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## Kindergarten Enrollment Up According to School District

HUNTER MCGEE  
NUTFIELD NEWS

At the close of the school year, projected enrollments show that kindergarten classes are filling up at Earnest P. Barka and South Range Elementary schools.

School board members received an update on projected enrollments for grades K-8 during their June 13 meeting from Assistant Superintendent Christopher Kellan. The figures show kindergarten enrollment increasing after figures earlier in the year showed a decline.

Projected enrollment figures show Earnest P. Barka Elementary School at 547 students, Derry Village Elementary School at 403 students, East Derry Memorial Elementary School at 430

students, Grinnell Elementary School at 374 students, and South Range Elementary School at 315 students. The total enrollment for grades K-5 is 2,069 students.

For middle school, Gilbert H. Hood Middle School's enrollment total is 617 students, and West Running Brook Middle School's is 517 students. The total for grades six through eight is 1,154, which puts the total for grades K-8 at 3,223 students.

After Kellan finished presenting the enrollment figures, School Board Chairman Dan McKenna wished to clarify that the enrollments were based on how many students are already registered for next year. He said that the figures are dif-

ferent than those the school district releases for the school district budget. For instance, he said the school district typically has a number of students who move into or out of it over the summer.

"These are actual registrations for next year," McKenna said, and Kellan agreed, saying that the figures were for "currently enrolled students or those already registered for next year" and that it was important to clarify this.

As for the kindergarten figures, McKenna said that they seem to show that classes are filling up at Barka and getting close to capacity at South Range. The figures are encouraging, since figures earlier this year

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## Pinkerton To Host National Student Council Conference

HUNTER MCGEE  
NUTFIELD NEWS

For the first time in New Hampshire, Pinkerton Academy is scheduled to host the National Association of Student Councils' annual conference later this month from Monday, June 26, to Wednesday, June 28.

The opening session of the conference will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday in the Hackler Gymnasium, and the closing session will be on Wednesday, June 28 at 9:30 a.m. In between the opening and closing sessions, much of the conference will be spent in workshops and listening to guest speakers, according to

Pinkerton administrators.

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

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

It is rare for the conference to be held in New England since our schools are smaller than those in the South and the West, where large, regional schools are

more common. One of the factors required for schools to host the conference is that they must be able to easily accommodate over 1,000 students and advisors for all workshops and sessions, Breda said.

"Pinkerton's large size is unique to New Hampshire, allowing it to meet the spatial needs to host this event," Breda said, adding, "We are also promoting the mountains, seacoast, and Boston as diverse areas for the delegates to explore."

Plans call for Pinkerton to have about 60 student volunteers for the event. Also serving at the event as volunteers will be parents,

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Despite the rain, Marian Leoni successfully lit the Flame of Hope at the annual Relay for Life event held at Pinkerton Academy on Friday night. Leoni is a seven-year cancer survivor and 20-year participant in the relay

*Photo by Chris Paul*

## Derry and Londonderry Residents Relay Through the Rain

NOELLE TARDIFF  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The rain didn't stop Greater Derry and Londonderry residents from walking in the 20th annual Relay for Life on Friday night, June 16. In fact, even the Flame of Hope, a symbolic torch lit at the start of the event, burned through the storms that passed throughout the night.

As always, dedicated Relay participants pitched tents in the center of Pinkerton Academy's track to stay in overnight. The event began at 6 p.m. on Friday night and ended at 8 a.m. on Sat-

urday morning, with over 40 teams signed up this year and over 70 survivors taking part in the event.

To kick the night off, survivors, family members of survivors, and those who have lost family members to cancer spoke about their experiences as well as their motivations to walk and fundraise for this event. The top team and individual fundraisers were then announced, with MaryAnn Schroeder in first place raising \$6,277, Bonnie Roberts in second place raising \$2,698, and Fr. Phil Pacheco in third place rais-

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# Council To Consider Funds' Transfer To Cover Winter Maintenance

HUNTER MCGEE  
NUTFIELD NEWS

With powerful snowstorms like the March 14 nor'easter that hit the area, made for a tough winter in Derry this year.

To help cover unanticipated costs, councilors were scheduled, at press time, to consider transferring \$218,000 from the winter maintenance budget at their Tuesday, June 20 meeting.

The winter maintenance budget was established to supplement the operating budget during a year when winter conditions were more severe and required more responses by the Department of Public Works personnel and contractors, according to officials.

The proposal calls for a supplemental appropriation and a transfer of funds from

the winter maintenance budget to the general fund, Public Works Director Michael Fowler wrote in a staff report.

"The town of Derry Highway Division experienced an abnormally active winter, capped by two heavy storms in mid-March and early April," Fowler said. "These operations required Derry DPW overtime and contracted equipment to perform the duties along with the use of rock salt for ice control."

Historically, Fowler said that the Highway Division budget has been established to cover costs of an average winter, but "the number of operations in 2016 - 2017 has exceeded an average winter."

Along with the Highway Division, other divisions such as Buildings and Grounds and Vehicle Main-

tenance played support roles and incurred cost overruns because of the severe winter.

If the proposal is approved, there will be no impact on the tax rate, Fowler explained.

"The department has been responsible in banking unspent funds from past years to address this scenario," he said.

Fowler added that the budget transfer would deplete the account balance. But, administrators plan to restore funds in reserve following a mild winter.

Councilors created the Winter Snow and Ice Expendable Fund in 2004 with an initial deposit of \$88,000. The move was made in order to stabilize budgets from year to year to mitigate the impact of weather fluctuations, according to officials.

The last time funds were transferred from the fund to cover costs was in 2015.

Following an intense winter that year, \$118,000 was transferred from unexpended operating budget balances into the fund that had been depleted from all of the snow removal operations.

Following a mild winter in 2016, officials were concerned that not enough money would be available in the event of another

harsh winter.

So, councilors voted to approve the transfer of the \$100,000 from the Public Works budget into the trust fund.

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, according to officials.

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

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."

## South Range Students Honor Retiring Staff Member at Patriotic Celebration



Vietnam veteran and beloved janitor, Howard Graser, was not expecting to be honored upon his retirement by school staff and first-graders at their patriotic celebration.

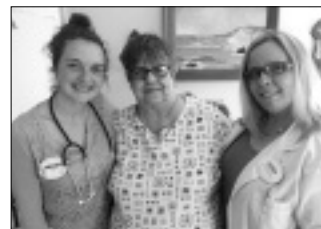
KATHERINE PRUDHOMME O'BRIEN  
NUTFIELD NEWS

South Range Elementary School first-graders came together for their end of the school year patriotic celebration on Tuesday morn-

ing, June 6. Just before singing Yankee Doodle Dandy, the staff and children at the school surprised their beloved, long-time janitor and Vietnam veteran Mr. Howard Graser, who is retiring at the end of this year.

Graser was honored not only for his 12 years of service to the school, but also for his service to the country. He was given a gift basket overflowing with cards and thank you notes made for him by the children.

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# Natural Gas Projects Waiting on State and Local Approvals

HUNTER MCGEE  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Two plans to run natural gas lines to Earnest P. Barka and South Range elementary schools are currently awaiting state and local approval.

During the school board's June 13 meeting, Business Manager Jane Simard gave an update on the projects, requested by Chairman Dan McKenna, which will be completed by Liberty Utilities.

The Barka segment of the gas line will begin at the U.S. Post Office and run

down Bypass 28 to Eastgate Road, where it will turn right and continue to the back of the school. This plan is awaiting state approval because Bypass 28 is a state road. Since officials wish to have the project completed before school starts in the fall, plans call for the route to begin at Barka and work down Bypass 28, as opposed to starting at the post office, Simard said. Once state approval is granted, this project will begin later in the summer. When it is completed, it will run for 6,300 feet and provide accessibility to 40 homes.

As for the South Range project, it is awaiting final approval from the town.

"Liberty Utilities is waiting to start that and will be ready to go at the end of June," Simard said.

The South Range route will begin at Shute's Corner and proceed down Windham Road for 4,375 feet to the school and provide accessibility to 41 residences.

During a school board meeting last month, Simard said oil is currently being used to heat the schools when asked by Councilor Richard Tripp. Although the school will switch to natural

gas when this project is completed, oil will still be kept on site as a backup fuel source as well as to use throughout the year to maintain the system. "It will still be dual system, so they'll have oil at both locations," Simard explained.

The plan to use natural gas in the two local schools should result in a savings of approximately \$42,000, according to administrators. The cost for the project is approximately \$67,000, Simard said, but this money had already been factored into the Honeywell Corporation project, so it will not be

an out-of-pocket cost for the district. The project is part of the second phase of an ongoing \$9.3 million energy efficiency program with Honeywell, and Liberty Utilities is scheduled to install the lines, Simard said.

It was announced during the board's May 9 meeting that the school district initially planned to use propane for South Range and Barka elementary schools. 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.

Towards the end of the meeting, Town Councilor Richard Tripp explained that the town has been interested in sparking economic development in town and was curious to know how the deal with Liberty Utilities came about. He then said that one way to help provide an economic boost would be to use natural gas in more areas of town.

Work for the project is scheduled to begin in late June to early July and to be completed by mid-August, before school begins.

## National Conference

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and 150 volunteers at the alumni and other student council members from nearby schools. In all, he said there will be between 100

and 150 volunteers at the conference.

During the conference, students will have opportunities to interact with their

peers from across the country. Breda said that the conference consists of general sessions with keynote speakers, large group presentations with 100 to 200 attendees, workshops pre-

pared by both advisors and students, and community service.

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

Kevin Wanzer.

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

In winning the award,

Pinkerton joins other New Hampshire schools including Londonderry, Salem and Sanborn high schools as recognized schools in the state for this award.

For more information about this conference and for a draft schedule, visit [www.nasconference.org](http://www.nasconference.org).



Representatives from the National Association of Student Councils toured the Pinkerton Academy Campus with PA student council members and Headmaster Griffin Morse last winter. The organization picked Pinkerton as the site for its summer conference next week.

Photo by Chris Paul

**Correction:** In last week's edition of the Nutfield News, the photo caption on page four's article, "Sonshine Soup Kitchen Moves Two Doors Down," was incorrect. It should have read, "Operations Director Christine Fudala and Board Chair Linda German cutting the ribbon at the Sonshine Soup Kitchen's grand opening on June 7 in Derry."



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# Editorial

## Celebrating July 4

If you think celebrating the Fourth of July is just a matter of firing up the barbecue, getting out the sparklers, or heading to the seacoast or the mountains for a three-day weekend, we invite you to reconsider. The Fourth of July is also known, of course, as Independence Day, and that's the reason for this extra day away from work and for the lifestyle you enjoy today.

The Declaration of Independence was finalized on July 4, 1776, and set the colonies on the path toward their emergence as a nation. Political speeches, fireworks, and red, white and blue bunting are fine for the occasion, but the signing of the Declaration of Independence is a lot more than a reason for a party.

We think the Declaration of Independence, signed by New Hampshire's own Matthew Thornton, among others, is a document that should be read regularly to remind us of who we are as a country and to make sure we continue in the tradition of those who fought to establish a free nation, whose leaders were expected to listen to those they serve. "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal,

that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" are perhaps the document's most famous lines, but the list of injustices attributed to Great Britain makes for good reminders of what our government should never become. That's particularly timely reading during a time when political attacks have the potential to rise or sink to unpleasant levels. It's also a straightforward and simple document. Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Sadly, not qualities every nation freely grants its citizens. How we pursue that happiness is left to us to decide, not dictated by a ruler. We take that for granted, but to many people across the planet (look, for example, at the uprisings of the "Arab Spring") it's only something to dream about. So, figure out what makes you happy as you enjoy your holiday weekend. A hearty meal, a good place to swim, and a sky full of sparkling fireworks make for a pretty good celebration of freedom. Especially if you pause a moment to thank those who made it all possible in 1776. Have a safe and celebratory Fourth of July!



The first lap of Friday's Relay for Life was kicked off with the Survivors' Lap, pictured on top. After that a variety of themes followed throughout the evenings many laps. The New England Santa Society showed up to spread some holiday cheer.

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## Relay for Life

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ing \$1,785.

A lap around the track was then dedicated to cancer survivors, and the next lap to the survivors and their caregivers. The remainder of participants lined the track and applauded to celebrate the strength of the survivors and their family members and friends.

While sitting down to dinner hosted by Amphora Restaurant in Derry, Marian Leoni, who began walking in the Greater Derry Londonderry Relay 20 years ago, explained why she continues to do so. "I have many family members who have

either passed or have survived cancer. I am a cancer survivor myself, and my husband passed two years ago," she said. "It's a great group of people. I did six laps before the opening ceremony even started!"

She concluded by saying, "You have to have hope. We have to have faith for the people that have passed."

Leoni's message of hope was a common one among participants. Anna Meninno of Derry led her team, Relay for Rhonda, in memory of her mother, Rhonda, who lost her seven-year battle to colon cancer several years ago.

"She was very strong throughout all of it," Menin-

no said. "We used to do this as a family, but now I'm here walking to support her."

Spirits remained high all throughout the night as relayers danced, hula-hooped, and even dressed in costumes to stay awake and warm, making for another successful Relay filled with hope of finding a cure.

Relay for Life is the world's largest fundraising event for cancer, and even though the Greater Derry Londonderry event has now passed, fundraising is open until August of this year. For more information or to donate, visit [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org).



# Sarah Tubbs Takes the Miss Greater Derry Crown

KATHERINE PRUDHOMME O'BRIEN  
NUTFIELD NEWS

On Friday, June 16, The Miss Greater Derry Scholarship Program held their 31st annual pageant at the Derry Opera House and Sarah Tubbs of Sandown was the night's big winner.

This year's contestants included Shawna Gile, a current international business student at Bishop's University in Quebec, and Jennifer Messina, a recent Berklee School of Music graduate and Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve. Both women are from of Derry and are Pinkerton Academy graduates. Other contestants were Lauren Fohlin of Manchester, Amelia Herring of Allentown, Mackenzie Howe of Hooksett, Amanda Ledoux of Litchfield, Alexa LoDuca of Salem, Katie Smith of Merrimack, Sarah Tubbs of Sandown, and Emily Vadeboncoeur of Raymond.

Tubbs was crowned by Mariah Laroque, Miss Greater Derry 2016-2017. Tubbs has formerly held the titles of Miss Seacoast and Miss Exeter. She will receive a \$4,500 scholarship and will compete for the title of Miss New Hampshire next spring.

A graduate of the University of New Hampshire, she graduated with a degree in marketing and management and was the captain on the school's dance team. Through an organization she founded called The Dance Dream, she brings the art of dance to disabled children and young people throughout the region free of charge.

Moments after being crowned, Tubbs enthusiastically shared that she feels "super blessed" to have been chosen as Miss Greater

Derry this year. It is her last year in the program, and she is happy to be able to serve in a community close to her own. Before she gets to work here, though, she will be traveling to Uganda for the month of July to fulfill her lifelong desire to serve some of the world's most needy children at an orphanage for children who have lost their parents due to the HIV/AIDS crisis.

LoDuca was announced as first runner up, Gile placed as second runner up while Messina placed third runner up.

Winning the Community Service, New Hampshire Academy of Dance Scholarship, Brenda Keith Interview, and People's Choice Awards was Tubbs.

The women competed in areas of talent, fitness, evening wear, and onstage questions drawn from current headlines and chosen at random by each contestant. Ledoux was asked if Pam Smart should be considered for parole, to which she replied, "No, we should trust the original sentence given." Lt. Messina was then asked if Guantanamo Bay should be closed, and her reply was that rather than closing it, we should work with the Cuban military to help ensure its success. When asked her opinion about the use of public bathrooms by transgender individuals, Gile stated that she thinks fear regarding the issue is irrational and that people should just be able to "go pee." This garnered the loudest outbreak of laughter of the evening.

The Miss Greater Derry's Outstanding Teen competition was also held Friday night, with contestants Alyssa



Sandown native Sarah Tubbs was crowned Miss Greater Derry by Mariah Laroque.

Gangemi of Merrimack, Alanna Tobin of Merrimack, and Madeline Downer of Hooksett vying for the title. Downer, a Pinkerton Academy student, was crowned by the outgoing Miss Greater Derry's Outstanding Teen, Casey Chamberlin.

The theme of the evening was Boston and New England-based professional sports teams, and throughout the evening, audience members were asked trivia questions about these nationally-ranked teams. The only question they missed was, "What is the name of the mascot of the Boston Bruins hockey team?" Blades the Bruin was the correct answer.

Ten area women between the ages of 17 and 24 competed in this year's pageant. They had to be working full time or attend-



The Miss Greater Derry Outstanding Teen was Madeline Downer of Hooksett. Photos by Chris Paul

ing school full time in New Hampshire and within a 20 mile radius of the Derry. To date, the local organization has awarded more than \$360,000 in scholarships.

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# New Hampshire Cracks Down on Invasive Insects

IAN DeRAGO  
NUTFIELD NEWS

In recent years, the crack-down on bringing firewood into New Hampshire from other states has been tough. This is due to the

growing concern that invasive insects, plants, and fungal species will be unknowingly brought in as well, only for them to find new homes here. These kinds of invasions could mean disastrous consequences for the

environment.

For six years, New Hampshire has banned bringing in firewood from other states unless it has received the proper treatment. After it was discovered that the number of invasive

species in both New Hampshire and Massachusetts was increasing, it had to be done to protect the ecosystem of the state. Specific invasive species that have been found include the Emerald Ash Borer and Asian Longhorned Beetle, which both pose significant threats to the environment. These insects dig into trees, killing them as they grow, while also eating and reproducing. They can even destroy entire forests.

The bans have been effective, and even when

these species do appear, they are removed from the area quickly and effectively. However, that does not guarantee that the problem will go away completely. Since species such as the Emerald Ash Borer are extremely small and difficult to spot, so if and when they're found, the invaded areas of New Hampshire must be forced into quarantine to stop any further spread.

In an effort to contact the Derry Fire Chief to ask about these quarantines and how

he plans to deal with the invasions, we were directed instead to the New Hampshire Forest and Lands Division. When we inquired with a representative, we were once again redirected, this time to the Department of Agriculture. Once again, there was no response. Although we know that there are measures being taken to slow down and stop the spread of these species, we were unable to obtain any further information about the issue.



**Student Athletes** Gilbert H. Hood Middle School held its spring sports awards ceremony on June 7, during which the 2016-2017 Student Athletes of the Year were named. Eighth-graders Patrick Last and Samantha Franks were the recipients of this honor. Last ran cross country and track for three years, and Samantha Franks played soccer, basketball and track. Both students excel academically as well.

## Enrollment

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showed that projected kindergarten enrollments were down significantly.

"And just important to note, in those projections, it's still noteworthy that the kindergarten enrollment is significantly lower," Kellan said in March. "We are expecting to see an increase now that we are into the spring."

To help increase enroll-

ment, Kellan said principals at the various schools have been sending out letters to parents with kindergarten age children, encouraging them to come in and register their children. Kellan said that the district can also use such methods such as digital media to encourage parents to register their children.

School Board Vice-Chair Brenda Willis said the district encouraged parents to get their children registered

earlier in the year by opening enrollment in November.

"Let's just encourage any families who do have kindergartners to get them registered because we tried to make the projections more solid by opening enrollment in November," Willis said. "And I think as we move along that will prove to be a better process, but I think maybe a lot of people weren't aware of that."

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## Granite United Way Supports The Upper Room's Adolescent Wellness Program

The Upper Room is pleased to announce that Granite United Way's local, volunteer-led Community Impact Committee has awarded the Adolescent Wellness Program a grant for \$20,000.

The Upper Room's Adolescent Wellness Program encompasses adolescent anger management classes called Take Control, drug and alcohol misuse educa-

tion called Challenge, Community Service Learning Opportunities, and UR Parents, a parent resource and support program to help parents understand the challenges their teens face.

Granite United Way's community investments are determined by a dedicated team of local volunteers who review each application. The organization focuses its investments on

education, income, and health, with the overall mission to improve the quality of people's lives by bringing together the caring power of communities.

Brenda Guggisberg, Executive Director of The Upper Room, explains that the Adolescent Wellness Program benefits teens and their families. "Each young person that we work with benefits from the education

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# Robert Frost Farm Hosts Third Annual Poetry Festival

PENNY WILLIAMS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Despite the uncooperative weather on Friday night, June 16, the Robert Frost Farm hosted its third annual Frost Farm Poetry Conference welcome dinner in the tent on the Frost Farm property. The rain simply provided a new way to think about poetry.

To start off the two-day conference, guests attended a Hyla Brook Series reading, which featured Rhina P. Espaillat, who was the keynote speaker and master class instructor for the conference, and Caitlin Doyle of Cincinnati, Ohio, who was the winner of the 2017 Frost Farm Poetry Prize for metrical poetry.

Founded in 2015, the

conference, under the direction of Derry poet laureate and Director of Frost Farm Poetry Robert W. Crawford, kicked off its two days of intense instruction on metrical poetry by award-winning poets Espaillat, Daniel Brown, Midge Goldberg, A.M. Juster, and Len Krisak.

Under the leadership of Crawford, Frost Farm Poetry's mission is to support the writing and reading of poetry, especially metrical poetry. The Hyla Brook Poets started in 2008 as a monthly poetry workshop. In March of 2009, the monthly Hyla Brook Reading Series launched with readings by emerging poets as well as luminaries such as Maxine Kumin, Sharon Olds, and Richard Blanco. From there,

the Frost Farm Poetry Prize for metrical poetry was introduced in 2010, with the Frost Farm Conference beginning in 2015.

Dominican-born, bilingual, and a former high school English teacher in New York City, Espaillat writes poetry, essays, and short stories in both English and Spanish. Her work has appeared in numerous magazines and about 50 anthologies. She is a founding member of two long-lived, active poetry workshops, NYC's Fresh Meadows Poets and the Powow River Poets in Newburyport, Massachusetts. Espaillat has also served on the faculty of the yearly West Chester Poetry Conference.

Appearing with Espaillat was Caitlin Doyle, winner

of the seventh annual Frost Farm prize for her poem, "Wish," judged by the conference's poet-in-residence Deborah Warren.

Frost Farm Poetry group member Kyle Potvin said of the evening, "It was a wonderful night of poetry at the Frost Farm Poetry Conference kick-off despite the rain. Espaillat delivered a memorable keynote about an 'encounter' with Robert Frost himself the night before where he offered his thoughts on her remarks. Caitlin Doyle, winner of the Frost Farm Poetry Prize, read her winning poem, "Wish," and other work."

The Hyla Brook Series season also features appearances by David Surette on July 13, Jenna Le on August 10, and Meredith Bergmann



Robert Crawford, Director of Frost Farm Poetry and Derry poet laureate with Rhina P. Espaillat, the keynote speaker at the opening of the third annual Frost Farm Poetry Conference.

Photo by Penny Williams

on September 14. Through September, the Hyla Brook Poets' monthly writing workshop will meet on the third Saturday of the month

at 10 a.m. at the Frost Farm.

For further information, email [hylabrookpoets@gmail.com](mailto:hylabrookpoets@gmail.com), or visit [www.frostfarmpoetry.org](http://www.frostfarmpoetry.org).

# Over 3,000 People Attend Baby Goat Day in Derry

RANDALL KELLY  
NUTFIELD NEWS

If you were in the Derry area recently and took the opportunity to drive down Crystal Avenue, you may have wondered what all the commotion was about.

Well, folks, that commotion would have been the approximately 3,000 people who came out for Baby Goat Day at the Derry Blue Seal.

I personally spent about two hours there interviewing various folks. I interviewed local residents, but what made me curious was when others told me they had driv-

en two or three hours to attend this event.

One gentleman told me he had driven to two and a half hours to bring his 21 year-old daughter to see the baby goats. I'm going to go out on a limb and say that baby goats are a desired attraction in New Hampshire! Maybe baby goats will be the next big fundraising trend.

While I understand that they're cute, to have over 3,000 people in attendance at this event seems a little extreme. I think that maybe, we all need to get

out of the house just a little bit more. You'll find that while baby goats are cool, but there's a lot out there you're not seeing.

Local farms like J&F Farms in Derry, Millcreek Dairy in Chester, and Veterans Chapel Farm have petting areas as well, so get out and see all of what Derry and our surrounding towns

have to offer. These farms are not just here when the leaves are green, either. They're open year-round and would greatly appreciate your business.

Farms are becoming the dying heartbeat of America. Our state and federal governments are constantly reducing assistance, budgets, grants, and affiliations,

when what they should be doing is establishing more ways to ensure their existence in years to come.

I will admit, I love the awareness these type of community events bring to the farm industry and local agricultural communities. Awareness is necessary in embracing farming and continuing to make it a part of

our existence, but should it take 3,000 people taking baby goat selfies to do so?

So, remember to get out and visit your local farms. They are all welcoming and inviting folks! Just don't blame me if you meet the whole family and are fed dinner too. Farms are just some of the things that make Derry great!

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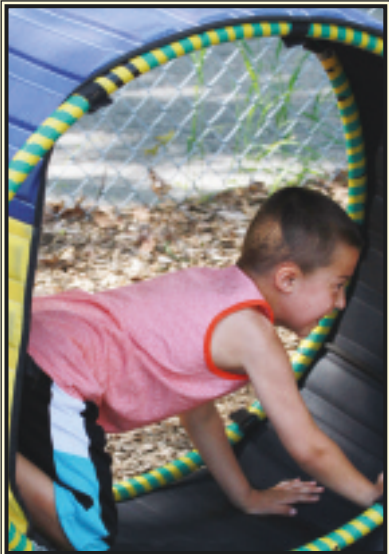
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Many of the Derry elementary schools celebrated the end of the school year by sending students out to their fields to participate in a wide variety of outdoor activities. South Range Elementary students are shown here enjoying a day of fun before heading off to their summer vacation.

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# DERRY SPORTS

## Pinkerton Boy Spikers Claim Major Post-Season Honors



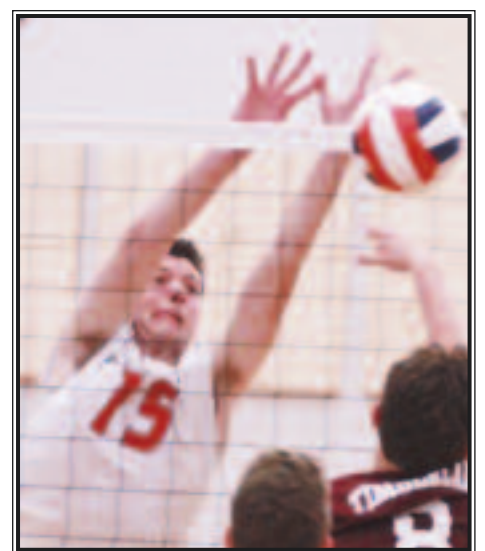
Cobi Moore



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Sean Galusha

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The 2017 Pinkerton Academy boys' volleyball squad was arguably one of the best teams in that program's history. And although the PA crew fell just one match victory short of the program's first state title, some of the tremendous talent on the academy team was recently recognized with significant post-season honors.

Senior star Cobi Moore was named both the New Hampshire Player of the Year and a First-Team All-State selection. His fellow Astro Tyler Behsman, a high-flying junior, was also named a first-teamer.

Senior libero Kunjan Patel was named a Second-Team All-State pick, and

sophomore spiking specialist Sean Galusha received honorable mention recognition.

The Pinkerton contingent had coach Colin Walker's assistant and the Astro junior varsity team's head coach Amanda Lemenager named a co-winner of the state's Junior Varsity Boys' Volleyball Coach of the Year award. Timberlane JV mentor Mike Nye was the co-winner of that honor.

Setter Moore, who was also an all-state soccer player for longtime coach Kerry Boles' Astro contingent in the fall of 2016, was one of the most electrifying volleyball players in the Granite State, a point which anyone who saw the 2017 PA team play can attest to. And he also placed himself in the

Pinkerton volleyball program's history book this spring.

"Cobi set a new Pinkerton record in assists with 1,337," said Walker. "He also had over 500 career digs and over 100 career kills."

After watching Moore help to get the Astros right to the threshold of the state championship before falling to the Timberlane Regional Owls of Plaistow, coach Walker had every reason to rave about the kind of player Moore has been.

"Cobi makes everyone around him better," said the coach. "His talent truly shines against the best competition, and he continuously made difficult plays look effortless."

Walker also has plenty of

reasons to be wildly pleased that standout junior outside hitter Behsman is eligible to be back in the Pinkerton fold for the 2018 campaign next spring.

"Tyler was our team leader in kills," said the coach. "He dedicated himself to volleyball in the off-season and it really made a difference. Not only did he develop into a better player, but as a team leader."

Libero Patel was a reliable rock for the Pinkerton crew throughout the fine season.

"Kunj had over 500 career digs, and he was our most consistent defender and

he provided stability to our back-court," said Walker.

Youngster Galusha made a step up to highly-impressive status in New Hampshire high school boys' volleyball during the 2017 season.

"Sean has become a dominant middle (hitter) in boys' volleyball. For evidence, you can look at his post-season performance," said the PA coach. "Most notably, against Mascenic, he was matched up against their First-Team All-State middle. Against Mascenic, Sean registered a team-high 15 kills on 19 swings against the player considered to be

the best middle in the state."

The varsity head coach was also full of praise for his assistant and junior varsity coach Lemenager, with whom he has worked for a long time.

"Amanda and I have coached together in various programs for nine years. She does an amazing job getting the JV players ready for varsity," said Walker. "Our familiarity with each other makes coaching decisions easy, and we are usually on the same page. As an assistant, I rely heavily on her evaluation and insight throughout the season."

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# Astro Laxmen Have Nine Players Garner All-State Honors

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Despite the fact that the Pinkerton Academy boys' varsity lacrosse team fell just short of winning the 2017 Division I championship, that incredibly talented and well-coached team still had an exceptional campaign. And no less than nine talented Astros had their skills and accomplishments acknowledged by the D-I coaches recently when they received all-state recognition.

Perhaps most positively is the fact that of the nine Astros who attained all-state status, six of them will be eligible to be back in Pinkerton uniforms next spring as coach Brian O'Reilly's team aims to remain one of the top squads in Division I.

The academy team had seniors Ryan Albrecht (defense) and Alex Sturgess (goalie), junior Tom Sweeney (midfield), sophomore Ryan Auger (attack), and freshman Nate Laliberte (face-off specialist) collect First-Team All-State recog-



Alex Sturgess



Tom Sweeney



Ryan Auger



Nate Laliberte



Ryan Albrecht

nition.

The Astros, who put together a 17-1 regular season record and went undefeated in New Hampshire until their D-I championship game loss to Bishop Guertin of Nashua, had four players garner All-State Second Team recognition. They were senior defender Kyle Fortier, junior attack Chris Valentine, freshmen Chad Teresky (an attack) and Mason Drouin (middie).

With four underclassmen, including phenomenal sophomore Auger, who has already surpassed the 100-goal milestone in just two seasons of varsity lax, among Pinkerton's all-staters, the future looks all

kinds of bright for coach O'Reilly's program.

The 2017 Astros had a truly amazing season, going 19-2 overall with a 15-1 mark in New Hampshire and a 4-1 record against Massachusetts opponents. Their lone 2017 loss, prior

to the one against Guertin in the title match, was a 13-12 overtime defeat to the Medfield, Massachusetts crew on May 20.

The Astros and BG Cardinals are the powerhouses of Division I, with Guertin having played in

every state title match since 2005 and won the big game some nine times.

BG and Pinkerton have played for the state crown nine times themselves since 2005, and each and every one of the last five years. PA has won two of those epic

match-ups against Guertin since 2005: in 2006 and 2015. The Cardinals have won the other seven, including the most recent 2017 title battle at Bill Ball Stadium in Exeter on the night of Saturday, June 10.

## PA Frosh Softball Squad Battles Opponents Well

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The early spring was all kinds of frustrating for all of the sports squads at Pinkerton Academy, which are dependent upon decent weather to get practices and games started. The Pinkerton freshman softball team was no exception.

But, longtime PA sub-

varsity softball coach Saul Shriber's Lady Astros soldiered on and wound up having a successful and productive spring in the end.

"We started off at the beginning with little practice time outside, and thus we had no idea how to place players in positions," said Shriber.

"It was a struggle, but as the weather finally warmed

up we were able to see how everyone fit in. As the year progressed, the players each improved and the girls began to play as a team. We won the last three games of the season, concluding with a walk-off win against Dover."

Second baseman Meghan Simard was a consistent standout for the 4-3 team, leading her Lady Astros in batting with a .518 average, runs scored with 15, and walks with eight while also playing solid defensively.

First base was shared by Shayna Boutin and Jordan Beaulieu, Emily Danforth and Clarissa McEwen did the work at shortstop, Emily Walsh and Amelia Smalley handled third base, Katherine Dalton and Kaeleigh Firms shared left field, Isabella Feoli roamed center field, Valerie Connolly was the right fielder, Emily DiFonzo and Amelia Diperrri handled the pitching work, and Noel Murphy was their catcher.

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# Amato, PA Softball Teammates Snare Post-Season Honors

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy senior softball star Abby Amato capped off her high school softball career recently by being named both the New Hampshire Division I Player of the Year and a First-Team All-State selection. Several of her Lady Astro teammates also garnered all-state recognition.

Standout shortstop Amato had her double-play partner and fellow senior Nicole Gonya garner Second-Team All-State selection, and freshman outfielder Alyssa DiMauro began her high school career in truly great fashion by notching honorable mention all-state honors. It's rare to have a freshman athlete collect all-state recognition in any high school sport.

Amato was impressive from every conceivable angle for her Lady Astros, who finished up at 14-6 overall with an exit in the quarterfinal-round of the

Division I tournament.

"Throughout the season she was hitting between .500 and .620, she led the team in doubles, home runs, runs scored, and runs batted in, and her range has increased at shortstop," said PA coach Kristen Abbott of Amato.

Second-team pick Gonya was a wall at second base for the Lady Astros, and her defensive skills were greatly appreciated by her mentor.

"Nicole made minimal errors and was in the 90% range for fielding percentage," said Abbott. "She has developed as a second-basewoman, and she made big plays this season."

The talent and development of DiMauro showed Abbott that there are good things ahead for the Lady Astros, even with her two standout starting middle-infielders both graduating.

"Alyssa was one of the offensive leaders with runs scored, RBI's, and home runs," said the coach. "And she's unselfish. She played outfield this season, but



Abby Amato



Nicole Gonya



Alyssa DiMauro

she's really a shortstop."

That terrific trio helped their academy contingent go 13-5 on the regular season to snag the number five seed in a very tough division.

The locals went 5-1 in their first six contests and enjoyed a five-game winning streak between April 28 and May 10 in upping their season mark to an excellent 10-2.

Pinkerton went a modest 3-3 in its final six games of the regular season, and then

began its involvement in the 2017 tournament on the last day of May by besting number 12 Merrimack by a 7-4

tally in Derry in first-round play.

The PA crew's campaign came to a close a few days

later with a 6-4 loss to Spaulding of Rochester on the road in quarterfinal action on June 3.

## Astros' Frosh Baseball Showed Resilience and Developed

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Any coach longs to be able to say that their team showed resilience and mental and physical toughness, put forth clutch efforts when required most, and experienced plenty of growth during its season. Pinkerton Academy freshman baseball coach Chris O'Neil was able to state that with pride at the end of the 2017 campaign this spring.

O'Neil's young men won more games than they lost, posting a fine 7-5 record in getting their first tastes of high school ball. But, the qualities they exhibited in performing that feat were among the things which made the coach proudest.

"I feel the team developed very well over the

course of the season," said O'Neil. "We had a few ups and downs during the middle of the season, but by the end the team was playing very well together and getting the job done. Our pitching staff improved greatly over the course of the season, and players that had not pitched a lot before really stepped up and performed when we needed them to."

The squad's roster included Jacob Boudreau (pitcher and outfielder), Chris Chow (first baseman/ second baseman), Connor Colburn (middle infielder), Jacob Colon (second baseman), Corbin Cresta (pitcher/first baseman), Steven DeMarco (shortstop/catcher), Cooper Ernst (pitcher/outfielder), Matt Gerossie (outfielder/pitcher), Kameron Levesque (out-

fielder/pitcher), Matt Michaud (pitcher/third baseman), Jack Normand (catcher/third baseman), Michael Packowski (pitcher/third baseman), Zach Plaza (first baseman), and Xadrian Rivera (outfielder).

When asked to look back on what he felt were his group's best efforts, coach O'Neil hearkened back to several of them.

"Our best performances were our games against Concord and Bedford," said the coach. "In both games we were behind for the whole game. However, the kids stayed in the games until the end and forced both of them into extra innings, where we came out on top to beat both of the teams. We ended up beating Concord 7-6 and Bedford 8-7, both in eight innings."

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# Karate Program Founder Retires After More Than 30 Years

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Anyone who's able to say they made a positive impact on the lives of more than 1,000 young people over a lengthy period of time - like longtime teachers, coaches, and instructors for instance - have countless reasons to be proud of their careers, sacrifices, and accomplishments.

And even among that special group of people are unique folks like Victor Smith, who was the founder and head instructor of the karate program at the Derry Boys and Girls Club until very recently.

After founding that program some 32 years ago in 1985 and running it consistently and with great generosity and pride, Smith directed his final class last Tuesday, June 13.

The eighth-degree black

belt in the traditional Okinawan martial art of Isshinryu Karate has handed off the directorship of the program to two of his former students, Mike Cassidy and Young Lee.

Those two gentlemen are just two of the more than 1,000 Derry-area folks who Smith has trained over the three-plus decades through which he has run the program. From 1985 through that final session, he charged the same amount: just \$1 per lesson.

"The program has been very popular and has a waiting list to join," said longtime Smith student Devin Van Curen. "It allows children, many of whom come from lower income families and wouldn't be able to afford martial arts lessons if not for Mr. Smith, to gain solid training in traditional Okinawan karate."

Van Curen originally



Derry Boys and Girls Club karate program founder Victor Smith recently retired after 30 years.

joined the program herself in 1995 when she was eight and remained in it until she started high school.

"I wanted to do karate more than anything, but my parents were unable to afford lessons for me

at the time," she said. "My mother did some research and found Mr. Smith's program and got me on the waiting list. During the lessons, I learned about respect, discipline, and hard work toward a long-term goal, which directly contributed to my success in high school and beyond, and I enjoyed the program so much that I returned as an adult student after my graduation from college. I received my black belt in 2015. I was the 15th and final student (to whom) Mr. Smith has awarded the rank of black belt. I think it's an amazing program that does a great deal of good for the children of Derry and teaches them many important lessons. It's a hidden gem."

Smith has for some time been assisted by Cassidy and Lee, both sixth-degree black belt instructors who have been training with him

since way back when the program began back in 1985.

"After starting the program over 30 years ago he was at class every Tuesday and Thursday night as a volunteer, with hardly a miss," said Cassidy.

When asked what he feels Smith's most admirable and inspiring qualities are, Cassidy responded, "His love of karate, working with kids, and teaching."

Cassidy and Young are taking on directing the program every bit as seriously as one would expect, in Cassidy's words assuming "The responsibility to keep the program going and pass on the quality of karate taught by Victor to Young an I."

The Derry Boys and Girls Club has renamed its upstairs wrestling/karate room The Victor Smith Room in honor of his service to the club and its members.

# Astro Hardball Crew Has a Quartet Garner All-State Honors

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy baseball squad didn't quite get as far in the Division I tournament as coach Steve Campo and his charges would have liked. But, nobody who watched the Astros play ball this spring would say that the academy crew didn't have admirable talent which had the ability to climb to the very top of the D-I mountain.

That fact was further

proven recently when no less than four of the 2017 Astros received all-state recognition from the division's baseball coaches. And much to coach Campo's joy, not a one of them was a senior who will depart from the PA baseball fold.

Sophomore pitching star Rich Marique was named a First-Team All-State pick, junior hurler David Unkles garnered Second-Team All-State recognition, and sophomore relief pitching ace Matt Albetski and sopho-

more slugger Connor Jenkins both collected Honorable Mention recognition.

Starting pitcher extraordinaire Marique was masterful quite often when he toed the rubber for his Astros, and he finished with some exceptional numbers. The talented righty notched a season record of 5-2 with a tiny earned run average of 1.18, and he struck out 41 batters in 47 1/3 innings of work. He started all eight games in which he pitched.

Second-team selection Unkles was the lefty stand-out in the Pinkerton pitching rotation, and he too tallied a 5-2 record in 12 appearances with seven starts. The skilled southpaw amassed a sterling ERA of 1.69, whiffing 39 would-be batters in 41 1/3 frames.

Hard-throwing righty relief stalwart Albetski did a heck of a Craig Kimbrel imitation for his squad, notching eight saves in nine save chances in pitching in 12 total games. He struck out 15 batters in 11 2/3 innings, allowing just six hits.

On the offensive side of things, Connor Jenkins



Rich Marique

paced a Pinkerton offense which sputtered at times during the season. He batted at an astounding .556 clip to lead the team, and he was also tops in on-base percent-

age (.585), slugging percentage (.806), and doubles (nine). The talented young batsman also finished second on the squad in singles with 11 and third in runs batted in with 10.

The Pinkerton contingent went 13-7 during its regular season after starting out at a perfect 4-0. Coach Campo's crew reeled off winning streaks of four, five, and then three games before the tourney rolled around. In the tourney, the fifth-seeded locals thumped 12th-ranked Alvirne in the prelims before reaching the end of the road with a quarterfinal-round loss to number four Spaulding in Rochester.

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## Free Community Pizza Party

Elijah's Table, a joint project of Etz Hayim Synagogue and the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, will be hosting a free pizza party on Sunday, June 25, at the synagogue at 1-1/2 Hood Road in Derry. Dinner is served from 5 - 6:15 p.m., and we will have ice cream for dessert. The atmosphere is informal and friendly! Meet up with old friends, make new friends, listen to music, and have a great meal. For more information on free meals in the Derry area, visit <http://freemealsinderry.blogspot.com>.

## Summer Reading Registration

Registration for the Taylor Library's summer reading program is open until Fri., June 30. Library hours are Monday and Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday: 12 p.m. - 8 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, call 432-7186.

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## Adult Coloring this Summer

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## 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, 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, 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 and Pillsbury Roads 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, July 15, August 19, and September 16.





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