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Council Moving Forward With Plans to Demolish Vacant House

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Councilors are moving forward with plans to demolish a vacant and dilapidated house at 148 Goodhue Road that represents a safety hazard, according to officials.

Council members approved a plan at their May 2 meeting, giving the owner of the property until May 12 to remove the structure and bring the property into compliance.

If the house isn't removed within the designated time frame, the town will intervene to bring the property into compliance and the house would be demolished and removed. A lien would

also be placed against the property for any costs and attorney's fees incurred, according to officials.

Administrators learned of the house through a complaint filed in November after the property became abandoned, Assistant Building Inspector Robert Wentworth said during the meeting.

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 in a staff report.

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 to 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 original owner of the property is Ferdinand Dlugosz III, according to officials and property records.

But it is somewhat unclear as to whom currently owns the property, accord-

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Work Progressing on \$2.9 Million Route 28 Waterline Project

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

Construction is continuing this month on a \$2.9 million project to extend water lines along Route 28 and to the Ryan's Hill area where MTBE has been detected in a small number of wells, according to officials.

Crews from American Excavating were scheduled to continue work on Stark Road to complete two drain line replacements and then mainline water main installation on Route 28, according to officials.

So far, the mainline water main and services are fully installed and pressure tested on Frost Road, Lawrence Road, Stark Road, Gervaise Drive and Blunt Drive, according to recent update. The current substantial

completion date is set for October, according to officials.

Working in conjunction with the state, the plan calls for waterlines to be extended along Route 28 and to the Ryan's Hill area where MTBE has been detected in a small number of wells, Deputy Public Works Director Thomas Carrier said.

In addition, new water mains will be installed at such roads as Lawrence and Stark, Public Works Director Michael Fowler said earlier this year.

MTBE was a gasoline additive that has since been banned in New Hampshire. The state of New Hampshire has established an MTBE mitigation Bureau with funds from legal settlements with responsible gasoline providers. With these funds, the New Hampshire Depart-

ment of Environmental Services has agreed to extend the Derry public water system to provide domestic water services to the properties affected by the contamination. Testing performed by the state found the presence of MTBE in a few wells in the Ryan's Hill area.

The testing was then expanded to 148 houses, with six properties found to have MTBE levels over federal drinking water standards, Carrier said. And MTBE was detected in approximately another 10 properties, but at levels lower than the drinking water standards, according to officials.

After the testing, the state approached Derry officials to see if the town would be able to extend

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DERBY DAY The annual Kids Fishing Derby hosted by the Derry Lions Club took place on Saturday morning at Hood Park and despite the damp conditions, participants hauled in a number of fish. Pictured, Logan Cerri and Anthony Dube wait for a bite. See more photos on page 5.

Photos by Chris Paul

Derry Drug Take Back Produces Second-Highest Amount Collected

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

Intended to help reduce the risk of prescription drug misuse, a recent drug take back event has yielded more than 150 pounds of prescription medicines, according to police.

On April 29, 161.8 pounds of prescription drugs was collected from the event that was held at the Derry

Police Department to help prevent prescription medicine misuse, according to figures provided by Capt. George Feole.

"The total collected is the second highest amount ever collected by us and the highest in five years," Feole said. "Impressively, it is almost double what we collected six months ago and almost 100 pounds more than one year ago."

The Derry Police Department worked with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to hold the event, the 13th held in seven years since the program began. It offered the public another opportunity to prevent prescription pill abuse and theft by getting rid of potentially dangerous, expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs, accord-

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Family Promise Organization No Longer Needed

PENNY WILLIAMS
NUTFIELD NEWS

As little as a year and a half ago, the Family Promise of Greater Rockingham County (FPGRC) was running at full capacity, with families on the waiting list, and now there is just one family being helped. Things have changed dramatically and the program will come to a close on June 30.

FPGRC is a local affiliate of a national organization, based in New Jersey. Family Promise has over 200 affiliates in 42 states operating successful Interfaith Hospitality Networks (IHN). Two of these IHN's exist elsewhere in New Hampshire. FPGRC's IHN serves Salem, Derry, and 14 surrounding towns: Atkinson, Auburn, Chester, Danville, Fremont, Hampstead,

Kingston, Londonderry, Newton, Pelham, Plaistow, Raymond, Sandown, and Windham. This is a portion of Rockingham County roughly 20 miles across.

The FPGRC runs an IHN, in which families are housed overnight and fed in participating congregations' buildings on a rotating basis. In the daytime, professional staff at Family Promise's Day Center, located at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road, work with families on the issues that lead to homelessness. Assistance is provided to help them save income and locate jobs and housing. Among the participating congregations are: Calvary Bible Church, Derry; St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Hampstead, with Hampstead Congregational Church, the support congregation; Triumphant Cross

Lutheran Church, Salem; Chester Congregational Baptist Church, with Livestone Church, Chester as the support congregation; St. David's Episcopal Church, Salem and First Congregational Church, Salem - (these two congregations work together as a single host site); Journey Church, Derry; The Rockingham Church, Plaistow with St. Matthew's Church, Sandown, the support congregation; Londonderry Christian Church, Londonderry, with Orchard Christian Fellowship, Londonderry the support congregation; People's United Methodist Church, Fremont with East Kingston United Methodist Church and First Parish Congregational Church of East Derry, support congregations; Rockingham Christian Church, Salem; and, St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Derry.

While Family Promise has been a dedicated labor of love by the people in these various congregations, the program's Board of Direc-

tors has decided that the program will be ending on June 30 of this year. It is an important mission, but it is ending because it is no longer needed, which must be considered a positive. Wayne Trombly, President of the Board of Director notes the unemployment rate in New Hampshire has dropped from 6.7 percent in October 2009 to 2.7 percent in February 2017, the lowest in the U.S.

"As the economy has recovered, we have been struggling over the past year to find eligible families for the program," he said. "It has reached the point where we feel we can no longer justify the financial resources required to cover the fixed costs of the program for staff and office space, nor the sizeable commitment of time that the volunteers so willingly make. Family Promise's Board of Directors is actively seeking ways to refocus our efforts to help vulnerable people in our society. While the need for short-term shelter has

waned, other problems that persist, such as opioid addiction, domestic violence, and hunger, continue to threaten the safety, health, and wellbeing of some Rockingham county residents. We do not know yet where we will find the best fit for our resources and energy, but the Board is committed to finding a worthy and viable alternative way to serve those who struggle to sustain the basics of life."

The one family that is currently in the program is making good progress, and is expected to find housing within the next few weeks, so no current guests will be adversely affected by the closing of the program. There are no pending applications for entrance into Family Promise, and the program will not be accepting new applications effective immediately. Trombly said that the organization will keep all of its members informed as the directors search for a replacement mission. They have

some ideas and are looking for any ideas others may have and welcome input.

If you would like more information or have ideas to offer, please contact one of the Family Promise Board members: Wayne Trombly (president) - tromblyw@comcast.net 603-496-5550; Randy Brown (randybrown1119@gmail.com); Judy Nelson (jnelson@nh-cc.org) 603-893-1971; or, Rick Hartung (richard.hartung@comcast.net).

"Most importantly, thank you for all of your hard work during the 4 years the program has been in operation," he said. "Together, we have helped many families at a particularly low point in their lives and have seen them move on to more stable lives. You should be proud of and celebrate the good we have done for homeless families in Rockingham County. As we move on to the next challenge, we hope we will be able to count on your support."

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Kids Coop Theatre To Present Beauty & The Beast

Kids Coop Theatre is currently rehearsing "Beauty and the Beast" with performances scheduled on May 26 and 27 in the Derry Opera House.

In this "Tale as Old as Time" is the story of Belle, a beautiful and intelligent young woman who feels out of place in her provincial French village. When her father is imprisoned in a mysterious castle, Belle's attempt to rescue him leads to her capture by the Beast, who was long ago trapped in

his gruesome form by an enchantress, according to a press release. The only way for the Beast to become "Human Again" is if he learns to love and be loved in return. Though once a magical rose loses all of its petals, all hope will be lost and he will stay a Beast forever. The enchanted household including beloved characters Lumiere, Cogsworth and Mrs. Potts who watch anxiously as Belle and the Beast grow to understand and befriend one another.

Their feelings grow ever deeper as the clock ticks and petals continue to fall off the enchanted rose... will they confess their love for one another before it is too late?

Beauty and the Beast is Directed by John Rodgers with Music Direction by Devereux Geiger and Choreography by Mari Frederique-Streitburger. The 44-member cast features children ages 8 to 18 from Derry, Londonderry, Hampstead, Hudson, Milford, Sandown, Salem and Wind-

ham, as well as Lawrence, MA, the press release said.

Beauty and the Beast will be performed May 26 at 7 p.m. and May 27 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the historic Derry Opera House, 29 West Broadway, Derry, NH. All tickets are \$14 and are available at www.kids-coop-theatre.org.

Discounted group tickets are available for groups of 10 or more for the Saturday matinee only and include a meet and greet with the cast and crew.

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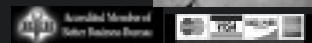


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NEWWA Encourages Drinking Water Appreciation

"Your Water - To Know It Is To Love It." This is the theme of Drinking Water Week 2017.

Drinking Water Week has been a unique opportunity for both water professionals and communities for over 35 years to come together and recognize the vital role water plays in all of our day-to-day lives.

The NEWWA is a non-profit, independent, member-driven organization dedicated to serving the region's water works professionals and the public interest. It is the oldest and most active regional water works association in the United States. For more than a century, the NEWWA has worked to improve and sustain public

water supplies, protect public health and safety, and advance the water supply profession.

"This year's Drinking Water Week will motivate water consumers to be actively aware of how they personally connect with water," said AWWA Chief Executive Officer David LaFrance. "We should all know how to find and fix leaks, care for our home's pipes, and support our utility's investment in water infrastructure."

The New England Water Works Association (NEWWA), American Water Works Association (AWWA) will celebrate Drinking Water Week by focusing on ways in which consumers can take

personal responsibility in caring for their tap water and water infrastructure at home and in the community.

Particularly with the threat of drought still hanging over community members' heads, despite the healthy amount of precipitation these past few months, is still a must. Knowing water, one of our most important resources, is the best way to make sure it is conserved.

One way to help conserve water is to promptly address and fix leaks. To test for leaks, homeowners and landlords can shut off everything connected to water and inspect the property's flow indicator on the water meter. If the indicator keeps mov-

ing with everything off, there is a leak somewhere. Customers should also observe facets and underneath sinks for any dripping.

To check for a leaky toilet, place a few drops of food coloring in the holding tank and wait five minutes without flushing. If the coloring appears in the bowl, that is an indication of a leak. To check for leaks outside, inspect lawns for wet spots or pools of water around spray heads. Brown or muddy spots also indicate a leak in the irrigation system.

Taking preemptive care of pipes is also essential to conserving water. Many things can unnecessarily clog a home's plumbing system, including "flushable" wipes, fats, oils, and grease. Each year these things and substances can back up systems and harm the environment when they are not disposed of properly. Instead, these substances (including

facial tissue, paper towels, and medications) should be discarded in the trash rather than flushed down the toilet to prevent clogging and overflowing.

It is also important to monitor piping to identify and replace lead-based water pipes and plumbing, as lead presents health concerns for people of all ages. Low exposure levels of lead have been linked to learning disabilities, behavioral problems, and other issues in children.

Water leaving treatment plants and traveling through water mains is almost always lead-free, however, it can sometimes be present in pipes connecting older homes to a water system. A licensed plumber can help to identify lead service lines and other materials such as lead fittings and solder, so that they can be properly replaced.

It's also critical that water infrastructure is maintained

properly, given that public health, economic vitality, fire protection and quality of life rely on it. However, much of the water infrastructure in North America needs to be repaired and replaced because of the length of time water pipes have been underground, some have been buried for 75 to 100 years. According to an AWWA report, repairing and replacing drinking water infrastructure will cost at least \$1 trillion over the next 25 years. The potential costs of infrastructure replacement surpass what many water utilities can pay, which means utilities must work together with rate-payers, government officials and other stakeholders to invest in water systems. More information about water infrastructure is available on DrinkTap.org.

For more information on Drinking Water Week and the AWWA, visit www.awwa.org.

Speed Artist Presentation



Gilbert H. Hood Middle School seventh grade students are thrilled to accept a portrait from artist Rob Surrette. Pictured left to right are Alexis Chrissanthis, Principal Austin Garofalo, Kacie Moran, Surrette, and Owen Umansky.

Principal Austin Garofalo and students were on hand recently to receive a painting of boxing champion Muhammad Ali from artist Rob Surrette.

Earlier in the year, Surrette presented an assembly to all Gilbert H. Hood Middle School students entitled "Be

Somebody." The students were amazed as Surrette painted life-size portraits in minutes of inspirational figures as he encouraged students to meet their potential. Funds for the program and the portrait were provided by the PTSA.

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Editorial

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Amendments Approved For Derry Sign Ordinance

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

To comply with a Supreme Court ruling, Derry Councilors recently approved changes to the town's sign ordinance relating to content-based restrictions.

Council members agreed to the amendments during their May 2 meeting.

The changes were made to comply with the 2015 Supreme Court Case of Reed V. Town of Gilbert, AZ by July 1, according to officials.

In addition, the changes were also made as part of the Planning Board goals for 2016-17. In proposing the changes, the board and the staff from both Planning and Code Enforcement reviewed

the sign ordinance and the Derry zoning ordinance, according to officials.

The changes affect sign displays, church and political signs, campground signs, signs in the commercial business district as well as electronic signs.

In the Supreme Court case, the Court clarified when municipalities may impose content-based restrictions on signage, Planning Board Director Robert Mackey said. Mackey issues sign permits as part of his code enforcement duties.

Mackey said most of the proposed changes pertained to the residential zones. In some cases, there were arbitrary square footage requirements. For instance, the regulations allowed for a 24

square-foot campground sign but only a 20 square-foot church sign.

"So what we did was kind of bring everything into consistency," Mackey said, adding, "So the claim can't be made that you are treating somebody differently."

Changes were also made in the commercial area to ensure all signs are treated the same, he said.

During questioning by councilors, Mackey was asked by Councilor Jim Morgan about the maximum number of signs a business can have and if there is a square foot maximum.

Mackey answered by saying that the limit for businesses is typically three signs, with a 100-square-foot maximum per sign.

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ing to officials.

Wentworth appeared at the meeting with Code Enforcement Director Robert Mackey.

"It's certainly a building that's been identified by the Property Maintenance Committee in need of removal," Mackey said.

He added that attempts at notifying or getting a

response have been ignored.

And the property was found to have asbestos, according to officials.

Any asbestos in the building would have to be abated before the building is taken down, Mackey said.

To demolish and remove the house would cost 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 the vote, Councilor Brian Chirichiello said he was voting against the plan since it was unclear who currently owns the property.

"I think that we don't know who the true owner is right now," Chirichiello said. "We need to do due diligence a little bit better I believe to find that owner and have him do it, so I'm voting 'No'."

Take Back

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ing 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.

From the last 12 prescription take-back events, the Derry Police Department collected total of 1,288 pounds of prescription drugs. With this year's collected amount added, a total of 1,450 pounds has been collected since the program began, Feole said.

In addition to the drug take back program, a drug take-back box is making a difference in helping reduce the risk of prescription medicines being misused, according to police. The box was installed in the department in March 2013.

So far a total of 3,620.9 pounds has been collected with the drug take-back box, Feole said.

Derry police Capt. Vernon Thomas has said the box is making a difference in removing prescription drugs from medicine cabinets throughout the community.

"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 misused 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."

Through both drug take back programs, a total of 5,071 pounds of prescription medicines has been collected, Feole said.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs, visit the DEA Office of Diversion Control website at www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback.

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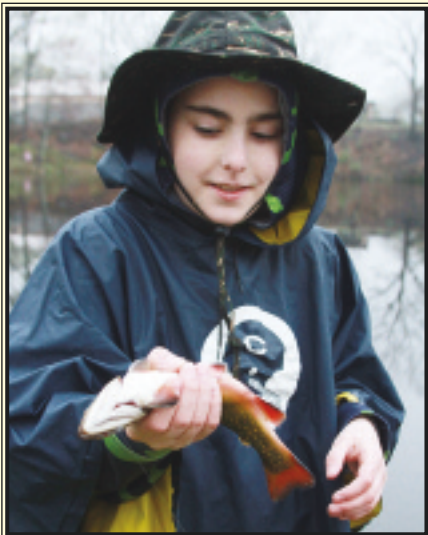
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Derry Lions Host Annual Fishing Derby at Hood Pond



Because of the cold, damp conditions, there weren't many bobbers on the surface of Hood Pond Saturday morning, but for those that were hundreds of newly stocked trout were there for the catching at the Derry Lions annual Fishing Derby. Trophies were handed out for winners in a number of categories. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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Middle Schoolers Attend Crash Course on Financial Literacy

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Area middle schoolers gathered at Pinkerton Academy on May 4 for The CU4 Reality Financial Literacy and Career Fair, a short

crash course on financial reality.

Students participated from West Running Brook Middle School and St. Thomas Aquinas Schools in Derry and from Chester Academy, Hampstead Mid-

dle School, Auburn Village School and the Henry Moore School in Hooksett.

The students completed a career study unit at their schools and chose occupations based upon their interests. They determined their

future estimated income level and then made a list of what they thought they could afford on that projected salary. They budgeted for the kind of house or apartment they could live in, for the kind of car they could buy and for a cell phone plan they could afford on that estimated salary.

Then they met with volunteers from local financial institutions, St. Mary's Bank, Service Credit Union and Triangle Credit Union, at a mock village to "purchase" the items they needed and wanted within the confines of their predetermined budgets.

Finally, Pinkerton Academy students interested in careers in finance and enrolled in the Financial Academy, met with the eighth graders to fine tune their budgets and make any needed adjustments.

Douglas Cullen, manager of career services at Pinkerton Academy, said he is pleased with the growing relationship between Pinkerton Academy and the local middle schools that



Eighth grade students at the annual CU4 Reality Financial Literacy and Career Fair at Pinkerton Academy learned the value of saving money at one of the many stations set up. *Photos by Chris Paul*



Eighth grade students, Olivia Trapane and Caroline Daziel try their luck on a wheel of chance during the annual CU4 Reality Financial Literacy and Career Fair. Students at the fair got a snapshot of life after they leave home.

helps students explore what they want to do in the future in a financially realistic way.

He also noted that the program is provided to the local schools at no cost by the generosity of St. Mary's

Bank, Service Credit Union and Triangle Credit Union.

Waterline

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waterlines up Route 28 from the Berry Road area. Waterlines will also be extended along portions of Frost Road, Lawrence Road, Blunt Drive and Stark Road. Extending the waterlines could help with mitigating the MTBE levels, according to officials.

The estimated reimbursement from the state's MTBE fund is \$2.5 million, which would leave a balance of \$421,000 to be paid by the town's water enterprise fund.

The project will not impact water rates, according to officials.

The state will take on approximately 80 percent of the project's cost.



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Pinkerton Academy Student Council Wins Gold Award

HUNTER McGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

Already set to host the National Association of Student Councils' Annual Conference next month, the Pinkerton Academy Student Council recently won gold from the NASC.

On April 28, the Student Council was named as a National Association of Student Councils' Gold Council of Excellence for 2017, according to Pinkerton administrators.

In winning the award, Pinkerton joins other New

Hampshire schools Londonderry, Salem and Sanborn.

And for the first time in New Hampshire, Pinkerton Academy is scheduled to host the National Association of Student Councils' Annual Conference in June.

The conference is scheduled to run from Monday, June 26 through Wednesday, June 28.

Student Council Adviser John Breda, said earlier this year that he and the students are extremely excited that the high school has been chosen to host the conference.

"I am very excited for both Pinkerton and New Hampshire to host such an event," said Breda, a chemistry teacher at the school. "I think both have a rich history that I am glad we can share with others from across the country and world."

Pinkerton Student Council members started planning for the event back in August and will spend most of the conference setting up, he said.

It is rare for the conference to be held in New England in general because

schools are smaller than in the South and West, where large, regional schools are more common he said. One of the factors needed to host the conference is for the school to be able to easily accommodate more than 1,000 students and advisors for all workshops and sessions, Breda said.

"Pinkerton's large size is unique to New Hampshire, allowing it to meet the space needs national office needs to host this event," Breda said, adding, "We are also promoting the mountains, seacoast

and Boston as diverse areas which the delegates can explore."

Plans call for Pinkerton to have about 60 student volunteers for the event. Also serving at the event as volunteers will be some parents, alumni and other student council members from nearby schools. In all he said there will be about 100 to 150 volunteers helping at the conference.

During the conference, students will have many opportunities to interact with their peers from across the country. Breda said the con-

ference consists of general sessions with keynote speakers; large group (100 to 200) presentations with other speakers; workshops prepared by both advisors and students; and community service.

"Many of the speakers and workshops actively engage the students," Breda said. Some of the announced keynote speakers are Phil Boyte, Ed Gerety, Natalie Panek, Mike Smith and Kevin Wanzer.

To access other conference information and draft schedule, visit www.nasc-conference.org.

When Life Gives You Lyme Part III: Controversies

Debra Paul's recounts of Chronic Lyme as transcribed by Melissa Ruiz.

So these past couple of segments we've discussed transmission and symptoms of Lyme Disease, and touched a little bit on its treatment. Now it's time to talk about the controversy surrounding Lyme Disease.

That's right, controversy. As if Lyme itself weren't enough of a problem.

According to the Lyme Disease Association's website, there has been ongoing debate surrounding the illness that has kept many from being diagnosed and treated for it, the core issue being persistence of the infection versus issue of autoimmunity.

One take on the issue is that Lyme is supposedly hard to catch and easy to cure (certainly not in my experience, but nice for those fortunate few). So, most insurance companies seem to believe that it should only take a few weeks of treatment to cure, so any-

thing longer they won't cover under Lyme disease.

Just as an example, Aetna will pay for four weeks of antibiotic treatment for Lyme disease, and after those four weeks, if more treatment is required, Aetna considers it "experimental" or "investigational", and claims that the treatment isn't proven effective.

For many states, medical boards around the country have suspended many doctors who specialize in Lyme (also known as "Lyme-Literate" doctors), claiming that these doctors were not following standard guidelines for treatment of the disease, and calling them "irresponsible". Right, doctors who know what their patients are going through and who want them to feel better are "irresponsible". Sure.

Only four states, Connecticut (the place where Lyme was discovered), Rhode Island, Massachusetts and our good old home state of New Hampshire, have actually passed laws allowing doctors to pre-

scribe long-term antibiotic treatment for patients without having to worry about losing their licenses or being dropped by certain insurance providers. If I wasn't thankful to be living in New England before...

So it's great that we live in a state that will provide treatment for the disease, but not so great that insurance really does nothing to cover it. And treatment gets expensive. There are many people who end up losing their jobs due to being so ill, and then become unable to keep up with medical costs, and from there mortgage and all other expenses fall to the wayside...it's terrible.

And speaking of terrible, the CDC and IDSA both deny that Chronic Lyme (Lyme that won't go away after treatment) exists at all,

and many insurance companies don't want to have to pay for chronic illnesses, and many more have conflicts in interest.

The corruption and/or ignorance of many insurance companies, and that of the CDC and IDSA, keeps thousands of people from feeling better, or drains them of all their finances in the process.

So how can us regular people fight back? Especially those who don't have much fight left in them?

Fightlyme.org, a website started by a young man in his twenties who has suffered with Lyme since age 12 (The disease doesn't care how young you are) links a petition, begun nearly two years ago, for a Congressional investigation of the CDC, IDSA and the ALDF (American Lyme Disease

Foundation).

The goals of the petition are to expand the definition of Lyme to cover chronic Lyme and co-infections, to protect doctors who treat Chronic Lyme and co-infections, to increase funding for research, to improve testing, and to re-educate doctors and the public of symptoms and treatment options.

As of writing this article, the petition on change.org needs just fewer than 15,000 signatures to reach its goal of 50,000.

Will this be the answer?

Who knows? But it could be step in the right direction.

The battle is yet to be won, and the war has no end in sight. But anything worth fighting for is not won easily.

Those who would like to learn more about the Fight for Lyme awareness and sign the petition can visit this link: www.fightlyme.org/2015/05/19/lyme-disease-petitions/

As always, thank you for reading! Knowing that we have dedicated readers is what keeps me going day to day. Until next time, be well!

Affected by Lyme Disease?

A support group will meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Market basket Café in Londonderry, starting at 6:30 p.m.

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DERRY SPORTS

Astro Baseball Crew Remains Warm, Moves its Mark to 9-3

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy baseball squad's bats were a bit less than sizzling last week, but good defense and strong pitching helped the skilled and determined Astros to consecutive tight wins over Keene and rival Londonderry during that span to advance to a strong 8-3 on the season.

The Astros claimed the first of their two slim victories in Keene last Wednesday, May 3, with starting pitcher Asa Runge earning his first varsity pitching victory with relief help from two fellow hurlers on the way to a 2-0 success.

Runge went five innings and allowed the only hit the host Blackbirds managed, striking out seven batters and walking three on the way to the win. Derek Hiscox pitched a scoreless sixth and Matt Albetski earned his fourth save of the season by hurling a scoreless seventh.

The PA offense tallied 11 hits but only scored twice, plating single runs in the third and seventh frames.

Runge and Brian Sutton drove in the runs, each lacing a double. Sutton and Connor Jenkins both bashed three hits and Runge and Matt Clark each notched two.

The Astros got more masterful pitching work in their 2-1 nipping of Londonderry in Beeman Trophy play in Derry the next afternoon, with David Unkles going five strong frames and collecting the victory.

The hosts claimed both of their runs on three hits and one costly error in the bottom half of the fourth frame, with Londonderry slicing their 2-0 deficit in half in the top of the fifth but being held scoreless the rest of the way.

The Lancers, for their part, also got an impressive and gutsy pitching performance from lefty Anthony Pirolli, who went all six innings in which his team

was in the field allowing just four hits while striking out a batter and walking one.

Lefty hurlers Unkles and Pirolli and their defenses reigned supreme in the first two innings, with no hits being produced until the top of the third (two by Pinkerton) and no runs getting plated until that important bottom half of the fourth.

In that key inning, Connor Jenkins led off for PA with a single, and he moved to second on an error and to third on a single by Sutton. With the bases loaded and nobody out, Jenkins scored on a base hit by Sean Muller to make it a 1-0 contest, and a moment later Mike Jellison sprinted home from third base on a double play by the LHS defense.

The Lancers trimmed the PA lead down to 2-1 in the next half inning when Jake Bolduc led off with a single and, after a bit of a wait, scored on a two-out infield single from Nate Sullivan.

Londonderry then went down 1-2-3 against the

Pinkerton relievers in the sixth and seventh innings and ended up absorbing the 2-1 loss, their second of the season to the rival Astros.

"We're not getting the offense I know we can produce, but I think as long as we keep getting strong defense and pitching we'll be okay," said PA coach Steve Campo. "And I think the offense is going to come."

Regarding the strong mound-work of Unkles - who struck out two batters and walked just one while allowing only four hits - coach Campo stated, "David has just been fantastic. I think he's 4-0 now, and he has done a nice job for us."

The Astros then bounded into this week looking at a Monday contest in Manchester against a Memorial Crusaders' crew which was well under the .500 mark at 2-5 coming in.

The Astros didn't exactly tear the cover off the baseball in their 3-0 besting of Memorial, but the PA crew



Pinkerton infielder Brady Day looks to complete an out against a Londonderry High base-stealer during recent Beeman Trophy play.
Photo by Chris Paul

did enough to win behind some excellent pitching.

Hurlers Rich Marique (six innings, seven strikeouts) and Albetski (one inning) combined to hold the Crusaders to just two hits while the PA offense got six, with Norm Kerman lacing two of them and Asa Runge and Jacob McGill each driving in a run.

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Astros Keeping the Beeman Trophy For Another Year

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Despite the fact that virtually all of the scheduled Beeman Trophy contests slated to be played at Pinkerton Academy last Friday, May 5 on the campus of the Derry school were negated by rain-soaked weather, the schedule-jugglers at Pinkerton and Londonderry High still managed to spin a bit of magic and make sure that six of the

schools' spring varsity teams were able to complete their Beeman battles before the start of this week.

And the six academy squads which played their Lancer rivals prior to this week all won their contests to assure Pinkerton of holding onto the Beeman hardware for a third consecutive year.

There were no less than seven varsity athletic events scheduled to take place at PA last Friday, but due to the

soggy weather the only one which happened was the boys' volleyball match indoors in the academy's Hackler Gymnasium. The PA/LHS baseball and tennis matches had both been moved back to the previous day, May 4, in anticipation of the heavy rain.

The Pinkerton track and field contingents had snagged a 2-0 Beeman lead for their school back on Tuesday, April 18 by collecting girls' and boys' victories

over at Londonderry High.

Then on Thursday the 4th, Pinkerton swept baseball and boys' and girls' tennis to go up 5-0 in Beeman play, and they made the Beeman count 6-0 with the volleyball success on the night of Friday the 5th. And that perfect record after six battles assured the Astros of continued possession of the Beeman Trophy.

Rolling into this week, the remaining Beeman games included a boys'

lacrosse match on the Pinkerton football field this Tuesday the 9th, after Nutfield News and Londonderry Times press time, and girls' lacrosse and softball battles in Derry on May 18th.

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.

Academy Track Squads Enjoy Great Success During Busy Week

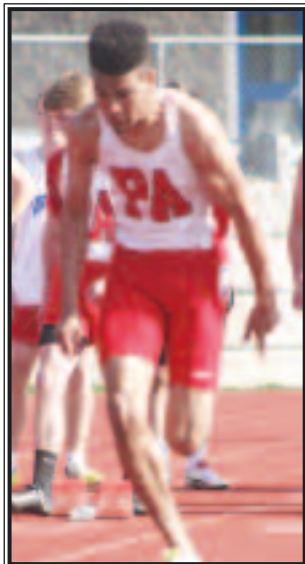
CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Both the Pinkerton Academy boys' and girls' track and field contingents had extremely productive weeks last week, with the Astro males winning all three events at which they competed and the Lady Astros tallying a win and a fourth place finish at another, much larger competition.

BOYS

In their dual meet over at Alvirne High School in Hudson on Tuesday, May 2, the Astros powered their way past the host Broncos in an 83.66-41.33 decision.

The locals dominated the sprints thanks to the victori-



Standout Jady Ruimwijk continued to contribute to Pinkerton boys' track and field success at multiple meets recently. Photo by

Chris Pantazis

ous efforts of Nico Buccieri in the 100-meter dash, Connor Seleny in the 200 dash, Evan Rodgers in the 110 hurdles, Trevor Hajj in the 300 hurdles, and Jady Ruimwijk in the 400.

PA was also the powerhouse in the throws through the winning work of Kaleal Cerafici in the shot put, Narrick Orciuch in the discus, and Colin Bigelow in the javelin.

In the jumps and hurdles, the academy side had Evan Rodgers win the triple jump, Kyle Hajj win the long jump, and Trevor Hajj take the 300 hurdles.

Coach Carol Quarles' PA males then won the 18-team Clipper Relays in Ports-

mouth on Thursday the 4th, tallying a score of 95.94 and notching victories in the 4x400, 4x110 shuttle hurdles, 2,800 distance medley, steeplechase, discus, and pole vault relays.

"The 4x400 team of Matt Anzivino, Kyle Hajj, Noah Woodman, and Jady Ruimwijk ran one of the fastest times in the area this season, finishing in 3:27.56," said proud coach Quarles.

Then on Saturday the 6th, the Pinkerton squad's youngest tracksters won the 2017 Kiwanis Freshman/Sophomore Meet at Salem High School.

Some 20 teams compet-

ed, with the Astros finishing atop the list with 99 points. Concord finished second, a full dozen points back.

Pinkerton winners included John Brooks in the 100, Adam Spencer in the 110 hurdles, Steve Groulx in the 800, and Joron Harrell in the triple jump. The PA 4x100 relay team of Seleny, Ryan Iller, Colton Boursier, and Brooks also proved unbeatable.

GIRLS

The Lady Astros defeated the host Alvirne Lady Broncos by a 77-66 tally in Hudson on Tuesday, May 2, with Maria Virga winning the 100 and the 200, Amelia Graves bagging the win in

the javelin, Britney Johnson getting the top spot in the 800, Hannah Peterson winning the 100 hurdles, and Hannah Rogers proving unbeatable in the long jump. The PA 4x400 team was also victorious.

The PA ladies didn't compete at the Clipper Relays, but they did have their younger athletes at the Kiwanis meet and they finished a fine fourth out of 19 teams at Salem High that day.

Graves was a real power for the Lady Astros, winning the javelin and finishing second in the 400. And Pinkerton's 4x200 relay quartet also took a first.

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Lady Astro Softball Squad Outlasts Keene in Bat Battle



CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

There were a total of 25 runs scored and some 38 hits bashed out when the Pinkerton Academy softball squad played host to the Keene High Lady Blackbirds in Derry last Wednesday, May 3.

But when the smoke cleared and the sizzling bats were tucked away, the hosts had claimed an eight-inning, 13-12 victory which upped their season record to an extremely strong 8-2.

Pinkerton finished the busy afternoon with a pretty stunning 22 hits, but they also committed four defensive errors on a challenging day.

The score ping-ponged back and forth throughout much of the contest, with Keene snagging a 1-0 lead in

the first inning, Pinkerton taking a 2-1 advantage in the latter half of the second, and the Lady Blackbirds knotting the score at 2-2 in the top of the third and then bagging three more markers in the top of the fourth to claim a 5-2 advantage.

PA answered with a single run in the bottom of the fifth to make it a 5-3 contest, but the Keene lead then grew to 6-3 in the top half of the sixth before the host Lady Astros exploded for six runs in the latter half of the sixth to claim a 9-6 lead.

However, Keene put up six runs of its own in the top of the seventh to go up 12-9 rolling into what appeared to be the final half inning of the contest. But the Astros responded with the three runs they required to tie the score in the latter half of the seventh, and it was on to extras.

The locals kept the Lady Blackbirds from doing any more scoring in the top of the eighth, and Pinkerton won the battle in a walk-off in the bottom of that frame.

Keene finished up with 16 hits but fell a run short in the end, while the PA offensive attack featured multiple hits from no less than seven different sources.

Abby Amato was a monster at the plate for the locals, smashing out five hits including a homer and a triple and driving in three runs. The victorious locals got three hits apiece from Nicole Gonya, Caitlin Hogan (with two RBI), Alyssa DiMauro, and Briahna Janulewicz (with 3 RBI), and two hits apiece from Jess Nardoza and Amanda Lindquist (2 RBI).

After having its Friday, May 5 Beeman Trophy con-

test with rival

Londonderry postponed until later this month by rain, the Lady Astros strode into this week looking at a Monday, May 8 meeting with Manchester Memorial in Derry.

And the Astros kept the victories coming on Monday with a 13-1 pummeling of their opponent, scoring runs in every one of the five innings including six in the bottom of the fifth, which kicked the 10-run rule into effect.

Pinkerton had out a total of 17 hits, with Gonya and DiMauro each getting three and Abby and Sarah Amato tallying two along with Bolduc and Emily Connors. RBI leaders included Abby Amato (3) and Nardoza, Hogan, and DiMauro (two each). Alyssa Ouellette notched the pitching victory.

Pinkerton Laxmen Advance to 10-0 With a Knocking of North

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Ryan Auger, Chad Teresky, and Chris Valentine combined for 10 goals and some 16 total points in helping to lead their undefeated Pinkerton Academy boys' lacrosse squad to a 14-2 throttling of the Nashua

North Titans at Stellos Stadium in the Gate City this past Monday, May 8.

That talented trio played a big part in the Astros' ability to sprint out to a 5-0 lead after one quarter and a commanding 13-0 lead at the halftime break.

Auger potted four goals and set up four other ones in

the match, Teresky was good for three goals and two helpers, and Valentine netted three shot for the victors.

Additionally, Tom Sweeney notched a goal and an assist for the locals, Connor Delea, Ryan Albrecht, and Tommy McGarrahan each scored once, Gennaro Marra and Mason Drouin each dished out two assists, and Connor

McCormack was good for one helper.

Pinkerton had three goalies serve time in its net in the blowout, with Alex Sturgess making six saves, Jack Sweeney making two, and Andrew Morgan turning aside two Titans' shots.

In the wake of that match, longtime PA coach Brian O'Reilly's now 10-0 Astros were staring at three



Young Mason Drouin and the Pinkerton boys' lacrosse squad continued to enjoy big success recently, advancing their season record to a perfect 10-0.

matches over the next seven days including the rescheduled home contest against Londonderry on Tuesday the 9th, at Concord

High the next afternoon - both after Nutfield News press time - and a home battle against tough Bedford next Monday the 15th.

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Academy Spikers Stay Perfect in NH With Pair of Victories

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy boys' volleyball squad pushed its Granite State record to a perfect 8-0 and its overall 2017 mark to a glittering 9-1 last week with successes against Windham and rival Londonderry.

The Astro crew had to tough out a 3-2 victory over Windham in Derry on Wednesday, May 3, and then fol-

lowed up that fine bit of work with a 3-0 shutout of rival Londonderry in Beeman Trophy play at home two evenings later.

In the edging of Windham, Pinkerton rolled out to a 2-0 game lead by taking the first contest by a 25-21 score and game two by a 26-24 margin. The visitors then rebounded to win game three (25-20) and game four (25-17) and knot the match score at 2-2. However, the

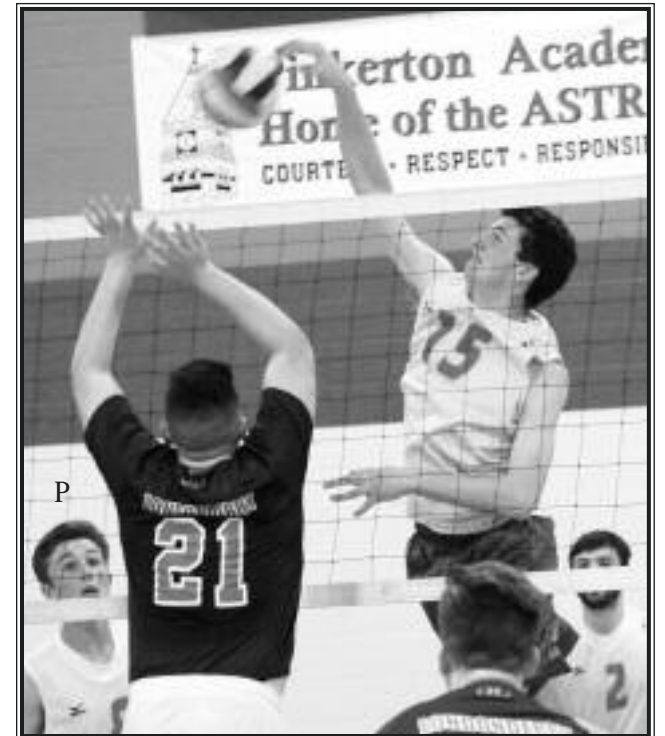
Astros won the match by tallying a 15-12 success in deciding game five.

Senior captain Cobi Moore led the charge with 26 assists, 10 kills, and 12 service points with two aces. Sean Galusha contributed 10 kills and two blocks, Kunjan Patel was good for 16 service points with three aces and four assists, Hunter Hazard tallied 15 kills, and Austin Penland notched six blocks.

But the Londonderry High Lancers didn't give PA anywhere near the challenge Windham had in Beeman Trophy play at PA on the night of Friday May 5, with Pinkerton taking straight sets of 25-16, 25-10, and 25-16.

Ty Behsman came up big for his side with 14 kills and 10 digs, Patel was good for 13 digs and eight service points with three aces, Moore managed eight serv-

ice points with four aces gathered a total of seven along with 14 assists and kills and three blocks, and two kills, Brian Castle Hazard tallied some 10 kills notched 17 assists, Galusha for his Astros.



Sean Galusha hammers down a spike over a helpless Londonderry High opponent during the Astros' Beeman Trophy blanking of the rival Lancers at Pinkerton Academy. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Lady Lax Powers its Way Past Two Teams

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Last week, neither the Nashua North Lady Titans nor the Salem High Lady

Blue Devils were any match for a Pinkerton Academy girls' lacrosse squad which pushed its winning streak up to six games and its season record to 8-1 with thrashings

of both opponents.

The Astros pummeled visiting North by a 20-1 tally on Tuesday, May 2, with a slew of PA players notching multiple points.

Dani Tompkins had four goals, Avery Drouin netted three and set up one other, Kiley Davis scored three times, Madison Peredna, Megan Jarvis, and Lilly Auger all scored twice, Madison Daziel and Hailey Peredna each notched a goal and two assists, Lauren Lisauskas was good for a goal and an assist, Meghan Michaud scored once, and Zoe Howe and Jordan Vaillancourt each got assists.

Two afternoons later, the Lady Astros bagged their second shutout of the spring, humbling the host Salem team by a 19-0 score on its own home field.

Drouin, Lisauskas, and Davis all collected five points, with Drouin scoring four times and assisting once, Davis netting five goals, and Lisauskas scoring

three times and assisting twice.

Other point-producers included Auger (three goals), Tompkins (1-2-3), Daziel (1-1-2), Michaud (1-1-2), Hailey Peredna (one goal) and Jarvis and Howe (one assist each). Goalies Dani Martineau and Alex Messitidis each contributed two saves to the shutout effort.

Athletes of the Week

Week of May 1



Carrie St. Peter,
Senior, Softball

This battle-tested veteran has kept her composure in tight games on the mound, and at bat she went 6-for-10 during a recent three-game span, smacking a homer against Dover.



Cobi Moore, Senior,
Boys' Volleyball

This intense, talented veteran hit a big milestone recently, claiming the 1,000th assist of his career against Salem. Then against Londonderry he tallied 26 assists, 10 kills, and 12 service point.

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Lady Astro Racketeers Bump Record to 6-3 With Big Victories

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Neither the Nashua North nor the Londonderry High contingents provided any kind of serious challenge to the Pinkerton Academy girls' tennis team last week, as veteran coach Gerry Rosado's Lady Astros

bounced their 2017 record up to a very solid 6-3 with decisive defeats of both of those opponents last week. Coach Rosado's talented roster dealt the host Nashua North Lady Titans a 7-2 thrashing in the Gate City last Wednesday, May 3, and followed up that fine bit of work with an 8-1 walloping

of Londonderry in Derry the next afternoon. In the road win, the victorious locals received singles successes from Zoe Freedman (8-1 score), Reiley Reinert (8-2), Samantha Donahue (9-7), Chloe Freedman (8-4), and Julia Farnum (8-0) in deciding the match before doubles even began. And in doubles play, the Lady Astros received wins

from the tandems of Zoe Freedman and Reinert (8-0) and Chloe Freedman and Farnum (8-0). The next afternoon in beautiful weather back in Derry, the academy crew only lost in one singles battle in claiming an 8-1 match success over Londonderry in spring Beeman Trophy play. Singles victories were delivered by Zoe Freedman (8-0), Reinert (8-3), Mich-

aela Forand (8-1), Chloe Freedman (8-1), and Farnum (8-2), and decisive doubles successes came from the tandems of Zoe Freedman and Reinert (8-2), Donahue and Forand (8-2), and Chloe Freedman and Farnum (8-1). The Pinkerton continent then bounded into this week looking at a seacoast road trip to Exeter High School this past Monday the 8th.

And the tough Exeter Lady Blue Hawks were a bit too much for Pinkerton, bagging an 8-1 victory to advance to 7-1 on the season. The Lady Astros' lone victory was delivered by Chloe Freedman at fifth singles, who won 8-5. The duos of Donahue and Forand (6-8 loss) and Chloe Freedman and Farnum (5-8) both battled hard but fell.



Reiley Reinert and the Pinkerton girls' tennis squad were on an impressive roll before their tough Exeter match this past Monday, May 8. Photo by Chris Paul

PA Boys' Tennis Scratches Panthers, Lances Lancers

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy boys' tennis crew drove its 2017 record up to a superb 7-1 last week with dominant victories over the Nashua High South Purple Panthers on the road and the rival Londonderry High Lancers in Derry. In the 9-0 shutout victory over South in the Gate City on Wednesday, May 3, coach Hashem's horde simply hammered its host in both singles and doubles action. The singles successes

were delivered by Seb Tonini (8-1 score), Henry Su (9-8, 7-5 tiebreaker), John Marineau (8-5), Henry Andrews (8-4), Jeff Marquis (8-6), and Tate Pinyochon (8-6). Doubles wins were claimed by the duos of Tonini and Marineau (8-0), Su and Pinyochon (8-4), and Andrews and Derek Wilson (8-3).

And the academy crew's 8-1, Beeman Trophy Games defeat of Londonderry was very nearly as lopsided as the one the day before, with singles wins coming from Tonini (8-0), Su (8-5), Marineau (8-1), Andrews (8-3), and Wilson (8-0) as the hosts bounded into doubles competition with the match victory already in hand. The academy side swept doubles play thanks to the work of Tonini and Marineau (8-1), Su and Andrews (8-1), and Marquis and Wilson (8-5). The Astros then stepped

into this week looking to keep their winning ways rolling in a home match against the visiting Exeter High Blue Hawks. But things didn't work out in winning fashion for the academy males, who suffered a 5-4 loss at the

hands of the Blue Hawks. The Astros led 4-2 going into doubles thanks to singles wins from Tonini (8-5), Su (8-6), Marineau (8-2), and Tate Pinyochon (8-6). But Exeter swept doubles and won the match in impressive comeback style.



Pinkerton tennis standout John Marineau continued his impressive play recently, helping his Astros remain way over the .500 mark in D-I. Photo by Chris Paul

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Derryfest Committee Meeting

The next Derryfest Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 19 at 7 p.m. at the Derry Opera House. Email the committee at info@derryfest.org for more info. To help with some specific needs, volunteers are needed in certain areas: Field Lining Team Members; Photography/Archive and Fundraising Team, according to organizers.

Free Dinners

Free, family-friendly meals served in a relaxed atmosphere will be held at the following locations on the following dates: Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration 1 Hood Road, Derry, Dinner served from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Sunday, June 11, July 9, and August 13. Etz Hayim Synagogue 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry, Dinner served from 5 - 6:15 p.m. Sunday, June 18, July 16, and August 20. First Parish Congregational Church 47 East Derry Road, East Derry, Spaghetti supper from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 30, July 28, August 25, and September 29. St. Jude Church 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, Lunch served from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 25 (this meal will be at the Lion's Hall on the corner of Mammoth & Pillsbury Rds. in Londonderry), Sunday, July 30, August 27, and September 24. St Luke's United Methodist Church 63 East Broadway, Derry, Dinner served from 5 - 6 p.m. Saturday, June 17, July 15,

August 19, and September 16.

Annual Veteran's Cookout

The Annual Veteran's Cookout to honor America's Veterans will be held on Thursday, June 1 with a start time of 5 p.m. at the Derry Boys and Girls Club, 40 East Derry Road, Derry, NH. The event is free to Derry area veterans and guest. Hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Derry, the cookout will include a guest speaker, music, dinner, drinks and gift. Please RSVP by May 29 by calling (603) 432-3357 or emailing derryrotary@yahoo.com.

Free Meals

The following free meals are offered in the Derry/Londonderry area in May: May 28, Lunch hosted by St. Jude Parish Community, 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., will be at the Londonderry Lions Hall not the Church Parish Hall as was stated during the April meal. Call 432-3333 if you have questions. In addition, a free meal is served every weeknight at Sonshine Soup Kitchen on Crystal Avenue in Derry.

May Elijah's Table

Elijah's Table, a joint project of Etz Hayim Synagogue (1-1/2 Hood Road) and the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration (1 Hood Road) are offering the community two FREE dinners this month. The church will be holding its dinner (generally a meat dish) on Sun., May 14, from 5 - 6:30 p.m. The synagogue's dinner (generally a varied and hearty vegetarian meal) will be on Sun., May 21 from 5 - 6:15 p.m. For more information on free meals in the Derry area, please go to <http://freemealsin-derry.blogspot.com>

Blood Drive and Bone Marrow Registry

The Knights of Columbus Council #6949 of St. Jude Parish will be sponsoring their annual Spring American Red Cross Blood Drive along with the Rhode Island Blood Center Marrow Typing Drive on Friday, May 19 from 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the Lions Hall located at 256 Mammoth Rd. Those in good health and older than 17

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DAV Information Seminar

So many veterans feel confused about benefits and services they have earned. There is so much to know with so many changes from one year to the next. That is why local members of the nonprofit DAV (Disabled American Veterans) will present a veterans Information seminar from 8 a.m. - Noon on Sat., May 13, at the American Legion Sweeney Post, 251 Maple Street, Manchester. Like all DAV services, this seminar is free to all veterans and members of their families. In conjunction with the seminar, between the hours of Noon - 4 p.m., our National Service Officers will be providing claims assistance. For further information regarding this event, please contact NSO David A. Bennett at (603) 222-5788.

Welcome Home

May 18, 6 - 8 p.m. Vietnam

Veterans Welcome Home and Recognition Ceremony. Vietnam Veterans who served in-country, in-theater, or elsewhere in support of operations between November 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975 will be recognized individually. Friends and loved ones are invited to attend. Please call Bob Stuart at 234-7040 for more information. For more information go to our website www.alpost27.com, call us at 437-6613, visit our Greeley Parmenter Harrington Facebook page or follow us on Twitter @ALPost27LderryNH.

Legion Karaoke

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Annual Plant Sale

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American Legion Post 27 in Partnership with the Manchester VA Medical invites All Vietnam Veterans, their loved ones and friends to Join us for a Welcome Home and Service Recognition Ceremony 6 Sargent Road, Londonderry, NH Thurs., May 18, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Vietnam Veterans who served in-country, in-theater, or elsewhere in support of operations between November 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975 will be recognized individually.

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 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. Proceeds will be donated to the Community Alliance for Teen Safety (CATS). It's a win, win, win!

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