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## Cell Tower Lease Extension Approved by Town Council

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Councilors have approved a request by a company to extend a lease for 23 years on a cell tower on Kendall Pond Road.

Crown Castle is currently leasing the site on Kendall Pond Road from the town and recently approached Derry and requested a lease extension, Town Administrator David Caron said.

"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 said in a staff report.

It is not unusual for cellular providers to seek stability in their coverage areas and seek long-term leases, according to officials. Crown Castle currently owns two towers on Kendall Pond Road immediately adjacent to one another.

"There is also a cell tower on the other side of 93 directly opposite this one owned by the same company," Caron said.

Over the years, most of the cellular antennas have been located on the second facility, which is not leased by the town, Caron said.

"Therefore the economics given that fact and the fact that there has been a

continual consolidation of cellular providers the economics on this facility is not great," Caron said in introducing the item. "So our best opportunity for success is to provide some assurance to the owner of the cell tower that they have a lease there for a longer period of time."

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 said in the staff report.

"We have reviewed the economics of the site and recommend extending the

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## Council Approves Entering Into Chloride Reduction Grant Program

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Councilors have approved 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.

In their May 16 meeting, councilors agreed for the town to 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 said. The grant covers 80 percent, or \$38,000 of the cost, with the town responsible for the remaining \$9,500 or 20 percent of the cost, Fowler said.

In addition to entering

into the grant agreement, Town Administrator David Caron was 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 officials.

With the AVL system, the town would be provided with a record of where their vehicles are in real time.

The project 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.

In addition to providing the town with a record of where the vehicles are in real time, the system will provide 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 said.

During questioning by Councilor Richard Tripp, Flower explained how the AVL equipment is used.

"It's just a tool for us to be able to track our vehicles and also to know that we are putting adequate rates down or we aren't overlapping and wasting the salt," Fowler said.

For the past seven years, the NHDOT has been looking at ways to reduce salt usage in I-93 corridor

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Kelan Fuoco was all smiles as he got to play with the controls of a paving machine during the Touch-A-Truck and Muster event at West Running Brook Middle School on Saturday.  
Photo by Chris Paul

## Lots of Happy Faces at Touch-A-Truck and Muster

KATHERINE PRUDHOMME O'BRIEN  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Under a cloudless May sky the first ever Touch-A-Truck and Muster event was held on Saturday at West Running Brook Middle School in Derry.

Nearly everyone was in a great mood as kids of all ages gathered to see, touch, and explore firetrucks, ambulances, police vehicles, and many kinds of heavy equipment used by the fire and police departments. A medical transport helicopter from Dartmouth Hitchcock even landed in the school's soccer field.

Turnout was so large that volunteers from CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) directed traffic in the additional parking lots, and school buses from First Student Bus Company were used to shuttle families to and from West Running Brook. Derry residents and CERT volunteers at Derry Village School, Michelle Donovan and Chris Hutchinson, noted that even the simple school bus ride was a big thrill for the children who don't yet attend school.

Lieutenant Beattie of the Derry Police Department showed children the

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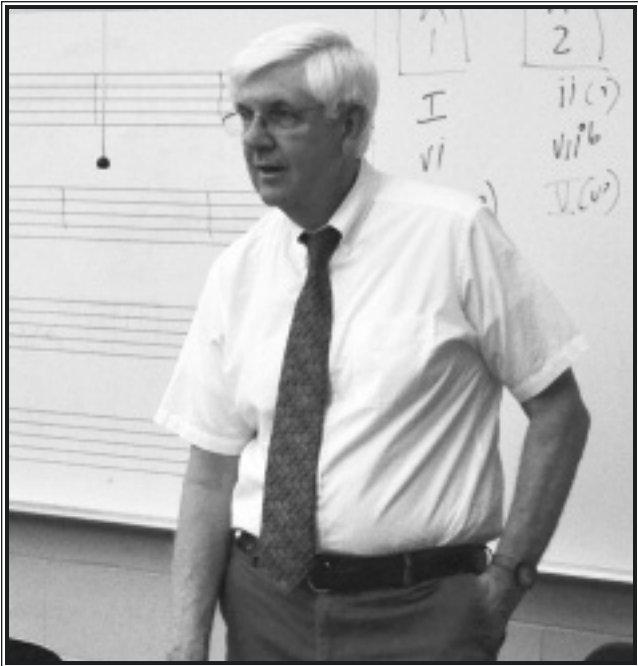
Pinkerton Fine Arts Director Retires After 32 Years

**SKYLA WITHROW**  
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Tom Quigley is the current Music Theory teacher and Chorus Director and the head of the Arts department at Pinkerton Academy.

At the end of this year, after teaching at the school for 32 years, and at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School for eight years, Quigley will be retiring. Not only has he been an advisor, department head, and teacher to so many students over the years, but he has also been a friend to students and teachers alike.

The standard Quigley holds the department and Choirs to will be continued after he is gone, thanks to the staff and students he leaves behind. Michael Adams, the band director, has worked with Quigley for the past 12 years. He expressed how Mr. Q is extremely well respected “not just at Pinkerton but throughout the state as well



Tom Quigley has been the Music Theory teacher and Chorus Director at Pinkerton Academy for 32 years and will retire at the end of this school year.

and we’re gonna miss him on many many levels.” The PA Choirs are also well known throughout the state because of how Mr. Quigley runs it and the standards he sets for the students.

Quigley creates lasting impacts on students from years before. Heather Kelly (née Zink) graduated from Pinkerton with the class of ‘92 shared a few memories about working with Tom

Quigley. “When I was a freshman and playing Mrs Paroo in the Music Man, my grandmother died a week or so before the play and we had to travel. He was very kind and gracious. The other (memory) was my junior year, I had the lead in the fall play. He pulled me aside and was really complimentary of how I performed in one scene and it meant the world to me. Quigley is an excellent educator but he will always be remembered at PA as a mentor and friend to so many”.

After working here for 32 years, many memories have been made and numerous shows have gone by. When asked about his favorite show that has been done here, Mr. Quigley cannot choose one over another because they are all like his children. The Pinkerton Players works so

hard on every production so it would not be fair to choose just one. This year marked the first year that Quigley did not run the Pinkerton Players, produce the shows, direct, or be the musical director for Pinkerton’s shows. He thought the right thing to do was to allow Mrs. Iwaskiewicz to direct and be the musical director and for him to step aside and be there for support and questions since she will be taking over next year. This year was very different because instead of doing one play and a musical, two plays and a musical were performed by the students. It was a challenge and Quigley was there every step of the way but off to the side. It was also different because he did not take on the four roles he normally does. Instead, Mr. Cahoon is the producer and runs the meet-

ings with the Pinkerton Players officers, and Mrs. Iwaskiewicz is the director and musical director of the musical.

Things have definitely changed since Quigley first started teaching at Pinkerton. Back then, the band and chorus classes were in the same classroom in the Shepard building while they had one classroom for their courses over there as well. The shows were put on in the Shepard Auditorium and there was virtually no place to practice. “One of (my favorite memories) has to be about the excitement of moving into (the Fine Arts) building,” Mr. Quigley stated. Now the band and chorus have their own rooms and practice rooms. The Stockbridge Theatre is also available for the shows and various performances.

Car Crashes Into House on Kendall Pond Road

At 9:46 p.m. on May 17, 2017, Derry Engine 1, Medic 1, and Car 1 were dispatched to 21 Kendall Pond Road after receiving a report about a motor vehicle collision into a house. Upon arrival, Engine 1 found that the Audi sedan had caused structural damage to the house as well as to its attached barn.

The car was described to have left the road, struck an embankment and wooden fence, and become airborne, striking the side of the house before traveling into the barn. The driver was able to get out of the car before the arrival of fire crews. He was evaluated and transported to Parkland Medical Center

with non-life-threatening injuries.

The home’s residents, a husband and wife, were home at the time of the crash. Neither were injured, but they stated that it felt like a “freight train” had just gone through their yard. The occupants run a mobile petting zoo from their home, and luckily, the sections of the house and barn that were struck are only used for storage of supplies and equipment.

Crews evaluated the structure and determined that once the car was removed, the affected corners of the porch and barn would need to be shored. Crews then constructed a

door shore for the porch, a T-shore for the barn, and laced the two together. Once shoring was complete, the structures were re-occupied and turned over to the property owners.

The accident is under investigation by the Derry Police Department. Shortly after this call was dispatched, Derry Engine 2 and Medic 3 responded to a motorcycle accident on East Broadway. With this call, all Derry Fire and EMS units were committed to calls and off-duty personnel were recalled to their stations. The motorcycle accident involved only minor injuries, and the operator refused treatment or EMS transport.



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# Gordon Road House Fire Displaces Family of Three

HUNTER MCGEE  
NUTFIELD NEWS

An electrical panel that failed sparked an intense fire that left a house on Gordon Road uninhabitable for a family of three on May 16.

The family members had left the house at 15 Gordon Road several hours before the blaze began at around 3 p.m., neighbors said. No injuries were reported in the blaze.

The fire originated in the panel and spread from the basement to first floor, Assistant Fire Chief Scott Jackson said Monday.

"It physically burned through the first floor and melted two windows," Jackson said.

The blaze caused extensive damage throughout the house, with extreme heat damage to the second floor. It left the building uninhabitable.

"As far as contents, there wasn't much that was salvageable," he said.

He said if the family

members would have been home during the fire they likely would have heard the smoke detectors and could have alerted fire personnel much sooner. This would likely have resulted in far less damage to the house, he said.

Jackson said information wasn't available as to where the family might have relocated.

On the day of the blaze, fire crews were dispatched to the scene at 3:08 p.m. On arrival, fire crews observed heavy fire throughout the first floor, with fire extending to the second floor, Derry Battalion Chief Jack Webb said.

After hearing and seeing the fire blow out a window on the first floor, neighbors called 911 to summon fire crews. One neighbor used a garden house to try to knock down the flames. Another neighbor told firefighters that the family members had left a few hours before and weren't home when the blaze began, Webb said.

Firefighters from Derry Engine One initiated an aggressive attack to quickly cool the fire from the outside with a hose line. They then moved quickly into the first floor, Webb said. After arriving, a Windham engine crew moved a hose line to the second floor to attack the fire and perform a primary search. And Derry Engine Four crew took a line to the basement and extinguished that fire, Webb said in the release.

"These crews performed a primary search of the entire structure and confirmed that the building was unoccupied, all while extinguishing the fire," Webb said.

Extremely high heat conditions throughout the building and zero visibility hampered initial crews, according to officials.

In order to provide relief for firefighters, command requested a second alarm at 3:28 p.m. to provide relief crews. The fire was reported under control at 4:04 p.m., according to the



Derry Fire and mutual aid crews during the salvage and overhaul phase of the fire at 15 Gordon Road on May 16. The intense blaze left the house uninhabitable for a family of three, according to fire officials. No injuries were reported in the fire. The cause is non-suspicious, according to fire officials. *Photo courtesy of Jarrod*

release.

Mutual aid on the scene was provided by Windham, Auburn, Chester, Londonderry, Hampstead, Manchester, Raymond and the Salem Fire Departments. Station coverage was provided by the Nashua, Hud-

son, Hooksett and Kingston Fire Departments, according to the release.

During the fire, the Nashua engine responded to a reported structure fire in Londonderry. And station coverage companies also responded to a stove fire in

Derry.

The Manchester Chapter of the American Red Cross responded to provide family services. The residents also had family members who live in the same neighborhood, according to officials.

## Cell Tower

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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 this site's characteristics, 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 recommended 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.

During a brief question-and-answer session, it was confirmed that the rent will increase by three percent every year throughout the lease.

With no further comments or questions, councilors then voted 7-0 to approve the plan.

## Chloride

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Salem, Windham, Londonderry and Derry - were given access to grant funds in first three rounds, Fowler said.

Providing background on the project, Fowler wrote in a staff report that 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 responsible for the remaining 80 percent, Fowler wrote. In Round two, 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.

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.



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# Editorial

## A Day of Remembering

In the town squares and commons and historic cemeteries of New Hampshire, the statue of a Civil War soldier is a sight often taken for granted. But a vestige of that war remains part of our lives today, as we mark the occasion of Memorial Day this coming Monday.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed and observed in 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, as a time when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. Evidence of an even earlier day of remembrance comes from records of the decoration of Confederate soldiers' graves by women's groups in the South before the end of the Civil War. By 1890, the day, originally called Decoration Day, was recognized by all northern states, while the South honored its dead on a separate date.

Then came World War I, and the day changed to a time of remembrance throughout the country for all who gave their lives in military service to the United States.

Many more wars have taken the

lives of American servicemen and women since then, including the current war in Afghanistan. But even with the present-day fighting, it's easy to look at Memorial Day as just another chance for a three-day weekend, an extra day off from work and school, a time for barbecues and mowing the lawn and planting the flower garden.

We suggest a different focus.

Those Civil War statues, and the old cemeteries where tiny American flags stand vigil by graves, are visual reminders that thousands of lives have been given in the name of their nation's service - and more are at risk today. Memorial Day is a good time to think about what those familiar objects represent.

Ceremonies in our towns will center on the cemeteries and the statues, on the flags and the wreaths.

This Memorial Day, we encourage you to take time from your busy lives and your extra day of leisure to remember, and to thank those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as those who stand ready to do so today. And let us hope that sacrifice will someday no longer be necessary.

# The Salvation Army Has Big Plans in Derry This Summer

KATHERINE PRUDHOMME O'BRIEN  
NUTFIELD NEWS

An impending move to a new location this summer isn't slowing down Salvation Army Lieutenants Katie Mayes and Kathryn Bender from making plans to continue to help the greater Derry community this summer.

A "For Sale," sign sits in front of the Folsom Road building that they have been in since 2000. They don't own the site and the current owner is looking to sell, forcing the church to relocate. Ideally, they would like to stay in Derry's downtown since 80 percent of the people they serve come from that area.

"It would be nice if the kids had an area outside to play," said Lt. Mayes. "We are hoping to find a building that has that." She added that during the Christmas season, they run out of room and need more space to store the gifts that are donated to area children. In recent years, they have had to rent additional storage space for these donations.

Despite the challenges the Salvation Army will face while looking for a new home, the summer feeding program will continue. In fact, from June 27 to August 24, their canteen truck program will be expanding this year, serving lunches three days a week rather than two days a week. The Kona Ice Truck will even be helping to kick off the season.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, lunches will be served at the Fairways. On Wednesdays, at Hood Pond. The lunches take place from 12-1 p.m. In past years, the community has been generous in donating necessities for this summer feeding program. This year, necessities include brown paper bags, small packaged snacks, napkins, plates, small bottles of water and small containers of juice, and fresh fruit.

Donations can be dropped off during office hours at 18 Folsom Road, Derry, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Lieutenants Mayes and Bender, who originally hail from Kentucky and Ohio respectively, have been in Derry for about two years now and are exploring new fundraising ideas for their programs in addition to the generous donation they receive from The Alexander Eastman Foundation.

The Alexander Eastman Foundation is an organization that promotes the health and well-being of our community in accordance with the principles set forth by the founders of the former Alexander Eastman Hospital in Derry in 1934. The foundation was created as a part of the sale of the hospital in 1983 to The Hospital Corporation of America.

This year, a brand-new carwash event is planned for June 17 at the ROYAL T Carwash at 20 Folsom Road (right next door to the current Salvation Army building) from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., with a rain date of June 24.

On Friday, July 14 and 21 and Saturday, July 15 and 22, A Christmas in July Red Kettle Drive is coming to the Londonderry Market Basket and both Salem Market Baskets from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

A giant yard sale fundraiser for the Salvation Army was held on May 13. Lieutenants Mayes and Bender say that thanks to donations from the community, it was a big success and they plan on having another one in the late summer.

On Tuesdays, the food pantry runs from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., and the JAM after school program for elementary age children is held from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Homework help is available, and JAM will be continuing throughout the summer. Youth group for teens is on Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. The Women's

Group is held on Thursdays at 10 a.m., and at 4 p.m., Bible study is held. Sunday morning services begin at 10 a.m., followed by Sunday school.

With all the social services the Salvation Army provides, such as serving as chaplains for the Derry Fire Department, assisting fire fighters, first responders, and people in crisis, it's easy to overlook the fact that they are a church as well. Lieutenant Mayes stresses that they are available to help all people in need, whether they are people of faith or not. In fact, her own religious conversion didn't occur until after she began working for the Salvation Army. As a college basketball player, she was in demand as a counselor at a Salvation Army summer camp in 2009. She also volunteers as a basketball coach for the Derry Recreation Department.

This commitment to practical service in the real world is what drew Lt. Bender to the organization and caused her to fall in love with their mission. Lt. Mayes mentioned that her own difficult experiences in childhood drew her to work with kids in need who are growing up with many of the same challenges she faced.

The original mission of the church, when it was founded in London in 1865 by a travelling Methodist minister and his wife, was to first help and then minister to marginalized people such as prostitutes, convicts and drunkards, who at the time were not welcome in other churches.

The Salvation Army was among one of the first organizations to fight sex trafficking in 1885. It is a mission of theirs that continues to this day.

All are invited to call the Salvation Army office at 603-434-7790 with any questions.

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# Trucks

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large multi-prisoner transport van while parents joked with their kids that they expect this to be the only time they see the inside of that vehicle. Captain Feole of the DPD was there to answer questions about the Southern New Hampshire Special Operations Unit armored Bear Cat vehicle. Questions about the vehicle ranged from the specific modifications made at the factory to what the small windows are for (they are gun ports) to the weight of the Bear Cat vehicle. People of all ages were invited to try on the heavy protective clothing that the nine community SNH Special Operations Unit wears. Throughout the day, numerous youngsters told Captain Feole that they would like to be police officers one day, too.

For aspiring truck drivers, an eighteen-wheeler from New England Tractor Trailer Training School in North Andover, Massachusetts was on site. Armand Dion and David Monroe from Rymes Oil encouraged kids to climb up into the cab of their oil delivery truck and blast the horn. Their special pink truck, the Ms. Wendy, showed the company's commitment to fighting breast cancer.

TreelineNH brought their massive tree cutting equipment, Derry Cable Television was on site with their news truck, Eversource was represented with a bucket loader truck, and The Derry Highway and Public

Works was there with many of their vehicles. Representatives from the Derry Recreation Department and Derry Public Library were on hand to tell families about the summer programs both organizations have planned.

According to young James Rountree and his younger sister, Gabby, of Derry, the Muster portion of the event was "Really fun" and he liked getting wet with the hose he had to carry in the obstacle course. James said "The hose wasn't too heavy," and Gabby liked shooting water into the targets.

They came with their parents Tracy and James Rountree, who said they would recommend the events to other kids. Echoing a sentiment heard throughout the day, the family says they look forward to coming back next year.

As the day ended, Derry Fire Chief Michael Gagnon was helping to hold down a sun shelter to keep it from being blown away by the departing Dartmouth Hitchcock helicopter.

He said the event, which was spearheaded by Derry Fire Department Assistant Chief Scott Jackson and Lieutenant Michael La Valley, was a great success. There were, at times, lines thirty kids deep waiting for the muster event. His preliminary estimate of the attendance throughout the day was, "in the thousands." He hopes to make this an annual event, news that will surely be welcomed by countless kids and their fam-



A Helicopter, Fire Muster and dressing up in Flack Jackets were some of many fun activities on Saturday.

Photos by Chris Paul

ilies in town.

The event was the result of cooperation between local town agencies and departments; the Derry Fire and Police Departments, The Highway and Public Works Departments, Derry Cooperative School District, First Student Bus Company, The Derry Parks and Recreation Department, both Derry Public Libraries and the Derry Parent Teacher Association and numerous local businesses who generously donated their time and equipment to the event.

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# Jennifer Messina Becomes a Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Jennifer Messina has been a familiar face in Derry for many years. If you have been to Derryfest in recent years, you might remember her as one of the blue sequined singers in the band, Stagecraft, from the local music school Let's Play Music and Make Art. You could find her on many local stages such as Kid's Night Out in Derry, and she was a title holder in the Miss America's Outstanding Teen program in Kingston, Londonderry and Bedford. She was in the Derry Community Girl Scouts for many years and was a past New Hampshire Worthy Grand Advisor for Rainbow Girls, a non-profit Masonic youth service organization for girls age 11 to 20. She remains active today with the organization as a Marketing Liaison.

After graduating from Pinkerton Academy in 2012, her love of music took her to The Berklee School of Music in Boston. Her music teacher, owner of Let's Play Music and Make Art, Jay

Latulippe, told her about his father's experience in the Army Band, and when she learned that she could get help with college tuition costs if she served in the U.S. Army Reserves Officer's Training Corp, she auditioned for the Army Band and was selected to join.

She first completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. Students from all over the Boston area train at Northeastern University's Liberty Battalion U. S. Army ROTC. When Lt. Messina arrived for training at Northeastern, she was informed that she was the first Berklee student in anyone's memory to participate in ROTC there, and perhaps the first one ever, but nobody was quite certain of that fact.

She also attended the Army School of Music at Fort Story in Virginia Beach, Virginia, where she was the first graduate specializing in both piano and vocals. She has sung the National Anthem at the opening of a Boston Bruins game, and at



Jennifer Messina

the opening of a session of The New Hampshire House

of Representatives. While in the Army Band, she entertained troops at military bases throughout New England and the Northeast and performed for numerous community events.

May has been an active month for Lt. Messina and her parents, Eric and Telva Messina, also of Derry. She was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the US Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps at a ceremony held at Faneuil Hall in Boston on May 4th. The Guest of Honor and main speaker there was Brigadier General Richard F. Johnson, Land Commander of The Massa-

chusetts National Guard.

On May 13, Lt. Messina graduated from Berklee College of Music with a Bachelor of Music Degree in Electronic Production and Design. Later this summer, she will attend the Military Police Basic Officer Leader's Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Her current U.S. Army Reserve Unit is stationed at historic Fort Totten in Queens, New York.

When asked why she law enforcement has been a career choice for her, she said that she likes figuring out problems, analyzing them and bringing them to a resolution, and she loves law and

politics as well. Will she pursue a law degree or a career in politics one day? She is not certain yet, but she will think about it while working in law enforcement.

Lt. Messina plans to simultaneously pursue careers in both law enforcement and in electronic sound design. That means she may soon move to one of the music and entertainment hotspots, such as New York City, New York or Los Angeles, California. Recently she's been in talks with the LAPD about working as a police officer there, but eventually she wants to come back home to New Hampshire.

## Saint Anselm Student Receives Awards

Saint Anselm College student Luke Testa, an English and secondary education major from Derry, N.H., was chosen to receive both the college's Presidential Leadership Award and Campus Compact's Newman Civic Fellowship. Testa received these awards for his leadership and dedication to serve the community at-large through his work at Sununu Youth Services Center (SYSC) and with his non-profit organization Pro-

ject PLAY.

The Newman Civic Fellowship honors students nationwide who have demonstrated their commitment to social change and worked to find solutions to face challenges in their communities. Testa was nominated for the fellowship by Saint Anselm College President Steven R. DiSalvo, who saw that Testa's actions mirror the beliefs and deeds of Dr. Frank Newman, founder of Campus Compact. New-



Luke Testa

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"[Testa] is helping to addresses a significant and long-term need for adjudi-

cated youth through a collaboration between the Meelia Center and staff at the Youth Services Center which will support a new mentoring program that begins on-site and then supports residents upon release to the community," says President DiSalvo. "I see these awards as an opportunity through which I can further develop the work that I am doing at SYSC and with Project PLAY," says Testa. "Although it is an honor to receive the awards, I know that I still have a lot of learning to do. I hope that these awards will open doors for me to continue learning and to accelerate the work that I am currently dedicated to."

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# Pinkerton Academy Youths Give Back to Local Nonprofits

MELISSA BETH RUIZ  
NUTFIELD NEWS

In a time when there is a lot of complaining done about the apparent entitlement and apathy of the next generation, a group of students prove that actions do speak louder than words.

On Wednesday, May 17, over 50 students from Pinkerton Academy divided their efforts among eight Derry organizations to provide assistance in the form of yard work, filing, painting, and assisting with elementary classes and the elderly in the Youth Day of Giving Back.

Nonprofit organizations including the Boy Scouts of Daniel Webster Council, Vintage Grace, Community Caregivers, the Salvation Army, the Derry History Museum, Southern New Hampshire Montessori Academy, and the Upper Room all made use of the energy and spirit the students exuded to make progress on various spring projects.

All of the students are volunteers of their own accord, some returning from previous years' Youth Days.

"We find a couple of them who've done it previously loved it so much they did it again this year," explained Brenda Guggisberg, Executive Director of the Upper Room. "It's meant a lot to them, person-

ally."

The first Youth Day of Giving Back began roughly 20 years ago, in partnership with the United Way, with the purpose of giving the students of Pinkerton Academy the opportunity to give back to their community. The students' projects through the years have more or less been focused towards helping organizations with sprucing up for spring, such as garden work, light building, and assisting the elderly with spring cleaning projects.

Guggisberg, who has been involved with the Day for the past 15 years, said that the event has continued to have the same wonderful momentum it's always had, and mentioned that often they find they get more student volunteers than projects. She explained that a lot of the non-profits might not have the funds to put on an event such as this, so the desire always seems to be a little bit bigger on the student side. Regardless, the event always seems makes a big impact on them individually.

Nichole Iacuzio, a Troy University graduate, is an example of one individual whose experience with the Youth Day of Giving Back has a lasting impact, as she recalled her experience with the Youth Day of Giving Back when she attended Pinkerton Academy.

Iacuzio said that she and

her friends had participated in the event all four years of high school, and when she went away to college in Troy Alabama, she noticed that her new school was involved with a lot of service in their community, but with no one day dedicated to it. It was when she ran for Vice President of Campus Activities in Student Government that she had made it one of her main goals to bring in more service-oriented events. She credits the staff in the University's Department of Service Learning and Civic Engagement in assisting her with starting the University's Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, inspired by the Youth Day of Giving Back, where the 100 students involved in the first year visited sites such as their local Boys and Girls Club, Big Brother/Sister, Salvation Army, and Pioneer Museum, to name a few.

Iacuzio commended the students' efforts at this year's event, and mentioned that though a lot of them begin their day saying it's a fun way to get out of school, by the end of the day, those same students really see how even small acts of service make a large



From left, Pinkerton Academy students Tre Wellington, Priscilla Ong, Jenna Maddox and Jake Weishaar spent the Youth Day of Giving Back at the Upper Room on Wednesday May 17 where they planted and cleaned the grounds. Photo by Chris Paul

difference in another person's life, and that it was always amazing to see the students, "doing good work and having a great time."

Many of the students work so fast and so efficiently that they are often finished with their projects long before many of the adults expect, said Roger Konstant, Associate Dean and Citizenship Committee Chairman at Pinkerton Academy. He further mentioned that when the kids are through with their work, a lot of times they are seen conversing with the adults at the various agencies.

For instance, Konstant mentioned that four of the young ladies who went to volunteer at Vintage Grace, an adult care center in Derry, had been engaged in conversation with some of the residents, offering them their company when he arrived to check on the progress of their work.

"They may have not been doing any physical labor," Konstant said, "but they were doing something good for the community otherwise, beyond just cleaning."

Konstant mentioned that he has been met with push-

back against the program over the years, as it requires the students being taken out of school for a day during a time when students miss a lot of class time for testing, assemblies, etc, but to Konstant, the benefits far outweigh the consequences.

"It's immersing them in an experience they can't get in a classroom," Konstant said. He further stated that the students do get a lot out of their efforts and feel good about the work that they do, and furthermore, it shows that young people can, and want to make a difference.

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# DERRY SPORTS

## Lady Astro Lacrosse Crew Scuffles as the D-I Tourney Nears

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

After going an impressive 10-1 in its first 11 games in the 2017 season, many folks were doubtless thinking that the defending Division I girls' lacrosse squad from Pinkerton Academy was on the fast track toward successfully defending its crown.

But that line of thinking may just have changed recently as the Lady Astros did the almost unthinkable in dropping four consecutive matches to go from 10-1 to a much more average 10-5 with a substantial slip downward in the D-I standings.

The academy crew slid from the highest reaches of the division below both the Souhegan High Lady Sabers and the Londonderry High-Lancers, both of whom the Pinkerton crew lost to last week before ending that difficult span with a one-goal loss to Massachusetts opponent Andover. And all three of those losses occurred on the Lady Astros' home field.

"We have struggled lately in putting a complete game together end to end," said coach Daziel, a former Londonderry High and New

England College lax stand-out. "At this time in the season it needs to come together."

The Astros suffered an 11-5 defeat at the hands of a tough Souhegan squad in Derry last Tuesday, May 16. The Amherst-based contingent rolled then into this week with a superb 12-2 record.

The Sabers had a 7-1 lead at halftime and then stifled PA's comeback efforts in the second half.

The Astros received two goals and an assist from Avery Drouin, two tallies from Lilly Auger, one goal from Lauren Lisauskas, and single assists from Madison Peredna and Dani Tompkins.

Then came the Pinkerton crew's Division I-shaking 11-7 defeat at the hands of rival Londonderry in Derry on Thursday May 18.

Since losing a tough and frustrating one-goal game to the defending D-I champions of PA at LHS weeks before, Londonderry had been anticipating the rematch with Pinkerton. And after having said rematch postponed due to bad weather, May 18 couldn't come any faster for the LHS team.

The Lancers fell behind 3-0 early in the match but

then scored the next four goals and grabbed a 4-3 advantage.

But by halftime the score was knotted up at 6-6, leaving the match to be decided in the second half.

And the Londonderry side dominated that half, netting five unanswered goals and keeping the Pinkerton offense scoreless until a mere 5.4 seconds remained on the game clock.

Emily Holland was the offensive force for the victorious Lancers, scoring five times with the last three of those scores coming to start the second half to give LHS a lead it would never relinquish.

"Emily Holland's three-goal run in the second half put us in a position down 9-6 with nine minutes left, where we had to take chances on defense to try and get the ball back," said PA coach Rob Daziel. "Obviously, that did not work out. The girls are working hard and I expect we will continue to improve on both ends of the field."

The hosts received two goals each from Auger and Kiley Davis, and Lisauskas, Drouin and Tompkins each potted one shot. Goalie Dani

Martineau was credited with five saves.

Then on Saturday, May 20 against Andover, Pinkerton came just a couple of goals short of ending its losing skid by suffering a 10-9 defeat.

The score was knotted up at 4-4 at the half, but the Bay State bunch proved to be a goal better than its host in half number two.

Drouin exploded for a big tally of five goals and one assist, and Lisauskas and Meghan Michaud each contributed a goal and an assist.

Single goals came from Davis and Madison Daziel, with Peredna registering an assist and Martineau making four stops.

The academy side then stepped into this week facing a Monday contest against a Concord Crimson Tide team with a modest 7-5 record but two wins in its last three contests.

And the academy squad got cranked right back up thanks to a history-making performance from Dani Tompkins, who netted nine goals including the 100th of



Pinkerton lacrosse veteran Dani Tompkins netted the 100th goal of her fine career in a victory over Concord earlier this week.

Photo by Chris Paul

her fine career in a 20-9 trouncing of Concord.

Additionally, Drouin scored three times and Michaud, Kiley Davis, and Zoe Howe each tallied twice.

Lisauskas scored once and assisted four times, and Madison Peredna bagged a goal and an assist. Auger and Emily Sharretts each dished off one assist.



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# Pinkerton Hardball Squad Pushes Toward Tourney With Steam

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

After suffering a loss to the Spaulding High Red Raiders of Rochester in Derry last week, the Pinkerton Academy baseball squad bagged victories both on the road and at home and

pushed its 2017 record to 12-4 by weeks end.

The Astros, who stomped into this week having won seven of their previous eight games prior to their Sunday night game against Bishop Guertin in Nashua, held a 2-1 lead after one full frame had been completed in the

Spaulding game last Tuesday, May 16. But the game's biggest frame would be the top of the sixth, in which the visiting Red Raiders plated seven runs in making a 3-3 contest a 10-3 game.

The locals got three of those markers back in the latter half of the sixth to make the score 10-6, but Spaulding padded its lead by scoring four more times in the top of the seventh in reaching the final 14-6 game tally.

The victorious visitors hammered out some 16 hits and took advantage of six Pinkerton errors, while the hosts managed 11 hits with

Matt Clark and Rich Marique smacking two and Norm Kerman driving in two runs.

The PA crew didn't do much scoring during its road contest with the Winnacunnet High Warriors in Hampton on Wednesday May 17, but it was plenty for a 1-0 defeat of that host thanks to the strong pitching of Asa Runge and Matt Albetski.

Runge went six innings and held the Warriors to just two hits while striking out four batters, and Albetski bagged another save by pitching a successful and hitless seventh.

The Astros finished with a mere three hits, with David Currier driving in the lone run of the day in the seventh inning with his safety.

Then back in Derry on Friday the 19th, the Astros faced off against former Pinkerton and University of Missouri baseball standout Jake Filip's Trinity High Pioneers and thumped that opponent by a 10-3 score.

The hosts snared a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second but then watched the Pioneers plate three runs in the third to take a lead.

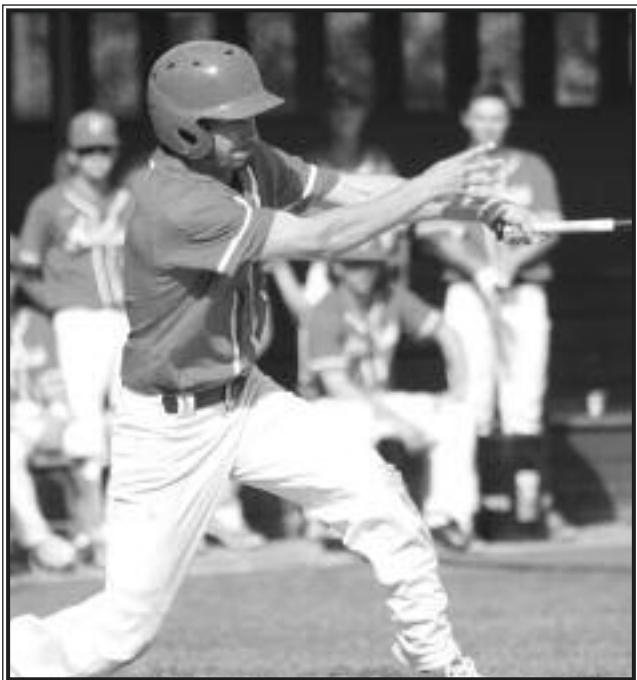
The Astros scored once in the fourth and then eight

times in the fifth in taking a lead which would never diminish.

The locals finished up with nine hits, with Currier thumping three, driving in two runs, and scoring two runs. Runge was good for two hits with two RBI and two runs scored, and Brian Sutton managed two hits, two RBI, and one run scored.

PA pitchers David Unkles, Derek Hiscox, and Albetski combined to hold Trinity to just four hits.

And the Astros maintained their winning ways by besting host Bishop Guertin 3-0 in a rare Sunday contest.



Pinkerton slugger David Currier thumps a pitch during his team's big win over Trinity. Photo by Chris Pantazis.

## Girl Racketeers Wind up with a 9-5 Finish

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

An 8-1 thrashing of the Winnacunnet High squad in Hampton last Friday, May 19 enabled the Pinkerton Academy girls' tennis team to close out its 2017 regular season on a high note.

Veteran coach Gerry Rosado's Lady Astros pounded their hosts by an 8-1 score, with singles victories coming from Zoe Freedman (8-2), Riley Reinert (8-6), Michaela Forand (8-3), Chloe Freedman (8-5), and Julia Farnum (8-4). The PA dou-

bles sweep featured excellent work from the tandems of Zoe Freedman and Reinert (8-2), Samantha Donahue and Forand (8-2), and Sarah Metzger and Lucy Malcolm (8-3).

With that resounding success directly in its rear view mirror, the 9-5 Pinkerton crew - which won three of its final four regular season matches - was left waiting for this past Monday the 22 to find out where it would wind up seeded in the Division I tournament scenario.

The Lady Astros learned this past Monday morning

that they'd earned the number eight seed in the Division I tournament and the chance to face off against the top-ranked

Hanover High Lady Racketeers in Hanover in open-ing-round play on Wednesday, May 24, after Nutfield News press time.

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## Athletes of the Week

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**Hannah Rogers, Senior, Girls' Track**

This battle-tested veteran won both of her events during the span in question, finding success in both the long jump and the triple jump. She had a season-best 35 feet in the triple, and reached 17 feet for the first time ever in the long jump.



**Rich Marique, Sophomore, Baseball**

This talented 10th grader has given PA strong performances all season, and he was superb in a 3-0 shutout of BG. He pitched six innings of superb, one-hit ball.

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# Pinkerton Volleyball Juggernaut Keeps the Victories Coming

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy boys' volleyball team has done a convincing imitation of a steamroller this spring, and it pushed its winning streak to nine straight matches with defeats of three more opponents last week.

Those successes made the team an exceptional 15-1 on the campaign, with its

lone loss coming to Massachusetts opponent Andover over a month ago.

The Astros got consecutive victory seven in a 3-0 blanking of John Stark Regional of Ware in Derry last Tuesday, May 16.

The hosts claimed individual game victories of 25-8, 25-10, and 25-18 in collecting the 3-0 shutout.

Cobi Moore tallied 20 assists, 13 service points

with two aces, and six kills to pace the PA charge, Brian Castle collected 16 assists, Sean Galusha was good for 11 kills, Ty Behsman claimed nine kills, and Ben Taylor managed five blocks.

Pinkerton had a considerably tougher time with the Mascenic Regional contingent from New Ipswich in Derry the next day. But when the final point was tallied, the 14-1 Astros had

consecutive win number eight in the form of a 3-2 match success.

The hosts rolled out to a 2-0 lead by winning games one (25-14) and game two (27-25) before Mascenic kicked into gear with wins in games three (25-22) and four (28-26). But Pinkerton won the rubber game by a 17-15 score to take the match.

Moore had a big day for

the winners with 41 assists and nine service points and three aces. Hunter Hazard and Behsman each claimed 17 kills, and Hazard, Galusha, and Taylor each blocked two shots.

And the academy spikers bounced their winning streak up to nine with a 3-0 blanking of Hollis-Brookline in Hollis last Friday May 19.

The locals claimed indi-

vidual game victories of 25-22, 25-22, and 25-16 in keeping their speeding steamroller rolling.

Moore managed some 26 assists for his squad, Behsman bagged 16 kills and 10 digs, Patel claimed 16 digs and two assists, and Galusha gained six kills and two blocks for his contingent, which tallied its impressive eighth shutout of the spring.

# Astro Laxmen Split With Bay State Opponents, Move to 15-1

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

A one-goal win over Andover followed by a one-goal loss to Medfield in battles with Massachusetts opponents last week left the Pinkerton Academy boys' lacrosse team contemplating both its 14th victory and its first defeat of 2017.

The Astros kept their season record unblemished with an 8-7 edging of the Andover contingent Thursday, May 18. But the blemish came two days later in the form of a 13-12 defeat at the hands of Medfield.

In the victory, the Astros ended up tied at 1-1 with Andover after one period of play, but the hosts grasped a

slim 3-2 advantage at the halftime break.

Pinkerton outscored its opponent by 3-2 margins in the third and fourth quarters in collecting the 8-7 success.

The locals got three goals from Chris Valentine, two goals and two assists from Ryan Auger, a goal and a helper from Chad Teresky, and two goals from Owen

McCormack. Goalie Alex Sturgess contributed six saves to the PA performance.

Then, in the wake of the 13-12 loss to Medfield on Saturday the May 20, the Astros returned to New Hampshire competition with a Monday match with the Manchester Central Little Green in Derry.

And the Astros took out whatever frustrations they might have had following the overtime loss in Massachusetts on Central by trouncing that Granite State opponent by a 15-3 tally.

The hosts raced out to an 8-0 lead in the first period and led 13-1 at halftime.

Connor McCormack scored four goals and assist-

ed on one other, Auger contributed three goals and two assists, Teresky was good for two goals and two helpers, and Valentine scored twice.

Single goals were added by Jeff Potvin, Gennaro Marra, Cole Krafton, and Jacob McAdams, and Nate Laliberte and Tom Sweeney each snagged an assist.

# PA Boy Racketeers Finish Regular Season With 11-3 Mark

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

A lopsided loss to the powerhouse Bedford team followed by a slim victory over Winnacunnet left the Pinkerton Academy boys' tennis squad contemplating the strong 11-3 record it compiled during the recently-completed 2017 Division I regular season.

The PA team didn't wind up being any match for the undefeated Bedford High

Bulldogs on that opponent's home courts on Wednesday, May 17, losing by a 9-0 count.

The closest any Pinkerton player or doubles tandem came to victory in the match came at first doubles where Seb Tonini and John Marineau lost 8-4.

But the Astros ended up bagging a season-ending 5-4 success against the Winnacunnet Warriors from Hampton in Derry on Friday the 19, with the hosts bust-

ing a 3-3 singles tie by winning two doubles battles.

Singles successes were claimed by Henry Su (8-4 score), Marineau (8-3), and Henry Andrews (8-4), and the doubles tandems of Tonini and Marineau (9-7) and Andrews and Jeff Marquis (9-8, 7-4 tiebreaker) took the match victory for Pinkerton.

The Astros then came into this week waiting to find out who their first-round tournament opponent

would be, with the NHIAA making the seeding announcements on Monday, May 22.

The Astros learned this

past Monday morning from the NHIAA that they'd earned the number four seed in the Division I tournament and the right to host fifth-

ranked Winnacunnet of Hampton in Derry in opening-round play this Tuesday, May 23, after Nutfield News press time.

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# Pinkerton Softball Crew Wins Big But Then Loses Big

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy softball squad was a pretty stunning 16 runs better than its opponent on Wednesday, May 17, but the Lady Astros then took a double-digit loss on the chin from its opponent the very next afternoon.

The Lady Astros absolutely pounded their way to an 18-2 pummeling of the visiting Winnacunnet High Lady Warriors of Hampton in Derry on Wednesday, May 17.

The game only lasted 4 1/2 innings because the home-standing locals bounced the 10-run-rule into effect very early on.

Winnacunnet actually grabbed a 1-0 lead in the top half of the first inning, but Pinkerton plated five runs in

the latter half of the first in taking a lead which would grow considerably.

The Lady Warriors got one of the runs back in the top of the second, and the score remained at 5-2 until the bottom of the third when the hosts scored nine more times to snag a commanding 14-2 advantage.

And the hosts put the win away by scoring four more times in the bottom of the fourth, making it an 18-2 game.

The winning side bashed out some 22 hits in tallying the lopsided success, with Briahna Janulewicz thumping four, Alyssa DiMauro and Carrie St. Peter each lacing three, and Nicole Gonya, Jess Nardoza, Abby Amato, Caitlin Hogan, Sarah Amato, and Amanda Lindquist each smacking

two. Winning pitcher St. Peter held the visitors to just four hits and one earned run.

But the Lady Astros ended up on the down side of a lopsided score on their home diamond the next day, getting bested by the rival Londonderry High Lady Lancers by a 10-0 tally.

The visitors sprinted out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning, pushed their advantage up to 8-0 in the top of the third, and rolled the 10-run rule into effect by scoring twice more in the sixth.

The winning side smacked out some 14 hits, while winning pitcher Andi Nelson held the academy squad's offense to six hits. Abby Amato knocked two of those hits.

That outcome left the Lady Astros with an 11-4

record rolling into their home game against the Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals of Nashua in Derry this past Monday, May 22.

And not a lot went right for the host Lady Astros in that Monday game, with the visiting Guertin girls using seven hits and five Pinkerton errors to plate 11 runs in an 11-3 victory.

The Lady Cardinals raced out to an 8-0 lead by the time the fifth inning was over, with Pinkerton tallying all of its runs in the latter half of the sixth.

The hosts finished up with four total hits, with Sarah Amato lacing two of them.

PA was set to finish up their regular season with road games at Bedford and Exeter this week.



Pinkerton first baseman Caitlin Hogan tags out a Londonderry High runner during the Lady Lancers' lopsided win over their arch-rival at the Derry school last week.  
*Photo by Chris Paul*

# PA Tracksters Dominate Dual Meet, Excel at Invitational

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy boys' and girls' outdoor track and field teams have put forth a great many reasons for opponents and onlookers alike to be impressed this spring.

And that continued to be the case last week as the two academy contingents absolutely throttled the track and field teams from Manchester Central in Derry early in the week and then

put forth more excellent work at the annual Londonderry Invitational at week's end.

**BOYS**

The Astro males beat the visiting Central Little Green by a jaw-dropping 123-3 score, with coach Carol Quarles' crew winning events all over the place.

Event victories were bagged by Nico Buccieri in the 100-meter dash (in a time of 11.55 seconds), Cam Phelps in the 200 (23.86),

Noah Woodman in the 400 (52.14), Calvin Graves in the 800-meter run (2 minutes, 00.27 seconds), Joe Gagnon in the 1,600 (4:51.60), Zach Aham in the 3,200 (11:32.74), Adam Spencer in the high jump (5 feet, 10 inches), Ben Clough in the pole vault (12'6"), Troy Voisine in the long jump (18' 9 1/2"), Joron Harrell in the triple jump (40'5"), Kaleal Cerafici in the shot put (41'9 1/2"), Jacob Bourassa in the discus (107'3"), and Colin Bigelow

in the javelin (163'11"). Pinkerton also claimed victories in the 4x100 (45.15) and 4x400 (3:32.65) relays.

Then on Saturday the 20th at the Londonderry event, the Astros had Buccieri win the 100 (11.16), Bigelow win the javelin (171'9 1/2"), Woodman take the 400 (49.21), Spencer win both the 110-meter hurdles (15.21) and the 300 hurdles (40.44), and the 4x400 quartet of Matt Anzivino, Jacyd Ruimwijk, Kyle Hajj, and Woodman prove unbeatable (3:30.31).

**GIRLS**

As was the case with the Astro males, the Lady Astro tracksters had no trouble in routing the Central Little Green squad last Tuesday. They did so by the awesome margin of 117-9.

Event wins were collected by Maria Virga in the 100 (12.98) and the 200 (26.22), Britney Johnson in the 400 (1:02.39), Meghan Cross in the 800 (2:30.50), Hannah Peterson in the 100 hurdles (18.19), Emily Lesburt in the high jump (5'), Megan Qualters in the pole vault

(8'), Hannah Rogers in both the long jump (17') and the triple jump (55'1/2"), Hannah Maracin in the shot (29'1/2"), Adrianna Buccieri in the discus (74'), and Amelia Graves in the javelin (98'11"). Pinkerton's 4x100 (54.29) and 4x400 (4:11.03) quartets also snagged wins.

And over at the Londonderry Invitational, the academy girls had Virga win both the 100 hurdles (15.38) and the 300 hurdles (46.13) and Graves prove unbeatable in the 400 (58.37).

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## Derry Memorial Day

Memorial Day Activities include: 6 a.m. Meet at VFW Post Home. 6:45 a.m. Flag Raising at Birch Heights. 7:15 a.m. Memorial Services at Holy Cross Cemetery. 8 a.m. Memorial Services at Forest Hills Cemetery. 8:45 a.m. Memorial Services at GAR Monument. 9:15 a.m. Memorial Service at Michael Geary Bridge. 9:30 a.m. Memorial Services at VFW Post Home. 10 a.m. Parade Form-Up at Hood Commons. 11 a.m. Parade. This year's Grand Marshal will be Edward Garone. A service will take place at MacGregor Park after parade.

## Just Be You Walk/Run

In memory of Jennifer Janiak of Chester who passed away suddenly at the age of 21, there will be a "Just Be You 5k Walk/Run" held on June 11th at 9 a.m. at Pinkerton Academy. For more information on Jen and the Just Be You nonprofit organization in her memory, visit [www.jensjustbeyou.org](http://www.jensjustbeyou.org)

## Chess Club

The newly formed Nutfield Chess Club is meeting on Wednesday nights from 7 to 10 p.m. at Londonderry High School, 295 Mammoth Rd., in room 204 on May 31, and in the cafeteria on June 7. All are welcome: residents of Londonderry and surrounding towns of all ages and genders, experienced players, rusty players, and those wanting to learn. If you have a set and a board, please bring them. Questions, phone evenings 537-0799.

## Just My Grandparents & Me Story Time

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

## Opioid Documentary

On 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.derry-pl.org](http://www.derry-pl.org) or call 432-6140.

## Hatching Chicks

During the first few weeks of June, an egg incubator will be located at the children's desk of the Derry Public Library. In a series of classes, we will discuss the chicken life cycle and what happens inside of the eggs. Once the chicks hatch, they will remain at the library for a couple of days. The following class 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., and ages 9-11: Thur. June 8 & 15 from 4 - 4:45 p.m. Classes for homeschoolers will take place on 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!

On Sat., June 17, at 2 p.m., learn about the ancient musical art of Taiko Drumming and experience a live performance. To register, visit [www.derry-pl.org](http://www.derry-pl.org) or call 432-6140.

## Serving Under the Maple Leaf

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

## Adult Coloring this Summer

Adult coloring will be offered 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. To register, visit [www.derrypl.org](http://www.derrypl.org) or call 432-6140.

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## 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. 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 gifts. 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 will be offered in the Derry/Londonderry area in May. On May 28, lunch will be hosted by the St. Jude Parish Community from 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. This lunch will be held at the Londonderry Lions Hall rather than at the Church Parish Hall, as was stated during the April meal. In addition, a free meal is served every weeknight at the Sonshine Soup Kitchen on Crystal Avenue in Derry. Call 432-3333 if you have questions.

## Free Dinners

Free, family-friendly meals will be served in a relaxed atmosphere at the following locations on the following dates. At the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Road, Derry, dinner will be served from 5 - 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 11, July 9, and August 13. At Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry, dinner will be served from 5 - 6:15 p.m. on Sunday, June 18, July 16, and August 20. At the First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Road, East Derry, spaghetti suppers will be served from 5 - 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 30, July 28, August 25, and September 29. At St. Jude Church, 435 Mammoth

Road, Londonderry, lunch will be served from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 25 (this meal will be located at the Lion's Hall on the corner of Mammoth & Pillsbury Rds. in Londonderry), Sunday, July 30, August 27, and September 24. At St Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry, dinner will be served from 5 - 6 p.m. on 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 fundraiser on Sat., 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. 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 the location of the table. There is limited opportunity to donate items before June 17, so those who wish to do so are asked to contact GDHS Treasurer Sharon Comeau at (603) 231-3265. General inquiries are also to be directed to either Bares or Comeau at their respective

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## Post 27 Open House

On May 29 from Noon - 6 p.m., Post 27 would like to invite anyone interested in joining to stop by to meet our members and view our facility. We will 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.

## Plant Donations Needed

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

# State Service Offers Efficient Watering Tips

ALEX GUITTARR  
NUTFIELD NEWS

As we approach the summer season, many of us are taking the first steps towards preparing our gardens for this time of year. And with the town's water ban, which was implemented last year due to severe droughts, finally being lifted, many homeowners can breathe a sigh of relief over the use of their water supply. But regardless of this, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, like many of us, does not want to see the town fall back into a potential water shortage, as the summer season is the time when something of the sort is most likely to occur.

The NHDES points out that during summer, community water systems report anywhere from a 50 to 200 percent increase in water use, which comes at a time when these

resources are already strained due to high temperatures and vegetation growth. The group realizes that everything from cleaning off decks to setting up Slip N Slides for the children uses up water during this time of year, but their main concern comes from insufficient watering practices, which they feel contributes to the most strain on water supplies.

Thus, they have offered a series of tips on how to use your water more efficiently during this period.

For starters, they suggest keeping your lawn mower blades set at three inches, as longer blades of grass retain moisture better. Also make sure to keep blades sharp, as duller blades can tear the grass and make it appear drier than it really is.

How much you water your lawn not only affects your water supply, but can also affect the health of it as well. The NHDES notes that New

Hampshire receives roughly 3.75 inches of rain per month and lawns only require one inch per week. Thus, keep track of weather patterns before deciding if your lawn even needs to be watered in the first place. Determining how much water your sprinklers use would also be helpful.

Try to get the most up-to-date irrigation system sensors if possible. The NHDES suggests WaterSense-certified weather-based irrigation controllers and automatic rain shutoff switches to save you the effort of worrying about when to turn off your sprinklers.

For manual watering, try to use drip or trickle irrigation instead of spray nozzles to avoid excess water use and place mulch around vegetation as a means of retaining water and eliminating weeds.

Finally, the timing of your watering is just as important as how much

water you use. Irrigate either at night or in the early morning when wind and water demands are low. Also keep an eye on the surfaces around your grass and plants to see if there is any excess water runoff, meaning that you are either overwatering them or not giving them enough time to absorb the water.

By following this advice, the NHDES notes that "we have the potential to cut our outdoor water use in half, saving money, water and energy, while potentially even increasing the health of our lawns." By giving your lawn only what it needs, you will actually improve the durability of grass, reduce the need for chemical amendments and decrease lawn mowing frequency.

For more information, please visit the Water Conservation section of the NHDES website at [des.nh.gov](http://des.nh.gov)



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