has been monitoring guidance and information as provided by the

Centers for Disease Control (CDC) (www.cdc.gov).

She notes that department staff and leaders recognize the role the Derry Parks and Recreation plays in the Greater Derry area. Ferrante further said, "We take that responsibility seriously and we can ensure you that your safety and the safety of every participant and spectator is our number one priority. We've been proactively monitoring the cancellation of games, closures of schools, and suspension of programming occurring in our state and region."

"As a precautionary measure, we have made the executive decision to postpone and/or cancel all upcoming activities and programming scheduled between Friday, March 13, through Sunday, March 29. We are doing our best to contact every participant, coach, and program leader

to inform them of this decision. At this time, we intend to resume normal scheduled programming as of Monday, March 30, but will continue to keep the public informed of any updates as they occur."

Many of the Winter Basketball program games have been cancelled at this time. The following Adult programs are now postponed until March 30: Yoga, Line dancing, Tai Chi, Zumba, Fitness and Stretch, Adult Judo and Judo Clinic, RSVP Bone Builders, Men's Basketball, Makerspace.

The following Teen and Youth programs are now

postponed until March 30: Wrestling Training Room - Jr. Astros and Defiant, Youth Judo and Judo Clinic, Red Star Twirling, Open gym - toddler through teen program. Participants can contact their instructors for updated information.

In addition, the following Special Olympic Programs have been cancelled: NH Regional Basketball Games, NH Basketball Tournament, NH Swim assessments. Also, Special Olympics practices are canceled until April 6.

Department leaders note that while immediate programming is now suspended, Derry parks will

continue to be fully operational, and as would be expected, the staff is preparing for spring and summer programs and community activities. The department will continue to take registrations for upcoming programs and trips with the complete expectation that all events and activities will continue moving forward.

In addition, Derry parks will continue to be appropriately maintained. During this time of staying in proper social distances, families are encouraged to explore the plentiful outdoor opportunities Derry has to offer, such as the

trails, conservation areas, and parks.

Derry Parks and Recreation is in the process of increasing access and availability to online programming, registrations, and wellness opportunities.

Those in the Derry Recreation programs should check the department's web pages for updates:

<https://www.derrynh.org/parks-recreation>

Updates for program or game cancellations can be accessed at www.derrynh.org/parks-recreation/urgent-alerts/derry-parks-recreation-closures-and-cancellations

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Powers underscored, "At this time, this is the only information we are able to share. While we understand this will heighten concerns in the community, we ask that you refrain from speculation and rumors. Instead, let us rely on each other to respond to this latest challenge. Please remember to keep us informed regarding the health of your students. It will take the cooperation of us all to get through this."

People can stay in touch or contact Pinkerton Academy via contact information from their website at www.pinkertonacademy.org/#

Chester Academy is the town's largest school for grades K-8. Superintendent

Darrell Lockwood posted a message on the academy's web site for the community saying he had been notified by DHHS state authorities about an individual with the virus who had contact with the YMCA aftercare program. DHHS was asking for contact information for the parents of children who attended the program on Monday March 9 and/or Tuesday March 10.

Lockwood stated, "We will work with the YMCA program to provide this information based upon their attendance sheet. The NH DHHS will be contacting those parents directly. They have requested that parents keep children who attended the program on these dates at home until they make contact with you."

"It is times like these that challenge our ability to remain strong and positive," Lockwood writes. "However, our response must be one of collaboration and cooperation as we navigate and respond to the challenges before us. We will need each other as we move forward."

All questions regarding the impact COVID-19 has on SAU #82 and Chester Academy should continue to be sent to the superintendent at lockwoodd@chesteracademy.org. Lockwood states, "I will continue to respond to your

questions in a timely fashion with the information that I am provided. Please do not hesitate to contact me."

Over the past week community officials across Rockingham county have been alerted of multiple confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus by NH Department of Health and Human Services. These individuals may have been in contact with others in the county, so if you have any concerns, you may want to contact your physician about getting tested for the virus.

OBITUARY

Bruce Joseph Marks Sr.



Bruce Joseph Marks Sr., 69, of Derry, NH, entered Heavens gates on Tuesday March 10, 2020, at Catholic Medical Center, Manchester, NH surrounded by loved ones. He was born in Boston, MA on March 25, 1950, a son of the late Harold F. Marks and Phyllis (Powers) Marks Stanford. Bruce grew up in Revere & Saugus, MA. He was confirmed at Blessed Sacrament in Saugus, where he also served as an Alter boy. He was a retired Postal Employee for the Manchester Post Office.

Bruce loved to laugh and make other people laugh. He had a passion for the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and fly tying. He enjoyed helping the family with repairs and car issues. Bruce was an avid Patriots and Red Sox fan. He will be remembered for his big heart & generous spirit. He was a loving son, brother, father, husband, uncle, and Pop-Pop. He was loved by many.

He is survived by his stepfather, Robert Stanford of Manchester, brother, Bob Marks & wife Edith of Florida, sister, Nadine Pelletier Schofield & husband Tom Schofield of Manchester, wife, Karen (Worsman) Marks of Manchester, his four children, Michelle (Marks) Sylvia of Derry, Tammie (Marks) Howe of Idaho, Brandon Marks of Rochester, and Bruce J. Marks, Jr of Manchester; step daughter, Jamie Schmidt & husband Chuck of Manchester as well as many nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. Bruce was predeceased by brother Kevin Marks in 2002, son Sean Chapman in 2013 and sister, Cheryl Marks in 2019.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wildlife Heritage Foundation of New Hampshire, 54 Portsmouth Street, Concord, NH 03301 or at www.nhwildlife-heritage.org.

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Editorial

Waiting for Spring to Spring

As lovely as the New Hampshire snow can be, after some time most residents of the Granite State wait in anticipation for the making way for green grass and beautiful flowers.

This even more so because of being trapped in the house to keep the spread down of this virus contained.

We have been seeing delicate signs of spring all round us sprout up in an array of faded fast food bags and cartons, ugly refuse from the previous season (sometimes referred to as “blooming garbage”).

It’s often left to residents living along those sullied roads to clean up after these careless individuals, as littering seems to remain as widespread and as hard to eradicate as the this virus, despite efforts to do away with it.

In some towns, a handful of residents for years have gone above and beyond when it comes to this roadside spring-cleaning. These individuals spend their weekends sprucing up spots around town, as well as the town halls and school green-space each spring.

We appreciate the volunteer efforts that these selfless few put forth so our towns look beautiful each spring. However, there is only so much a few people can do. Ultimately, it is up to each resident to pick up their property, even if they aren’t the ones who left trash behind.

It doesn’t take a huge effort to take a short walk up and down the street in front of your home, even if only the length of a house or two this way and that, and pick up the refuse thrown from car windows each winter. A little work goes a long way in keeping our neighborhoods clean and welcoming. Plus it will take your mind off everything else going on like the stock market and the virus.

Moving away from the subject of blooming garbage, there may be sun and warmer temperatures in the forecast, but it can be hard to keep the bright promise of springtime at the forefront in the midst of the continuous sound of the furnace kicking on good news oil prices have gone down.

If nothing else helps to remedy your spring fever in the face of the lingering chill, congratulate yourself on having just about gotten through another old fashioned, northern New England winter, a feat not for the faint of heart.

As the decayed foliage left over from last fall begins to emerge at the edge of our roads, we look forward to having soggy mud to replace the treacherous ice patches, and snow that once lined our driveways, streets and our lawns.

We try to remind ourselves, as we dream of the beauty at the end of the misery. Indeed, those of us who stick it out during the ever-extending winter know that blue skies and warm weather are just around the corner, and this summer isn’t far behind.

But it would be nice, of course, if we could enjoy a little bit of spring first.

Letters

East Derry’s Taylor Library Closing

To the editor,
For the safety of all patrons the Taylor Library

will be closed starting Sunday, March 16th and re-opening on Monday April 6. Any fines/late fees during this period will be waived. Please monitor the

website for any updates during this time period.
Thank You
Linda Merrill
Library Director

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Community Caregivers Receive \$10,000 Donation from FEEDNH



Pictured are Susanne Peace, Donna Kluk, of Community Caregivers, Tanya Randolph, Ambassador of Philanthropy & Community Outreach at FEEDNH.org, Julie Levesque and Cindee Tanuma of Community Caregivers. *Courtesy photo*

This is the first time in all our years that we have applied for funding with a new foundation and gotten more than we asked for. The mission of FEEDNH.org Great New Hampshire Restaurants’ Charitable Trust – is to strengthen New Hampshire communities through philanthropic collaboration, dedicated employee involvement and volunteerism benefiting local Families, Elderly, Education, and the Disadvantaged. They host golf tournaments, round up for charity and thanks for giving fundraisers where all the money goes back locally.

FEEDNH.org truly found the value in what we do and knew that the funds would not only help sustain the program locally but by publicizing the grant on their website, facebook page and newsletter, other would learn about us too. We never want someone to have to look to long or too hard to find us. Life is tough and we would hate knowing someone went without much needed mobility or independence equipment because they hadn’t heard of us or didn’t think they were eligible. The Loaner’s Closet for Durable Medical Equipment is open to anyone in the state and items can be kept out as long as they are needed. With their \$10,000 donation we are able to cover operating costs of the closet for three month.

In 2019 alone, we loaned out to the following towns: Chester 32 pieces Derry 487 pieces Londonderry 326 pieces Hampstead/East Hampstead 90 pieces.

That’s a savings of approximately \$74,800 that those residents can now spend on everything for food to medication to fuel.

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Children In Need of Food in Wake of School Closures

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NUTFIELD NEWS

As of March 16, 13 residents of New Hampshire have tested positive for COVID-19, otherwise known as coronavirus, 9 of which reside in Rockingham County.

On March 15, Governor Chris Sununu held a press conference with state epidemiologist Dr. Ben Chen and education commissioner Frank Edelblut, where the governor announced that all K-12 schools would be closing until Friday, April 3. During this time, students will transition to remote

learning.

While these closures will work to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in the Granite State, the hiatus will not only mean missed classes for many students, it may also mean missed meals.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), more than 11 million children in the United States live in "food insecure" households, meaning that these families struggle to provide each family member with adequate nutrition.

School lunch and breakfast programs provide some relief for food insecure fam-

ilies by providing their children with two out of three meals. However, many families still struggle to provide their children with enough to eat during the weekends.

End 68 Hours Of Hunger's New Hampshire divisions have been working to help provide the state's children with meals during the 68 hours between Friday afternoon and Monday morning.

As this sudden and lengthy school closure leaves thousands of New Hampshire families in a difficult situation, the organization will find itself with far more than 68 hours of

hunger to fill. Nevertheless, the volunteers of End 68 Hours New Hampshire are determined to help meet every single one of them, but they will need some help from the public.

As of March 15, the Londonderry chapter of End 68 reported that the organization had two weeks worth of food going out to students for the week of March 16.

"We are also adding to our numbers as parents reach out for help with food needs," read a bulletin on the Londonderry division's Facebook page. "So if you are able, please continue to donate. We are especially low on canned tuna/chicken and fruit cups/cans."

End 68 Hours of Londonderry typically services 60 children each week, said Program Coordinator Rachel Yakey, but with closures they are adding more each day as parents worry about

food security.

Yakey also reported that the Londonderry chapter was low on soup, cereal, individual snack items, and that the chapter was out of jelly entirely.

The Derry division reported that they plan to have 100 boxes of two to three weeks worth of food available to area families, 50 available at West Running Brook Middle School and 50 at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School.

"Once we get the families supplied with this amount of food we will readress in a couple of weeks," said Melissa Carolan, Program Coordinator of End 68 Hours in Derry. "But I'm sure we will need more donations and help going forward."

As stores struggle to keep shelves stocked, extra food may be hard to come by. But those who are able to

assist 68 Hours in their mission to keep children in need nourished are encouraged to bring nonperishable and canned food goods to drop off locations located at the Londonderry Police Station and Derry Middle Schools.

Monetary donations can also be given to help the organization purchase goods via direct links to the Londonderry and Derry community pages on their Facebook pages, End 68 Hours of Hunger Londonderry, NH and End 68 Hours Of Hunger Derry/Chester.

For more information, or to reach out for assistance in the Londonderry area, call (603) 577-6904, or send questions to londonderry@end68hoursofhunger.org.

For more information, or to reach out for assistance in the Derry area, call (603) 479-3425, or send questions to derry@end68hoursofhunger.org.



Contest Winners

Derry Garden Club held its annual Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl contest for first through fifth grade students in local elementary schools. This year, two girls from St. Thomas had their posters qualify and sent on to New England Regional for consideration as state winners.

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Deadline March 30 for Frost Farm Prize for Poetry Competition

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The annual Frost Farm competition for metrical poetry is now underway. Poets, writers or anyone who has a skill with words should consider submitting their poetry. This competition kicks off the 2020 events for Frost Farm. The trustees continue to support their traditional events including the Hyla Brook Reading series and the Frost Farm Poetry Conference that have already been scheduled for 2020.

At this time the Robert Frost Farm Trustees in Derry, NH, and the Hyla Brook Poets are inviting submissions for the 2020, 10th Annual Frost Farm Prize for metrical poetry. For complete information about submitting your poetry work, please check out:

www.frostfarmpoetry.org/prize

The competition winner receives \$1,000 and an invitation, with honorarium, to read their work in June 2020, as part of The Hyla Brook Reading Series at the Robert Frost Farm. The contest winner's reading opens the Frost Farm Poetry Conference, which is devoted to metrical poetry. The winner also receives a scholarship to attend the conference. The Trustee organizers welcome international submissions, though all submissions must be in English. The deadline for submission to the poetry competition is March 30, 2020.

This year's judge is Rachel Hadas, who is the author of many books of poetry, essays, and translations. Her most recent collection is "Poems for

Camilla," that was published in 2018. In the same year her verse translations of Euripides' two Iphigenia plays were also published. Hadas is a Board of Governors Professor of English at Rutgers-Newark, where she has taught for many years. She is also the recipient of awards including a Guggenheim Fellowship in Poetry and the O.B. Harrison Prize from the Folger Shakespeare Library.

Submissions for the contest must be original poems, unpublished and metrical in any metrical form. There is no limit to the number of poems that can be entered by an individual, but an entry fee of \$6 U.S. per poem must accompany a submission. No translations of poems are allowed.

Poets are welcome to submit a poem sequence, such as a crown of sonnets, but each poem must be entered as a separate file and will be judged individually. Competition organizers require that submitters do not put their name on individual poems, as poems are judged anonymously. An online account process links an entrant to their submitted poems. Connect to the web site for complete submission guidelines at www.frostfarmpoetry.org/prize

Competition results will be posted in May 2020 on [Facebook.com/HylaBrookPoets](https://www.facebook.com/HylaBrookPoets) as well as twitter.com/HylaBrookPoets and

FrostFarmPoetry.org. The winner of the competition and honorable mentions (if any) will be notified by email or phone.

Some readers may want to know what a metrical poem is all about. These days music rappers inherently use metrical verse that is recited in rhythm arrangements. When a rapper or a poet strings a lot of words together, then metrical rhythmic patterns are created. These rhythms are patterns of verbal stresses - as in stressed and unstressed syllables - in a line of verse. Much of English poetry including Shakespeare's works is written in lines that string together one or more feet. Feet are the words used to describe individual building blocks of a meter; feet are single rhythmical units that consist of two or more syllables.

The most common types of feet and the rhythms they represent include: Iambic: duh-DUH, as in - Alas! Then there is Anapestic: duh-duh-DUH, as in - Get away! ...or Dactylic: DUH-duh-duh, as in - Honestly and there is Trochaic: DUH-duh, as in - Pizza

To build a line of verse, poets string together repetitions of one of these types of feet. Such repetitions are named like this: Monometer - one foot, Dimeter - two feet, Trimeter - three feet, Tetrameter - four feet, Pentameter - five feet or Hexameter - six feet. For example, iambic pentameter is a string of five iambs, as in these lines from Shakespeare's Sonnet 18: Shall I compare thee to a sum-

mer's day? Thou art more lovely and more temperate. Note the rhythm: Duh-DUH-duh-DUH-duh-DUH-duh-DUH-duh-DUH

In his plays, Shakespeare generally used blank verse - unrhymed iambic pentameter. This blank verse should not be confused with free verse, which is poetry that is not written in a traditional meter but is still rhythmical. The poetry of Walt Whitman is perhaps the best-known example of free verse.

Now you know the basics of metrical poetry for the contest - so get to putting pen to paper to write

your poem and maybe you will win the Frost Farm prize.

Registration for the Frost Farm Poetry Conference that is scheduled to take place from Friday, June 19 through Sunday, June 21, 2020 is also now underway; this year given circumstances, conference officials want to assure everyone who registers now to know that all registrations will be refunded if the conference must be cancelled due to the pandemic situation - there is a goal to support this conference to go forward in a safe and creative environment.

Election

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next 2-year school years passed with 1327 votes yes vs. 469 votes no.

The change to the Derry Town Charter for an override of the tax cap upon a 2/3 vote of the entire Derry Town Council passed with a vote of 1083 yes votes vs. 622 no votes.

The Town of Derry also voted to allow the operation of a sports book retail location within the town by a vote of 1112 yes votes vs

609 no votes.

Last summer, Governor Sununu signed a state bill to legalize and regulate sports betting in New Hampshire. Draft Kings from Massachusetts was selected to help the state manage this program. Ten licenses for communities that have approved sports betting locations will be selected across the State and now the town can put themselves in competition to gain a license for sports betting.

OBITUARY

Lucille Marjorie Anderson



Lucille Marjorie Anderson, 89, of Derry, NH, passed away on Saturday, March 7, 2020, in the Parkland Medical Center, Derry. She was born in Wells, ME, on June 14, 1930, daughter of the late Murdice and Gladys (Daggett) Craig, and had been a resident of Derry for the past 45 years, previously living in Essex, MA, and Windham, NH. Lucille was raised and educated in Durham, ME.

Lucille was a wonderful cook and was famous for her superb apple pies. Her beautiful piano playing was truly remarkable. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Lucille put her family above all else. Always stylish, she enjoyed shopping, wintering in Florida, and spending time with family and friends. Her unique sense of humor was a source of great joy to all who knew her.

She is survived by her loving husband of 67 years, Paul N. Anderson, three children, Ray Anderson and wife Kathleen, Craig Anderson and Lois Mirbach, and Jayne Conrad and husband Brian; five grandchildren, Kristen Ascenzi and husband Michael, Glenn Anderson and wife Jenna, Dane Anderson and wife Jessica, Matthew Conrad, Jamie Howe and husband Andrew; and three great-grandchildren, Samuel Ascenzi, Sydney Anderson, and Riddick Howe.

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Governor Sununu Issues Three Emergency Orders To Provide Relief

Concord, NH – Today, Governor Chris Sununu issued Emergency Orders 3, 4, and 5, which will provide relief for Granite Staters affected by COVID-19.

“Tough decisions have been made at the state level, but we will get through this together,” said Governor Chris Sununu. “Seeing what the lack of an appropriate response has resulted in around the world requires that we make some difficult decisions here in New Hampshire to ensure we stem the tide of this worldwide pandemic within our own communities. We are taking steps to help Granite

Staters, ensuring they have the support and services for themselves, their families, and their businesses throughout this crisis.”

Emergency Order #3: All providers of electric, gas, water, telephone, cable, VOIP, internet service, and deliverable fuel services will be prohibited from disconnecting or discontinuing service for non-payments for the duration of the State of Emergency.

Emergency Order #4: Landlords will not be allowed to start eviction proceedings for those unable to pay due to their financial situations. To do so would be against the law. All judicial and non-

judicial foreclosure actions will also be prohibited during the state of emergency.

Emergency Order #5: Individuals who are unable to work or who have reduced hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic will have immediate access to unemployment benefits. Anyone in the following situations will now be eligible for state unemployment: If your employer temporarily closes due to COVID-19;

Individuals that need to self-quarantine or are directed to quarantine at the instruction of a health care provider, employer or government official; Individuals that need to care for a family member that has COVID-19 or is under quarantine; Individuals that need to care for a dependent because of school closures, child care facility closures or other similar types of care programs; Self-

employed individuals that are temporarily unable to operate their business because of any of the above listed situations will also be eligible.

Individuals will need to file for each week of temporary unemployment and all of this can and should be done online at www.nhes.nh.gov, or by calling. People can do all of this online from your home internet connection

or your phone without ever having to go into a state office. The website to access is www.nhes.nh.gov and the phone number to call is 603-271-7700.

Governor Chris Sununu also officially submitted a request that the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration provide SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans to small businesses across New Hampshire.

Conservation Matters: Going Batty

JOCelyn DEMAS
SUBMISSION

As we shudder through the dead of winter, I tend to think back to the warmer, late summer and early fall days. When the sun goes down and the humidity drops to a tolerable level, sitting around a bonfire is one of my favorite pastimes. The perfect time to light it up is just as the sun is setting, so you have enough light to still see what you're doing, but not too long to wait until dark.

The kids go hunting for sticks to roast their marshmallows while you sit and enjoy the relaxing rhythm of the dancing flames, chatting with your friends. This is when the torpedo-sized mosquitoes make their appearance with the sole purpose of ruining your good time and infecting you and your family with any number of diseases at worst,

or leaving you with millions of itchy bug bites at best.

Okay, maybe that's a bit dramatic, but man, they're obnoxious. Just keep watching the sky, though, because as dusk settles in, your tiny heroes will arrive to save the evening. In New Hampshire we have eight different species of bat to help combat the onslaught of mosquitoes. Before you get too squeamish, did you know a bat can eat 50% or more of its own body weight in mosquitoes in one night? They also have zero interest in getting tangled in your hair.

My husband used to balk at even the thought of them flying around us, but after enough bonfire nights trying to enjoy an evening on the deck, he said, “You know, my brother knows a guy that makes bat houses,” and that was that. Adding bat houses to our yard has encouraged more bats to move into the neighborhood, allowing for

more of Mother Nature's mosquito fighters to work their magic in our yard.

Make (a) way for bats

We also allow them to live in the eaves of our house, just making sure they don't infiltrate our attic. These fuzzy little mammals – the only mammals that fly – don't bother us at all. They make no noise, whether they're roosting or flying around the yard. If you don't catch them out of the corner of your eye, you don't even know they are there.

These days, White-Nose Syndrome, loss of habitat and wind turbines are threatening the population of our bats in New Hampshire, which puts all of our species on Endangered, Threatened or Species of Special Concern lists.

Want to help but aren't sure how? You can install a bat house; let them use your barn to roost; or provide landscape elements like water sources, and leaving trees that have cracks or cavities to remain untouched, as they are ideal roosting areas for bats. Since female bats tend to have only one pup each June, they rely heavily on these roosting areas to raise their young. Bats can live up to 20 years, so bring those babies in and let them get comfortable around your fire for many years to come!

For more information or ideas to help bats in NH, please visit: www.wildlife.state.nh.us/nongame/bats-nh.html.

Courtesy of the Londonderry Conservation Commission

OBITUARY

Raymond Allen Gerrior



Raymond Allen Gerrior, II, 49, of Derry, NH passed away Friday March 13, 2020 in Dorchester, MA after a lengthy battle with addiction. Ray was born May 12, 1970 in Goldsboro, NC and was the son of Raymond and Pamela (Golder) Gerrior. He was raised in a military family and lived in many places as a child including some time in Iran. He spent his junior high and high school years in Berwick, ME.

He enjoyed the outdoors and hiking in the White Mountains and was dedicated to helping others who were struggling with substance issues. He was passionate about his work with children at the Next Level Church where he shared his love for Jesus. Ray was most fulfilled when he was worshipping God or hiking, and for him, hiking was worshipping. Ray will forever be remembered by all who knew him as an avid supporter of the New England Patriots.

In addition to his parents of Derry, he is survived by his son, Christopher Gerrior, of Milford, NH, daughter, Samantha Gerrior, of Milford, a sister, Renée Gerrior and her wife, Deborah Clark of Derry and his fiancée, Cassandra Borne of Rochester, NH.

After cremation, a celebration of life will be planned for a future date. Donations may be made in Raymond's memory to: Southeastern NH Services 272 County Farm Rd. Dover, NH 03820 or at <https://senhs.org/get-involved>.

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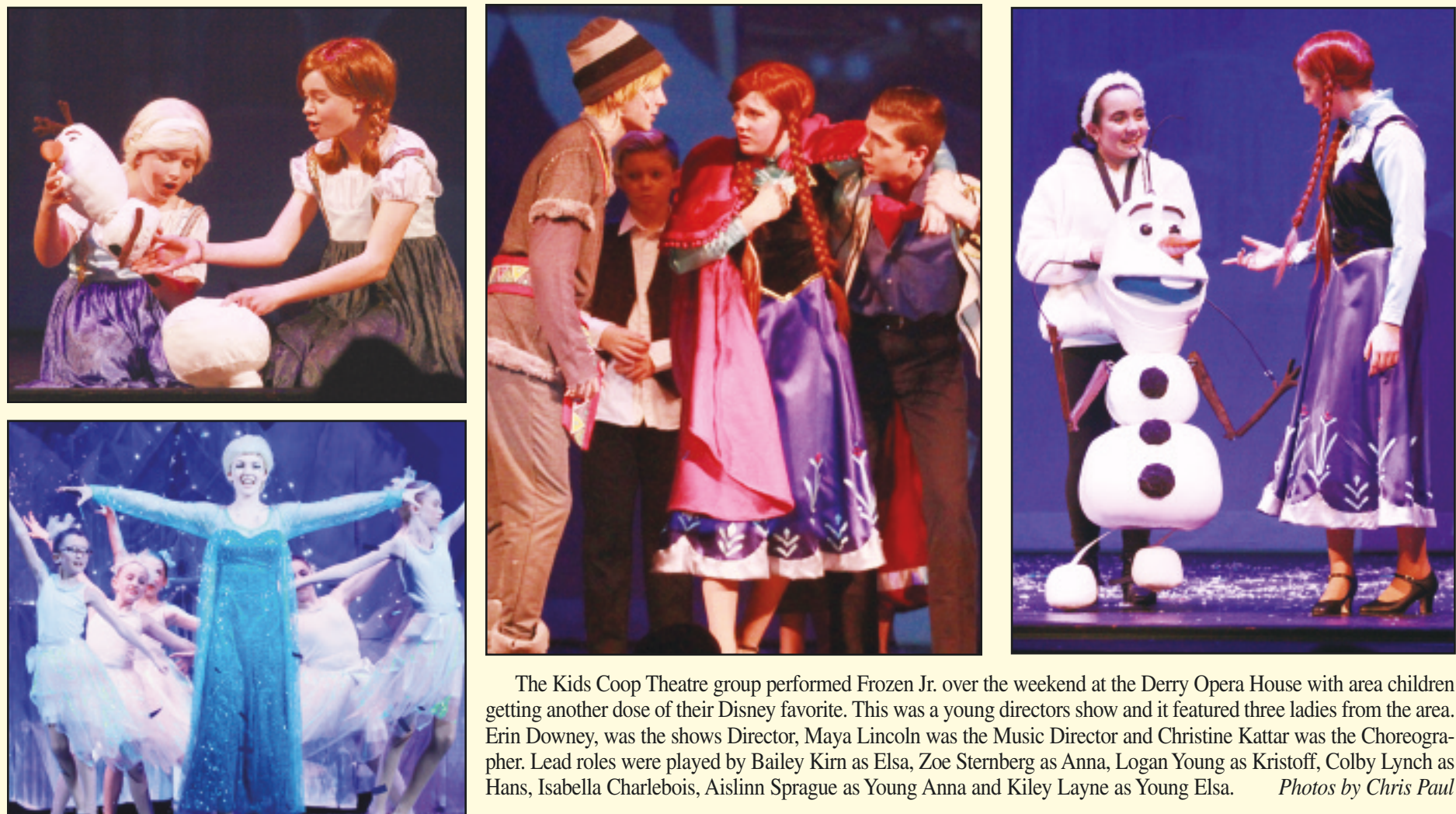
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Kids Coop Theatre Performs Frozen Jr. at Derry Opera House



The Kids Coop Theatre group performed Frozen Jr. over the weekend at the Derry Opera House with area children getting another dose of their Disney favorite. This was a young directors show and it featured three ladies from the area. Erin Downey, was the shows Director, Maya Lincoln was the Music Director and Christine Kattar was the Choreographer. Lead roles were played by Bailey Kim as Elsa, Zoe Sternberg as Anna, Logan Young as Kristoff, Colby Lynch as Hans, Isabella Charlebois, Aislinn Sprague as Young Anna and Kiley Layne as Young Elsa.

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Pinkerton's New Softball Field Ready For Season to Start

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

During the fall of last year, and over the winter, Pinkerton Academy has been constructing its latest artificially surfaced sports field. The school's new softball field will also serve as the school's field hockey venue and it seems to be ready for use.

All the long hours, and hard work put into the beautiful field has paid off, and now it's almost time to see it be played on. Athletic

Director Brian O'Reilly is very pleased with how it came out, and is excited to put it to use. "It is ready to go. We will be playing varsity and JV Softball simultaneously on it this spring."

The field will benefit both the teams and spectators during the spring and fall seasons. "A second scoreboard has been added so that each team now has access to one. We are finalizing the exterior pathways to the field and will be adding portable bleachers for the spring season."

Athletic Director Brian O'Reilly continued to say. These improvements were made for both players and teams to make the experience much better. "There is also an additional parking area above the field where the games can also be viewed. We will be working on additional seating this coming summer for viewing teams that will be using the field in the fall; Field Hockey, Girls Soccer, and Boys Soccer." O'Reilly added.



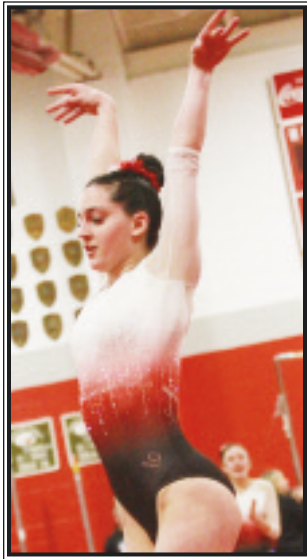
The new multi-purpose athletic field is ready to go as soon as school and the athletics program resumes at Pinkerton Academy.
Photo by Chris Paul

Pinkerton Gymnasts Have New England Championship Cancelled

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy's Girl's Gymnastics team was supposed to compete in the 2020 New England Championship Meet at Fairfield Warde High School, in Connecticut, on Saturday, March 14, but it was canceled due to concerns over the Coronavirus outbreak.

The cancellation has certainly upset those teams planning on competing as well as family and fans, but safety precautions taken over the Coronavirus has



outweighed those feelings.

Locally, the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association announced on Friday, March 13, that all their tournaments would be cancelled and postponed to a later date for the safety of players, coaches, staff, and fans.

The Pinkerton Academy team had planned on heading to the New England event after winning the New Hampshire State title for the fourth consecutive year.

Ashley McKinnon and her team will not be able to compete in the N.E. Gymnastics Championship. The event was cancelled due to the Coronavirus treat.

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PA Alumni Making Noise On College Baseball Diamond

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy alumni, and last year baseball player for the Astros, Richie Marique is fitting in just fine with his Plymouth State Baseball squad. During their week of play in Florida the freshman pitcher was named Little East Conference Co-Pitcher of the week.

Marique took the mound for the first time as a collegiate pitcher on Friday, March 6, against Finlandia University. It was his first NCAA start, and he didn't disappoint, as he went five innings with only one hit, three walks and had a total of nine strikeouts in an 11-0

Plymouth State win.

Marique later started in his second game, on March 11, against Lakeland, where he delivered seven innings with nine hits allowed, two walks, and 10 strikeouts.

Since the outbreak of the Corona Virus, the NCAA canceling the spring season, Marique finished his freshman season with two wins, 12 innings pitched, 19 strikeouts, and an Earned Run Average of just 0.75. Richie knew the challenge of college baseball, but has been just fine adjusting. "The transition to college baseball is a big jump. Everyone is faster, stronger, and quicker. You got to be able to adapt quickly to suc-

ceed, a big difference from high school is pitchers throw a little harder and less errors are made," said Marique.

Marique has enjoyed his time so far as a Panther and loves becoming a family with his team. "Plymouth baseball has been awesome. Coaches are great and its a great atmosphere to be around. My favorite part about college baseball is being able to bet better everyday with your teammates."

Being named Co-Pitcher of the week has given his game a boost and Marique hopes to feed off it and continue to get better. "It feels great to be honored pitcher of the week. Gives me a lot of confidence for the future, my moti-

ations and mindset is to just be the best I can be and give my team a chance to win," Marique continued to say.

Obviously these players want to be out on the field competing and playing the game they love, but they understand the safety and significant problem of this virus. "I think the NCAA canceling is a good idea for the health of all college athletes. It is unfortunate that we can't play, but it's not something we can control. Our team has handled it well and I believe most guys are returning next season, so it gives us a lot of time to prepare for next year and get better." Marique finished by saying.



Former Astro, Richie Marique, was seeing some significant success at Plymouth State.

Six PA Freshmen Track Members Gain State Recognition

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

New Hampshire Track and Field came out with their "2020 Final Fab Frosh" results recently, which is a list of the top freshmen Indoor Track performances from this past season based on their seasonal personal records.

The Pinkerton Academy Boys' and Girls' Indoor

Track teams had six freshmen making the list.

Starting with the girls 600-Meter Dash, Emily Hood had the fifth fastest time out of the freshmen with a 1:52.89. Portsmouth Christian's Brianna Malone had the fastest (1:43.16), Masho Primmer of Souhegan second (1:46.11), and Rory Sutherland of Plymouth Regional had the third fastest time of 1:50.89.

Pinkerton's Theo Davis had the third fastest 600-Meter Dash time of 1:33.28 for the boys' team. Nashua South's Adam Holodowski had the fastest (1:30.66), and Keane Swiesz was the second fastest with a time of 1:32.92.

In the girls' 1,000-Meter Run, Emily Hood made the cut again with the fourth fastest time of 3:30.56. Brianna Malone of Portsmouth

Christian had the fastest again (3:08.94), Masho Primmer of Souhegan took second (3:17.30), and Merrimack Valley's Samantha Kimbell had the third fastest time of 3:27.63.

In the Girls' Hurdles, Pinkerton's Jordan Wheaton had the best time of 9.98 with Kaitlyn Law of Portsmouth taking second (10.27), and Zoie Wall of Pembroke with he third best time of 10.32.

In the girls Long Jump, Astro Isabella Nelson had the sixth best score of 14'5.25." Campbell's Ava Houle had the best score (16'5.25"), Lillian Gibby of Sanborn Regional second (15'4"), and Kamille Atkins of Keene had the third best score of 14'9.75".

Another Pinkerton member earned a top spot as Briana Danis had the best girls Shot Put score of 33'.5".

Lilianna Gonzalez of Newmarket second (32'2.25"), and Milford's Kylie Allen had the third best score with a 30'10.25". Jordan Wheaton was on the top of a list again with this time being in the girls High Hump with a score of five-feet. (Nashua Norths Kelechi Okorie tied for first, Pinkerton's Faith Mamos had the second best (4'9"), and Kaitlyn Bussell of Exeter had the third best jump of 4'8".

PA JV Girls Hoops Season Ends in Tourney Semi-Finals

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Junior Varsity Girls Basketball season officially came to end last week in the

Semi-Final round of the playoffs against Bishop Guertin. They had an incredible regular season with a record of 16 wins and just one lose and had a total record of 18-2 including

playoffs.

Their playoff run started with a matchup against Exeter high school, and then they beat the Concord Crimson Tide in the Prelims before losing to the B.G.

Cardinals.

Head coach Mariel Barner couldn't be prouder of the way her girls played all year, especially with their record and playoff run. "I'm extremely proud of the girls this years. They worked hard and got better as an individual basketball player as well as a team."

The JV girls greatest sea-

son highlight was their 55-53 win over Alvirne High School. "It was a very tough well-placed game by both teams. Becca Farnum hit a buzzer-beater three-pointer to win the game," coach Barner said.

Their squad consisted of sophomore Emma Pollini, sophomore Paige Ouellette, sophomore Morgan Dupont,

freshmen Autumn Wood, sophomore Anna DiFonzo, freshmen Lauren Furgal, freshmen Sam Verrette, sophomore Becca Farnum, sophomore Cam Affonso, sophomore Meghan Finnegan, junior Lily Melton, freshmen Elise Saab, and freshmen Kayla Franks, Jillian Sirios, and Ally Bridges.



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Pinkerton Boys Freshman Hoops Finish Season at .500

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's Boys' Freshmen Basketball team had a good year despite not achieving their ultimate goal. The squad coached by Andrew Collins finished their regular season with a 7-7 record, and a total record of 8-8 including playoffs.

The Astros entered the playoff tournament as the 10th seed and faced Nashua North High School in the first round.

The young team started their playoff appearance with style, as they won a close one by a score of 49-47.

Coming off that exciting win, they then took the court with the second-seeded Nashua South High School in the second round, but lost that contest and ended their season.

Pinkerton head coach Andrew Collins awarded the "Coaches Award" to Ethan Johnston. "A very strong leader on and off the court" is what Coach Collins had to

say about Johnston. "This team worked hard to get better every day. They were always eager to learn and always put the team above any personal goals." Coach Collins finished up saying.

The 8-8 Freshman Squad consisted of Landon Gray, Richard Crump, Brandon Gendron, Jordyn Suarez, Marcus Vasquez, Ethan Flaherty, Tyler Herland, Kyle Dionne, John Hill, Sean Peterson, Trevor Edmunds, Jake Hutchings, Ryan Sullivan, and Ethan Johnston.



Astros Senior Track Members Will Be Running in College

MATT TRITTO
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy has three seniors from the Indoor Track Team that plan on running in college. Two are deciding between two schools, while the other has committed athletically and academically. First Astro senior is Nolan Preble, who is planning on attending either UMass Lowell or the University of New Hampshire along with running track. He is looking to study engineering, and both schools want him to run for their teams. "This is because they have good engineering programs. Running at both schools became possible after a breakout performance at the 2019 Cross Country Meet of Champions with a 5K time of 15:46." Said Pinkerton Senior Nolan Preble.

His love for running came from former coaches and the motivation of getting better. My passion for running comes from my cross-country coach Michael Clark. I am motivated by the idea of constantly improving. Nolan has always had

support throughout his career and that's what has kept him going. "My family, teammates and coaches have always been there for me whether it be to celebrate a good performance of one where I was not happy with."

Knowing that he will become an NCAA athlete Nolan took a look back on what his time at Pinkerton meant to him and what is has done for him. "Being able to run for Pa has been a blessing. There are few people who care as much for the sport of running and it happens that many of them work for PA. There's a lot of talented and passionate people that run with at PA and there has always been someone to run with during workouts. The same cannot be said for many other programs." Nolan Preble continued to say.

He is very excited and honored to compete at the highest level in college sports and understands that challenges that are ahead. "Being able to compete at the D1 level is exciting. I understand that balancing academics and athletics will

be difficult. However I will do my best to do well in both and see where I stand after the first year." Preble went on to say.

Fellow Astro Zach Plaza will be running for the University of New Hampshire for the next four years. "I was able to do this because of all the help I received from my teammates and coaches who pushed me to be the best I possibly can." Said Pinkerton runner Zach Plaza.

Not only do some students share the same passion of running, they also share the same career interests. "I chose UNH because I wanted to stay somewhere close and they have a good engineering program and middle distance program. It feels awesome to be able to run in college because I am going to be doing what I love for another four years."

Plaza can't wrap his head around the fact that he will soon be a Division I student-athlete and how fast it has arrived. "My last four years at Pinkerton have flown by and high school definitely would not have been enjoyable if I didn't

have the teammates I have today. They have become some of my best friends and people that I know will be there for me no matter what. Without my teammates I definitely would not be where I am today." Plaza finished by saying.

Astro track senior Nathan Stieger has his options on the table, and will choose either Grove City College, Geneva College, or Norwich University. "It's the amazing financial package that all three colleges gave me in order to run in college," said Nathan Stieger.

Running has done a

whole lot more than allow Nathan to get noticed by colleges, and he is truly grateful for what running has done. "Running has probably brought the most happiness the last four years and make me excited to start a new chapter in my running career." His family is what has gotten him to this point and kept him going. "My parents have always made an effort to make it to every meet. When they do not, whenever I check my phone after a race I always see a text asking how well I did." Stieger continued to say.

Nathan has loved his

time at Pinkerton and has accomplished a lot over his four years as an Astro. "Since freshman years all of us go through the same workout and have a bond like a family. When selecting a college it is that family atmosphere that I look for." Stieger went on to stay.

In three years, his Cross Country squad placed second and third twice at State Meet and this past year his Astros team placed second at the Meet of Champions. Along with that, he was a part of the recent Indoor Track State Championship winning team.



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The Pinkerton Academy Winter Cheerleading team were able to take first place in the qualifying round of the Winter Spirit Championship held at the Hackler Gymnasium recently, and the squad was all set to defend their title when the NHIAA cancelled all New Hampshire Tournaments as a result of the State of Emergency imposed by Governor Chris Sununu last week. There has been no word as to whether the event will be held when school resumes.

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Supporting Language and Your Child

Sometimes we find ourselves repeating things to our kids, hoping something gets through. Learn how to say things in a way your child understands at a Free Workshop, Supporting Language and Your Child held by the Upper Room on April 1 from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Active Parenting

The Upper Room will hold a Three-session workshop to discuss how to prevent behavioral issues, connect with your child, and encourage positive behavior. Young and Elementary Children on April 8, 15 & 22 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. \$35 (book included). To register call (603) 437-8477 ext. 22.

Parent & Caregiver Café

Free resource for parents, grandparents and caregivers raising teens at the Upper Room the Parent & Caregiver Café (PaCC) Thursdays 6 - 7:30 p.m. Discuss your concerns and learn new parenting strategies. Drop-ins welcome. Topics: March 19 - Safely Expressing Anger; March 26 - 5 Love Languages of Teens - part 1 of 2 part series.

Teen Information for Parenting Success

Are you a young parent (up to age 23)? Come to the Teen Information for Parenting Success (TIPS) Wednesdays 5 - 7 p.m. at the Upper Room. To join this free group, call (603) 437-8477 ext. 12. Topics for March; March 25 - Developmental Assessments.

Basic Cooking Survival

On Wednesdays April 1, 8, 15 and 29, Learn basic cooking skills as you prepare simple and delicious dishes. The On My Own Series is offered in partnership with the Marion Gerrish Community Center

Vaping and Your Health

Vaping and Your Health Teen Workshop, will be held by the Upper Room on the 1st

Tuesday of the Month April 2, 3 - 4:30 p.m. \$25. Teens will learn the risks of vaping and how it affects brain development, behavior and health as well as how to break the habit and replace it with healthier options. To register, call (603) 437-8477 ext. 15

Let's Play Games

Let's Play Games (up to age 6) Friday March 20, 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. At the Derry Public Library, 64 E Broadway, Derry. Parents, caregivers and their children up to age 6, join us as we create and play games. Enjoy snacks, music, resources and giveaways. Connect with others and have fun. Drop-ins welcome! Open to the public. No membership necessary.

Derry Garden Club Annual Scholarship

The Derry Garden Club is pleased to offer a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduated or soon to graduate New Hampshire student who plans to pursue a career in Environmental Studies. This could include Botany, Landscape Design, Forestry, Horticulture or a variety of other subjects. Application and Procedure information is available on the Derry Garden Club webpage www.derrygardenclub.org or in the scholarship information available to students at Pinkerton Academy and Londonderry High School. Materials are due by May 1st, 2020, to Kathy Lane, 51 Drew Woods Drive, Derry, NH, 03038.

Touch A Truck!

Free family event offers hands-on opportunities for children to Explore, Climb, and Touch trucks, emergency response vehicles, heavy machinery, and other equipment. On June 6, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at West Running Brook Middle School 1 West Running Brook Lane, Derry, NH 03038. A kid's fire muster will be held on the rear field hosted by your very own Derry Fire Department Prepare to be Amazed by the BMX Stunt

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Annual Plant Sale

The Derry Garden Club's annual plant sale has a new location this year at the Robert Frost Farm, Route 28, in Derry on May 30 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. This event is our biggest fundraiser for the year and all proceeds go toward improving Conservation efforts in town and supporting our community projects. The plants come from our members' gardens as well as those donated by nurseries and our supporters. Our plants are guaranteed to be "clean". We make every effort not to transmit diseases and abide by all good gardening practices. We have knowledgeable gardeners on site to answer any questions you may have. Please join us on May 30.

Prayer & Praise Night

Abundant Grace Church on Sunday March 22, at 6 p.m. We will be gathering together to pray, sing worship songs and worship in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Abundant Grace Church is located at Hillside Plaza: 127 Rockingham Rd., Derry, NH 03038 (Rt 28) right near Clam Haven.

Mattress Fundraiser

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Author Fest

The Derry Public Library hosts the annual Author Fest on Saturday, April 11 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Derry Author Fest is a day of writing workshops, panels and networking for aspiring authors, dreamers and dabblers alike. This event is Free. The library brings in reputable authors to teach in areas of their expertise. Find out all about it at www.derryauthorfest.wordpress.com and reserve your spot at www.derrypl.org

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 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.

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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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.

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 raising teens, discuss concerns, learn strategies and get support at the Upper Room on Thursdays from 6 - 7 p.m. at 36 Tsienneto Rd., Derry. Drop-ins welcome.

Transitions Support

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

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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.

Women's Writing Group

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

Lamplighters

A womans group with the goal of helping less fortunate woman and people in N.H. meets every fourth Thursday of the month 7 p.m. at Londonderry Presbyterian Church at 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

Parents Support Group

Are you frustrated with your teenager or in need of support regarding your teenager? Does parenting your teenager mean you have new concerns about anger, defiance, motivation and trust? If so, you are not alone. Welcome to the club! Meet up with other parents at our Parents Support Group every Thursday night, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., at The Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Road, Derry. Meet other parents experiencing the same situations. No pre-registration is required. There is no fee, and all topics can be discussed. Call 603-437-8477 with any questions.



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