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## Town Council To Discuss Variance For Storage Facility

HUNTER MCGEE  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Councilors could appeal the recent decision by the Zoning Board of adjustment to grant, for the second time, a variance for a proposed storage facility at 343 Island Pond Road.

At press time, the council members were scheduled to discuss the variance at their regular meeting, set for Tuesday, May 16.

Councilors could decide to appeal the ZBA's approval of the variance to Rockingham Superior Court, according to officials.

The ZBA voted 3-2 at their May 4 meeting to grant, for the second time this year, a variance to the property at 343

Island Pond Road for a proposed 138-unit storage facility. In an earlier meeting on April 6, the attorneys for the two sides each had an opportunity to rebut. Attorney Matthew Serge represented the town and Attorney Bernard Campbell represented Robert Allen, the applicant.

On March 2, the ZBA granted a request from the Town Council to hold a rehearing.

Citing new references to case law, ZBA members voted to approve the council's request for a rehearing. Serge, who represents the town, made new references to case law that weren't presented in the previous hearing, ZBA members said.

Despite the opposition of

abutters, the ZBA voted on Jan. 19 to grant a variance to the property at 343 Island Pond Road for a proposed 138-unit storage facility.

In the Jan. 19 meeting, ZBA members conditionally granted a variance to build a 138-unit self-storage facility at 343 Island Pond Road.

ZBA members voted 4-1 to grant the variance.

The variance was approved subject to obtaining all required state and town permits and inspections; Planning Board approval; and establishing 12 business hours and reducing lighting.

If approved, the self-storage facility would consist of 138 units in four buildings on an approxi-

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## Council To Hold Public Hearing on Proposed FY18 Town Budget

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Following a public hearing scheduled for May 16, councilors could decide on the proposed fiscal year 2018 budget.

At press time, the meeting was set for 7:30 Tuesday in the third-floor meeting room of the Municipal Center.

After weeks of budget review meetings and workshops, councilors could vote to finalize the approximately \$47 million spending plan in the meeting.

During the recent budget reviews and workshops, councilors listened to budget presentations from administrators in various departments such as police and fire, along with Public Works.

Highlights of the 2018 Fiscal Year spending plan include a reduction of approximately three positions and increasing the veteran's tax credit to \$500, Town Administrator David Caron said in a presentation last month on the proposed budget.

Derry will experience about a \$442,000 increase in state retirement costs for FY 2018, Caron said. The state retirement system adjusts its rates every two years and Derry's rates will take effect July 1 in this round, he said.

But by reducing approximately three employees in the finance area, Derry can absorb the costs, Caron said. The reductions include a controller position that will not be re-staffed, he said.

"Derry's cost is about \$442,000 in increased retire-

ment costs so we are able to absorb that," Caron said.

Derry has also outsourced a majority of its assessing responsibilities and no longer funds either an in-house assessor or a deputy assessor, he said.

In addition, another proposal calls for increasing the Veteran's tax credit to \$500. If approved, the item would have about a \$48,000 impact on the budget, he said. The tax credit is currently set at \$450.

Caron said a council committee is looking at expanding the credit for vets who served during specific times of war as set forth by state statute.

Other highlights of the budget include an item to fully fund the seven collective bargaining agreements

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**Fast and Safe** Pinkerton Academy junior Ashim Gurung was one of the many students taking part in the Seatbelt Challenge at the school last Wednesday. Students raced in four person teams for the quickest time to buckle in to a car on campus. See more on page 7.

Photos by Chris Paul

## Kendall Pond Cell Tower Lease Extension Requested

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Set to expire in 2022, Councilors are considering a request by a company to extend a lease for 20 years for a cell tower on Kendall Pond Road.

At press time, council members were scheduled to discuss the proposal at their May 16 meeting.

Crown Castle is current-

ly leasing the site on Kendall Pond Road from the town and recently approached the town requesting a lease extension, Town Administrator David Caron wrote in a recent staff report.

The lease is set to expire and Crown Castle is requesting a 20-year extension, Caron wrote.

"The town leased the site to Ominpoint Communications: as is commonplace in

that industry, ownership has changed several times, with all subsequent owners required to fulfill the terms of the original site lease," Caron wrote.

Crown Castle has approached the town to extend the lease terms. It is not unusual for cellular providers to seek stability in their coverage areas and seek long-term leases, ac-

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# It's Official: School Board Ratifies Election Results

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Weeks after the election was postponed because of a powerful nor'easter, School Board members voted earlier last week to ratify the results of the 2017 School District Meeting.

School Board members voted unanimously to ratify the results at their May 9 meeting.

In the election, voters passed the \$85,570,415 2017-18 operating budget by a vote of 1,335 to 457, according to the official results posted on the school district's website.

Voters also approved a collective bargaining agreement between the School Board and the Derry Education Association by a vote of 1,176 to 648. The agreement calls for an estimated

\$487,362 increase salaries in benefits in the 2017-18 school year and an estimated \$525,189 increase in salaries in benefits the 2018-19 school year, according to the officials results.

Originally scheduled for March 14, the election was postponed until March 21 because of the storm. Derry joined many other communities in the Granite State that also postponed elections following the nor'easter.

The March 21 election was held without incident, School Board Chairman Dan McKenna said.

The board was just passing the resolution at the suggestion of legal counsel and as a result of legislation that was passed to "clarify any concerns that the votes may not have been binding or otherwise were in question," McKenna said.

Town Moderator Mary Till, in consultation with other officials, opted to move the election to March 21.

The move was opposed by some officials in the area.

Former State Rep. Andrew Manuse, of Derry, filed a formal complaint to nullify the election. The former state representative said he didn't get a chance to vote because of the postponement and nothing was posted to alert voters.

Attorney Brenda Keith, of Boutin & Altieri PLLC, addressed the postponement at the council's March 28

meeting.

Keith said Derry's Charter section 2.2 sets out the town moderator's duties and specifically indicates that the moderator shall have "all the powers and duties under state law."

And citing state statute, RSA 40:4, section II, she said that clearly states that the town moderator in a weather emergency can postpone the election.

Keith said there was a little bit of disagreement between the offices of the secretary of state and the attorney general on whether RSA 669:1 called for towns

to hold elections on the second Tuesday of March. The secretary of state's office holds that the statute requires towns to hold elections despite a weather emergency.

But Keith said RSA 40:4, section II, was adopted later than RSA 669, and does allow for voting day to be postponed in the event of a weather emergency.

Keith said she received multiple alerts from the town to the postponement and praised the way the town administrator, town clerk and town moderator handled publicizing the

postponement.

"So I think that the town not only had the authority, but they used the authority and when the moderator postponed, the town government took great steps in getting the word out that the election had been postponed," Keith said.

She added, "So I am perfectly comfortable with the actions of the town moderator and all of the town government in postponing the election. And as far as your town's legal counsel is concerned this is a closed issue."

## Tower

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cording to officials. Crown Castle currently owns two towers on Kendall Pond Road immediately adjacent to one another.

The tower is currently occupied by one major carrier. A second carrier is scheduled to vacate the site in October 2019, following the purchase of site by the

major carrier, Caron wrote.

"We have reviewed the economics of the site and recommend extending the lease until 2042, Caron wrote.

Staff and counsel reviewed the current lease, in context of both market rates and characteristics unique to the site, Caron wrote. They also particularly considered that a second tower is immediately adjacent to the tower, he said.

"Due to the site's charac-

teristics, the economics are relatively modest, but appropriate given the circumstances," Caron said.

The town currently receives \$1,332.82 per month from the site owner. In addition, it also receives \$334.46 per month from one co-locator until October 2019. And the rent is also increased by changes in the Consumer Price Index, and the town receives 25 percent of rent from subtenants, Caron wrote.

Staff is recommending that the lease on the site be extended until 2042. And in exchange, the base rent on the site will increase by 3 percent per year; Derry will

receive 40 percent of the rent received from future subtenants, and the Town will receive 40 percent of the rent received from subtenants. In addition, the town will receive a one time payment of \$17,000, payable within 60 days after execution of the lease agreement, Caron wrote.

In other agenda items, councilors will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase the veteran's tax credit by \$500. In addition, public hearings are scheduled for: establishing a police detail revolving fund and amending the fund balance policy.

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# Natural Gas To Be Used In Barka, South Range Schools

HUNTER MCGEE  
NUTFIELD NEWS

A plan to use natural gas in two local schools as part of an ongoing energy efficiency program should result in a savings of approximately \$43,000, according to administrators.

The school district was initially planning to use propane for South Range and Earnest P. Barka elementary schools, Business Manager Jane Simard said during the School Board's May 9 meeting. The project is part of the second phase of an ongoing \$9.3 million energy efficiency program with the Honeywell Corpo-

ration. Liberty Utilities is scheduled to install the lines, Simard said.

But during the planning phase of the project, Simard said the district learned that the cost to run the lines using propane jumped from about \$30,000 to \$200,000. So the decision was made to switch to natural gas, she said.

"I think it's going to be a huge savings for the district," Simard said, estimating about \$43,000 in savings for the project.

As another benefit, homeowners in the area where the lines will be run will have connectivity to the lines, she added.

"I think it's a win for the district, it's a win for the

town, and it's a win for homeowners who are going to be on that gas route," Simard said.

Simard commented on the project while answering questions toward the end of the meeting from Town Councilor Richard Tripp, who was still in attendance when the long session drew to a close.

Tripp said the town has been interested in ways to spark economic development in town and wanted to know how the deal with Liberty Utilities came about. He said one way to help provide an economic boost would be to use natural gas in more areas of town. But he said, from his

understanding, the gas companies weren't interested in running the lines just on a promise basis that a company would come to town.

"I was interested in how you managed to get them to put the gas lines in?" Tripp asked.

School Board Chairman Dan McKenna responded by saying the school district is a big enough consumer that it was advantageous for the company to run the lines. McKenna mentioned a similar project to run gas lines to Grinnell Elementary School that allowed homeowners in the area connectivity to the gas lines.

"It's the same way with

Grinnell," McKenna said.

The project was launched in the past few years to convert from oil to the cheaper natural gas, according to officials.

An initial project by Honeywell involved converting boilers at Grinnell and Hood schools from oil to natural gas. This project was completed last year.

The initial project was followed by the current program or Phase II, to make capital improvements for greater energy efficiency for Ernest P. Barka Elementary School, East Derry Memorial Elementary School, Grinnell Elementary School, Gilbert H. Hood Middle

School and West Running Brook Middle School. In addition, a program that includes energy saving projects and temperature control improvements will be added to South Range Elementary and Derry Village Elementary schools, according to administrators.

On May 23, representatives from Liberty Utilities and Honeywell will be on hand to give a presentation on the gas lines that will be run to Barka and South Range elementary schools and the connectivity route, Simard said. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of West Running Brook Middle School.

## Budget

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that councilors approved last fall.

The 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.

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's 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.

Included in the Capital Improvement Plan is an item for a proposed \$1.6 million emergency communications

system for police and fire.

The item is being proposed to replace outdated transmission and radio equipment, Caron said during a meeting earlier this year at the Planning Board.

"The reason we are doing this now is we've got very old equipment with our police and fire dispatch and both facilities are reaching their end of life," Caron said. "We've been told by the manufacturer that it's difficult to get parts and it appears that in another year or so the vendor will no longer support those two facilities."

If approved by the Town Council, the proposed communications system would replace all of the transmitter and receiver sites in town, Caron said.

In some areas of town, firefighters can't always depend on being able to communicate on portable radios, according to fire administrators.

Antiquated equipment with a limited reach can sometimes make it difficult for fire

crews to communicate, Derry Assistant Fire Chief Scott Jackson said during an April 18 budget meeting.

The department uses 100 watt mobile radios that have to reach back to the main transmit and receive site, Jackson said during the meeting. But the system is limited in reach and doesn't always function properly, he said.

"Our guys get out of the vehicle on portables, you can't hear them," Jackson said.

To be able to communicate, firefighters have to use devices called repeaters through the vehicle or they have to return to the vehicle, he said.

"That becomes very problematic when you have a fire in the Island Pond District at two in the morning and you are screaming for help and no one is hearing you; I've been there," Jackson said.

Jackson added, "So my vision and thinking here is to make sure that never happens again. So that's why we are trying to collaborate and get

the same coverage and protect our employees."

He appeared at the meeting with Derry police Capt. George Feole during a presentation on the proposed emergency communications sys-

tem.

"Basically the police side of the project is to replace all of our aging infrastructure in the police department, Feole said.

That includes radio and

transmitter sites, along with other communications equipment.

The police department uses a 5-watt "friendly system" that works with handheld radios, he said.

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Editorial

Invaders in Our Midst

Are your neighbors’ plants making a home in your shrubbery? Is greenery you never bought strangling your trees? Are leaves from unknown aquatic greens traveling on your boat to find a home in your favorite lake?

Conservation officials remind us that invasive plants are a local problem. And they’re a problem in our waterways as well.

According to the state’s invasive species coordinator, invasive plants impact endangered or threatened species, reduce diversity and wildlife habitat, affect water quality, damage property and lead to starvation of birds.

Japanese knotweed, bittersweet, purple loosestrife, multiflora rose, and burning bush thrive locally, and literally have a stranglehold on portions of our woodlands and roadsides.

But we don’t have to leave our yards to encounter invasive. All it takes is ignoring an invectives’ presence in one location, and soon it has taken over the neighborhood.

What invasive do is simple – they take over, crowding out native plants. It’s a battle we may be losing, and we can’t wait for someone else to take care of it – if the plants have arrived, they’ll be in your yard soon.

Homeowners can help control these invaders by learning to identify them, joining in volunteer efforts to control them, and following professionals’ instructions about disposing of any soil and plant matter that gets on clothes, shoes or tires during the eradication.

Meanwhile, if you think the water is safe from unwelcome visitors, think again.

State officials regularly issue warnings to boaters to pay attention to what they might be putting in the water. Summers in New Hampshire now demand a new way to look at hitchhiking and littering – boats, trailers, motors, fishing equipment, bait buckets, and diving gear can carry aquatic weeds, leaving an infested lake in their wake.

With no natural predators, the plants quickly dominate native plants, fish, and aquatic life. That translates into impaired water quality and reduced shorefront property values.

If you enjoy a kayak or canoe ride, pay attention to the plants in the water as well as to the scenery and birdlife you are paddling out to enjoy. If you’ve had your boat in another body of water, examine it carefully before returning to your home lake. Encourage fellow boaters to do the same.

Prevention is the name of the game, and it’s the job of each one of us to preserve the quality of the lakes we love. And back on land? Contact your local conservation commission, Extension Service or the state for advice on getting rid of invasive plants. This battle won’t be won unless each of us does our share.

Letters

Fun Time Fishing

To the editor:

On Saturday May 6 a contingent of young anglers had an enjoyable time fishing despite occasional showers. The Derry Lions wish to thank the following for their support of the annual Derry Lions Kids Fish Derby on May 6. The Town of Derry Recreation Department for allowing us to use Hood Pond. Vendors who supported our Ad Book to defray the cost of stocking 400 trout in the pond are as follows: Scott Lavoie Construction LLC, Eddie’s Saw Service, East Derry Tire and Auto, Broadway Chiropractic Office, PLLC, Joseph Dane Contracting and Handyman Service, Michael R. Dion DMD, Princess Jewelers, Lobster Claw II, Peabody Funeral Home, Backmann Florist, Owen’s Car Care, Berkshire Hath-

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Pete Marcotte  
Secretary  
Derry Lions

Happy with Your Work

To the editor:

I was very pleased to read in the May 4, 2017 Nutfield News editorial that the Nutfield News will continue its mission to provide hometown news to its Derry readers.

In this day and age it is reassuring to know that news and information about our local government including Derry Town Council meetings, and on other community civic, social, and educational events will be published in a locally owned and operated newspaper.

I hope the Nutfield News will continue in its current printed form for a long time.

Corinne Dodge  
Derry NH

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Red Carpet Treatment



Just two months after suffering a three week stay in intensive care due to an automobile accident, Hailey DiMambro was escorted down the red carpet by Keygan Nacos at the Pinkerton Academy Junior Prom on Saturday evening. The couple were just two of the hundreds heading into the Hackler Gymnasium that night.

*Courtesy photo*



# Grinnell Elementary School Celebrates the Arts



Grinnell Elementary School packed a lot of events into their Thursday night. The school held its Night of the Arts, School Concerts, an Ice Cream Social and a Book Fair on May 11 at the school. The fifth grade band, and fourth and fifth grade chorus performed in the gym, while the Ice cream social was in the cafeteria and the book fair went on throughout the evening upstairs.

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# Council To Discuss Grant Proposal For Chloride Reduction Program

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Councilors are scheduled this week to discuss possibly entering into a grant agreement with the state Department of Transportation to purchase special Automated Vehicle Locating equipment to help with chloride reduction on Interstate 93.

At press time, the council members were scheduled to discuss the proposal at their May 16 meeting.

With the AVL system, the town would be provided with a record of where their

vehicles are in real time.

If approved, the town would enter into an agreement with the state DOT to purchase the AVL equipment for nine vehicles for three years of service at an overall cost of \$47,500, Public Works Director Michael Fowler wrote in a May 2 staff report. The grant would cover 80 percent, or \$38,000 of the cost, with the town responsible for the remaining \$9,500 or 20 percent of the cost, Fowler wrote.

The proposal is part of an ongoing program to support chloride reduction in the I-93 corridor. The largest

source of chloride is from road salt, according to state environmental officials.

Providing background on the project, Fowler said the town adopted a salt management plan in 2010 for the purpose of chloride reduction in the I-93 corridor. By adopting the salt management plan, the town was eligible for grant funding to upgrade equipment used in winter operations, Fowler wrote. In 2010, the Town Council approved Round 1 for the purchase of a five-ton truck, with the town responsible for 20 percent of the cost and the state responsi-

ble for the remaining 80 percent, Fowler wrote. In Round 2, the council approved the purchase of two additional trucks under the same cost share formula. In 2013, the council approved the purchase of two additional one-ton trucks under the same cost share formula, Fowler said in the report.

And in the latest round, the Department of Public Works is seeking council approval of the Round 4 agreement with a proposed purchase of the AVL system for nine trucks.

Fowler wrote that AVL

systems are used in a number of applications in the transport industry. Recently, several state transportation agencies have implemented AVL technology for winter operations, Fowler wrote. The system would provide the town with a record of where the vehicles are in real time and a record of where they were at specific times during the operations.

In addition, they are equipped with technology to prevent overlap of salt routes by automatically shutting off the spreader as it passes over areas previously salted within a given period of time, by

another vehicle or the subject vehicle, Fowler wrote.

Staff is recommending that the council authorize the town administrator to enter into the proposed grant agreement with the state DOT and receive the funds necessary to purchase AVL equipment for nine trucks.

In addition to entering into the grant agreement, Town Administrator David Caron would be authorized to apply for, accept and expend such funds derived from Round 4 of the Implementation - Chloride Reduction I-93 Municipal Program grant, according to the report.

## Storage

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mately 3-acre lot at 343 Island Pond Road. In addition, it would have an office for an on-site manager at the property, according to officials.

For many years, an automotive related business, the

Russell Dickey Motor Service, operated on the property that is zoned low density residential. Old equipment and vehicles that were left on the property accumulated. An environmental cleanup of the property was later conducted, according to officials.

To gain approval, the

applicant had to demonstrate that granting the variance met certain criteria necessary for approval, including meeting the spirit and intent of the low density residential zoning. In addition, Allen needed to demonstrate that a hardship existed.

During the meeting, several abutters went to the

microphone to oppose the variance.

Abutters Neil and Gail Hitter said they have lived in the same house for 34 years. If approved, the self-storage business would be located directly across from them. They opposed granting the variance because they said the business didn't meet the spirit and intent of the low density residential zoning. The self-storage business represents a large commercial operation that doesn't fit with the zoning, Neil Hitter said.

In addition, Neil Hitter said he didn't believe that Allen had demonstrated that a hardship existed by not granting the variance. Even though it wouldn't be as profitable, Hitter said a house could still be built on the property and sold.

If the variance was granted and the business approved, Gail Hitter said the it would increase traffic and cause light pollution.

She said Island Pond Road is already busy enough. Returning from work, she sometimes has to

wait for eight to 10 cars to pass before she can turn into her driveway.

"The traffic on that road and the speed is an issue," Gail Hitter said. "And I think that should be taken into consideration for a business like this."

Several other abutters also voiced opposition to granting the variance, saying the proposed business didn't fit into the neighborhood and that it would cause light pollution.

In response to the abutters, Campbell was given an opportunity to speak.

As for whether a hardship is present, Campbell proposed applying the current zoning and determining "can it be used for what it is zoned for?"

Campbell said under the current zoning the house would have to be on a three-acre estate and wouldn't fit.

"The fact is where this house sits and with its history it simply doesn't fit to be a three-acre estate house in this location with the traffic we've already heard about and with the uses that are

clearly visible in the aerial photos," Campbell said.

He added, "It has to do with the character of the neighborhood."

Campbell said Island Pond Road has an extremely mixed character and is not a three-acre estate subdivision area to fit with the low residential zoning.

"We believe that there are special circumstances of this property that make it not feasible, not reasonable," Campbell said.

ZBA members who voted for the variance said it had met all of the criteria necessary for approval.

ZBA member Heather Evans, who cast the lone vote against granting the variance, said she believed it didn't meet the character of the neighborhood.

"The variance I believe is contrary to the public interest with regard to change to the character of the neighborhood," Evans said.

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# Pinkerton Academy Takes Part in the Seatbelt Challenge



In conjunction with Buckle Up New Hampshire Week (May 14-20), the Pinkerton Academy School Counseling Department sponsored a Seatbelt Challenge on Wednesday, May 10 during lunch periods. Students competed for a spot in the state Seat Belt Challenge, held at the Police Standards and Training Academy in Concord on May 16. The challenge consisted of a four person team buckling and unbuckling in the four seats of the car at the fastest time. The event's main intent was to raise awareness of seatbelt safety as the schools's prom night approached. The team of Driss Benlaatmania, Christian Monsini, John Parada, and Nick Brien were the schools over all winner with a time of 38.45 seconds.

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# DERRY SPORTS

## PA Laxmen Run Through More Opponents, Advance to 13-0

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Neither the Londonderry High Lancers nor the Concord High Crimson Tide were able to create the first blemish on the Pinkerton Academy boys' lacrosse squad's perfect 2017 record last week. Longtime coach Brian O'Reilly's Astros thumped both opponents in advancing to a stellar 12-0 on the season.

The academy crew was a full 10 goals better than rival Londonderry in Derry on the night of Tuesday, May 9, and the next afternoon the locals took to the road and dealt the host Crimson Tide a 12-4 throttling in the state

capital.

In the 16-6 trouncing of the LHS crew, the Astros led 5-2 after one period, 8-3 at halftime, and 10-4 bouncing into the final stanza. And the hosts put the match away by outscoring their guests by a 6-2 margin in that last period.

Ryan Auger and Chad Teresky combined for 11 goals and 17 total points in the battle, with Auger bagging six goals and three assists and Teresky scoring five times and dealing out three helpers.

Chris Valentine contributed three goals and one assist to the PA cause, Nate Laliberte was good for a goal and an assist, and

Mason Drouin tallied once. Tom Sweeney dealt out two assists, Owen McCormack, Matt Newman, Kenny Ziniti, and Connor Delea each registered one assist, and goalie Alex Sturgess made 10 saves his contribution to the lopsided success.

After taking the bus ride to the state capital the next afternoon, the Astros ended up being a full eight goals better than the host Crimson Tide in a 12-4 contest.

Pinkerton was up 3-0 after one period, 6-1 at the half, and 10-2 after three stanzas had been completed.

Sturgess made six stops in the PA net, and Teresky led the PA assault on the opposing cage and finished

with four goals and four assists for eight points.

Auger and Drouin each scored twice and assisted once, Sweeney scored twice, Valentine managed a goal and three helpers, Delea scored once, and McCormack was good for an assist.

After enjoying three match-free days, the academy lax squad then rolled into this week's play by traveling to play a road contest against the 7-4 Bedford High contingent. And the locals remained perfect on the campaign with a 9-8 edging of the host Bulldogs.

Pinkerton led 3-1 after one period and 6-5 at the half, but the game tally was knotted up at 7-7 stepping into the final quarter. But PA was one goal better than its host in that decisive period in taking the slim victory in the barn-burner.

Keeper Sturgess made 11 big saves in the win, while Auger was good for four goals and three assists, Teresky scored once and assisted twice, Gennaro




Pinkerton lacrosse star Ryan Auger has continued to be a point-producing machine in keeping his Astros undefeated this spring. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Marra, Valentine, Owen McCormack, and Nate Laliberte each scored once, and Tom Sweeney dealt out two assists.

The next two opponents


the Astros will face will be in Massachusetts. On Thursday, May 18 they get Andover, and on Saturday the 20th they head over to Medfield.



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# Lady Astros' Lax Crew Has its Win Streak Snapped by Bedford

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

After putting together an eight-game winning streak and having its season record advance to a stellar 10-1, the defending state champion Pinkerton Academy girls' lacrosse squad was dealt its second loss of 2017 by an undefeated opponent.

The Lady Astros snagged their seventh consecutive victory at home against Manchester Central last Tuesday, May 9, handing that opponent a 19-3 walloping.

Coach Daziel's crew led by a commanding 11-2 margin at halftime and then outscored its overwhelmed opponents by an 8-1 score in the second half.

"Anchored by a strong

defensive unit of Carly Young, Emily Wong, Emily Sharretts, and Sidni Dery and goalies Dani Martineau and Alex Messitidis, the team improved to 9-1 on the season," said Daziel. "Central answered the first few goals but then our offense and strong riding effort took over the game."

Avery Drouin paced the powerful Pinkerton performance by scoring four goals and assisting on one other. Lauren Lisauskas scored four times, Kiley Davis was good for three goals and an assist, Zoe Howe scored a goal and dealt out three assists, Madison Peredna scored twice and assisted once, and Lilly Auger was good for two scores. Additionally, Dani Tompkins, Meghan

Michaud, and Megan Jarvis each notched a goal and a helper, and Jordan Vaillancourt dished off two assists.

And the Exeter High Lady Blue Hawks weren't any match for the Lady Astros in Derry the next afternoon, with the hosts thumping their guests by a 14-5 margin.

The Pinkerton lead stood at a relatively modest 6-3 at halftime, but the locals then outscored Exeter by a huge 8-2 margin in the second half in putting the win away.

Davis was a real power for the winners, scoring five times and assisting on one goal on a six-point day. Lisauskas contributed two goals and two helpers, Tompkins and Drouin each scored twice and notched an assist, Peredna was good for

a goal and two helpers, Jarvis and Madison Daziel each scored once and assisted once, and Auger tallied an assist. Goalie Martineau contributed five saves.

But the Lady Astros saw their winning streak end at eight games when they were edged by the undefeated Bedford High Lady Bulldogs by a 16-15 margin in Derry on Friday the 12th.

The hosts raced out to a 9-3 lead but then saw the Lady Bulldogs outscore them 6-2 during the final nine minutes of the first half, leaving the score at 11-9 in Pinkerton's favor at halftime.

Bedford then potted the first three goals of the second half to tally their first lead of the day at 12-11. And the visitors grasped a 16-14 advantage with 1:32 remaining when PA standout Drouin scored to get her team to within a goal of the lead at 16-15. But that would be where the final score would end up.

Davis finished with a team-high five goals while Drouin chipped in three of her own for Pinkerton. Lisauskas and Madison Daziel each had two goals while Tompkins, Jarvis, and



Senior stalwart Kiley Davis has been impressive for the defending Division I state champion Pinkerton girls' lacrosse squad, and did plenty of scoring recently.

Peredna scored once for the Astros. Peredna also contributed four assists, and PA goalie Martineau made eight saves.

The academy crew then

bounced into this week looking to get back to its winning ways on Monday May 15 in Concord, but that game was postponed by the rainy weather.

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# Pinkerton Softball Squad Snags a Split, Hits 10-3 on Season

**CHRIS PANTAZIS**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Coach Kristen Abbott knew full well that she had considerable amounts of talent coming back to her Pinkerton Academy softball contingent this spring. And the Lady Astros did a whole bunch right for their mentor in their first dozen contests of the season.

The locals drove their 2017 record up to an excep-

tional 10-2 with their fifth straight victory in the form of an 8-3 defeat of Nashua North in the Gate City last Wednesday, May 10.

The academy side plated two runs in each of the first, second, and third innings in leaping out to a 6-0 lead. North sliced its deficit in half by scoring three times in the latter half of the sixth, but Pinkerton got two of those markers back in the top of the seventh to get to

the final 8-3 score.

Pinkerton pounded out some 17 hits in the win, with the Amato sisters Abby and Sarah leading the charge in truly impressive fashion.

Abby smacked three hits and drove in three runs, lacing a home run and a double. Her younger sister also drilled out three hits and fell just a single short of hitting for the cycle. She knocked a homer, a double, and a triple and drove in three runs just like her big sister.

The victorious locals also received two hits each from Nicole Gonya, Jess Nardozza, Caitlin Hogan, and Alyssa Ouellette, who also did some fine work in the pitching circle for the Lady Astros and notched the pitching victory.

Coach Abbott's aces were then free from competi-

itive action until this past Monday the 15th when they made the rather lengthy bus trip out to Rochester to play a host Spaulding High Lady Red Raiders' contingent which was also pretty warm, having won seven of its last eight games and boasting a 9-5 record.

And the Lady Raiders remained warm in taking an 8-3 victory over the locals, despite the fact that Pinkerton smacked out 14 hits in a losing effort.

Gonya, Nardozza, Alyssa DiMauro, Ouellette, and Briahna Janulewicz all smacked out two hits for the Pinkerton crew, which then looked at home games against Winnacunnet and Londonderry this Wednesday and Thursday. Both of those contests occurred after Nutfield News press time.



Pinkerton shortstop and offensive catalyst Abby Amato and her Lady Astros moved their record to 10-3 recently with a split of two contests. Photo by Chris Pantazis

## Athletes of the Week

Week of May 8



**Kiley Davis, Senior, Girls' Lacrosse**

This talented and battle-tested veteran scored five goals against Bedford, the number one team in Division I girls' lacrosse this spring. It was her third five-goal game of the campaign.



**Alex Sturgess, Junior, Boys' Lacrosse**

This skilled goalie had a combined 22 saves against Concord, Nashua North, and Londonderry during the noted span, including 10 saves against LHS. He has helped his Astros to a 13-0 record.

## PA Boys' Tennis Wins Three More

**CHRIS PANTAZIS**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy boys' tennis team is having one bang-up 2017 season for coach Brian Hashem, and the Astros snagged three consecutive victories on their home courts last week to up their season record to a truly superb 10-2 going into this final week of the regular

season.

The Astro males had absolutely no trouble in disposing of the Nashua North Titans in Derry on Wednesday, May 10, pounding their way past the visitor in a 9-0 shutout.

Singles victories were delivered by Seb Tonini (8-2 score), Henry Su (8-4), John Marineau (8-2), Henry Andrews (8-2), Jeff Marquis

(8-1), and Tate Pinyochon (8-0), Andrews (8-0), Marquis (8-3), Pinyochon (8-0), and Derek Wilson (9-8, 7-3 tiebreaker).

In doubles play, Pinkerton received successes from the tandems of Tonini and Marineau (8-1), Su and Pinyochon (8-2), and Andrews and Marquis (8-4).

And the academy boys enjoyed the same level of success on their home courts the very next day in moving to 9-2 on the season with a 9-0 blanking of the visiting Keene High Blackbirds.

The singles wins were rolled in by Tonini (8-1), Su

(8-0), Andrews (8-0), Marquis (8-3), Pinyochon (8-0), and Derek Wilson (9-8, 7-3 tiebreaker).

In doubles, the teams of Tonini and Marineau (8-1), Su and Pinyochon (8-0), and Andrews and Conor Jowett (8-2) made sure that PA would bag another team shutout.

The academy guys then made it three wins in a row with a 7-2 thumping of the Bishop Guertin Cardinals of Nashua in Derry last Saturday the 13th.



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# Astro Spikers Bag Road Wins to Keep Win Streak Alive

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy boys' volleyball squad bounced its 2017 record up to a glittering 12-1 and its winning streak to six straight matches with a successful run on the road last week.

The Astros took care of business in impressive fashion at Mascenic Regional High School in New Ipswich, Coe-Brown Academy in Northwood, and Salem to keep its hot streak rolling onward.

In the Mascenic match on Tuesday, May 9, the

Astros drove to a 3-1 victory by winning games two, three, and four after dropping a 25-22 decision in game one.

Pinkerton took game two by a 25-22 score, game three 25-20, and 25-21 in deciding contest number four.

Senior star Cobi Moore tallied 31 assists, six blocks, and three blocks to pace the PA effort. Kunjan Patel notched 18 service points with two aces and 18 digs, Ty Behsman bagged 12 kills, Hunter Hazard claimed 13 of them, and Sean Galusha collected seven kills and three blocks.

In the Coe-Brown match

in Northwood the next day, the Astros didn't lose a game in tallying a 3-0 shutout and their fifth consecutive victory.

The locals notched game wins of 25-17, 25-12, and 25-11 and received 17 assists from Brian Castle, eight assists and seven kills from Moore, eight kills from Behsman, and five kills from Matt Fabrizio.

The Astros then made it six straight victories with a 3-1 besting of Salem on the New Hampshire/Massachusetts border on Friday the 12th, with coach Colin Walker's charges winning game one 25-17, losing

game two by that same score, and then winning games three (25-19) and four (25-14) in putting the match away.

Leader Moore managed 23 assists, 12 service points with four aces, and six kills. Behsman bagged 13 kills, Patel collected 17 digs, Fabrizio collected three blocks and four kills, and Galusha got five kills and two blocked shots.

The locals played home matches on Tuesday against John Stark Regional and Wednesday against Mascenic, with both matches happening after Nutfield News press time.



Pinkerton senior volleyball player Patrick Mulhall and his teammates kept a great winning streak rolling with more success last week.

Photo by Chris Paul

# PA Baseball Keeps Win Streak Rolling by Knocking Off North

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Coach Steve Campo's Pinkerton Academy baseball squad continued to look like one of the Division I powerhouses last week by pushing its winning streak up to a handful of decisions and getting its 2017 record a full seven games over the .500 mark.

The Astro hardball crew advanced its season record to 10-3 and pushed its winning streak up to five games with a 2-0 nipping of Nashua North in Derry on Wednesday, May 10.

Lefty starting pitcher David Unkles gave his academy squad another fine performance, twirling six

innings and holding the visiting Titans to just one hit and three walks while striking out six would-be hitters. Matt Albetski pitched the seventh inning and allowed one hit while striking out one for the save.

Pinkerton tallied one run in the first inning and one in the fourth and collected a total of five hits, with Brian

Sutton bashing two of those, driving in a run, and scoring a run.

Coach Campo's crew then had four days away from competition before being scheduled to step into this week with a Monday home game against a very solid Spaulding squad from Rochester which bounded into that game with an 8-4

record and consecutive wins over Keene and Manchester Memorial. But that battle was postponed for 24 hours by Mother Nature's delivery of rain.

The Spaulding side swung big bats in its two most recent victories, besting those opponents by a rather jaw-dropping combined tally of 25-6.



Talented Pinkerton southpaw pitcher David Unkles continued his string of fine performances against Nashua North last week.

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# Academy Track Squads Find Mixed Success at a Pair of Meets

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Neither of Pinkerton Academy's outdoor track and field teams have been anything but extraordinarily tough to beat this spring. But last week the Astro males and Lady Astros both met their matches in New Hampshire's state capital before both returned to dominant form at an invitational several days later.

## BOYS

The Astro guys were dealt their first dual-meet defeat by the host Concord High Crimson Tide in the state capital on Tuesday, May 9, with the hosts squeaking out a 73-71 victory.

The Pinkerton crew still won some nine events though, with first places being delivered by John Brooks in the 100-meter dash (time of 11.33 seconds), Matt Anzivino in the 400-meter dash (52.39), Adam Spencer in the 300-meter individual hurdles (40.79), Matt Small in the high jump (5 feet, 10 inches), Ben Clough in the pole vault (11'), Joron Harrell in the triple jump (41'6"), Jacob Bourassa in the discus (100'2 3/4"), Aiden Goujon in the javelin (118'7"), and the 4x100 relay quartet (43.40).

But the academy crew showed its depth and skill in another successful effort at the Merrimack Invitational

at Merrimack High School on Thursday the 11th.

Pinkerton took first place there by scoring some 150.5 points, easily outdistancing everybody else in the 14-team field.

Event wins were delivered by Jadyn Ruimwijk in the 100 (11.00) and the 200 (22.34), Colin Bigelow in the javelin (163'5"), Spencer in the 300 hurdles (41.07), and the 4x100 (3 minutes, 29.39 seconds) relay quartets.

## GIRLS

The Lady Astros were bested by the Concord Crimson Tide ladies by a 77.5-63.5 margin in the state capital on Tuesday the 9th despite event victories from Amelia Graves in the 100

(13.12), Katherine Peterson in the 100 hurdles (18.92), Emily Lesburt in the high jump (5'1"), Marryn Dennis in the pole vault (7'), Hannah Rogers in the long jump (16'7"), and Gately Beckman in the 3,200-meter run (13:59.59).

But after dealing with that defeat, the Lady Astros showed their talent and depth in taking first place out of some 15 contingents at the Merrimack Invitational on the 11th.

Pinkerton scored 114 points to take first as a group, with event wins coming from Graves in the 100 (12.90), Britney Johnson in the 1,600-meter run (5:07.20), and Maria Virga in the 100 hurdles (15.39).



Field events competitor Hannah Maracin and the Lady Astro track team lost in Concord but rebounded beautifully in Merrimack last week. Photo by Chris Pantazis

# Lady Racketeers Split With the Bishops, Snuff Out South

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

A win over the Bishop Brady Green Giants of Concord followed by a loss to the Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals from Nashua last week left the Pinkerton Academy girls' tennis team contemplating the 7-5 record with which it ended that span of time.

The Lady Astros moved their record to 7-4 and collected their fourth win in five matches with a 6-3 defeat of struggling Bishop Brady in Derry last Wednesday, May 10.

Singles victories were delivered by Riley Reinert (8-1), Michaela Forand (8-4), Chloe Freedman (8-2) and Julia Farnum (8-4) as Pinkerton rolled into doubles needing just one win to take the match.

They won two doubles battles thanks to the play of the tandems of Samantha Donahue and Forand (8-1) and Freedman and Farnum (8-1).

But then on Saturday the 13th, the academy squad fell by a 6-3 score to the visiting BG Lady Cardinals on the PA courts to slip to 7-5.

The hosts only tallied

one singles victory, with that coming from Farnum in the number six slot (8-5). But fourth and fifth singles players Forand (8-9, 5-7 tiebreaker) and Freedman (7-9) battled hard and just lost squeakers.

Guertin had the match won by the end of singles, but the Lady Astros continued to work hard and received doubles successes from the tandems of Donahue and Forand (8-6) and Freedman and Farnum (8-6).

Coach Gerry Rosado's Pinkerton crew then rolled into this week looking to get

back to three notches over the .500 mark by besting the visiting Nashua South Lady Purple Panthers on Monday the 15th.

And coach Rosado's roster did precisely that, trouncing the Lady Panthers by an 8-1 tally thanks to resounding singles successes from Zoe Freedman (8-0), Reinert (8-2), Donahue (8-2), Forand (8-4), Chloe Freedman (8-4), and Farnum (8-0), and victories from the talented and quite determined doubles duos of Zoe Freedman and Reinert (8-2) and Donahue and Forand (8-2).



Michaela Forand has been a singles and doubles stalwart for PA this spring. Photo by Chris Paul

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## Welcome to Bollywood!

Wed., May 24, 6:30 p.m. Love movies? Love Dancing? Get a peak into the films, stars, and music of the Hindi film industry that has taken the world by storm! For registration or more information, call 432-6140, or go to [derrypl.org](http://derrypl.org).

## Just My Grandparents & Me Story time

Fri. May 26, at 10 a.m., join us for stories, songs, and snacks for children ages 1-6 and their Grandparents! No registration required. For more information, call 432-6140, or go to [derrypl.org](http://derrypl.org).

## Opioid Documentary

Sat., June 3, at 1 p.m. Join local filmmaker Aaron Foss as he shows clips from and discusses the new documentary, 'State of Addiction: The New Hampshire Opioid Crisis'. Register at [www.derrypl.org](http://www.derrypl.org) or call 432-6140.

## Hatching Chicks

During the first few weeks of June we will host an egg incubator at the Children's desk. In this series of classes, we will talk about the chicken life cycle and what is happening inside the egg. Once the chicks hatch, they will be at the library for a couple of days. Various dates and times are available - Ages 3-5 Wed, June 14 from 10 - 10:45 a.m. Ages 6-8 Tues, June 6 & 13 from 4 - 4:45 p.m.; Ages 9-11 Thur. June 8 & 15 from 4 - 4:45 p.m.; Home-schoolers Wed. June 7 & 14 at 11 a.m. Class size is limited to 10 children. Registration is required. Call the library at 432-6140 for more details or register online at [www.dplkids.org](http://www.dplkids.org)

## Taiko Drumming!

Sat., June 17, at 2 p.m., learn about the ancient musical art of Taiko Drumming. There will be a live performance. Register at [www.derrypl.org](http://www.derrypl.org) or call 432-6140.

## Serving Under the Maple Leaf

Wed., June 21, at 6:30 p.m. TJ Cullinane concludes his World War 1 series with 'Serving Under the Maple Leaf', which discussed Derry men who served in the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Register at [www.derrypl.org](http://www.derrypl.org) or call 432-6140.

## Adult Coloring this Summer

Adult coloring on the following dates this summer: June 5, 19, July 3, 17, 31, August 7, & 21. All meetings run from 6:30 - 8 p.m., and will be held in the teen area. Register at [www.derrypl.org](http://www.derrypl.org) or call 432-6140.

## Parents support group

Frustrated with your teenager? Need support with dealing with your teenager? Parents of Teens: You're Not Alone. Have questions? Does parenting your teenager mean you have new concerns about anger, defiance, motivation and trust? Welcome to the club! Meet up with other parents at our Parents support group, Every Thurs night, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., at The Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Road in Derry. Meet other parents experiencing the same situations. No preregistration required, no fee, and all topics can be discussed. Call 603-437-8477 with questions.

## 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](mailto:info@derryfest.org) for more info. To help with some specif-

ic needs, volunteers are needed in certain areas: Field Lining Team Members; Photography/Archive and Fundraising Team, according to organizers.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Elijah's Table

Elijah's Table, a joint project of Etz Hayim Synagogue (1-1/2 Hood Road) is offering the community a free dinner this month. 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://freemealsinderry.blogspot.com>

## 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.

## Flea Market Fundraiser for Pets

The Greater Derry Humane Society is accepting donations for an upcoming fundraising sale on Saturday, June 17 at the Londonderry Flea Market. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the GDHS and will help pay for food, supplies, and veterinary care for animals in their care. Those who would like to donate are asked to bring items already priced to the GDHS table before 8 a.m. on June 17. Donors are asked to call GDHS Board member, Sue Bares, at (508) 498-7482 to find where the table is located. There is limited opportunity for items to be collected ahead of time, those who would need to be asked to contact GDHS Treasurer, Sharon Comeau, at (603) 231-3265. Contact either Bares or Comeau for more information.

## Legion Karaoke

On May 19, Karaoke with DJ Sharon. Starts at 7 p.m. Non-members interested in joining Post 27 are welcome to attend. For more information go to our website [www.alpost27.com](http://www.alpost27.com), call us at 437-6613,

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## Legion Bingo

On May 22, Post 27 will be playing bingo with patients at the VA Hospital in Manchester from 7 - 8:30 p.m. We'll be serving pizza and diet soda as well as providing \$150 in prize money. For more information go to our website [www.alpost27.com](http://www.alpost27.com), call us at 437-6613, visit our Greeley Parmenter Harrington Facebook page or follow us on Twitter @ALPost27LderryNH.

## 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 are encouraged to come and give "the Gift of Life." Homemade desserts and the Knights' world-famous chilli will be available for all donors. For more information, call Vinny Curro at (603) 867-7472 or email [vincurro@comcast.net](mailto:vincurro@comcast.net)

## Memorial Parade

On May 29, at 10 a.m. the Memorial Day parade will begin. All veterans and not just members of Post 27 are invited to march. Muster at the traffic light on Robert Lincoln Way by 9:45 a.m. We will march to the Holy Cross cemetery to honor Private First Class Verne Greely, USMC who was killed in Vietnam in 1967. We will then march to the town common for a ceremony to honor all those who have died serving our nation. For more information go to our website [www.alpost27.com](http://www.alpost27.com), call us at 437-6613, visit our Greeley Parmenter Harrington Facebook page or follow us on

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## Post 27 Open House

On May 29, from Noon - 6 p.m. Post 27 Open House. We would like to invite anyone interested in joining Post 27 to stop by to meet our members and view our facility. We'll also be serving food throughout the day. Prospective veterans can go to [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) to view membership criteria. For more information go to our website [www.alpost27.com](http://www.alpost27.com), call us at 437-6613, visit our Greeley Parmenter Harrington Facebook page or follow us on Twitter @ALPost27LderryNH.

## Touch-A-Truck & Kid's Muster

Saturday, May 20 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. At West Running Brook Middle School. A family fun event an opportunity for children to Explore, Climb, and Touch trucks, emergency response vehicles, heavy machinery, and other equipment. A kid's muster will be held. Horn/siren free hour is 10 - 11 a.m. (for sensitive ears). Overflow parking is located at Derry Village School. A free shuttle will be provided. For Muster questions contact Assistant Chief Scott Jackson 432-6751 or [scottjackson@derrynh.org](mailto:scottjackson@derrynh.org). For Touch-A-Truck questions Lieutenant Michael LaValley 432-6121 or [mikelavalley@derrynh.org](mailto:mikelavalley@derrynh.org)

## Plant Donations Needed

The Derry Garden Club is in need of donations for its annual plant sale that will be held on Saturday, June 3, at the Masonic Temple, 58 East Broadway, Derry. If you would like to donate plant and/or need help digging plants for donation, please call Alison Kennerly at 434-9624.

## Annual Plant Sale

The Derry Garden Club will be holding its annual Plant Sale on Saturday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 58 East Broadway, Derry. Hundreds of locally grown plants will be sold with proceeds benefiting the club and the community.

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