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## Security Camera Installation At Hood Park Discussed by Council

HUNTER MCGEE  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Councilors are considering a plan to install a security camera at Hood Park in the wake of some recent incidents in the neighborhood, according to police.

The council members questioned Police Chief Edward Garone on the need to use cameras during an April 25 budget meeting.

Alexander Carr and Don Ball parks already have cameras installed, leaving Hood as the only park in town without a camera, according to police.

To install a camera at Hood Park would cost around \$20,000, Town Administrator David Caron

said. A cheaper alternative could be to use a wireless camera that would send a signal to the Municipal Center, according to officials.

Under questioning from Councilor Phyllis Katsakiores, Garone said he would recommend installing a camera in the park.

"I do, absolutely," Garone said.

The police chief said there has been some recent activity in the neighborhood with the approach of spring.

"It is an area that this spring it's been ramping up," Garone said. "We've been having more problems down there."

And just the night before the meeting, police made some arrests for open con-

tainer violations in the area of the park, the police chief said.

Garone said last year there were problems in the neighborhood involving speeders and reckless drivers. In addition, groups of teens gathered in the park, sometimes unlawfully, he said.

He said, "Last year there we had a lot of problems in that general neighborhood with speeding vehicles, reckless vehicles, people gathering in the park."

Garone added that it's alright for people to assemble in the park, as long as they aren't violating the law.

Cameras send a feed from the two parks to the

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## Town's Marketing Budget Discussed by Town Council

HUNTER MCGEE  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Councilors discussed the possibility of adding "seed" money to the marketing budget during a recent budget review meeting.

Councilors discussed the marketing spending plan and seed money to help with various projects during a budget meeting on April 25.

Derry's proposed Fiscal Year 2018 budget stands at about \$47 million, representing about a five percent increase over last year, according to officials.

Along with various other departments, the spending plan also funds the economic development office, with a new a full-time coordinator and a continuing contract with Buxton Retail Recruitment Services and other

expenses, Caron said.

The Council members voted at their March 7 meeting to appoint Anne Struthers to the position of economic development coordinator.

She began work in late March and receives an annual salary of \$83,679.

In addition to hiring an economic development coordinator, councilors late last year agreed to hire Buxton Marketing to help recruit retailers to Derry.

To help offset the Derry tax rate, which is one of the highest in the state, councilors have been exploring ways to generate tax revenue and help develop the local economy.

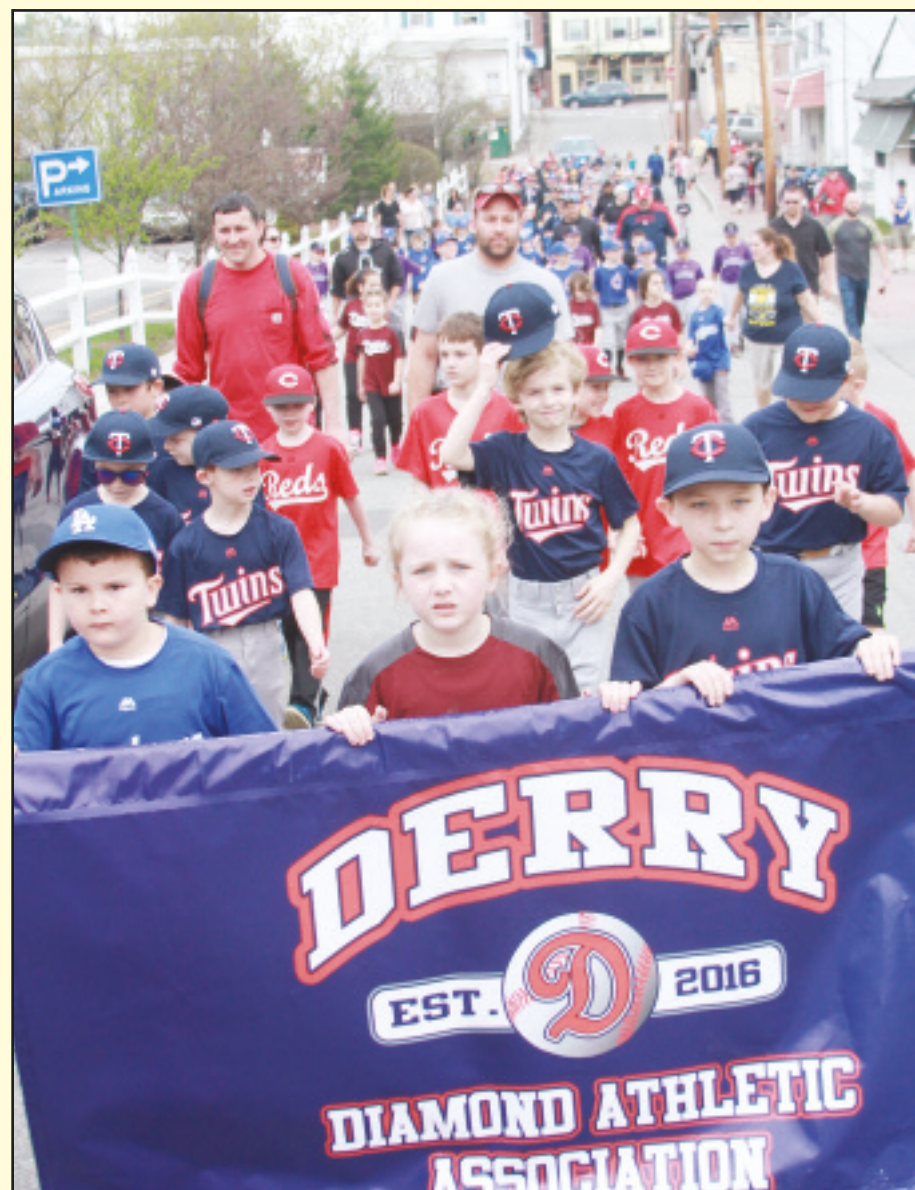
The agreement calls for the town to pay \$50,000 for the first year, with the option to hire Buxton for the remaining two-years of the

contract. The agreement also offers the possibility of engaging Buxton to develop a hotel feasibility study at a one-time cost of \$10,000. All 2017 costs will be funded by from the FY 2017 economic development budget, according to officials.

In the meeting, Town Administrator David Caron said at the outset of discussion that the consensus was to not add any more funds to the overall appropriation that will fund the marketing and community development budgets.

"Being a new program this year we feel comfortable with the overall appropriation with that department, recognizing we may have to transfer money from line item to line item to meet our priority needs," Caron

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**BOYS AND GIRLS OF SPRING** Baseball and Softball teams march down Railroda Avenue on Saturday morning to kickoff the beginning of the Derry Little League season. Teams made their way from MacGregor Park to O'Hara Field where they held their opening ceremony. Red Star Twirlers, the Fire department and Veterans led the way. See more photos on page 8. Photo by Chris Paul

## Derryfest Committee Seeks Volunteers for Annual Event

HUNTER MCGEE  
NUTFIELD NEWS

With half of the available booths already reserved, plans are progressing for Derryfest, according to organizers.

The community festival is scheduled be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 28 in MacGregor Park.

"Derryfest continues to

be an exciting celebration of our town's cooperative spirit and kinship," Derryfest Committee member Michael Gendron said.

In its 28th year, Derryfest needs volunteers to help in certain areas, according to organizers.

To help with some specific needs, Gendron said volunteers are needed in:

Field Lining Team Members; Photography/Archive and Fundraising Team.

Gendron said the committee is looking for volunteers who can commit to helping out at the festival.

Volunteers are needed to head up the fundraising team during Derryfest and oversee raffles and other

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# Three New Derry Police Officers Sworn In During Ceremony

HUNTER MCGEE  
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With family members and friends looking on, three new Derry police officers were sworn in recently during a ceremony at the Derry Municipal Center.

Officers Kevin Davies, Timothy Chiesa and Tyler Daniel each raise their right hand to take the oath before Derry police Capt. George Feole on April 28 in a ceremony in the Municipal Center. Feole stepped in for Derry Police Chief Edward Garone, who had laryngitis, according to officials.

Daniel grew up in Taunton, Massachusetts with his parents Marie and Stephen and his sister Andrea. He attended Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical High

School, according to information provided by police. Following high school, he went to Curry College for one year and later transferred to Plymouth State University where he majored in criminal justice with a minor in sociology and anthropology.

Following graduation in 2014, he began working for the Campton Police Department as a part-time officer and attended the 267th Part-Time Police Academy. After working for about a year, he took a job with the University of New Hampshire Police Department and graduated from the 167th Full-Time Police Academy, according to police.

Following two years in the UNH Police Department, Daniel decided to begin working for the Derry Police Department and

began field training on April 23, according to police.

A native of Derry, Davies lives with his parents Kelly and Wes and younger sister Katie, according to information provided by police. He attended Pinkerton Academy, where he was a standout athlete and was named the New Hampshire Football Player of the year in his senior year. He is currently in his fourth year as a coach at Pinkerton, having coached at the youth level since his freshman year.

In addition, he is a military police officer with the New Hampshire Army National Guard, where he currently serves as a team leader. He will be part of the 173rd New Hampshire Full-Time Police Academy, which begins on May 1, with an anticipated graduation date of Aug. 18, 2017.



Officers Kevin Davies, Timothy Chiesa and Tyler Daniels each raise their right hand to take the oath before Derry police Capt. George Feole, left, last week in a ceremony in the Municipal Center. Feole stepped in for Derry Police Chief Edward Garone, who had laryngitis, according to officials.

Courtesy Photo

And Chiesa grew up in Dracut, Massachusetts with his parents Mary and John and his older brother Jason. He graduated from Dracut High School.

Following graduation from high school, he attended Bentley College in

Waltham, Mass., where he graduated on the dean's list with a degree in accounting and taxation.

Prior to making a career change, Chiesa worked in the field of accounting and taxation. During his free time, Chiesa enjoys sports,

especially ice skating and golf, according to the information provided by police.

Chiesa will be part of the 173rd New 90 Hampshire Full-Time Police Academy, which starts May 1 with an anticipated graduation date of Aug. 18, 2017.

## Derryfest

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activities.

In addition, a photographer is needed to capture the fun and excitement of Derryfest throughout the day for the committee to use in future marketing according to organizers. And volunteers are also being sought for the field lining team.

While volunteers are being sought, plans are progressing for Derryfest 2017.

During the recent Derryfest Committee meeting, it was announced that 65 booths have already been reserved for the festival. With a maximum capacity of 130 booths at Derryfest, exactly half of the available booths have already been

reserved, Gendron said.

He added, "Our entertainment schedule is coming together quite well."

This year, along with, traditional presentations from the community's music, dance, baton twirling and theater groups, Derryfest will feature the Wildlife Encounters Animal Show. In addition, a mini zoo will be set up all day.

Gendron said the headlining performance of the day will be the Blue Brothers Next Generation tribute show, "featuring the high energy soul and blues music of the iconic Blues Brothers. They look and sound just like Jake & Elwood Blues made famous by John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd from SNL. They'll even be bringing their Bluesmobile

as part of the show."

Also new this year, fun and exciting new games will be available in the games section, Gendron said. Balloon twisting artist Joe Tombarello of Silly Solutions will be sculpting balloon animals free of charge for all children attending Derryfest all day long in the games section. He will also be featured performing "some amazing balloon magic right on the main stage as well," Gendron said.

And also new this year, Derryfest will feature a new event, "Derry After Dark," after the sun sets.

Andy Day, owner of Cask & Vine gastropub and producer of the event, has "assembled an amazing array of Breweries and

Eateries for the public to sample as we completely close down Manning St.," Gendron said.

Not far from the Municipal Center, Manning Street will be closed from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the beer festival.

Also new this year, even the online process for registering and purchasing a booth for the festival has been simplified, Gendron said. But because space is extremely limited at MacGregor Park, Derryfest organizers must screen prospective vendors before they begin that process.

Prospective booth vendors should request a booth by emailing the committee at vendorbooths@derryfest.org. Once reviewed, Derryfest officials would then send the link to the vendor, Gendron said.

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# Welfare Liens Discussed At Derry Town Budget Meeting

HUNTER MCGEE  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Seeking possible pay-back options, councilors discussed welfare liens owed to the town at an April 25 budget meeting.

Following a discussion with Human Services Administrator Jill Jamro, councilors agreed to hold a future workshop before deciding what to do with the 58 welfare liens.

A welfare lien is record-

ed once assistance is rendered to a resident, Jamro said. Once assistance is rendered, interest accrues at the rate of 6 percent annually. The lien stays on the property indefinitely until it is sold or refinanced, Jamro said.

Officials can't call the lien due if the recipient is still living in the house, Jamro said. So, welfare liens tend to stay on a property longer than tax liens, Jamro said.

"It's not like a tax lien

where you could only owe it for a couple of years," Jamro said. "So human service liens tend to stay on longer.

The council does have the authority to waive the interest on the liens, Town Administrator David Caron said.

When asked by Councilor Richard Tripp, Caron said the council has the authority to waive interest for individuals or in a blanket manner.

"My only word of cau-

tion is to whatever policy you may adopt in that respect it should be applied universally," Caron said. "So if it's at an income level or an age level it's got to be applied uniformly to all the applicants."

Under questioning from councilors, Jamro said most of the liens listed are for human service payments to third party vendors. So, the actual client didn't receive the funds, she said.

Residents who received

assistance have up to a year to the pay the loan back what is owed without interest, according to officials.

Councilor Jim Morgan said the fundamental problem with welfare liens is that the interest rate is five times the prime rate. He cited one lien from the list dating back to 2004 in which the initial principal balance was \$17,95, but interest had accrued to \$19,270.

Morgan said the interest rate is five times the prime lending rate, making pay-back extremely difficult.

"These folks have no chance of paying this thing off because the interest just accrues at such a huge rate," Morgan said.

Under further questioning, Jamro said most of the liens on the list are anomalies. Before beginning her current job, Jamro said she worked for three years for the City of Manchester's welfare department. In that

case, she said Manchester didn't have any liens that dated as far back as Derry's liens.

Human service assistance isn't meant to be long-term and so "these are probably anomalies to have liens on here that are so long," Jamro said.

Councilors agreed wait to gather more information on the liens and hold a future workshop.

Councilor Joshua Bourdon said it would be helpful to have notes of conversations between officials and residents from the files on the liens at the workshop. By reviewing the notes, Bourdon said councilors might then be able to see if residents were trying to pay the liens back or instead ignoring requests from the town for payback.

"That would be helpful; have they ignored us for eight years or not," Bourdon said.

## Councilors To Discuss Abandoned Home

HUNTER MCGEE  
NUTFIELD NEWS

An abandoned house at 148 Goodhue Road that is dilapidated and represents a safety hazard, would be demolished under a plan councilors are considering.

At press time, Councilors were scheduled to consider the plan at their May 2 meeting.

Administrators learned of the house through a complaint filed in November after the property became abandoned, according to a staff report prepared by Assistant Building Inspector Robert Wentworth.

The complaint was made regarding the condition of the structure and because of garbage being dumped on the site, Wentworth said.

"Since November the structure has rapidly deteriorated as a result of being abandoned," Wentworth said.

He went on to say that the house is in a serious state of failure and has become an eyesore and a public safety hazard. Wentworth said a portion of the rear wall has fallen to ground and the adjoining wall is soon to follow, which will leave the roof system unsupported. In addition the floor, the interior ceiling systems have collapsed into the crawlspace, making the situation worse, he said.

Officials have sent emails and tried calling the

mortgage holder's agent but have received little or no response, Wentworth said.

The staff report seeks the council's authorization to have the house demolished and removed at a cost of approximately \$8,000, according to an informal demolition estimate.

All costs related to securing the property will be placed in a real estate lien against the property, according to officials.

In other agenda items, at press time councilors were

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# Editorial

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Whatever transpires, these newspapers will remain locally owned and locally produced. Whatever the office address may be, wherever we are, we’re here for you.

# Letters

## Subdivision

### Letter to the Editor

I am writing to express my displeasure in the process to subdivide the lot at 154 Hampstead Road, Derry. Primarily, I am disappointed with the Zoning Board of Adjustment for allowing the subdivision. The biggest problem was the circumvention of the zoning ordinance that requires 150 feet of frontage on a lot by creating a shared driveway. The developer purchased the property with full knowledge of the ordinance and then requested a variance

based on ‘hardship’. A developer purchasing property with full knowledge of the limitations of a lot and then trying to maximize their profit by dividing the lot does not create a hardship. The variance was heard and rejected once by the board and then the developer hired a lawyer and appealed the rejection. None of the facts changed, but when reheard, the board approved the variance, reasoning that they had acted hasty and this would provide ‘substantial fairness’ to the developer. If this is how the zoning board works, then

Derry might as well disband the zoning board, rip up the ordinances, and declare open season on development. Given that Derry is trying to slow development, maybe the Zoning Board should be reminded of purpose of zoning ordinances and valid reasons for providing variances. Currently, Derry spends a lot of money purchasing conservation land. A lot of money could be saved; by just enforcing the zoning laws and take advantage of the existing open space.

Herb Goodrich  
Derry

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## Hyla Brook Poetry Series Starts May 18 at Frost Farm

PENNY WILLIAMS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

For area poetry lovers, the Hyla Brook Reading Series is an important and exciting event each summer. Now in its ninth season at the Robert Frost Farm, it is about to start a new season.

The kick-off event features poet Daniel Brown and Hyla Poet Paula Mahon d’Entremont will get things underway on May 18 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Frost Farm

Kyle Potvin, Hyla Brook member said, “Brown’s poems have appeared in Poetry, Partisan Review, PN Review, Parnassus, The New Criterion and other journals, as well as a number of anthologies including Poetry 180 (ed. Billy Collins) and The Swallow Anthology of New American Poetry (ed. David Yezzi). His work has been awarded a Pushcart prize, and his collection Taking the Occasion won the New Criterion Poetry Prize. A new collection, What More?, is out from Orchises Press.

Brown’s criticism has appeared in The Harvard Book Review, Parnassus, Contemporary Poetry Review, Partisan Magazine, and The New Criterion. His Why Bach? is an online appreciation of the composer. Brown studied musical composition and musicology at Cornell University, holds a Masters in Musicology from Cornell, and taught music history and theory at Cornell and Dartmouth College. He lives in Baldwin, New York.”

Paula Mahon d’Entremont of Derry, will also be reading at the opening event.

The season also features appearances by Rhina P. Espallat (June 16), David Surette (July 13), Jenna Le (Aug. 10), and Meredith Bergmann (Sept. 14). The series will be held in the Frost Farm located at 122 Rockingham Rd (Rt. 28). It is free and open to the public and an Open Mic session follows the readings, and all audience members are invited to share their work.

According to Potvin, the

June reading highlights the winner of the Annual Frost Farm Prize for metrical poetry, and is the kickoff event for the 3rd Annual Frost Farm Poetry Conference taking place June 16-18, 2017. This conference offers two days of intense instruction by award-winning poets, including Brown and Espallat, in addition to Midge Goldberg, A.M Juster and Len Krisak. Deborah Warren is the 2017 Frost Farm Poet in Residence and will provide individual critiques and chair a panel, “Publishing Your Poetry.”

Starting in May, the Hyla Brook Poets’ monthly writing workshop will meet on the third Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at its summer home at the Frost Farm. Under the leadership of Robert W. Crawford, Derry Poet Laureate, Frost Farm Poetry’s mission is to support the writing and reading of poetry, especially metrical poetry. The Hyla Brook Poets started in 2008 as a monthly poetry workshop.

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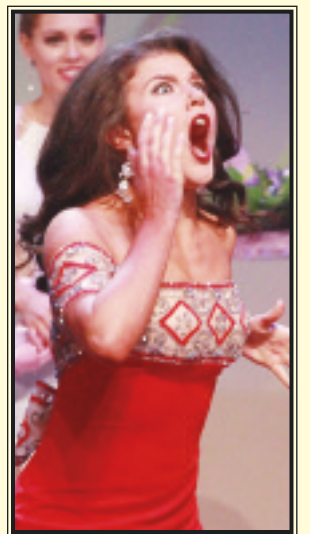
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# Miss Auburn, Lauren Percy Crowned Miss New Hampshire 2017



Lauren Percy, a 23 year old graduate student at Columbia University Teachers College, in New York City was crowned Miss New Hampshire 2017 and received a \$15,000 scholarship award during the 71st crowning at the Stockbridge Theatre in Derry on Saturday, April 29. A native of Bow, Lauren performed a Contemporary Ballet en Pointe to "America" from West Side Story during the talent phase of competition.

Percy will spread awareness about her personal platform "Reach Higher: Making Higher Education Possible" around the state over the next year and in Atlantic City, N.J. in September when she competes for Miss America.

First runner-up in the competition

was Miss Seacoast, Sarah Tubbs, of Sandown who earned a \$4,500 scholarship. Second runner-up honors and a \$3,500 scholarship was awarded to Miss Rockingham County, Delaney Mastin. Third runner-up in the competition was Miss Weirs Beach, Brooke Mills, who earned a \$3,000 scholarship. Fourth runner-up honors and a \$2,500 scholarship was awarded to Miss Hooksett, Grace Orfao. The remaining Top 12 contestants each received a \$1,500 scholarship with the remaining 16 contestants earning a \$1,300 scholarship.

Local resident, Mariah Larocque, made it to the top eight contestants during the final night of competition on Saturday evening.



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# Pinkerton Video Student Wins High School Honors Emmy

MELISSA BETH RUIZ  
NUTFIELD NEWS

In May of last year, students of Pinkerton Academy Video Production Teacher, Chris Lord, took home gold and silver medals for the Skills USA State competition in a 48-hour film contest.

Hampstead Native and Pinkerton Academy Video Production student, Taylor-Rae Lancaster, was among these students, winning silver alongside Chester native, Oriana Theokas, for their collaboration, "Forward by Midnight."

After taking second at the Skills USA competition, another short film was entered for consideration by the National Academy of Television Arts and Science for a High School Regional Emmy. Lancaster, the director, went home the winner of the Student Honors Emmy for Best Directing. In addition to his

honor, the winning film also nabbed runners up honors for best animation and best short film for the Boston/New England Chapter.

"Sketchy", the film in question, is about a girl named Willow who aspires to attend art school, with the ultimate dream of becoming an artist. However, she feels that she will never be able to achieve this dream, and considers giving up on art altogether. Thankfully, the characters she has drawn are there to lift her up and make sure that she doesn't go through with giving up on her vision, regardless of the challenges, and encourage her to go after her dream.

Lancaster worked on "Sketchy" with students Sarah Pilotte, Lilia Ross, and Adam Bohorquez, who Lancaster said helped her with animation and logistics of the story. Lancaster wrote, directed, and came up

for the idea for the film.

"I got the idea because I like the idea of characters coming to life," Lancaster explained, "I myself want to go to art school, and struggle with the issue of not being able to push myself because of the stigma, or don't feel good enough, so I just thought I'd put that to use."

The film incorporates live action and animated characters, and according to Lord, students were graded on camera quality and technique, script and editing, and were required to incorporate "dolly", "steadicam", and "slider" shots. He mentioned that students are assigned work where various skills must be implemented, but they can use creative agency to shape the project into things they are passionate about.

According to Lord, Pinkerton Academy has only been entering films for

consideration to the NATAS for two years. In addition to the Best High School Directing Emmy, the class has also won Regional Emmy's for Best High School Photography and Best High School Public Service Announcement.

Lord mentioned that all of his level one and two students produce projects for the New Hampshire High School film festival, among other major projects, and that he invites students with "exemplary pieces" to enter their work for further regard.

When asked about "Sketchy", Lord said that he thought the film was "brilliant", and that, "It had a great message and was really well written, shot, and edited. Taylor Rae was an absolute pleasure to have in my classroom. I loved discussing and critiquing her projects and seeing what steps she would take to perfect her art. Adam, who did

much of the animation for the project, was also amazing. I loved working with him and seeing the creative and unique artistic vision he would bring to projects assigned."

Lancaster is a 2016 home school graduate, and had attended Pinkerton Academy full time for her freshman and sophomore year. During her senior year, she returned to Pinkerton Academy strictly for electives, such as Video Production. She mentioned that she is currently taking a gap year in Florida to work and continue her art. The college she has her heart set on is CalArts in California, which according to Lancaster requires a prestigious portfolio to be considered, which she does not currently feel she would be able to produce yet, but she has not ruled it out.

Lancaster said she has been making films since she


was 12 years old, and has been posting her work on the website, YouTube, for a number of years. She said that she has always had a passion for creating stories in film and animation.

"I love writing a story and characters, and if that comes in the form of film or drawing, I love them both."

Lord mentioned that on May 25th Lancaster will receive a glass statue from the Academy at an awards luncheon at WGBH in Boston. He also said that later this year they will find out if her film will be nominated for national consideration in the directing category.


To see more of Lancaster's work, visit her YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/user/LightStudioz](http://www.youtube.com/user/LightStudioz), and Tumblr page at <http://light-goesrawr.tumblr.com/>

To see "Sketchy", visit the following link: <https://vimeo.com/161095367>



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# Charter School Funding Remaining The Same Due To Budget Failure

ALEX GUITTARR  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Concern over charter schools have once again been drawn into the public eye, but not for reasons that most are used to.

Due to the house failing to pass a budget in the beginning of April, the New Hampshire Alliance for Public Charter Schools sent out a news letter on April 14, highlighting the legislation that would have increased aid to pupils in charter schools in the state and the fact that it was ignored due to the failing budget.

The house budget, failing for the first time since the 1960's, was seemingly caused by a desire by Republicans to make major cuts to the budget and a lack

of democratic support due to a lack of funding to drug and alcohol abuse relief, no full-day kindergarten and changes in benefits for retired state employees. It was defeated 177-169, minus 32 Republican holdouts, and the unaffected budget will pass onto the senate.

As a result, no changes will be made to the funding going towards charter school students. Under current law, each student from 1 to 12 grade will receive \$6,735.82, but under the now-defeated legislation, funding per student would increase by \$250 by 2018 and \$350 the following year.

According to the news letter, Senate President Chuck Morse has been a long-time champion for charter schools and hopes to

continue on the budget and working on funding towards these schools.

The news letter also noted that Governor Sununu's budget proposal also featured a large increase in funds towards student aid. The proposal would discontinue the static funding formula currently used for

funding, instead having the aid amounts at 48.5% for 2018 and gradually rising to 50% in 2019, leading to an increase of over \$950 per student.

Charter schools have been a point of controversy for many people over the last couple of years. The schools are independently

run, publically funded operations that are sometimes operated by for-profit companies. Many issues have been raised over the independent nature of the schools when it comes to hiring unionized teachers and not having to take orders from local school districts, not to mention inconsistent

data concerning testing scores and performance. None the less, enrollment has increased to 2.5 million students nationwide since 2014.

The state budget is set to be finalized by June, with the issue of charter school funding hanging in the air until then.

## Changes Made For Greater Derry's Got Talent

HUNTER MCGEE  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Moving the preliminary round back the week before this year's Derryfest is one of the changes set for the upcoming Greater Derry's Got Talent, according to organizers.

"Greater Derry's Got Talent is happening once again this year as the excit-

ing kick off to a great Derryfest Weekend featuring some of the areas most talented performers," said Michael Gendron, of the Derryfest Committee.

There is a preliminary round on Saturday, Sept. 2 and the finals take place the night before Derryfest on Friday, Sept. 15.

With the return of the event, some changes have been made to help contestants, said Mark Berglund, vice president and a trustee with the Greater Derry Art's Council.

Traditionally, the Greater Derry's Got Talent Preliminary round took place on the Saturday afternoon prior to Derryfest with the Final Round taking place the evening before Derryfest,

Berglund said.

"This year we still have the Final Round the evening before Derryfest but we are moving the Preliminary Round back a week," Berglund said. "This will give contestants an extra week to change and rehearse a new number for the Finals if they wish."

Moving the Preliminary back also required organizers to move the audition dates back. This year the audition dates are Tuesday, Aug. 22 and Wednesday Aug. 23 at Dance Progressions, 109 Hillside Avenue in Londonderry, Berglund said.

"Because this is a popular vacation time for many, we can be flexible," he said. "There is no guarantee that we will be able to accommodate anyone outside of the dates listed but we will do what we can."

The fee remains as it has been in previous years, \$15 per person/per act but this year a cap of \$90 per act has been set.

All the info for this year's competition is available to the public on the Greater Derry Arts Council's websites: [www.derrysarts.org/gdgt.htm](http://www.derrysarts.org/gdgt.htm) and [www.derryoperahouse.com](http://www.derryoperahouse.com).

## Budget

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said. "So it will be a testing process throughout the year but we are comfortable with the overall appropriation."

All of the councilors seemed in agreement except for Councilor Neil Wetherbee. Wetherbee said he would be more comfortable, if it could be found, to put some "seed money" in the budget that could be added this year that could be needed for various projects that could arise in future years, he said.

He added, "If you put \$10,000 in this year and you need \$30,000 in it next year,

it's just that much less that's already been established that you have to come up with."

Councilor Joshua Boudon said he thought that if they could find money that could be available this year they should hold on to it and wait to use it next year.

Councilor Jim Morgan said he thought instead of adding an appropriation at once, the council could use supplemental appropriations on an as-needed basis.

"I kind of like the idea of not having the money in because I would rather have the project brought before us as an individual line item to be voted on, rather than just have

money in a taxpayer account that somebody can spend at their will," Morgan said.

The potential marketing projects that could involve websites and marketing materials that are going to be project based at a cost of about \$2,000 each.

"So it's going to probably be 15 \$2,000 projects, not one big \$30,000 project," he said.



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# Derry Little League Gets Season Going With Annual Parade



CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The weather and the turnout was excellent on Saturday morning, April 29, when the Derry Little League got its 2017 season officially going following its annual parade that marched down Broadway to Railroad Avenue being lead by Red Star Twirlers, members of the Derry Fire Department and the VFW Post 1617 Color Guard.

The youth hardball league had its Single A, Double A, and Triple A players - with a handful of senior players as well - march in the parade from MacGregor Park over to O'Hara Field

to hold the much-anticipated, season-opening ceremonies.

"It was a great turnout, and the black flies came along too," joked Derry Little League treasurer Heather Zikmanis. "But it was a really good turnout."

Members of the Derry fire and police departments threw out ceremonial first pitches.

There were an estimated 125 major league marchers, nearly 70 players from the Triple A level who marched, nearly 30 from Double A who took part, and another 10 from the Single A level who made the ceremonial trek from MacGregor Park to O'Hara Field.

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# DERRY SPORTS

## Astro Laxmen Keep Record Perfect at 9-0 With Defeat of BG

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Decisive victories over a New Hampshire opponent and a Massachusetts adversary last week enabled the Pinkerton Academy boys' lacrosse squad to bounce its 2017 record up to a perfect 8-0. And then came a much-anticipated rematch of the 2016 Division I title battle with the Bishop Guertin Cardinals of Nashua in the Gate City to begin this week.

The Astros drove their 2017 record up to a glittering 7-0 with a 12-5 trouncing of the visiting Souhegan High Sabers from Amherst in Derry last Thursday, April 27.

At halftime of that battle

the hosts held a commanding 8-1 lead, scoring four times in each of the first two quarters of play while holding Souhegan scoreless in the first of those.

Pinkerton led 11-3 at the close of three periods, and the Sabers managed to outscore their hosts by a 2-1 tally in the final stanza to reach the final 12-5 score.

Sophomore standout Ryan Auger led the powerful Pinkerton offense with an eight-point game which included three goals and five assists. Chad Teresky added four goals and two assists for six total points, and Mason Drouin was good for two scores.

The winning side also received a goal and an assist from Chris Valentine, and

single goals from Tom Sweeney and Connor Delea. The locals got six saves from Alex Sturgess and three from Jack Sweeney as that duo shared time in the Pinkerton net.

Two days later the Astros were out on the road in Longmeadow, Mass., from whence the locals returned with a pleasing 13-7 victory.

The host Bay State bunch led 1-0 after one period, but the Astros outscored their hosts by a 4-3 tally in the second quarter to leave the match count deadlocked at 4-4 at halftime.

However, Pinkerton outscored the Massachusetts side by a huge, 6-1 tally in the third period to collect a 10-5 lead. And veteran coach Brian O'Reilly's PA

crew outscored its host by a 3-2 margin in quarter four in tucking the win away.

Goalie Sturgess was good for 11 stops in the victory, and the potent offense was paced by a nine-point performance from Auger (five goals, four assists).

Teresky contributed three goals and a helper, Delea was good for a goal and two helpers, and Valentine and Tom Sweeney each scored once and assisted once. Nate Laliberte and Drouin each potted one goal, Gennaro Marra set up two goals, and Sam Goudreault and Owen McCormack each notched one assist.

Then came the rematch of the 2016 - and the last four Division I championship matches - between Pinkerton and BG in Nashua on Monday May 1, with both squads stepping into play with perfect records.

The Astros' record remained perfect and Guertin's slipped a notch after the visiting academy side bagged a



Pinkerton freshman laxman Nate Laliberte sprints just ahead of a Souhegan player for the ball during heated play last week.  
*Photo by Chris Pantazis*

7-5 victory which featured Valentine and Teresky each dealing out one. Goalie Sweeney, Teresky, and Sturgess was good for 11 Drouin, and one from Auger. Auger also dished out two assists, with Chris

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## Astro Spikers Advance to 7-1

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Following a lengthy break from competition, the Pinkerton Academy boys' volleyball squad got itself back on the winning path with a pleasing 3-0 blanking of the Salem High Blue Devils in Derry on Monday, May 1.

The Astros hadn't played since April 21, when their

perfect 6-0 record was blemished by a loss to the Andover (Mass.) High School contingent. But rested and ready, the PA crew hammered the visiting Blue Devils soundly in shutout fashion at the start of this week, winning the three games by lopsided scores of 25-17, 25-13, and 25-14.

Senior star and captain Cobi Moore made some history by tallying 18 assists,

the 15th of which was the 1,000th of Moore's high school volleyball career. He also notched six kills and six digs. Ty Behsman contributed nine kills, Sean Galusha was good for six kills, and Matt Fabrizio claimed five blocks.

The PA team have a home match against Londonderry this Friday in Beeman Trophy competi-

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# Pinkerton Softball Squad Sees Win Streak End, Then Rebounds



Alyssa DiMauro was right on this pitch during recent Pinkerton softball action. Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

After winning four consecutive games and pushing its 2017 record up to a pretty stellar 5-1, the Pinkerton Academy softball team had that winning streak end.

However, coach Kristen Abbott's Lady Astros returned to the winning path in their next game, pounding a Manchester opponent by double digits.

The winning skein stopped in Derry against the Concord High Crimson Tide last Thursday, April 27, with the state capital squad heading home with a 6-1 victory.

Concord's five-run second inning made all the difference in the contest, with Pinkerton managing just a single marker in the fourth frame in its comeback effort.

The Tide bashed out

some 14 hits against two Pinkerton pitchers, with the hosts tallying eight hits including a pair off of the bat of Carrie St. Peter.

But the Manchester Central Green then had to deal with any and all frustration the Lady Astros felt when Pinkerton and Central met up in Derry the next afternoon, Friday the 28th.

The hosts pounded their way to a 12-0 victory, winning via the 10-run rule after just five innings worth of play had been completed.

Pinkerton busted a scoreless tie with three runs in the second, three more in the third, five in the fourth, and one more in the fifth.

The winning side hammered out some 19 hits, with St. Peter, Caitlin Hogan, Alyssa DiMauro, and Briahna Janulewicz each bashing three and Makayla

Bolduc and Jess Nardoza each slapping two.

St. Peter drove in three runs and Hogan and Nardoza each drove in two. And St. Peter also tallied the pitching win, hurling all five innings and allowing just three hits while striking out three batters.

The academy side then entered this week looking at getting a fresh winning streak rolling, playing a Monday home game against the Dover High Green Wave.

And the Lady Astros were all kinds of successful in the Monday contest, scoring 11 runs in one inning in pasting the Green Wave by a 17-4 tally.

The Pinkerton lead sat at a modest 6-4 after five frames had been completed, and the hosts kicked the 10-run rule into effect by scor-

ing those huge 11 runs in the latter half of the sixth.

The victorious locals bashed out some 15 total hits, with Hogan smacking out three hits and driving in three runs, Abby Amato lacing three hits and notching two RBI, and Nicole Gonya and St. Peter each drilling two hits. DiMauro stroked one hit and drove in a total of five runs. And St. Peter notched another pitching win with more strong work in the circle.

The Lady Astros then found themselves staring at a schedule through the remainder of this week which had them playing host to several opponents on their home diamond.

First it was Keene Wednesday - after Nutfield News press time - then Londonderry this Friday the 5th in Beeman Trophy play.

## Astros, Lancers Playing For Beeman Trophy in Derry Friday

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy grasps a 2-0 lead in the early stages of the 2017 Beeman Trophy games between the spring varsity sports teams from Pinkerton Academy and Londonderry High. But there's still a whole lot of

intense competition to come this Friday, May 5 when Beeman Trophy play continues in earnest in Derry.

There will be seven varsity athletic events taking place on the campus of Pinkerton that day, with possession of the Beeman Trophy and the bragging rights which come with that

award lying in the balance.

The PA Astros snagged their 2-0 lead back on Tuesday, April 18 by collecting girls' and boys' track and field victories over at Londonderry High.

This Friday's action commences with tennis play at 3:30 on the Pinkerton courts behind Pinkerton's Stockbridge Theater.

Both baseball and soft-

ball will get rolling on their respective fields at 4, boys' volleyball (in the Hackler Gymnasium) and girls' lacrosse (on the PA football field) will commence at 5:30, and the boys' lax match is scheduled to be played under the lights on the Pinkerton football field beginning at 7.

Londonderry last won the Beeman Trophy in 2014,

with Pinkerton going for a three-peat this spring after claiming it in both 2015 and 2016.

The Beeman Trophy games began back in the early 1990's - along with the winter Ball Family Trophy Games - following the success of the Mack Plaque games which were begun in

the fall of 1983.

The Beeman Trophy is named for the beloved Mike Beeman, a Pinkerton grad who both coached and taught at Pinkerton Academy and then Londonderry High before moving to Georgia with his family. He was inducted into the LHS Hall of Fame last fall.

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# Pinkerton Baseball Crew Takes Two Out of Three Decisions

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy baseball squad experienced both the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat on the road last week, stepping into this post-vacation week with a strong 6-2 record.

The Astros clipped a short losing streak at two games by edging the Concord High Crimson Tide by a 2-0 tally in the state

capital Thursday, April 27.

The PA side received excellent pitching from David Unkles and scored single runs in the third and fifth innings in bagging the win and advancing to 5-2 on the still-young campaign.

Unkles went six innings, holding the 3-3 Crimson Tide to just three hits while striking out four. Matt Albetski pitched the seventh and tallied the save.

Pinkerton had to settle

for six hits on the day, with Jacob McGill bashing two of those and Matt Clark collecting one along with one run batted in and two walks. Clark also stole two bases.

The PA crew wound up on the down side of a 6-2 decision to Manchester Central at Gill Stadium on Friday April 28, being held to just three hits after watching the host Little Green race out to a 2-0 lead in the latter half of the first inning.

The Astros sliced that lead in half in the top of the second, but Central got that marker back in the latter half of the fifth to make it a 3-1 game. And that run ended up being the winning run.

Pinkerton trimmed its deficit down to 3-2 by scoring once in the top of the sixth, but the Queen City crew padded its lead impressively with three more runs in the bottom of that frame.

PA starting pitcher Asa

Runge went four innings and held Central to just three hits and two earned runs during that span.

The Astros then strode into this week looking at a challenge against a Dover High team which boasted a 6-1 record.

That game was played in Derry on Monday, the first day of May, and the locals pulled out a 3-2 win in nine innings.

Trailing 1-0 after four

full frames, the Astros scored single runs in the fifth and sixth innings in collecting a 2-1 lead. But the visiting Green Wave knotted the score at 2-2 by scoring once in the top of the seventh.

PA finally won the game in walk-off fashion in the latter half of the ninth frame.

The victorious locals finished up with six hits, with six different players smacking one safety.

## Academy Tracksters Excel in Both Londonderry and Nashua

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's boys' and girls' spring track and field teams enjoyed

what can only be described as overwhelming success at road meets in Londonderry and Nashua last week.

Both of the academy's contingents tallied decisive

wins over their arch-rivals from Londonderry High in the first events of the 2017 Beeman Trophy Games at LHS on Tuesday, April 18. And then on Saturday in the Gate City, both PA crews put forth impressive performances at the 12th Annual Nashua North Invitational.

### BOYS

The Astro males were all kinds of dominant against Londonderry in the Beeman meet, outscoring their hosts by a massive 106-21 tally.

Pinkerton won a dozen events, with Adam Spencer pacing the charge by proving unbeatable in the 110-meter hurdles (time of 15.47 seconds), the 300-meter intermediate hurdles (42.74), and the high jump as well (5 feet, 8 inches).

Pinkerton swept the top three places in the 110 hurdles and the 300 hurdles, and the top two spots in the high jump.

Other victories were Jady Ruimwijk in the 100 dash (11.14), Eduardo Her-

nandez in the 200 (23.57), Kyle Hajj in the 400 (54.74), Calvin Graves in the 800-meter run (2 minutes, 01.50 seconds), Ben Clough in the pole vault (11 feet), John Brooks in the long jump (19'6 1/2"), Colin Bigelow in the javelin (152'3"), and Joron Harrell in the triple jump (41'6 1/4").

The academy males also snared first places in the 4x100 (45.04) and the 4x400 (3:35.26), and the Astros took at least three scoring places in a great many events.

At the North Invitational, the Pinkerton boys claimed no less than eight first places, with individual wins

coming from Nico Buccieri in the 100 (11.29), Ruimwijk in the 200 (22.53), Graves in the 800 (1:59.86), Spencer in the 300 hurdles (42.39), and Bigelow in the javelin (150'8"). The locals also won all three relays.

### GIRLS

While not quite as lopsided as the boys' win over Londonderry in the Beeman meet at LHS, the Lady Astros still beat the host Lady Lancers quite handily, 83-52, on Tuesday the 18th.

Event wins were delivered by Maria Virga in the 100 (12.85) and the 300 hurdles (47.96), Amelia Graves in the 200 (26.69) and the javelin (106'), Britney John-

son in the 800 (2:21.10), Tori Overko in the 1,600 (6:04.22), Hannah Peterson in the 100 hurdles (18:56) and the triple jump (31'5"), Emma Davis in the high jump (4'7"), Hannah Rogers in the long jump (16'8 1/2"), and Adrienne Buccieri in the shot (27'4").

The girls also won the 4x100 (52.76) and tallied numerous place wins.

At the North competition, Pinkerton got wins from Graves in the 400 (58.59) and the javelin (105'7"), Johnson in the mile (5:19.15), Meghan Cross in the freshman/sophomore mile (5:30.48), and Virga in the 100 hurdles (15.70).

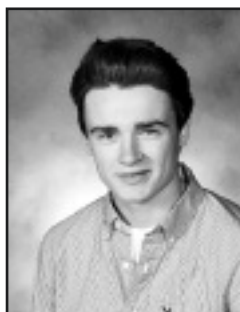
## Athletes of the Week

Week of April 24



**Amelia Graves,**  
Sophomore, Girls'  
Track and Field

At the Nashua North Invitational, this standout won the 400 in a time of 58.59 to bust a 25-year-old PA record, and after that major success she moved on to the javelin and won there with a throw of 105 feet, 7 inches.



**Ryan Auger, Sophomore,**  
Boys' Lacrosse

This major scorer had five goals and assisted on four others against Longmeadow (Mass.) High School to help his team win 13-7. He has been a huge force in the Astros' 8-0 start.

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# Lady Astro Lax Pushes Winning Streak to Four Games

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Division I defending champion Pinkerton Academy girls' lacrosse squad push its winning streak up to four games and its 2017 record to an excel-

lent 6-1 with victories over Dover and Londonderry last week. But the success against the rival Londonderry High Lady Lancers was far more taxing for the academy crew.

The Astros pounded Dover on the seacoast Tuesday,

April 25, handing that host a 20-0 defeat.

Pinkerton got a 11-0 lead at halftime and scored nine more unanswered goals during the second half.

"We dominated play throughout the contest," said coach Rob Danzel. "With 11:33 remaining in the first half, we went a woman-down due to a yellow card. Then due to another infraction, we were down a player for four minutes. But we were able to cause a turnover in their offensive end and kept possession for the four-minute duration to run out the penalty without being scored upon. We also did well avoiding double teams and keeping the ball moving to prevent Dover from gaining possession and having a woman-up advantage in their offensive end."

With the win the team got its first shutout of 2017.

"The low defense was anchored by Carly Young, Emily Sharretts, Emily Wong, and Sidni Deri, helping our goalies gain the shutout," he said.

The PA offense received points from some 10 different sources, with senior standout Avery Drouin pacing the charge with six goals and two assists on an eight-point day.

Lilly Auger was good for five goals and an assist, Dani Tompkins scored twice and dealt out one helper, and Kiley Davis scored twice.

Madison Daziel contributed a goal and an assist to the Pinkerton cause, single goals were netted by Meghan Michaud, Madison Peredna, Hailey Peredna, and Zoe Howe. Lauren Lisauskas managed an assist for the victors, and goalies Dani Martineau and Alex Messitidis combined for three saves.

But the Lady Astros' 6-5 nipping of the hot Londonderry High team at LHS on Friday April 28 was anything but easy, with PA tallying three second half goals to Londonderry's two after the score sat deadlocked at

3-3 at halftime.

Madison Daziel paced her dad's team with two goals and one assist, Drouin scored twice, and Tompkins and Lisauskas each scored once. Meghan Michaud contributed one assist, and goalie Martineau was good for four saves in an extremely tight defensive match.

Lady Lancers' first-year coach Scott Walden was unhappy with his team's time of possession and lack of willingness to battle for possession, seeing this coming Friday night's Beeman Trophy rematch as a chance for his side to do considerably better.

"My defense and goalie played a fantastic game. However, our lack of fight for ground balls at the draw and in the offensive end limited our scoring," said coach Walden. "It hurt us so much that we only really had nine actual offensive possessions. We scored on five of the nine, which is pretty good.

My girls all came off after the game saying they know how much better they are than what they showed at midfield. Our defense and goalie, in my opinion, are the best in the state, and next Friday when the rest of the team comes to play it will be a different result."

For his part, Daziel, a former Londonderry High lacrosse star himself who later starred at New England College, was pleased with his team's ability to come through in the clutch.

"We always seem to have battles when it's the Astros and the Lancers," said the PA coach. "The game came down to who was going to capitalize on their offensive possessions. Fortunately, we were successful enough for the win, but certainly below our statistical average for the season. That's what rivalry games tend to do. Both teams played with a lot of heart."



Senior star Avery Drouin is enjoying a superb final high school lacrosse campaign, leading her PA Lady Astros to all kinds of success. Photo by Chris Pantazis

## Lady Astro Racketeers Clout Keene

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

After dropping three out of four matches and having its 2017 record slip to the .500 mark at 3-3, the Pinkerton Academy girls' tennis team made the long road trip to Keene during the middle of vacation week last week and tallied a lopsided victory.

The Lady Astros

thumped the winless Lady Blackbirds by a 9-0 count on Wednesday, April 26, receiving singles victories from Reiley Reinert (8-2 score), Samantha Donahue (8-5), Michaela Forand (8-1), Julia Farnum (8-4), Whitney O'Brien (8-0), and Sarah Metzger (8-4). With the match victory tucked away at that point, the academy squad went and put the final touches on a wildly-

successful day with doubles successes from the tandems of Reinert and Farnum (8-6), Donahue and Forand (8-0), and Nicole Baron and Sarah Scoville (8-4).

Coach Gerry Rosado and his charges then enjoyed some time off from competitive play before returning to it this Wednesday, May 3, at Nashua High School North after Nutfield News press time.



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Municipal center that is then sent to the police station, according to police. While police don't monitor cameras 24 hours a day, they can go back and check them to become familiar with the pattern of behavior during the early evening and on weekends, he said.

"It's worked well for us in other places," Garone said.

When asked by Councilor Richard Tripp, Garone said the camera can move and scan certain areas. This allows police to monitor the areas for potential crimes.

elsewhere in support of operations between November 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975 will be recognized individually.

## Spiritual Journey to India

On Thursday, May 4 at 7 p.m., at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, in Derry, Peggy Tucker, a NH resident, will give a presentation about her recent two weeks in Southern India living at a Benedictine Ashram. It was the 19th Pilgrimage lead by the Spiritual leader Russill Paul and his wife Asha. There were 30 fellow pilgrims from various religious and spiritual practices on the trip—truly an interfaith group who shared many adventures together. The lecture is free, and open to the public. There will be light refreshments. If you have any questions, please call Dina Micahel Chaitowitz at 235-0258

## LWC Community Toy Swap

The Londonderry Women's Club is holding its 15th Annual Community Toy Swap at Matthew Thornton Elementary on May 13 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Come and buy recycled

"It's pretty disconcerting for the people that may be doing something unlawfully," Garone said.

He gave a scenario where, with no police car in site, a cruiser suddenly drives up and an officer gets out and walks over to someone in a blue shirt. And over the radio comes, 'not that blue shirt, the other blue shirt,'" Garone said.

He added, "The most important thing about the cameras is we can get there and put a stop to things before they get more escalated."

During questioning by Bourdon, Garone said police are more responsive to incidents where cameras are

used items including toys, games, books, and baby equipment. Selling is open to the public - we do the work, you earn the money! Seller registration forms are available at the Londonderry Leach and Derry Public Library; or go to [www.londonderrywomensclub.org/toyswap](http://www.londonderrywomensclub.org/toyswap). Proceeds will be donated to the Community Alliance for Teen Safety (CATS). It's a win, win, win!

## Kids Fish Derby

Derry Lions annual Kids Fish Derby will be taking place at Hood Pond in Derry on May 6, from 8 a.m. until noon. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. There is no charge for entrants although donations are accepted to defray the cost of stocking the pond. Kids from 2-3 years old to age 15 can fish without a license and be eligible for trophies in several fish categories including largest fish and smallest fish. The first 100 participants will receive a ribbon to commemorate their day of fishing. There will be raffles and other assorted giveaways for the kids. Some light refreshments, soda and water will be available

installed. He said police don't always have a car available to be parked in an area but can send an officer over if they see something on camera.

Garone also confirmed when asked by Bourdon that signs are posted at the town's two other parks notifying residents that the area is being monitored. Since parks are public places, residents don't have a reasonable expectation of privacy and the cameras are legal in those instances, Garone said.

Bourdon then brought up a scenario where police monitor footage from 24 hours before and see a drug

at the refreshment stand.

## The Run for Healing.

The 5K Run & 3K Walk is a fun, affordable, family event to be held Sun. May 7 at 2 p.m. at Pinkerton Academy in Derry. \$18 for adults and \$10 for those under 18 years. The number 18 translates to "life" in Hebrew. Sign up at [NH4Israel.org](http://NH4Israel.org) before April 21 for your free t-shirt. See you at the starting line!

## Run for Freedom 5K

On Tuesdays at 6 p.m. and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. from May 9 to July 4, an 8 week program starts designed to help train anyone who has ever wanted to try to run a 5k (3.1 mile) road race. Training starts off slowly and progresses with the goal of running in the Run for Freedom 5k on July 4 in Derry. This is the only known FREE Couch to 5k training program in NH. Receive a free t-shirt to wear during the race as well as a free membership to the Greater Derry Track Club. Please go to [www.gdt-c.org](http://www.gdt-c.org) to register

deal happening.

"Do they have the right to take action?" Bourdon asked.

Garone answered that police do have the right to take action.

In addition, Garone said officers in the Police Department's dispatch center can check parks in town through the monitors.

During questioning by Bourdon, Garone said police are more responsive to incidents where cameras are installed. He said police don't always have a car available to be parked in an area but can send an officer over if they see something on camera.

# National Prescription Drug Take Back Event Held

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Over the weekend police held a drug take back event to help reduce the risk of prescription medicines being misused.

The Derry Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) gave the public its 13 opportunity in seven years to prevent prescription pill abuse and theft by getting rid of potentially dangerous, expired, unused and un-

wanted prescription drugs, according to a news release.

At press time, the results of the program weren't available.

From the last 12 prescription take-back events, The Derry Police Department collected total of 1,288 pounds of prescription drugs, the release said. The events began in 2010.

In addition to the drug take back program, a drug take-back is making a difference in helping reduce the risk of prescription medi-

cines being misused, according to police.

Medicines that remain in medicine cabinets can be stolen, misused and abused, police said.

In addition, rates of prescription drug abuse are soaring along with accidental poisonings and overdoses, according to police.

"I can't speak to other communities, but I will say that every time someone uses our drug take-back box it eliminates the possibility of those drugs being mis-

used by someone," said Derry police Capt. Vern Thomas. "Prior to the box, some of those medicines were disposed of in a different way by their owners and much of them remained in medicine cabinets at the risk of being misused."

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or the take-back event, visit the DEA Office of Diversion Control website at [www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback).



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