

# Hampstead Residents Seek Solution for Trash Problem

**STEPHEN HAUSER**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

HAMPSTEAD – Ellen Cabral, the chair of the Recycling and Waste Disposal committee, raised the issue of residential trash overage during the Hampstead Selectmen meeting on Dec. 27.

Cabral said the issue has surfaced on social media, and residents call town hall periodically asking for recommendations, creating discussion in the community.

The committee is considering reinstating an “additional purchase bag

option” for residents to add on top of their trash barrel if they have trash overage on a particular week.

Currently, if a resident has trash overage, the recommendation is to ask a neighbor to hold it in their toter, or they can rent a trash toter for \$150 a year.

To compound the issue, residents are bringing bagged trash to the transfer station which is not an alternative. According to the contract with the hauler, these stations cannot accept residential trash, only bulk waste.

“We want residents to have another option,” said Cabral.

Working with Pinard Waste Systems, Cabral revealed they have found an option and tested it successfully. She said, “It is possible to add one kitchen size trash bag to the top of a closed bin and still have that automated arm pick it up.”

In this proposed option, residents with overages would go to town hall, buy a sticker, place it on their trash can, and as long as the driver saw the sticker, the driver would pick it up.

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# Residents Warn New Project Will Impact the School District

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DERRY – During the public comment segment of the Dec. 14 Derry Town Council meeting, Steve Trefethen, a local real estate broker, said he noticed on the town’s website “we have a 12,500 family units in Derry, of that 40 percent of those are apartments or rental units - which is about 5,000 - which we’ve been told in the past will be a burden on our schools.”

He questioned the addition another 600 units, “which is what we’re doing off 28”, would do to the schools.

Another resident, David Barka, said he watched the zoning meet-

ing last week regarding Abbott Court. “I think all of us would like to see something down there,” he said, “but frankly I was shocked at the number of apartments proposed for that less than two-acre parcel.”

He thought 240 apartments was approximately three times what the zoning allows. He likened it to “someone dropping a cruise ship in the middle of downtown Derry.”

Barka suggested, “They should have to follow the same zoning laws that the town has established, just like you and I have to. I’d be disappointed to find out to the town makes exceptions for some but not for others.”

Further concern is it’s just one of several devel-

opments coming down the line, and the impact on the school district is still unknown.

At the Derry School Board meeting that same day, Mr. Lorne Woods, Senior Project Manager of Davis Demographics, previewed his second demographics study for the school district. Woods’ work includes researching how residential development may impact areas within Derry Cooperative School District.

Using birth counts, birth rates, and mobility factors, he forecasts student growth over the next 10 years.

He’s looking for differentiations from year to year in student population. His presentation

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Philip Gladu was officially appointed as the Chester Fire Chief just before Christmas holiday and his daughters Cassidy and Carlie are shown helping with two new lapel pins.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

# Philip Gladu Appointed to Chester Fire Chief Post

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CHESTER – Just before the Christmas holiday, the Chester Board of Selectmen finally announces that Captain Philip Gladu has been appointed to the position as Fire Chief of the Town of Chester Fire Department effective immediately.

At the Thursday night, Dec. 23, Chester Selectmen meeting, Gladu was sworn in as the new chief with a room full of family friends and co-workers to share in the momentous occasion.

Gladu has been the Acting Fire Chief for a number of months, after the former Chief, Greg Bolduc, resigned from the post unexpectedly back in May of 2021.

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# Derry Town Council Appropriates Money to Revamp Skate Park

STEPHEN HAUSER  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**DERRY** - In December, the Derry Town Council voted unanimously to pass an initial appropriation to revamp the skate park at Alexander Car Park. The vote appropriates \$200,000 from the existing recreation bond.

At press time, the project still awaited a vote on the Tuesday, Jan. 4 meeting, to appropriate the

\$300,000 from the Alexander Car Trust. "That will be a supplemental appropriation that requires a public hearing," Council Chairman Jim Morgan said.

During the public forum, resident Rachel Richards said, "Calling the skate park at Alexander Car Park an actual skate park is quite literally offensive. It's a heap of junk that's been ignored far too long."

She added, "You'll never regret cleaning the space for a reason that is solely intended for kids to be better."

It also supports a demographic that has gone largely overlooked. "This park is for the underprivileged who can't afford football and hockey gear," suggested a resident. "It's for the kids whose parents work double shifts and can't drive them to and from sporting events."

One mother said, "It will provide kids a place to be productive and active where they won't need a single dime to pay to keep them busy. It's the

most affordable and accessible sport. The only thing you need is a skateboard which also works as a means of transportation."

"It supports economic development in our growing community," one resident offered, "in a way that brings business, culture, and physical activity to Derry."

More residents said the support extends further than just Derry. Some cited vendors in the skateboarding industry who already donated hundreds of dollars of skateboards and wheels to raffle off. "We have national support on the West Coast. It will draw people from all over

the nation here to Derry."

The project has also initiated many younger residents to get more involved in community growth. "I think about the young people getting involved in the town the way they have", one father said. "I hope this continues and they keep this energy up."

Speaking to the younger generation, he said, "you guys are going to own this park when it's done, so it's yours. You need to take care of it and prove everybody right that this was a great investment."

Before it passed, one resident challenged the

council to see that "this is going to be a legacy item for all of you. Twenty or thirty years in the future, you can say 'I was the one who actually made that happen.'"

In terms of the design, one resident suggested not to include a fence around the park. "Every skate park I've ever been to doesn't have a big fence around it. It's open. It's real clean. And looks great."

If the appropriation vote passes on January 4th, Morgan said, "Hopefully by May June, we will have shovel in the ground."

## OBITUARY

### Doris A. Cooper



Doris A. Cooper, 90, of Derry, NH passed away Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021, at Derry Health and Rehabilitation. Doris was born Sept. 27, 1931, in Lawrence, MA and was a daughter of the late Peter and Sadie (Corey) Simon. Doris was raised and educated in Salem, NH and graduated from Woodbury High School. She later received her Nursing degree from St. Anselm's College.

Doris was a nurse for many years, first in Obstetrics, where she would eventually lead the Obstetrics department at the Elliot Hospital. She then was employed by ARRIGG Eye and Ear in Lawrence. There she started and ran a new allergy clinic in the practice. Doris was a lifelong communicant of St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry. She enjoyed knitting, College Football and loved playing in Texas Hold'em tournaments.

Members of the family include her son Charles Cooper, three grandchildren and their spouses, Jason (Devanie), Aimee (Dave) and Shaun (Courtney), seven great grandchildren, Jordan, Callie, Landon, Lyla, Ethan, Jackson and Cooper, a brother, Michael Simon and many nieces and nephews. Doris was predeceased by her beloved husband Charles Cooper in 2018 and by two brothers, Donald and Joe Simon.

After cremation, a Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 10 a.m. at St. Thomas Church, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry. Following the Mass, she will be transported to the NH Veterans Cemetery to be laid to rest with her husband, Charles.

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NUTFIELD NEWS

## Revenue Replacement Becomes a Hot Topic

**HAMPSTEAD** - On Dec. 27, the conversation became heated during Hampstead's Selectmen meeting when Selectmen's Administrative Assistant Sally Theriault went over the Warrant Articles.

"I think we're on dangerous ground here," warned Vice Chairman Joe Guthrie.

The board first approved encumbrance of funds for the first few cat-

egories without any controversy.

These included \$78,200 for the Highway Department to add equipment to a leased vehicle.

"We cannot encumber a lease," Theriault said, "but we can encumber the equipment that goes on the vehicle."

The Board followed by approving an encumbrance of \$6,420.42 for three sets of protective clothing for the Fire Department.

Next, \$5,000 was approved for improvement and repair to remove a tree at the cemetery. The committee also authorized up to \$7,125 for topsoil materials and stump removal at Ordway Park.

Then, Theriault brought up the \$32,500 of revenue of replacement.

She explained that when department heads ask for more resources, "the \$32,000 is all that is there."

Theriault explained, "90 percent of replaced items do not fall into individual categories. When the committee voted to approve the list, they voted on the items but not their individual categories." As of now, they fall into Lost Revenue.

"I guess I'm a little confused," said Chairman Sean Murphy. He believed when they went over that list, there had been four or five categories discussed.

Member Laurie Warrnock agreed, believing everything on the list had been justified under a category.

However, Theriault

said it was approved for Lost Revenue, but the committee never got to a discussion about the individual categories.

The importance, she clarified lies with the U.S. Treasury. The Selectmen will have to vote again to reallocate those funds, because they still needed to be designated.

However, Guthrie said, "I think we're just spending it willy-nilly. That category allows us to do anything we want."

Guthrie told Theriault, "If that's the case, I think we're on dangerous ground, and I think we're putting you on dangerous ground."

Murphy said, "For the next meeting, let's have the list of categories, and we will put everything in the appropriate place."

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# Derry Fire Department Recognized For Saving Critically Ill Newborn

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NUTFIELD NEWS

**DERRY** - During the Dec. 14 Derry Town Council meeting, 15 Members of the Derry Fire Department were recognized for saving the life of an infant.

"It was a perfect storm that had a good ending," Councilor Charles H. Foote said, "and our fire department is second to none in the state."

On Oct. 13, 2021, the Derry Fire Communication Center received an

emergency request for medical aid for a mother and child after complications related to an at home childbirth.

The first unit arrived one minute and 35 seconds after being requested. The quick response time was critical.

"We are very fortunate in this town to have the Derry firefighters," Town Councilor Brian

Chirichiello said, "The response time in a lot of these smaller towns with private ambulance service

would have been 8 to 10 minutes."

En route to the home, Engine 1 requested a second medical unit to respond. Upon arrival to the home, crews found an acutely ill newborn.

As one ALS crew provided aggressive care to the newborn, the second ALS crew provided care to the mother.

"When we closed East Derry," said Council Chairman Jim Morgan, "people asked what's the value of our fire depart-

ment? This is what their value is."

When the newborn's condition deteriorated, the crews provided immediate transport to the hospital to give the child the higher level of care he needed.

During transport, the newborn went into respiratory arrest with a heart rate of less than 60. CPR was initiated, an advanced airway device was placed, and many other advanced life support measures were taken.

By the time the crews

arrived at Parkland Medical Center, the newborn's condition had improved, and he began breathing on his own. The mother, who was still en route to Parkland Medical was told her child had stabilized.

"It was a miracle," Councilor Morgan said.

"I cannot begin to tell you how proud I am of these responders," said Interim Fire Chief Jim Richardson. "Not just because of this outcome, but because they make a difference every day."

The 15 members of Derry's Fire Department received a standing ovation.

Among those recognized were firefighters Tim Hebert, Andrew Reale, Sean Hall, Kevin Vail, Yari McKeon, Patti Jenckes, Chris Belvin, Michael Garone, as were paramedics Shawn Haggart and Lt. Tom Beaumont. Robert Marini, Chuck Tinkham, Lt. Jim Hoffman, and Lt. Rob DeGroot also received recognition.

# Abbott Court Project Moves Forward From Derry Zoning Board

STEPHEN HAUSER  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**DERRY** - During the Zoning Board and Adjustment meeting on Dec 16, the project at Abbott Court was further discussed after it received criticism at the Dec. 2 meeting. Specifically addressed were the density issue and demand for the parking.

The applicant, Lawrence Melbourne Group, asked the Board for an opportunity to finish commentary and rebuttal from the comments made on Dec 2.

The applicants were represented by Andrew Holton who reminded the room that "this is a town initiated project. The

town underwent a lengthy process to solicit a redevelopment plan for Abbott Court after failing to receive proposals that will serve the public interest."

He said, "The town is best suited to determine what is in the public interest. We come to the town of Derry as agents of partnership."

Holton said, according to the original application, much of criteria of the project is to "include more people downtown to support local businesses. To provide parking for new residents and the public. To provide housing that would be of interest to young professionals and others seeking a downtown lifestyle. To

provide meeting for connectivity to the rail trail, public gathering places, and opportunities for all art and culture projects."

The variances that were voted on in the meeting addressed many of these.

Beverly Donavan, Economic Development Director, stated, "When you take into account the topography of Abbott Court, the bowl that it really is, the length of it, the depth of it, its proximity to the Rail Trail, and having that garage underneath, it really does seem to be the most appropriate type of construction and the type of mixed use we were looking for in all of our goals."

But resident David Barka pushed back, saying, "in terms of the numbers it seems out of character of the town, and the spirit of the ordinance seems out of character, too."

The board voted on five variances. These included increasing the number of parking spaces required. Also, allowing 138 units per acre when 40 acres are normally required. It also allows units as small as 500 square feet, where a 750 square foot minimum is required. Furthermore, it grants an increase in studio units up to 17-22%

when only 5% is required.

Board member Craig Corbett asked Town Administrator Dave Caron, "Is it safe to say that what we've been presented with is the worst case scenario of how big this can get or is there potential it could get larger?"

Caron said, "It's the most densely populated scenario."

"It's like a fancy pair of wheels without car," said resident Annisa McGyver who called into the meeting. "The sheer size of the project, I just can't wrap my mind around it...You don't

draw people to a downtown area that won't draw people downtown."

Board Chairman Lynn Perkins reminded the caller the board only looks at the five criteria relevant to the application.

"We're not a growth management board," he said. "The puzzle is only pertinent to this lot and this property. It's not pertinent to the overview of the whole community."

The caller responded, "But it affects the community."

The Board passed all variances unanimously.

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# Editorial

## Celebrating A Milestone

It isn't hard to find news regarding the impending death of print newspapers.

Last year, we saw the closure of a few major daily's and lots of local community newspapers across the country. When looking closer to home, New Hampshire had several weeklies shut their doors, while others have cut back to stay open. These actions are very disheartening for democracy and accountability.

So, it's a piece of good news to recognize that the Londonderry Times, the original newspaper of Nutfield Publishing, LLC's publications anniversary of 22 year ago is this week.

In these days of economic hardship and businesses closing, the Londonderry Times/Nutfield News is going to continuing in its founding tradition of printing the news its hometown readers depend on for information, with the goal of building a stronger sense of community.

What started in the basement of a Londonderry home 22 years ago and grew into what it is today, it has never lost touch of its roots, or with its desire to help the community find out what's going on.

As the saying goes, "With great power, comes great responsibility" to educate the people on what is happening in the towns, encourage people to get involved, and to take action. This knowledge has oftentimes translated into powerful actions, as residents reacted to stories of what is going on in their town and by offering help to solve problems,

responding to gaps in services by stepping into roles that are needed.

Some questions that might be asked can consist of; When is deliberative session? When is softball registration? When does the garden club meet? What's the town council's stance on an issue?

Sure, you can find most of those answers by making a series of phone calls if you know who to ask about it or searching online if you know what you are looking for. That excludes the residents without Internet service, of course, and most of us don't have the patience to do all that research or the time. So for many, local news falls by the wayside, and a sense of community and traditions falls away as well.

As time passes, fewer and fewer people know about town events, they stop participating, and they don't bother to care or take action.

There are plenty of things we don't miss until they're gone, and a community newspaper is one of them.

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Philip Gladu gets help from his family members with the new Fire Chief lapel pins and badge during a ceremony on Dec. 23. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Chester

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It was explained at the meeting that Captain Gladu joined the Chester Fire Department as a call member in 2008 when he moved Chester. He was appointed as the town's Emergency Management Director in December of 2011. Gladu retired from active duty with the US Navy with 21-years of service in 2013. He also holds his Fire I, Fire II, and EMT certifications, has a BS in Fire Science Administration, and has been employed as a full-time firefighter for the town since September of 2020.

At the meeting, a vote was taken and unanimously agreed on the Gladu will now officially be recognized as the Chester Fire Chief.

Gladu's wife Martha, his son and two daughters attended the swearing-in ceremony where they helped to pin his new badge and rank insignia pins.

He was also sworn in by the Chester Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Elizabeth Lufkin.

After the searing in, the chief was congratulated



Phil Gladu helps serve cake at his Chester Fire Chief appointments on Dec. 23.

ed by those attending and he helped cut the large cake brought to the ceremony.

The board also appointed resident Nick Tranquillo as an alternate member of the Conservation Commission.

Conservation Commission Chair Victor Chouinard was at the meeting and told Selectmen Tranquillo had attended some of their meetings, was very interested in conservation and

recommend his appointment.

The board also appointed Jason Walsh to the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

Zoning Board Administrative Assistant Nancy Hoijer recommended appointment to the Selectmen.

Both of the candidates were immediately sworn in by Lufkin, who was attending the meeting for the aforementioned Fire Chief appointment.

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# Sandown Selectmen and Fire Chief See Success of Per Diem Program

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NUTFIELD NEWS

**SANDOWN** - "As of Sep 16, 2021, we started the per diem program at 120 hours per week, and we were able to fill more than half of it every week since," said Police Chief Michael Devine in front of the Selectmen Board on Dec 27. "And we were able to respond to the majority of the calls with two people during the per diem shifts."

However, the warrant article was for only 40 hours a week.

Devine explained, "We started funding April 1, and

finished building the program in September, and because of that gap in time, we had \$38,000 to use."

That money was put to use once the program started in September.

"After talking to the Fire Engineers and EMS officers, we agreed it's better to have two people on 12 hours a day, five days a week, instead of just one. Because we could afford it."

"So, to be clear though," Vice Chairman Jonathan Goldman said, "as of January 1, that will be 40 hours a week."

Devine agreed, "January 1, we will go back to

one person."

Selectman Tom Tombarello asked, "So you're looking at having an additional amount added to the Warrant article? What is that amount?"

Devine said he didn't know. He hadn't come to ask for money, he came to report on the success of the program.

"It's been really beneficial," explained Goldman, "There have been a number of calls they've been able to respond to because of the per diem. Without it, there could have been different outcomes."

Six of the eight trans-

ports were done during the per diem period. "It's important to understand," Goldman clarified, "those patients, if we didn't transport them, were going to wait upwards of 30 minutes."

Goldman added many of those patients were very sick. "So, if we have people who can do this," he said, "why wouldn't we do

it? It's the right thing for the patient."

Selectmen Tombarello said he was in full support.

Compounding the issue, he added, "We don't have the volunteers we used to. You can see it in every town. And our town is getting bigger, and we need more firemen."

"On average, we respond to 34 calls per

month", Devine said. "57 this month".

"Then the only thing we need to know is the amount you need for the Warrant," Tombarello clarified.

Devine said he'd have that dollar number by January 10.

Tombarello said, "If you can save just one life, it's worth all the money."

## Derry

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noted that Derry is slightly declining at the elementary grades, and slightly increasing at the middle school grades.

Woods suggested that means new homebuyers are coming in with slightly older families.

"The younger grades aren't here," Woods said, "they are starting to decline."

According to his report, for every 100 new single-family units, Derry CSD would gain approximately 53 students.

When Erika Cohen, chair of the Derry School Board, asked about recent

residential developments in the area and how they could increase the number of students, Woods said the larger report coming in January will break down the individual impact for each district.

Board member, Brenda Willis noted, "We used to have an easier time locating the Kindergarten and Preschool students, but because laws changed for student data protection, it makes it more difficult for school districts to know."

Davis Demographics does work for 400 school districts in 41 states, and Woods said, "I enjoy working with Derry,

because we can get things done."

At the end of the presentation, Derry resident Richard Tripp asked how the classroom capacity is determined for each school.

Vice Chair Derick Anderson answered, "The state tells you how many kids are allowed in the room, and that's how you determine it."

Cohen added, "The state says how many students we can have in the building, but we decide what we can comfortably teach in the building."

The full report from Davis Demographics will be delivered this month.

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# Town Openings Announced for Upcoming March Elections

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The 2022 town elections will be taking place in the towns of Sandown, Derry, and Hampstead on March 8.

Each town has several openings for positions across each of the boards which will be on the ballot during this spring's election cycle.

According to the town of Sandown's website, the town is looking to fill several positions including

two Cable TV Advisory Board member positions as well as two alternate members. The website said that those looking for more information who are interested in the positions are encouraged to contact the cable office at 887-0017 or email [channel17@sandown.us](mailto:channel17@sandown.us).

The town of Derry will also be looking to fill several town positions across different government boards this spring.

The 3-year termed offices currently open in

the town of Derry are the Councilor at large, a Councilor District 2, Councilor District 4, two Taylor Library Trustees, Town Clerk, and Trustee of the Trust Funds.

The 2-year termed offices that are open are two Derry Public Library Trustee positions, a Taylor Library Trustee position, and Town Moderator.

The town of Derry is

also looking to fill a one-year Taylor Library Trustee position and a 6-year Supervisor of the Checklist position.

Each of these positions have a filing period from Jan. 19 to Jan. 28. People who are interested in these positions must apply and reach out to the correct contact between those two dates. Each position's contact is listed on their own

designated website.

The Town of Hampstead also has several positions to be filled during this election cycle in March.

According to the town Selectman's office, Hampstead is looking for one Planning board member and three alternates. The Budget Committee is looking for two members. The Trustees of Trust Funds is looking for two Trustees. The library is looking for Two Trustees for the library, and the town is looking for one seminary trustees and one monitor.

The Conservation Commission is also looking for

two new members. These members are appointed by the commission and are not voted on by the public during the election.

Those who are looking to fill a position on any of the office openings for any town are encouraged to reach out to the listed contact on each town's website.

Citizens who are requesting an absentee ballot for the town elections should also go to their town's website to fill out the required document.

Offices will be closed on election day. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

## OBITUARY

### Daniel Richard Boudreau



Daniel Richard Boudreau, 61, of Derry, NH, passed away peacefully Sunday Dec. 19, 2021, at Parkland Medical Center in Derry, NH surrounded by his loved ones. He was born in Grand Falls, New Brunswick, Canada, on June 30, 1960, a son of Roger and Guilda (Cote) Boudreau.

He is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Dawn Marie (Bouchard) Boudreau; daughter, Sherri (Boudreau) Bishop, husband Norman and grandson, Christian; son, Daniel Boudreau, Jr.; brother, Stanley Boudreau and wife Mei; nephews, Christopher Boudreau and Hai Feng Geng.

He is preceded in death his father, Roger and mother Guilda (Cote) Boudreau

He was an employee at Sanmina for over 30 years, where he made many close friends.

He was an amazing husband, father, brother, and friend. He touched the lives of many with his humor, humility, empathy, and MacGyverisms. He is so deeply loved and cherished by his family and close friends. He will be greatly missed by all.

In lieu of services a Celebration of life will be held at a future date, a notification will be published on Facebook. The Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium is assisting the family.

## OBITUARY

### David F. Gibney



David F. Gibney, 39, of Derry, NH, died Sunday, Dec. 26, 2021, in Manchester, NH. He was born in Phoenix, AZ on July 27, 1982, the only child of Denise (McClure) Christoni and the late James Christoni. David proudly served as a member of the U.S. Army. He was employed at Integra Biosciences in Hudson, NH.

Nothing compares to the day a mother lays eyes on her beautiful red headed boy for the first time. David was the sweetest boy growing up and played baseball from the time he was 5 through high school. He was often told he was a mama's boy, but he was proud of that, and nothing made his mother happier than how close they were. David grew up and went to school in Salem, NH. He was a talented artist and could draw just about anything. His sense of humor and smile could melt your heart. David adored his father Jimmy and was hit very hard when he passed. His daughter Sophie was the true love of his life. David would want people to celebrate his life, to remember the happy times they shared and to remember that most of all he loved them.

In addition to his mother, David is survived by his daughter, Sophia Gibney, his grandmother, Ruth Alexander, and his girlfriend, Katie Roberts.

Calling hours were held on Friday, Dec. 31, 2021, in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

## OBITUARY

### Vincent Louis Ferdinando



Vincent Louis (Vincenzo Luigi) Ferdinando, 96 of Derry, NH passed on Monday Dec. 20, 2021, peacefully at home. He was born on April 15, 1925 in Manchester, NH and was a son of the late Louis and Minnie (Jones) Ferdinando. Vincent was raised and educated in Derry and graduated from Pinkerton Academy in 1942.

Vincent grew up on his family's homestead in Derry, and was a founder and an owner of J & F Farms Inc. for over 70 years. He logged over a million miles driving tractor trailer for the family business all over New England and Southern Quebec. Vincent was a former member of the Derry zoning board. He loved being at his family's camp in Maine and enjoyed traveling. Vincent was an active, lifelong member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Derry. His whole purpose was to glorify God. Vincent's life was a testament to his trust in God.

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3 vs. 5-6

Members of the family include his loving wife of nearly 70 years, Miriam (Hamilton) Ferdinando, six children, Francis Ferdinando and his wife Dianna, Phillip Ferdinando, Barry Ferdinando and his wife Gayle, Bryan Ferdinando, Jamie (Ferdinando) Brisson and her husband Robert and Gina (Ferdinando) Murphy and her husband David, as well as many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The family is not planning any services. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium is assisting the family. Donations in Vincent's honor can be made to the First Church of Christ, Scientist, One Boyd Rd., Derry, NH 03038, or the Webb Lake Association, Weld, ME [www.webblakeassociation.org](http://www.webblakeassociation.org).

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# Search Begins For New Hampstead Middle School Principal

STEPHEN HAUSER  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**HAMPSTEAD** - At the Dec 12 School Board Meeting, HMS Superintendent Robert Thompson unveiled the search committee's process to hire a new Hampstead Middle School Principal in the wake of Principal Maria Di Nola's retirement.

"At a previous School Board meeting," Thompson said, "the Board accepted the retirement of Mrs. Di Nola, who will be missed tremendously."

"Now begins the process of identifying the next leader of the Hampstead Middle School," Thompson stated.

He's been working with the senior leadership team to develop a process and a timeline for that to happen. He shared that process with the Board.

"Beginning next week,

we will post the position and make the public aware," Thompson said. Then, he admitted, "This is a little on the early side, but that's exactly where we want to be."

Thompson explained, "The hope is we can attract as many qualified candidates as possible."

Thompson framed the committee's challenge during the search. "It's a tight job market out there," he pointed out. "They're not large application pools for any position. That includes our school administrators."

However, Thompson suggested that Hampstead has an advantage over other schools. "Hampstead has a very strong reputation for delivering a quality education," he said, "and I think it will attract some high quality candidates."

In January, the existing committee will send a communication to parents

and staff seeking volunteers for committee participation.

The search committee will be facilitated by Nicole Tomaselli, the Director of the 21st Century Learning, Assessment, and Technology and Dr. Terrilyn Lebel Cheny, Hampstead Central school principal.

The composition of the search committee will also consist of four Hampstead Middle School staff members. In addition, one Hampstead School parent and one Hampstead School Board member will also serve.

Later in the meeting, Board member Jason Girard volunteered to be

part of the committee.

Thompson said, "We will establish the search committee the week of January 10, and at that time we will close the posting. That way, the post will be open for approximately three weeks."

On Jan. 17, an organizational meeting is planned to review applicants and choose the candidates for an interview.

"The week of the 24th, we'll conduct round one interviews," Thompson said. This will include a writing prompt and a campus tour.

The task of that committee will be to select a minimum of two finalists

that would be moved forward to the Senior Leadership team.

The following week, the committee will host a meet-and-greet at the Middle School and that will consist of three components.

It will begin with a meet-and-greet with the staff and faculty facilitated by Tracy Griffin Hagan, Director of Student Services.

Secondly, a student meet-and-greet facilitated by Assistant Principal Lynn Joseph.

Finally, a community

and parents meet-and-greet that Thompson will facilitate himself.

By the week of February 7, the committee will conduct interviews with the finalists. Thompson added these interviews will also involve "a senior leadership team consisting of Tracy Griffin Hagan, Nicole Tomaselli, Jeff Dowd and myself."

The following week, the committee plans to bring a candidate nomination to the school board for final selection.

## OBITUARY

### Margaret L. "Peggy" LaMontagne

Margaret L. "Peggy" LaMontagne, 73, of Derry, NH, passed away Tuesday Dec. 28, 2021, at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born on June 30, 1948 in Malden, MA, a daughter of the late George and Elizabeth (McElroy) Watson. Peggy was a graduate of Pinkerton Academy, Derry, Class of 1966. She enjoyed going to the beach and retail therapy.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 53 years, Norman J. LaMontagne of Derry; her daughter, Amy LaMontagne of Derry, one brother, John Watson of Hampstead, NH; one sister, Constance Moll of Haverhill, MA; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

Following cremation, memorial calling hours were held on Monday, Jan. 3, in the Peabody Funeral Home, with a service after. Burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Haverhill, MA was held privately by the family. The family requests that flowers please be omitted and instead make a donation to Be the Match, Dana Farber Cancer Center, 450 Brookline Ave., Dana 2074, Boston, MA 02215.

## OBITUARY

### Dana Raymond deGrasse



Dana Raymond deGrasse, 70 of Derry, NH passed away unexpectedly Dec. 27, 2021, at Parkland Medical Center in Derry. Dana was born Aug. 30, 1951, at Chelsea Naval Hospital and was a son of the late Raymond and Genevieve (Dudek) deGrasse. Dana was raised and educated in Burlington, MA and had been a resident of Derry since 1979.

Dana is survived by his loving wife Dorothy (Halliday) deGrasse of Derry, two daughters and their spouses, Christine (Kevin) Bostaph of Raymond, NH and Karen (Kimberly) Everett-Lambert of Westfield, MA, four grandchildren, Arielle, Kevin "KC", Grant and Bennett, two great grandchildren, Cole and Isla, two sisters, Deborah deGrasse of TX and Jean Lowery of Berlin, NH, as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Dana was employed in engineering at Wall Industries in Exeter, NH. His passion for jazz music was contagious and at times extremely loud. His favorite past time was working under the hood on his newest sports car. He was also a devoted contributor to many charities, especially for Veterans' Organizations and Law Enforcement Agencies.

Services being held by the family are private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Dana's memory to the Derry Salvation Army, 18 Folsom Rd., Derry, NH 03038. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium is assisting the family. To send a condolence, please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

## OBITUARY

### Anthony Barry McCann



Anthony Barry McCann, 84, of Derry, NH formerly of Methuen, MA and Vieques, PR., passed away Monday Dec. 27, 2021 at his residence surrounded by his loving family. He was born Dec. 17, 1937 in Lawrence, MA and was a son of the late James and Alice (Richter) McCann. Anthony was raised and educated in Lawrence and was a graduate of Essex Northshore Agricultural & Technical School.

Anthony resided in Methuen for 18 years, prior to moving to Lincoln, NH where he and his wife owned and operated The Kancamagus Motor Lodge for an additional 18 years. After which the McCanns' retired to their home in Vieques, PR. They would spend 9 months of the year in Puerto Rico and the additional time traveling the U.S. in their motor home. In his younger years, Anthony was a hang-gliding enthusiast and had a lifelong love of jazz music. Anthony will forever be remembered for the deep love he had for his family.

Members of the family include his loving wife of 60 years, Mary (MacIssac) McCann; four children and their spouses, Sherry (Joseph) McCann-Nehme, Shane (Catherine) McCann, Dean (Carolyn) McCann and Bryan (Ashley) McCann; 13 grandchildren, Joseph, James, Jenna, John Michael, Jessica, Patrick, Kyle, Shayne (Brittany), Kacie, Sarah, Hardin Belle, Augustus and Eleanor; and one great grandson, Colton, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his brother, Donald McCann.

Visitation was held Tuesday Jan. 4, at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. The burial followed in the Forest Hill Cemetery in E. Derry. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Amedisys Hospice, 8 Commerce Dr., Bedford, NH 03110.

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# Sandown Road Improvement Plan Hits a Small Snag

STEPHEN HAUSER  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**SANDOWN** - On Dec 27, the Sandown Selectmen discussed if the 2022 Road Improvement Plan scheduled for Odell Road segment two, Ferguson Lane, and Stoneford should continue.

Concerns were raised about the timing of a new neighborhood about to start construction.

"The truck traffic of the new development is going to start tearing up that road," Vice Chair Jonathan Goldman explained. However, the same section of Odell Road is soon scheduled to be paved by Public Works Director Arthur Genualdo.

"The question is: do we pave the road now, and let them destroy it?" asked Goldman, "Or not pave it

now since they're going to destroy it anyway."

In a memo to the board, Town Engineer Steve Keach of Keach, Nordstrom & Associates, recommended paving it now. Keach's rationale is that the builders are going to bond whatever they are going to build, and they'll have to pay for any destruction to the paved road that occurs.

"The bonding element makes me feel better," said Selectman Tom Tombarello. "At least they are going to be held accountable for it."

The other factor is that the start of the new construction hasn't been determined yet.

"It's an approved subdivision," said Town Administrator Lynne Blaisdell, "but is it necessarily planned to be built tomorrow? Or even next year? We don't know when it's going to be built."

Because the new construction's start date is undetermined, the paving would be delayed indefinitely.

"So do you hold off and not pave, not knowing exactly when the construction is going to start?" asked Blaisdell, "or do you go ahead and start paving now?"

"Steve's recommendation is to pave it now," reiterated Goldman.

"That first part of Ferguson is a disaster already," said Tombarello, "but if they're bonding it, that's good."

"They're going to have to bond it," responded Goldman.

The Board approved Genualdo to move forward with the Odell Road improvement as planned.

# School District Safety Committee to Ask Homeland Security to Campus

STEPHEN HAUSER  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**HAMPSTEAD** - During the Hampstead's School Board meeting on Dec 12, an update was given on the School District's Safety Committee. It was made known that the committee is planning to welcome Homeland Security to both

campuses in 2022.

The committee met for the first time on November 18, 2021. The minutes of that meeting were shared privately with the members of the School Board.

The District's Safety committee consists of members of the Hampstead School District and delegates from the larger

Hampstead community.

Members include representatives of the Hampstead Fire Department and the Hampstead's Police Department. The committee also includes representatives from Student Services, the School Board, School Administration, Facilities, SAU, and the school nurse.

Principal Maria Di Nola told the Board, "The objective of the committee is to involve these pertinent members in actively monitoring and improving the safety of our schools."

The committee recommended that an updated physical safety assessment be scheduled in 2022 by Homeland Security at both schools.

Di Nola said, "This is a voluntary and free assessment program that identifies our physical security capabilities and makes recommendations to school leadership as warranted."

She explained, "Some of the recommendations can be implemented at no cost, and others will require funding."

The most recent assessment was held in 2016-2017 at both schools.

Subsequent School District Safety meetings will take place in January, March, and May of this year.

Di Nola said the committee has contacted Homeland Security to schedule their visit. A visit "that we look forward to," she added.

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The costs of this are still in discussion. She anticipates it would be anywhere from \$5 to \$9 to purchase a sticker to cover the extra administrative costs and the additional tonnage.

Police Chief Joseph Beaudoin said he had no problem with it. "However, the driver needs to

understand that if that bag falls off, we're going to have trash all over the town."

Beaudoin stressed that the drivers must understand "that's their responsibility to pick it up. I don't need a million calls from the neighbors saying they have trash blowing down the road. If a bag falls off and breaks open, the trucking company owns it."

Crawl responded,

"That's the importance of doing a trial. Because if things like that are happening, we'd have to stop it." The committee is suggesting a six month trial.

"It's really about that resident who has that additional bag every so often," Crawl clarified.

"We don't want to encourage these bags to be used, but we want to make it a fair option."

"It's an educational process," she added.

A motion was made for the Recycling and Waste Disposal committee to start a six month trial on the extra bag.

The trial period was approved 4 to 1.

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# DERRY SPORTS

## Pinkerton Hoops Squad Continues to Dominate Division Foes

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys' Basketball team remains undefeated in their division and over the holiday break they were able to capture a Championship title at the Greater Lowell Holiday Tournament.

In the last week before the Christmas break, the Astros team pushed their season record up to 4-0 with another dominating performance against a division rival. The PA squad beat the Timberlane Owls 74-34 at home on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

The Astros were able to hold Timberlane to single-digit scoring in three of the four quarters.

They outpaced the Owls 15-8 in the first, 18-7 in the second, 20-17 in the third and 21-2 in the fourth for the overwhelming victory.

Junior Anthony Chinn led the team with 27 points, 11 rebounds, three assists and two steals.

Sophomore Jackson Mar-

shall also had a very strong performance, scoring 26 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. Ethan Johnston scored nine points and pulled down seven rebounds in his first varsity start. Quinn Hammer and Anthony DeSalvo controlled the boards with seven rebounds each.

The team was scheduled to play the Winnacunnet Warriors on Wednesday, Dec. 22, for their final Division I game of the year, but that contest was postponed.

During the week off from school, the team traveled south of the border to compete in the 44th annual Greater Lowell Holiday Basketball Tournament where they came home carrying the Championship trophy by winning all three of their games. Adding to that success, Anthony Chinn was also named the tournaments Most Valuable Player for his outstanding performance at the event and won the Anthony Romano Sr. Memorial Award.

The Astros squad had three victories in three nights in that tournament to capture the title.

In the first game, against Collegiate Charter School, the PA squad easily came away with the win outscoring their opponent 17-12 in the first, 26-8 in the second, 22-12 in the third and 19-12 in the fourth for the 84-44 win.

Marshall led the team in scoring with 16-points, Edmunds had 15, Tyrone Chinn had eight and Anthony Chinn had seven.

The following day, against Billerica Memorial, it was another dominating performance and a 78-44 victory.

Marshall came away with 21 points to lead the team, with Anthony Chinn scoring 14 and brother Tyrone getting 10-points with the win. Junior Brandon Gendron added nine points to the team total.

In the Astros teams final game of the tournament, Pinkerton had a much closer

outcome when they faced Westford Academy.

Pinkerton managed a slim 55-52 win in that game to take the title. The PA boys trailed 27-26 heading into the half, but were able to outscore Westford 17-13 in the third quarter and hold onto the lead in the fourth.

Anthony Chinn had 17-points, six rebounds and four assists in the game. Marshall had 18 points and eight rebounds) and was named to the All-Tournament team. Senior Anthony

DeSalvo came off the bench and scored a career high 10-points and played some great defense on Westford Academy's big man.

Tyrone Chinn also played well, scoring nine points dishing out five assists and collecting five steals.



Anthony Chinn was named the tournaments Most Valuable Player at the Lowell Holiday Tournament and won the Anthony Romano Sr. Memorial Award.

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# Lady Astros Basketball Keep Division Wins Rolling In



Lady Astros freshman Sydney Gerossie has been a welcome addition to the PA team this year, contributing 32-points in two games. Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls Basketball squad remained undefeated as they finished off the year of 2021 with two more consecutive wins.

The Lady Astros traveled to the seacoast just before the Christmas break where they doubled up the Winnacunnet Lady Warriors 51-24 and then hosted a game at home on Wednesday, Dec. 29 to finish the year with a 66-41 victory over the Alvirne Lady Broncos.

In the Wednesday, Dec. 22 game against Winnacunnet in Hampton, the PA girls boosted their season record to a perfect 5-0 with a 27-point win over the Lady Warriors.

Although PA had moments in the game where they couldn't get a shot to drop, their defense more than made up for their lack of offense in the second and

third quarters.

The Lady Astros held the Winnacunnet squad to single-digit scoring in each of the four quarters, highlighted by allowing just one foul shot to get through the hoop in the second quarter of the game.

Pinlerton led in the first 21-6 and then 25-7 by halftime. The Astros stumbled a bit in the third and allowed the Warriors to outscore them 8-9, but came back in the final period with 18-points to the home team's eight.

Sophomore guard Elizabeth Lavoie had 18-points to lead the team in scoring and freshman guard Sydney Gerossie had 11-points.

Seniors Emma Pollini and Kristina Packowski both contributed six points while junior Jillian Sirois and sophomore Alex White each had two-points in the win.

One week later, the Pinkerton girls notched another win when they hosted the Alvirne High School squad on Wednesday, Dec. 29, and came away with a 25-point win.

The Lady Astros beat the Lady Bulldogs 66-41 and held a 6-0 season record to head into 2022 still undefeated.

The PA girls outscored their opponent in three of the four quarters and jumped out to a very strong start by leading 21-3 by the

end of the first period.

The home team left the court at halftime with a commanding 34-11 lead and returned to the court in the third to score another 23-points for a 57-24 lead heading into the last period.

Lavoie had an exceptional 21-point game to lead the team, Gerossie added 14-points and Ingalls had 12-points.

Rebecca Farnum, White and Packowski contributed three-points each while Pollini, Hailey Frost, Kaylee Dupuis and Allyson Bridges each had two off the bench.

Gerossie, Ingalls and Farnum each had a three-pointer in the win.

## Lady Astros Hockey Squad Notches a 10-2 Victory

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls Ice Hockey team has only played two of the four games scheduled to start the winter season and after opening with a tough loss against St. Thomas Aquinas in their first game, the girls sat through two postponements and then beat Manchester Central 10-2.

The Pinkerton team had their second game of the season, on the road against Berlin High School, postponed on Dec. 18.

Four days later, their third scheduled game, at home against Bishop Brady High School was also postponed.

Then, after a 13-day

wait, the Astros took to the ice and were able to easily skate by Manchester Central at the JFK Colliseum with a 10-2 victory.

The scoring started very quickly, with Maddie Gibeault putting Pinkerton on the board with just 19-seconds ticking off the clock in the first period. The goal was assisted by Jordyn Gravel-Maher.

Later in the period Gibeault scored her second goal of the game on a powerplay, assisted by Molly Fahey and Jordyn Wasiejko.

Fahey scored her first goal of the game and the third goal of the period with an assist by Gibeault.

Bishop Brady got one back in the first with the period ending 3-1.

In the second period the Lady Astros doubled their goal total. Gibeault scored her first goal assisted by Riley Dunn, followed by a Gravel-Maher goal assisted by Gibeault and the third goal went to Emily Gosselin, unassisted.

Pinkerton continued to put the puck in the net in the final period with Dunn scoring an unassisted one, followed by Molly Fahey scored assisted by Gosselin and Ryleigh Belanger.

Fahey scored a third goal unassisted for a hat trick. Gibeault scored the next goal for her fourth goal of the game.

Pinkerton had 44 shots on net and Central/Memorial had just seven in the 10-2 victory.

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# Scoring's Been an Issue for Astros Boys Hockey Season

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys Hockey squad started the winter season with a one-goal win and that one goal is all the team has been able to put in the net in their first four Divisional games.

The Astros offensive woes continued on Wednesday, Dec. 22, when they were shutout at home game against the Bedford High School Bulldogs by a score

of 3-0.

In that game both teams were scoreless to end the first period, but seemed to match up with Bedford fairly well, with no penalties in the first period.

In the second period Pinkerton committed a crosschecking penalty and was able to kill off that infraction only to have the Bulldogs score the first goal of the game at 12:53 in the period.

Bedford added to their

lead with an early goal in the third (3:08) for the 2-0 lead.

Both teams each had a penalty apiece in the third. Bedford's came at 12:44, giving Pinkerton the chance to pull goalie, Damien Carter, for a six on four opportunity. The Astros were able to maintain possession and moved the puck well, but couldn't get enough shots off those opportunities.

Bedford finished with an empty netter on a cleared puck from their zone.

Carter had 26 saves in net for the Astros, including a few key saves on breakaways and odd man rushes that kept Pinkerton in the game.

Things didn't get any better when they played the rival Londonderry Lancers over the holiday break and the Astros suffered another 3-0 shutout loss.

Once again both teams skated off the ice after one period scoreless, but Londonderry scored their first goal of the game in the second period with a man up, on a powerplay.

The Lancers scored two more times on powerplays in the third for the 3-0 win.

Pinkerton was plagued with penalties, having five throughout the game, but

shots were even at 23 apiece and Carter had 20 saves.

The team did see some scoring success in a non-league tournament game over the holiday break when they beat the Nashua South/Pelham squad 6-1.

The Astros scored in all three periods with Campbell St. Pierre scoring his first varsity goal unassisted and Bryce Cronin getting his first varsity goal assisted by Carter Choquette and Will Ivers.

In the second period Connor Clifford added his first varsity goal, unassisted.

The Pinkerton Squad scored three more times in the third period Aidan Curran got his first varsity goal with 3:48 remaining in period, assist from Clifford; Tylor Pappalardo got one 10-seconds later, with the assist from Curran. Then Curran got his second goal at 3:28 with the assist from Cronin.

Head coach Sam Littlefield commented on the win "It was nice to start putting some pucks in the net today after only scoring one goal over the past four games. We need to try to carry that momentum moving forward."



Junior Damien Carter has been strong in net.

## Athlete of the Week

Week of Dec. 20



**Briana Danis, Junior  
Girls Indoor Track**

Danis competed in shot put at the Holiday Classic at Reggie Lewis Arena in Boston and had a breakout performance in the event with a throw of 34' 11" giving her a third place finish against the states best throwers. This throw breaks her previous best by almost two feet and puts her third on the PA all-time record list for girls indoor shot put.



**Luke Brennan, Senior,  
Boys Indoor Track**

Brennan competed in the two-mile race at the Holiday Classic at Reggie Lewis Arena in Boston and finished with a time of 9:29.20 for a third place finish amongst tough competitors representing dozens of Massachusetts schools.

Athletes are chosen by the Pinkerton Academy Athletic Office

## Athlete of the Week

Week of Dec. 27



**Madison Gibeault, Junior  
Girls Ice Hockey**

Gibeault scored four goals and tallied two assists against Central-Memorial in the team's 10-2 win. She is a junior captain that continues to show strong leadership both on and off the ice. She epitomizes what it means to be a student athlete.



**Damien Carter, Junior  
Boys Ice Hockey**

Carter has been the team's most consistent and reliable player so far this season. He has kept the boys ice hockey team in every game and made several crucial saves when needed most. He had 45 saves against Belmont, Mass and another 20 saves against Londonderry.

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# Pinkerton Wrestlers Pick Up Season's Third Victory



Senior captain Jack Mackiernan had a second place finish at the very tough Lowell Holiday Tournament.

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Wrestling team advanced their season Dual Meet record up to 3-1 with a 44-24 win over the Bedford Bull Dogs on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

The Pinkerton match wins came in eight of the 14 weight classes, with two weights being tossed due to double forfeits.

The first win of the meet came from Cameron Cooper (120 lb.) with a pin at 1:48.

At 132 lbs., Mike Follo tied the match a 12-12 with

a pin at 2:12 in the second period.

Nathan Lindquist made it 16-12 with a 20-10 decision at 138 lbs.

Nelphison DeAlmeida picked up four points with a 15-6 decision win in the 152 lb. weight class putting PA ahead 20-18.

The Pinkerton squad pulled away for good in the match starting at 170 lbs. with George Tsekrekas picking up his first varsity victory with a pin 33-seconds into his match and give Pinkerton a 26-24 lead in the match.

Senior captain Jack Mackiernan added another

quick pin for six points to bring the team tally to 32-24.

In the 195-pound match, Mike Demartino added the third consecutive Astros pin for a 38-24 lead.

Herve Durocher added the final six points of the night with a forfeit in the 220-weight class and helped the team end the year on a high note.

Following that success, the Astros wrestlers headed to the annual George Bossi Lowell Holiday Tournament at the Tsongas Center in Lowell Mass., where they tied LaSalle Academy for the 36th spot in the contest.

The very tough competition brought over 75 teams from across New England to compete with Saint John's Prep School narrowly beating Timberlane Regional High School 205-203 for the overall team title. Fairfield Warde High School of Fairfield Conn. was a distant third with a score of 159.

The Pinkerton team had one wrestler make it to a championship match. Jack Mackiernan had five wins over two days to get him to the championship bout with Bill Ebert of Fairfield Warde where he lost in a tough 6-2 decision.

# Indoor Track Teams Have Success In Boston Invitational

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NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys and Girls Indoor Track and Field teams competed in Boston, Mass. over the holiday break and had some significant success.

The Astros competed against dozens of New England teams at the Reggie

Lewis Center in Boston at the annual MSTCA Boston Holiday Classic on Monday, Dec 27, giving the teams a chance to hone their skills.

## BOYS

For the boys team, three runners had excellent times in the 55-meter Dash. Jake Spezzaferri finished at 6.98; Chris Tagalakakis had a time

of 7.07; and Matt Morrison finished with a time of 7.24.

In the 300-meter run, Alex LeBlanc had a time of 38.61 and Zack Smith finished at 39.96.

In the 600-meter run, Jason Rzasa finished with a time of 1:36.72.

In the Two-Mile race, Luke Brennan finished in third with his time of

9:29.20.

The Relay team of Smith, Nick Tagalakakis, LeBlanc, and Spezzaferri had a time of 1:39.28 in the 4x200 Relay.

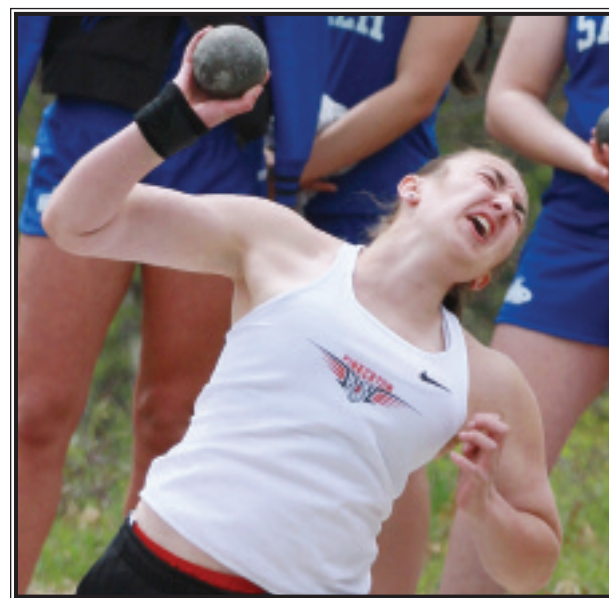
In Long Jump, Casey Watson landed at 18' 1.25"; Nick Tagalakakis had a 18' 1.25" jump; and Matt Morrison jumped 17' 10.25".

In Shot Put, George Nigro III threw for 39' 8" and James Melendy was just shy of that at 38' 0.5".

## GIRLS

Astros Junior Briana Danis took third place in the shot put event with a Pinkerton throw of 34' 11". That throw was the third longest ever thrown by a PA competitor.

Madison Connors was able to get an eighth place



Junior Briana Danis had a shot put throw of 34' 11" and got her the top three spot all time at Pinkerton.

spot in the long jump with a 9.10 seconds.

Contessa Silva placed ninth in the 1,000-meter run with a time of 3:12.84.

Jordan Wheaton managed a fourth place finish in the hurdles with a time of

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## DERRY

### Story and Craft

The Taylor library will be holding a Story and Craft on Tuesdays at 4 p.m., this is for all ages. A Story and Craft for preschoolers ages 3 - 6 will be held on Wednesdays, at 1 p.m. Call Library at 432-7186 for more information.

### Senior Movie Special

Free movie, popcorn & soda for seniors on the last Friday of each month at noon at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry.

## CHESTER

### Holiday Hours

The Chester Library will be Closed for Civil Rights Day on Monday, Jan. 17.

### Friends of Library Meeting

The Friends of Chester Library will hold a meeting

on Monday, Jan. 3, at 7 p.m. Join the Friends and help with fundraising to benefit the library. Interested in joining? Call 603-887-3404 for more information.

### Teen TikTok Extravaganza

Come eat some pizza and record some funny TikToks for the Chester Public Library TikTok account (@chester-publiclibrary) on Thursday, Jan. 6, at 5 p.m. Can't make it? Record a video and email it to [assistedirectorpl@gmail.com](mailto:assistedirectorpl@gmail.com). Registration Is Required. To register or get more information call 603-887-3404.

### Among Us Party

Prepare your ship for departure, but beware! One of you is the imposter. Download the Among Us! app on your device before the event and play at the Chester Library on Monday, Jan. 10, at 4 p.m. Registration Is Required this is event is for kids and teens. To

register or get more information call 603-887-3404.

### Essential Oils 101

Join local naturopath Dr. Marie Somers at the Chester Library on Monday, Jan. 10, at 6 p.m. and learn other options that can be effective health care options for your home. Registration Is Required. To register or get more information call 603-887-3404.

### Spark Joy Program

To provide you with the necessary skills needed to maintain a tidy home for life. Through the KonMari Method you will visualize and create the space you've always dreamed of as you learn what truly Sparks Joy. This is a virtual event with the Chester Library on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 7 a.m., and Friday, Jan. 14, at 7 a.m. Register by calling 603-887-3404. Link will be shared to you after you register. You can view the video

up to 48 hours after the event.

### Adult Afternoon Book Group

This Chester Library Book club will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 1 p.m., to Discuss The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes. New members always welcome. Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders. To register or get more information call 603-887-3404.

### Board of Trustees

The Chester Library Board of Trustees will hold a Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 6:30 p.m. The Library Board of Trustees are elected officials responsible for the government of library services and finances. This meeting is open to the public.

### Crafting Club

Bring your projects (knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc.) to the Chester Library on Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 6:30 p.m. and meet other crafters. Registration Is Required. To register or get more information call 603-887-3404.

### Adult Evening Book Club

This Chester Library Book Club will meet on Thursday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. to

Discuss The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho. Extra copies are available at the Circulation Desk for cardholders. To register or get more information call 603-887-3404.

### ASTROLOGY 101

This Chester Library workshop will provide a basic overview of western astrology, including the twelve zodiac signs, the ten traditional planets and the twelve houses of a natal chart on Monday, Jan. 24, at 6 p.m. Attendees will be given a personalized printed copy of their birth chart and instructions on how to read it step-by-step. The goal is to demystify astrology in order to empower you to use your chart for self-reflection and personal growth. Participants must provide their birth information (date, exact time and location) in order to receive a printed chart. Due to the personalized nature of this program, we are asking for a \$5 non-refundable deposit when you register. Registrations will be at the library circulation desk in person only.

### Pedigree Chart Class

Four-Generation Pedigree Chart Class with Ele West Part 1: Thursday, Jan. 27, at 6

p.m.; Part 2: Thursday, Feb. 3, at 6 p.m. In this informative program for beginners hosted by the Chester Library, Ele West will teach you how to research your ancestors and track your family back four generations to your second great-grandfather. You will also learn how to organize your pedigree chart and group sheets. Please bring a notebook and pen. Limited to 8 people. This program has 2 sessions; attendees must come to both sessions. Registration Is Required. To register or get more information call 603-887-3404.

### Storytime

Bring your little ones to the Chester Library for stories and songs with Miss Maryjo every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.

### Canasta Club

Looking for a card game to join? Learn to play with the pros at the Chester Library every Wednesday from 6 - 8 p.m. New members, call 603-887-3404 to sign up.

## HAMPSTEAD

### Winter Reading Challenge

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Feb. 28. There is a challenge for young Children and Teens and another for Adults and High School students. Children can register on [www.HampsteadLibrary.org](http://www.HampsteadLibrary.org). Every child who completes at least ten hours of reading will get hot chocolate, a bookmark, and a book. Additional prize-affle opportunities can also be earned. Adults can visit the Hampstead Library anytime on or after Jan. 10 to pick up a Winter Challenge worksheet. Participants earn chances to win great prizes.

## Author Talks About Winter Skiing Tour

NH author Anders Morley gives a virtual presentation with the Hampstead Library on Monday Jan. 10 at 6 p.m. He discusses his award-winning book *This Land of Snow: A Journey Across the North in Winter*, and his solo cross-country skiing tour of Canada. Registration is required for this event. Hampstead residency is not required. Please sign-up via the Events calendar.

## Virtual Meditation 2022

Whether you are a frequent practitioner or have never done meditation before, you are welcome to classes hosted by the Hampstead Library. Benefits may include reducing stress, controlling anxiety, and improving sleep. To get the Zoom information (including how to phone-in for audio only,) please register in advance via the Events Calendar. 2022 classes start on Wednesday, Jan. 12 at 7:30 p.m., and continue for several Wednesday evenings. There is also a Saturday morning sessions offered on Jan. 15 and 29 at 10 a.m.

## Hampstead Virtual Forum

From Friday, Jan. 14 - Friday, Jan. 28 a Virtual Town Forum on [www.HampsteadLibrary.org](http://www.HampsteadLibrary.org). Tune in to see videos from a number of Hampstead committees and organizations as they provide a personal greeting, discuss what they do, and what you can look forward to seeing from them in 2022. An optional video-viewing oppor-

tunity is on Friday, Jan. 21 from noon - 4 p.m. Visit the Library any time during those hours and see the videos played on the big screen in the second-floor meeting room. More information about participating committees and organizations is coming soon.

## Friends Benefit

The Friends of the Hampstead Public Library has been selected by local Hannaford store leadership as the benefiting non-profit in the Community Bag Program. For the month of January 2022, Friends of the Hampstead Public Library will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable Community Bag at the Hannaford store located at 305 Sandown Rd., E. Hampstead NH.

## Book Club

The Hampstead Public Library's Third Thursday Book Club is reading *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate and discusses it on Jan. 20 at 1 p.m. Copies of the book are available to borrow. This riveting novel inspired by historical events pivots between five children in 1936 Memphis, Tennessee, and the tale of a woman in present day South Carolina who discovers her family's long-hidden history.

## Bricks For Library

Individuals, clubs and businesses can purchase a brick for the Hampstead Public Library's Pavilion Project fundraiser. The bricks will be part of a walkway from parking lot to pavilion. Each brick can be personalized. Bricks can be purchased by filling out a form at the Library or visit [www.fundraisingbrick.com/online-orders/hampstead](http://www.fundraisingbrick.com/online-orders/hampstead). If you are giving a brick as a gift, the Library has special cards and a limited supply of decoratively wrapped bricks which you can present to the recipient. Purchase of a bag, brick, or any fundraiser to benefit the Library is tax-deductible. Ask a librarian if you need assistance.

## Bridge Club

At Hampstead Public Library on Mondays, starting at 1 p.m. Players of all levels

are welcome. Come meet old friends or make new ones. Please note: no instruction is given, and the club does not meet on weeks where there is a Monday holiday.

## SANDOWN

### Family Fun in the Kitchen.

The Sandown Library will be making Anytime Fluffy Blueberry Pancakes On Monday, Jan. 10, from 4 - 5 a.m. Registration is required. This program is for all ages. A Zoom link will be emailed to all registered participants.

### Tuesday Flix

Come join the Sandown Library on Tuesday, Jan. 11, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. for a monthly movie series. This is a great program to get together with a friend or "date". This month's showing: *12 Mighty Orphans*. Pizza is being offered again for those registered. Donations are appreciated.

### Game Day - Mahjong

Come join the Sandown library's afternoon game day on Thursday, Jan. 13, from 1 - 2 p.m. No registration is required - just stop in.

### Trivia Game

Join in the fun with the Sandown Library and play the latest edition of popular Trivia Game on Saturday, Jan. 15, from 1 - 2 p.m. Teams may be created and ZOOM breakout rooms provided for each team to discuss their answers. Three rounds will be played with 10 questions in each round. A bonus round will be offered if there is time. Participants will be emailed the link to join this Zoom program.

### Dog Man Book Club

This Sandown Library club will meet once a month on Thursdays from 4 - 5 p.m. to discuss a Dog Man book and do some fun activities. For this month, we will be reading *Dog Man: A Tale of Two Kitties*. Copies of the book will be available at the front desk.

### Food for Thought

Come join the Sandown Library and explore recipes and cooking. Second-guess

the experts and improve on their recipes. Food for Thought meets on the second Wednesdays of the month. Each month we pick a chef/recipe, prepare the food, and meet together to taste and critique. You must follow the recipe you choose. A great way to refine your cooking skills, explore new cuisine, and gather with other foodies. Registration is required for this event.

### PageTurners Book Club

This Sandown Library group will meet on the first Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. There will be great snacks! At the end of each meeting, members can make suggestions and then vote for the following month's book. Please come prepared to share two things you liked about the book, two things it could have improved on, and any other thoughts you have about the book. Registration is required. Copies of the book can be found at the front desk

### Board of Library Trustees

Sandown Library Board Of Trustees will be Meeting from 7 - 9 p.m. The Board of Library Trustees meet every month on the second Thursday. This meeting is open to the public.

### Mother Goose On The Loose

On Mondays, from 10 - 10:30 a.m., a Virtual Mother Goose On The Loose (Ages up to 36 months) will be hosted by Sandown Library. Join Monday mornings on YouTube for movement, reading, rhymes, and songs. Mother Goose on the Loose is a brain-based program consisting of thirty minutes of fun, skill-building activities. Some benefits of the programs are the following: aids speech development, improves motor coordination, develops attention span, and encourages a love of books and book illustrations. A link to the day's YouTube video will be posted 10 minutes prior to the start time. You can find archived story times from previous programs, too.

### Crafting Crew

Crafts to make at home with the Sandown Library for ages 2-6! Each registered participant will receive a Take & Go Bag containing craft

materials for each week's craft. If you did not request a bag, most crafts can be made with materials you probably have at your home, so check out the craft video! The directions for each week's craft will be pre-recorded then posted to the library's YouTube channel each Thursday 10 - 11 a.m. Find the library's channel here, <https://bit.ly/2REz5vh>. Contact: Tricia Thomas, at 887-3428, or [programming@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:programming@sandownlibrary.us).

### PJ Storytime

Join Miss Adrienne at 6:30 p.m., every Wednesday night at the Sandown Library for PJ Storytime. Wear pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal with you. Weather permitting, summer story times will be held outdoors on the Hazel Marlow Learning Pavilion. For more information please contact: Adrienne Skora, Tricia Thomas, or Sue Kehoe at 887-3428, or email [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@sandownlibrary.us), [programming@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:programming@sandownlibrary.us), [skehoe@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:skehoe@sandownlibrary.us)

### Messy Monday

Join the Sandown Library for child-centered, creative exploration on Monday's from 10 - 11 a.m. Art, science and crafts will all be incorporated into this program, and you can leave the mess for us. We will provide aprons, but please dress your child in clothing that can get messy. This group is limited to 10 children (ages 2 - 6) and registration is required.

### BOOK - 2 - MOVIE

Is the Book always Better? The first Thursday of each month from 6 - 8 p.m., the Sandown Library watches a movie based on a book and have a discussion comparing them. Books for the next gathering are always available on movie viewing night. This is open every month to anyone who wants to join the discussion and watch the movie. Contact: Tricia Thomas at 603-887-3428 or [pthomas@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:pthomas@sandownlibrary.us)

### Toddler Tuesdays

Stories, songs, beginning sign language, and gross motor activities will be incorporated into this story time

designed for busy toddlers At the Sandown Library. This program is designed for toddlers and early preschool children 3 and under and will take place on Tuesdays from 10 - 10:30 a.m. Class size is limited to 10 children with their parent/caregiver. For more information please contact: Adrienne Skora, Tricia Thomas, or Sue Kehoe at 887-3428, or email [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@sandownlibrary.us), [programming@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:programming@sandownlibrary.us), [skehoe@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:skehoe@sandownlibrary.us)

### Legos and More

Come and build over zoom from 4 - 5 p.m., for ages 6 and up! We will be doing some fun building challenges. If you don't have Legos, that's okay. You can use blocks, magnet tiles, tinker-toys etc. Registration is required. Once you have registered, you will be emailed a unique link to Zoom where we will have fun building together. The Zoom meeting will be locked after the program has started, so please arrive on time. Contact: Adrienne Skora at 887-3428 and [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@sandownlibrary.us)

### Story Hour

Come join the Sandown Library for fun with stories, songs, puppets and more. This themed story and craft times are designed to encourage the development of early literacy skills and build friendships with others. This event will take place on Thursdays from 10 - 11 a.m. Class size is limited to 12 children with their parent/caregivers. Registration is required and will close at 9 p.m., the evening prior to the program. [director@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:director@sandownlibrary.us)

## REGIONAL

### Free Meals

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Sonshine Soup Kitchen will be serving drive by to go meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 5 p.m.



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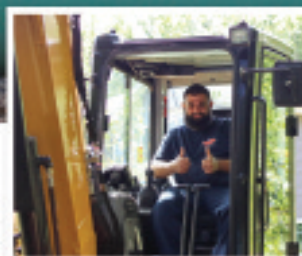
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