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## Work Nearing Completion On \$2.9 Million Route 28 Waterline Project

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NUTFIELD NEWS

With mainline water main services installed, work is progressing this month on a \$2.9 million project to extend water lines along Route 28 and some local roads to mitigate the presence of the gasoline additive Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE).

Substantial completion of the project is anticipated in October, according to officials.

The mainline water main and services to the edge of the right-of-way are fully installed and pressure tested on all roads, according to officials. Base course paving is complete on all roads and driveways. Loam and seed and cleanup activities are almost complete.

Water service is now

available to abutting properties, and residents

will be notified that they may now connect public water, according to officials.

The water connection on Gervaise Drive and installation of the water services on private property and into basements for 12 MTBE properties is scheduled to be completed this month. Residents of the Woodlands neighborhood will be notified when the town will transition their water system from their wells to municipal water.

Earlier in the summer, the mainline water main and services were fully installed and pressure tested on Frost Road, Lawrence Road, Stark Road, Gervaise Drive and Blunt Drive, according to Public Works officials.

In addition, base course paving had been complete

on Frost Road, Blunt Drive and Lawrence Road.

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

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

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

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## Economic Development Advisory Committee Discusses Future Projects

ALEX GUITTARR  
NUTFIELD NEWS

More planning from the Derry's Economic Development Coordinator, Ann Struthers, along with a changing of the guard took place during the latest Economic Development Advisory Committee's meeting at Town Hall on Sept. 18.

Ann Struthers, who is currently serving as Derry's economic development coordinator, started the meeting by giving her report on the various efforts that the town has been undertaking as of late to increase Derry's economic standing in New Hampshire and elsewhere and make the town more

appealing to large and small businesses.

Struthers noted that one of her major goals in the upcoming weeks is to put together a developer tour, sometime in mid-to-late October, giving those interested in starting a business in Derry an overview of the types of prime properties that would be available to them.

"It's what we need to do to highlight some of the area," Struthers noted.

Amongst her other projects are a broker meeting that is planned for Sept. 25, performing outreach with the state business office to try and recruit more businesses, the planning of an

upcoming food truck festival in the spring and working out a series of documents to determine how funds in the committee's possession should be diverted towards the revitalization of downtown.

Terri Pastori, who also stepped down from her position as chair of the committee, briefly mentioned how proud she was of the committee and how far Derry has come economically in the last year. The members then unanimously voted in Paul Needham as the new chair.

Needham proceeded to thank the board for their approval and quickly cov-

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Cameron Baxter carefully tries to remove a Jenga block at the girl scout booth at Derrtfest on Saturday, Sept. 16. There were plenty of games and activities for children to enjoy throughout the day.  
*Photo by Chris Paul*

## Derryfest Brings Community Together at MacGregor Park

ALEX GUITTARR  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Hundreds of residents took to the streets on Saturday, Sept. 16 to attend the 28th annual Derryfest at MacGregor Park. The event brought together just about every local organization and business to once again create a day that anyone around could enjoy.

Starting at 10 a.m., Mark Beland of the Greater Derry Arts Council began the day by thanking everyone

who attended the event for making all the hard work worth it.

"It's a labor of love for all those who came together to make it possible," Beland noted.

Town Council Chairman Joshua Borudon soon followed by thanking the event's volunteers and issuing a proclamation recognizing what Derryfest means to the town and its citizens before being followed up by the Let's Play Music A Cappella Group singing

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# Derry School Board Celebrates Good Start to New Year

KATIE O'DONNELL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Derry Cooperative School Board celebrated the new year at its Sept. 12 meeting. Acting Superintendent Dr. MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian discussed how well the official start of the new school year went at the elementary and middle schools.

"The opening of the schools, in my opinion and of many others, has been great!" Connors-Krikorian said. She added that she and others from the Superintendent's Office went around the district to see how well students were transitions to their new schools.

"Our school visits were divided into two days this year, that of Thursday and Friday, which really allowed for some quality time for each school," she said.

The schools had different welcoming events for the

kids and the children at Barker School even got to go head-to-head with Connors-Krikorian in a hula hooping contest. "The hula hoop test was really fun," she exclaimed. "They were really two of the most fun days we've had."

One thing that stood out to Connors-Krikorian during her visits were the applications of the professional development skills the teachers and staff learned over the summer. She witnessed the middle schools promoting student involvement by letting some of them be facilitators in the classroom. The kids taught part of the lesson and the teachers helped to wrap things up at the end. "I learned, I engaged and all the students were great," she said. "Those students moved us."

The number of students attending in the district has changed in the last two weeks. As of Sept. 1, there

were an estimated 3,277 kids in the Derry school system. According to the numbers Connors-Krikorian presented to the school board on Sept. 12, there are now 19 more students attending since the beginning of the month. There are 2,118 in the elementary schools and 1,178 in the middle schools. Chairman Dan McKenna was concerned about classroom size, but the only place where numbers seem high is at Barker, where some of the third-grade classes have up to 25 students. Those numbers could go up or down as the school year progresses. Derry Village has almost reached its capacity for morning and afternoon kindergarten.

To work with these students, the district has been focusing on hiring more staff. This past meeting saw the nomination of Amanda Ansell as a language arts teacher for West Running

Brook and Ashley Peabody as a special education teacher at Hood Middle School. Both nominations were approved by the board. There are still openings available on the SAU's website for substitutes and a physical education teacher at Grinnell.

There are also openings on the Fiscal Advisory Board. "The Fiscal Advisory Board is doing a wonderful job and at this time we have two openings," Connors-Krikorian announced to the board. "People should come to the Superintendent's Office and submit their interest." McKenna stated the board meets "roughly every other Monday," starting on Oct. 23.

Talks about the Fiscal Advisory Board then transitioned into a discussion of the budget, which led to what the school may want to invest in for next year— an update to the network infrastructure. During the first few weeks of school, there

were issues with connecting to the district's network. The connection drops were apparently bad enough that it caused issues in some classrooms. The IT department came to the rescue and fixed the network, but Connors-Krikorian reported that because it was old, it may need to be replaced soon.

McKenna pointed out that network infrastructure updates are usually one of the first things to get cut from a budget. He asked Connors-Krikorian to keep a record of how many times the network goes down, so the board has an idea of just how bad the problem is. Board Member Erika Cohen said it may be helpful to know how old the system is, "so people can appreciate the need."

Business Administrator Jane Simard brought up money. She and a team of four others were able to prepare the district's \$80 mil-

lion-plus budget for the 2016-2017 school year audit. It reportedly went well. Meetings to discuss next year's budget will run from October through December.

Simard also brought up the adult education program, saying a schedule should have already been mailed out to Derry residents. It's on bright yellow paper that can be submitted to her office and can also be found online. Simard stressed that even if residents are on the fence about a class, it's better to sign up or else run the risk of the class being canceled for "low enrollment." The manifest approval was put to a vote and passed. The final approval was for \$2,990,560.78, with \$2,196,223.06 going towards general payroll. The other \$713,337.72 was approved for general expenses.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. in the West Running Brook Cafeteria.

# Derry School Renovations Taking Longer than Expected

KATIE O'DONNELL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

School may be in session, but some Derry schools are still waiting for summer renovations to be over. The Honeywell Project had been funding some major overhauls to the heating and lighting systems for a few of the elementary schools. Both Barker and South Range schools saw a change from their old oil heat-

ing systems to newer natural gas systems. The problem is that the schools are unable to connect to the new natural gas lines being put in by Liberty Utilities. The company has been facing complications with the line installations on Route 28 that have put them a few weeks behind schedule.

Business Administrator Jane Simard assured the school board that both Barker and South Range would be

okay. The weather has not been cold enough to warrant turning the heat on just yet. Until the lines are connected, the schools still have access to their original oil heat. They have full tanks and are ready to go if need be.

"The gas line took a lot longer than we thought," Simard said. "We'll have

heat, but it just might not be natural gas."

Students and staff can expect to see work being done on the heating systems and other mechanical concerns until November, according to Simard. One of those concerns is East Derry's "wall of windows," which also saw an upgrade

this summer. The original goal was to make some of the windows in the wall able to open, providing some much-needed cross-ventilation. The windows they wanted were not available before now, but are on the list of things to fix before it gets too cold.

East Derry Village and Grinnell are up and running with all their changes. It was proposed at the Sept. 12 School Board meeting that the two schools be used for daycare during school vaca-

tions. The main concern would be costs and how they would inform parents of any weather-related cancellations.

"I think it's a great idea. People will just have to accept that there might be a snow day and take the proper channels to announce... so no one will have to worry," Board Member Brenda Willis said.

With fall arriving this week, this district is hoping that the work being done through the Honeywell Projects is finished as quickly as possible.

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# Community Assistance Group Establishes Goals and Plans For End of 2017

ALEX GUITTARR  
NUTFIELD NEWS

As one of Derry's major resource centers, The Upper Room at 36 Tsienneto Rd. currently has its hands full with a variety of updates and events to help spread its message and mission throughout town.

The group recently announced that they went ahead and redesigned their website, the updates of which were funded by a grant from the New Hamp-

shire Charitable Foundation.

With the help of a local web design business, Jennifer Design, the brand-new website is able to present its 15 core programs and services in a more visually attractive way, demonstrating the breadth of its offerings and resources. The group has also gone on to thank the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation for its efforts to support The Upper Room's sustainability via marketing development and an increased online

presence.

The Upper Room Executive Director Brenda Guggisberg was ecstatic for the support that The Upper Room has received in its efforts to serve families in southern New Hampshire.

"We appreciate the confidence the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation is showing in our agency, and their help in building sustainability for the future. And we're thrilled with our new website," Guggisberg said.

Helping Derry and main-

taining both its offices and website is not cheap, which is why The Upper Room recently announced its 16th annual Family Matters Auction, titled "An Evening on Broadway".

Taking place at Birch Wood Vineyards on Nov. 9 at 5:30 p.m., the event will begin with a silent auction before moving on to a live auction and dinner at 7 p.m. According to Marketing Director Kate Briggs, auction items will include sports packages, supplies for

power outages and major storms, a trip to Aruba and more. Dollar Bill Burke will be serving as the auctioneer.

"There will be a lot of variety," Briggs noted.

Amongst the organization's major events will also be its annual Halloween, Thanksgiving and holiday parties near the end of the year, as well as their assortment of workshops for teen parents, also known as Teen Information for Parenting Success (TIPS).

The Upper Room serves

the community on a variety of fronts, not only assisting families struggling from poverty, hunger, homelessness and general conflict, but also homeless youth who are struggling to survive and make a future for themselves.

"We wanted to create a bridge between the people who want to give and the people who need," Briggs mentioned.

For more information about The Upper Room and its upcoming events, visit [urteachers.org](http://urteachers.org).

# Election Integrity Commission Meets at St. Anselm's College

KATHERINE O'BRIEN  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Amid a swirl of debate, the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity (PACEI) took to the road and met in New Hampshire on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at St. Anselm's College in Goffstown.

Protesters lined the streets outside the Institute of Politics building, where the commission was set to meet.

A woman from Frances-town, who didn't want her name used, said she found out about the protest from the New Hampshire Democratic Party and that she disagreed with the Kansas Secretary of State and Commission Vice Chairman Kris Kobach.

Kobach recently said he thinks voter fraud is rampant in New Hampshire.

"Kobach made up his mind already, this commission was made to validate voter suppression and the whole thing is a fraud," she said.

On Sept. 7, Secretary Kobach wrote that the information recently made public

by New Hampshire House Speaker Shawn Jasper shows voting patterns in New Hampshire that proves there is voter fraud in N.H. and that it was the cause of Kelly Ayotte's narrow loss by 1,017 votes to Maggie Hassan in the U.S. Senate race last year.

According to a letter given to Jasper from N.H. Secretary of State Bill Gardner and the Department of Safety, on Election Day in November 2016, 6,540 people registered to vote in N.H. with out-of-state licenses. By law, when establishing New Hampshire as a residence, drivers must get a NH license within 60 days. By Aug. 30, 2017 only 1,014 of the 6,540 people who had registered to vote in

NH using out of state licenses for identification had gotten N.H. licenses. Additionally, 196 people are being investigated for voting in New Hampshire and in another state.

Mike O'Brien of Auburn (no relation to the author) is a field director for America Votes; an organization that describes its efforts as working to "protect election systems and fight back against efforts to suppress voters." O'Brien was one of the protesters outside the PACEI meeting.

"I never went back home to Rhode Island to vote when I went to college in Boston, I voted in Massachusetts. Students have a legal right to vote and they spend up to \$50,000 a year

in New Hampshire." O'Brien added that voting rolls should be modernized, the PACEI should talk about modernization but he does not trust the leadership of the PACEI.

N.H. Secretary of State Bill Gardner, a member of the PACEI, has resisted calls from the entire N.H. Congressional delegation for him to leave the commission over Kobach's comments. During the meeting, he said the race results between Ayotte and Hassan were "real and valid" and reminded Kobach to stay on task. Gardner added that the use of out-of-state licenses to register to vote is legal in New Hampshire.

Gardner also responded to those critical of his staying on the commission, Sen-

ator Jeanne Shaheen has raised the possibility of New Hampshire losing the first in the nation primary if Gardner remains.

"The chairman of the commission made it very clear to me ... we work in a way that we don't have preconceived or preordained ideas about what the facts are going to be," Gardner said. "We're going to search for the truth. That is something we need to all stay focused on."

Topics covered at the PACEI meeting were: His-

torical election turnout statistics and how they have been affected by election laws, issues affecting voter confidence, electronic voting systems and election integrity. A presentation was given by election voting machine expert Harri Hursti that explained the vulnerability to hacking of many electronic ballot counting machines, including the AccuVote OS, the kind used that is used in New Hampshire and throughout New England.

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# Editorial

## Read Twice, Send Once

Less than 50 years ago the only modes of communication were by phone, often with time restrictions, and by letter – now a notion romanticized by rom-coms and historical dramas. Before the invention of the internet, or rather social media, no one had to worry about what they said over the phone or in a letter; a phone call could be forgotten, a letter burned or thrown away.

Today, it is far too easy to write something up, be it email, text, or social media status, and send it off into the complicated world of technology. It takes two seconds to think of something and press send, and it takes even less time for the ramifications to come back and bite you.

We see it every day on the news: Celebrities being torn apart for an ill-timed or badly-worded joke, the press scrutinizing the President's every character on Twitter. While this attention may not ruin a celebrity's life or career, small businesses and establishments such as a pizza place or a school can be detrimentally effected by a simple miscommunication.

All it takes is an angry citizen to get hold of something and post it on social media for a maelstrom of

negativity and widespread recognition to occur. Social media begets hate, and often does not allow those who made a mistake in a post or an email to correct themselves before the damage is done.

There is a quick solution to this, though not a bullet proof one: Editing.

Taking a pause before hitting send, especially for a business or other local establishment, is essential in making sure miscommunications don't happen – or are at least less likely to. Though there are positive sides to the speed and wide reach of social media – like if there really is something wrong with a business or establishment it can be identified and brought to the attention of the public quickly and effectively – it is not the greatest platform for mistakes.

When errors in emails or posts happen, they don't just go away. They get shared and remain on the internet forever, unwittingly popping up at the least opportune times, potentially causing problems in the future.

The internet can be a friend, or an enemy, and a simple fact check or contextual edit can be the deciding factor for which one it is.

# Letters

## Protect our Voting System

To the editor,  
Open Letter to Secretary of State William Gardner:

Voting is a fundamental right of U. S. citizenship. In NH we have a unique same day voter registration system. That system now needs to be protected so that all eligible voters are allowed to vote without obstacles or

intimidation.

No evidence of voter fraud in NH has been found, and yet Donald Trump has set up the Pence-Kobach Commission on Voter Integrity which met at St. Anselm's College in Manchester this morning. This commission is an excuse to justify his baseless claim of busloads of people coming from Massachusetts to vote illegally and of

millions of people voting illegally in our country.

I ask you Secretary Gardner to support NH constituents by resigning from this sham commission immediately. Please work instead with citizens, supervisors of the checklist, and town moderators to make our voting system better.

Corinne Dodge  
Derry

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## Police to Host Fundraiser Comedy Night For Scholarship Fund

ALEX GUITTARR  
NUTFIELD NEWS

In the short time that it has called Derry its home, Tupelo Music Hall has made a name for itself with such acts like Gary Hoey, Five For Fighting and George Winston, but an upcoming comedy show will be giving the business a chance to give back to the community.

On Oct. 5, Tupelo will be working alongside the Derry Police Department to present the Derry Police Association Comedy Night Fundraiser. The show will be headlined by Boston-based comedians Mark Riley and Chris Pennie, as well as retired Derry Police Detective Kennedy Richard. All proceeds will be going directly towards the Sergeant Thomas Kelly Scholarship Fund.

Put together by the Derry Community Assistance Fund, the scholarship

is focused on helping local students in the pursuit of higher education and has awarded over 50 scholarships to various students.

Sergeant Kelly served the Derry Police for ten straight years before unfortunately losing his life in Sept. 1989 due to prolonged exposure to lead and toxic gases from a firing range. He was remembered quite fondly by the department, even having its training center dedicated to him in 1999, which is where Kelly would eventually find himself working as the department's fire arms instructor.

Chief Edward Garone, one of the few remaining on-duty officers who worked with Kelly and noted for being the one responsible for hiring him, distinctly remembered Kelly as someone who was highly respected by both his peers and the community; an officer who

rose quickly through the ranks and was very easy to get along with and speak to.

"He was a shining star here within the department," Garone said.

Scott Hayward, part of Tupelo Venue Management, is one of the individuals chiefly responsible for putting the event together. Hayward noted that this is the first time that Tupelo has worked with the Derry Police Department, but the event has already sold around 50 tickets. According to Hayward, the police did not actually approach Tupelo's with the idea. It came about through conversations between himself and Lieutenant Jon Breen with the Derry Police.

"It just ended up as a pretty organic thing," Hayward mentioned.

Individuals interested in attending can visit [tupelomusichall.com](http://tupelomusichall.com) to purchase tickets.

## Economic Development

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ered what he hopes to accomplish with his new position.

"I see myself as a facilitator for great ideas that are already in the process," Needham said.

Members were also quick to speak about the success of the Derry After Dark event, noting how not

only how popular it was, especially with younger residents, but also about how smooth and organized it was and how much positive impact it had on business downtown. Member Gordon Graham, in particular, could barely contain himself when speaking about how impressed he was.

"It was absolutely a won-

derful time," Graham said.

Derry Planning Director George Sioras noted that the Planning Board is continuing to move forward with its efforts to redistrict areas in and around Folsom Road, primarily to try and eliminate multi-family unit requirements in the area because of the sheer amount that are already in place. A public hearing on the matter is set for Oct. 18.

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# South Range Principals Take A Plung For Student Reading



About 30 students at South Range Elementary School got a chance to dunk their principal, Matthew Olsen, and Assistant Principal Michelle Cremona last week for completing the Summer Reading Bingo Challenge. Students were asked to cover a bingo square for every book they read over the summer break. Those who did were given the opportunity to take a shot at the target of a dunk tank with a softball. Every student was able to sink the principal seated.

*Photos by Chris Paul*

## Waterline

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tal Services

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

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

dards, according to officials.

After the testing, the state approached Derry officials to see if the town would be able to extend waterlines up Route 28 from the Berry Road area. Waterlines will also be extended along portions of Frost Road, Lawrence Road, Blunt Drive and Stark Road.

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

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

The state will take on approximately 80 percent of the project's cost of mitigating the MTBE levels, according to officials.

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# Greater Derry's Got Talent Kicks Off Derryfest With Dazzling Performances

ALEX GUITTARR  
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Shows like America's Got Talent have shown us that all across the United States, there lies an extraordinary individual with first-class talents that any audience would be happy to witness. And on the night before Derryfest, residents of Derry got a chance to see just what kind of talent their town possessed.

The Greater Derry Arts Council presented the final round of the Greater Derry's Got Talent (GDGT) at the Derry Opera House at 7 p.m. on Sept. 15. The competition consisted of twelve finalists who had auditioned in previous rounds to earn a spot.

The panel of judges consisted of Town Council Chairman Joshua Bourdon, Matt Morin, who was one of the founding members of the Majestic Theatre of Manchester, and previous Miss Greater Derry Outstanding Teen and GDGT winner Morgane Vigroux. When asked what they were looking for in a top competitor, the judges noted that they were kept their eyes open for contestants who were able to push themselves, but execute well enough and remain spot-on at every moment.

"I'm looking for someone who has confidence in what they're doing," Morin noted.

The competition ended up on the younger side, with



Isabella Charlebois, of Hampstead, took first place with her performances of "Good Morning Baltimore."

most, if not all contestants being teenagers.

Each act was introduced by the Mistresses of Ceremonies Sarah Tubbs and Madeline Downer, this year's Miss Greater Derry and Miss Greater Derry's Outstanding Teen respectively.

Three of the acts put on their dancing shoes, with Olivia Corliss dancing to "This Woman's Walk", the New Hampshire Academie of Dance Teens performing a tap routine to "Sixteen Tons" while dressed like coal miners. The New Hampshire Academie of Dance Seniors dancing to "Stand in the Light" with the assistance of several strobe lights that each dancer controlled remotely.

However, the remaining nine contestants all took their shot at singing for the audience, whether it was Dylan Wetherbee performing "Slow Cheetah" by the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Ally Parenteau and Jenna Sullivan singing Martina McBride's "Anyway" separately or young Sienna Gattinella surprising judges with her rendition of "I Don't Know My Name" by Grace Vanderwall.

"I could listen to you on the radio and not even know your age," Bourdon noted when speaking to Gattinella.

The three judges tried to stay mostly positive with their overall opinions of each performer, throwing out some criticism when appropriate. In particular,



New Hampshire Academie of Dance Seniors took second place and \$100 for its original dance routine.  
Photos by Chris Paul

Vigroux, who happened to have a strong background in singing, gave very specific advice to most of the singers and how they could improve their acts in the future.

While all the competitors performed admirably and Tubbs and Downer noted that it was a huge accomplishment to make it as far as they all did, only three winners could be selected by the judges. A fourth was selected by the audience, who voted by pur-

chasing tickets and placing them in a corresponding bucket labeled for each contestant.

The top prize of \$150 and first place went to Isabella Charlebois for her performances of "Good Morning Baltimore" from the hit musical Hairspra. She was praised for her booming voice, ability to use the stage and express herself via body language.

The New Hampshire Academie of Dance Seniors

took second place and \$100 for its dance number, and Ella Burroughs took third place and a \$75 prize for singing "Think of Me" from Phantom of the Opera.

The audience voted for Julia Alger for her rendition of "Turning Tables" by Adele, winning her the people's choice and \$50.

In addition to cash prizes, the four winners were also invited to perform at the following day's Derryfest.

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the Star-Spangled Banner.

“These volunteers are a true testament to our town’s community and positive spirit,” Bourdon said.

The main stage saw a huge amount of talent and entertainment for attendees, as vocalists Carol Harrington, Morgane Grace Vigroux and members of the Voice Studio sang a wide assortment of songs, while groups like the Red Star Twirlers,

the New Hampshire Academie of Dance and Dance Progressions put on their dancing shoes.

Several entertainers sought to break away from the norm and showcased several other demonstrations for the crowd, whether it was martial arts demonstration from Karate International of Windham, a balloon show from Silly Solutions, an animal presentation from Wildlife Encounters or quick displays from the finalists and winners of Greater Derry’s

Got Talent.

Being right next to the MacGregor war monuments, members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1617 held a MIA/POW ceremony at noon to honor those who are still unaccounted for while serving their country.

Finally, to cap off the day’s events, the Blues Brothers Next Generation performed numerous renditions of songs designed to pay tribute to the classic 1980’s film Blues Brothers.

The main stage was far

from the only thing that would catch the eyes of attendees that day. Churches like the Calvary Bible Church, Central Congregational Church and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints held tables to spread information about their churches and the good they try to do for their community, while Crossfit and massage therapy were advertised to those interested.

Attendees also got to see Derry’s more artistic side with sand art, figurines and

bead necklaces on sale, as well as bird houses being sold to help benefit the Jimmy Fund.

Visitors could get more up close and personal with some activities, including a rock climbing wall, several cornhole stations manned by the Boy Scouts and turtles and pigs roaming the grounds that were brought by Wildlife Encounters. Furthermore, the Derry Police Department brought what they referred to as The Convincer, a mechanism designed to simulate the

effects of a head-on collision into a solid object at around ten miles per hours, all to convince users why using their seatbelts is so important.

Of course, festival food as far as the eye could see was there for attendees to sample, from fried pickles to delicious seafood from the Clam Haven.

All in all, this year’s Derryfest seemed just as fantastic as the year’s before and will no doubt lead to even more great events in the future.

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# DERRY SPORTS

## Pinkerton Football Squad Suffers its First 2017 Loss in Salem

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

It was a match-up of a 2-0 Pinkerton Academy football team which had outscored its first two opponents by a jaw-dropping 74-6 margin, and a 2-0 Salem High grid contingent which had outscored its first two foes by a 97-28 margin.

But the visiting Astros would have their perfect record blemished on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 16 in Salem as the host Blue Devils ran away with a 35-20 victory which wasn't really even that close.

The contest was knotted up at 7-7 and 14-14 in the first half, but Salem bagged a 21-14 lead during the final minute of that half and then drove its lead all the way up to 35-14 before the third period came to a close.

Pinkerton scored during the final 30 seconds of the game to make the scoring

differential a tad closer, but the Blue Devils' control of the second half made this contest feel closer to a blowout than any kind of tight battle.

Salem senior running back Josh Sibanda had a monster game for his squad, rushing for 179 yards and two touchdowns on just a dozen carries and also running back a kickoff some 94 yards for another score. He left the game in the second half after wrenching a knee in what wound up being a bruised ACL injury.

Pinkerton grasped two leads in the first half, first tallying a 7-0 advantage with a little less than four minutes to go in the first period when Terrell Hicks capped off a seven-play drive by running the ball into the end zone from three yards out.

But that lead only stood up for 14 seconds because Sibanda ran back the ensu-

ing kickoff from his team's 6-yard-line all the way down into the Pinkerton end zone.

However, the quick turn-arounds kept right on happening as the Astros needed just three offensive plays - including a 40-yard rush from Ty Hicks and a 21-yard sprint from Gannon Fast - to regain the lead on a 1-yard drive forward by quarterback Aiden Goujon.

Salem would tie the score back up at 14-14, but wouldn't do so until 4:28 remained in the half. And the hosts then bagged their first lead of the day on a 72-yard touchdown sprint by Sibanda with just 58.8 seconds left in the half to make it a 21-14 game.

With its defense holding Pinkerton frustratingly in place during the third period, the Salem side scored touchdowns during each of its first two offensive series' in upping its advantage to 35-14.

The first of those two big scores came on a 44-yard run by the prolific Sibanda, who would leave the game shortly thereafter having done some stellar work.

Pinkerton tallied the final points of the day on a 27-yard scoring sprint by Avery Battle with just 28.2 seconds to go in the contest, but those points were strictly academic as the Blue Devils already had the win tucked away.

The victorious Blue Devils finished with 395 total offensive yards, with 300 of those coming via the ground game. The Astros ended up with 265 offensive yards, with 151 of those coming on runs.

For the second straight week, the Astros will face off against an undefeated opponent this Friday night the 22nd when they battle the rival, 3-0 Londonderry High Lancers in Mack Plaque play in Derry.



PA back Ty Hicks attempts to shed a Salem tackler during the Astros' tough loss to the Blue Devils in Salem last Saturday. The Astros face Londonderry in Mack Plaque play this Friday night. Photo by Chris Pantazis



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# Pinkerton Girls' Soccer Squad Takes a Win, a Loss, and a Tie



Pinkerton's Sam Franks, left, runs into a Manchester Central defender as both go to the ball during D-I soccer play last week. Photo by Chris Pantazis

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

A tie with Bedford, followed by an overtime loss to Manchester Central, followed by a shutout victory over Salem last week left the Pinkerton Academy girls' soccer squad contemplating its just-over-.500 record of 3-2-1 coming into this week.

The Lady Astros engaged in a great battle with the Bedford High Lady Bulldogs in Bedford last Tuesday the 12th, and after two full halves followed by a pair of overtimes the teams had to settle for an 0-0 tie.

PA goalie Reagan Kolinski played a major role for her team, which moved to 2-1-1 with the tie. She finished up with six saves and

earned the praise of her coach.

"Keeper Kolinski made some amazing saves in this defensive battle," said first-year coach Danielle Rappa. "Julia Preston led us in shots, and Mattie Sullivan, Ashlee Dubois, Sam Franks, and Katie Ziniti played strong in the middle."

The academy side then found itself back at home for a match against Manchester Central on Thursday Sept. 14. And the locals wound up on the losing side of a tough 2-1 overtime decision that afternoon after trailing 1-0 at the half.

Nicole Alves potted the game-tying goal during the second half following a set-up from teammate Enya Vanasse-Lageaux, but Cent-

ral bagged the victory in the second of two overtime stanzas. Goalie Kolinski contributed nine saves to the intense PA effort.

But the scoreboard ended up looking a whole lot better to the locals when the final buzzer sounded ending their 2-0 blanking of the Salem High Lady Blue Devils down on the New Hampshire/Massachusetts border on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 16.

After the two teams battled their way through a scoreless first half, Pinkerton did all of the scoring it would need to post its third win of the campaign during half number two.

Ashlee Dubois and Macy Graves got the markers, with Alves and Vanasse-

Lagueaux tallying the assists, and keeper Kolinski made three saves her contribution to the team's success.

"Alves, Dubois, and Julia Preston led the team with 17 shots between them. The girls played well, generally dominating the flow of the game," said coach Rappa.

With its 2017 record now sitting at a very decent 3-2-1, the Pinkerton crew embarked upon a new week whose schedule had it playing at home against Dover this past Tuesday, Sept. 19 - after Nutfield News press time - followed by a highly-anticipated Mack Plaque match-up with the rival Londonderry High Lady Lancers (3-3) this coming Saturday.

## Astro Field Hockey Sticks it to More Opponents to Reach 5-0

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

When you're a high school field hockey team working diligently toward making a return to the state championship match which you'd grown used to attending, there's not much better

than starting your season off with five wins including four consecutive shutouts.

The Pinkerton Academy Lady Astros made their early-season record a glittering 5-0 and bagged their fourth straight shutout last Saturday, Sept. 16 when they pasted the host Salem

High Lady Blue Devils by a 5-0 score.

Coach Katie Van Nost-rand's academy crew grasped a 2-0 lead at halftime, and that would be more than enough to win on this day. PA goalie Khaliyah Ellis could have used a rocking chair, a sandwich, and a magazine on the field as she didn't face even a single shot

in her squad's fourth straight blanking of an opponent, Marley Mailloux and Meg Michaud each scored twice and Lacey Cheney contributed a single goal and an assist in the overwhelming win.

The powerful PA squad then rolled into this week facing a busy slate which included a Monday match at

Keene, followed by a home contest against Manchester Memorial this Wednesday the 20th - after Nutfield News press time - and then the classic Mack Plaque match-up with Londonderry this Saturday Sept 23. All three Pinkerton opponents stepped into the week with losing records.

Perhaps the most challenging thing about the trip to Keene this past

Monday was the bus ride, because the host Lady Blackbirds didn't give PA a lot of trouble on the field in a 5-0 Pinkerton win.

The victorious locals - who led 2-0 at the half - received two goals from Emma Davis, a goal and an



Emma Davis scored twice during the PA field hockey team's Monday victory.

assist from Carly Young, single markers from Lacey Cheney and Meg Michaud, and one assist from Ava Dorci. Goalie Ellis contributed three saves.

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# Astro Boy Booters Take on the Metal of D-I, Fall Just Short

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

After starting its 2017 campaign by going 2-0, the Pinkerton Academy boys' soccer squad got bested by a middle-of-the-pack team and then faced three powerful opponents which, as this current week's play began, grasped a combined record of 20-0 in Division I play.

Longtime Pinkerton coach Kerry Boles was able to take great pride in the fact that his Astros gave the Timberlane Owls,

Manchester Central Little Green, and Salem High Blue Devils great battles in those latter three matches. But the plain truth is that the academy booters were shut out by all three powerhouses, dropping decisions of 3-0, 1-0, and 1-0 despite strong performances.

Boles' boys were in the Queen City for the battle with Central last Thursday, Sept. 14, and the only goal they allowed came with just seven minutes remaining in regulation time.

Pinkerton standout

goalie Max Fairbank turned aside eight Central shots, but his teammates were unable to get one of their three shots on Central goalie Glaudi Bangasimbo past him.

"We gave everything we had but couldn't manage to pull off the upset," lamented coach Boles. "I can't say enough about what these kids gave tonight. Knowing we have multiple injuries to key players, facing arguably the best team in New Hampshire, and still fighting the way we did. We have made some great progress

over the past week. Last week we were a bunch of individuals on the field, but tonight we played as a group."

The Astros' short trip to Salem on Saturday the 16th left them facing their third consecutive undefeated opponent. And once again, a single goal - scored by the host Blue Devils 25 minutes into the opening half - made the difference in a 1-0 match. It was an extremely rare regular-season win over PA for the host Salem side.

Fairbank made five stops

in the PA cage, while the Salem keeper was able to turn aside all four Pinkerton shots on him.

This week's slate had the 2-4 academy soccer squad looking at a Tuesday, Sept.

19 road trip to Dover, with an always-exciting Mack Plaque battle with coach Boles' alma-mater's Londonderry High Lancers visiting Derry on Saturday Sept. 23.

## Pinkerton Golfers Work at Improving on Their Undefeated 2017 Record

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Mother Nature jumped in the way of the undefeated Pinkerton Academy golf team's Friday, Sept. 15 home match at the Hoodcroft Country Club, leaving the talented locals to look to a seacoast trip this past Monday Sept. 18 to improve upon their unblemished 6-0 record.

The academy bunch only got four holes into their match against Salem and Spaulding in Derry last Friday before heavy rains

made continuing the event an impossibility. The continuation of that match had not been rescheduled as of Nutfield News press time.

So over the weekend the PA squad had to look ahead to Monday's road match at the Exeter Country Club against the host Exeter High Blue Hawks and the Keene Blackbirds.

The Astro's played quite well, but in the end finished one stroke off of the lead in suffering its first loss of the season.

Keene shot a 187 to finish first with Pinkerton one

shot behind with a 188, and the host Exeter Blue Hawks wound up third with a 196. That outcome left the victorious Blackbirds with a stellar 11-1 record. Pinkerton at 7-1, and Exeter at a very respectable 10-4.

Pinkerton senior star Lauren Thibodeau tied with Keene stalwart Ben Burdett in first place, with those two superb athletes each shooting a 35. Astro Nick Tufts

tied for fourth (37), and Noah Kierstead and Lewis White finished in a four-way tie for sixth place (38).

The Astros' busy schedule continues with a road match against Concord and Alvirne this Thursday the 21st, a home contest against Nashua South and Keene the next day, and then another road match against South and Londonderry next Monday, Sept. 25.

## Athletes of the Week

Week of Sept. 11



**Tyler Mackiernan,  
Junior, Football**

This talented linebacker notched some 10 tackles during his previously-unbeaten squad's tough loss to the Salem High Blue Devils on the road last weekend.



**Amelia Graves, Junior,  
Girls' Volleyball**

This skilled multi-sport athlete has been a key player in her team's fine 2017 start. Through the first five matches she had 59 kills, 52 service points, 26 service aces, and over 100 digs.

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# Lady Astro Spikers Lose Marathon Battle With Salem on the Road



Sara Metzger put herself in the Pinkerton Academy volleyball record books with as she got her 1,000th assist early on Monday. Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy and Salem High girls' volleyball squads paid no heed to the fact that the 2017 season was still very young when they met up in Salem last Friday night, Sept. 15. The two rivals played as if it was a tournament match and their very survival depended upon winning.

And as things worked out, the two contingents needed five games to determine the outcome, with the host Lady Blue Devils bagging a 3-2 victory to move to 4-1 and hand their 4-1 opponents their first defeat of the fall.

The back and forth battle began with the visitors from PA winning game one by a 25-21 tally. But Salem

rebounded with wins of 25-19 and 25-23 in games two and three to bag a 2-1 match advantage.

The Lady Astros forced a fifth game by squeezing out a 27-25 success in game four, but Salem fought its way to a 16-14 victory in the decisive fifth game.

The match took nearly 2 1/2 hours to complete, and the academy spikers did nearly everything a team can do but win.

The locals received 46 assists from Sara Metzger, 34 digs and eight kills from Ella Dandrade, 32 digs, 14 kills, and six service aces from Amelia Graves, 14 service points from Nicole Baron, 10 kills and five blocks from Megan Hough, and five blocked shots from Brooke Kane.

The PA girls stepped into

this week with a home match against Dover on Monday, followed by a match in Keene on Wednesday Sept. 20, after Nutfield News press time, and then a home battle with the rivals from Londonderry High in Mack Plaque play Saturday morning Sept. 23.

The Astros' performance in a 3-0 win over Dover on Monday night was noteworthy for a number of reasons, and chief among them was a record book-reaching effort from veteran standout Metzger who became just the second Lady Astro to reach and surpass 1,000 career assists half way through the first game.

The game was stopped to recognize her major accomplishment with coach Todd Royce presenting her with roses and the game

ball. Her sister Jamie, and her mom and dad were also called out of the stands to congratulate Sara.

It was also noted that Metzger is a high achiever academically also, as she is currently number one in her class.

Metzger tallied a total of 20 assists and collected 11 service points with three aces in helping her team to wins of 25-22, 25-23, and 25-19 over a previously-undefeated Dover crew. Each of the games throughout the match were extremely tight.

Other contributions came from Ella Dandrade (23 digs), Amelia Graves (18 digs and nine kills), Baron (10 service points), Megan Hough (eight kills, three blocks), and Kiley Davis (eight service points).

## Pinkerton Cross-Country Crews Perform Well at Road Competitions

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy girls' and boys' cross-country contingents showed both their skills and determination in meets on the seacoast and over in Nashua last week.

The academy teams both ran well at the Winnacunnet Cluster Meet at Applecrest Farm Orchards in Hampton Falls last Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Coach Amy Bernard's Lady Astros just pummeled the competition, scoring a

16 in besting host Winnacunnet (45) and Timberlane (74) quite handily to become 4-0 on the campaign.

"We raced strong, taking the top four spots in the race with Meghan Cross, Jordan Vaillancourt, Maison D'Amelio, and Ciara April crossing the line. Annie Sullivan finished sixth overall to round out the scoring," said coach Bernard.

Cross won the race in a time of 20 minutes and 45 seconds, with Vaillancourt crossing in 21:29, D'Amelio

doing so in 22:20, April finishing up at 22:39, and Sullivan getting it done in 23:17.

Longtime coach Mike Clark's Astro guys competed without a number of their top harriers in the lineup, but they still finished up second behind victorious Winnacunnet (20) with a team score of 53. Timberlane brought up the rear with a 67.

The academy side had Steven Groulx (18:44), Liam St. Ledger (19:21), and Nathan Steiger (19:21)

finish seventh, ninth, and 10th overall respectively.

The Pinkerton crews then made the trip to the Gate City on Saturday the 16th to compete in the annual Nashua North/South Invitational at South High, with the girls finishing second out of 10 teams and the boys getting fourth out of 10 entries.

The reigning New England female champs from Champlain Valley, Vt. bagged the invitational win with a score of 58, but Pinkerton's girls were just

four points behind in the runner-up spot on the hot and humid day.

The Lady Astros were paced by sophomore star Cross, who finished second overall in 19:19.3. She was trailed by teammates D'Amelio in 12th place (20:04.6), Vaillancourt in 13th (20:10.2), April in the 16th slot (20:29.5), Molly McGaffigan in 32nd place (21:34.9), and Annie Sullivan in 33rd (21:42.4).

The Astro males ended up fourth as a team behind Concord (28), North (66),

and Londonderry (76) with a score of 99.

Joe Gagnon paced the PA charge by finishing an excellent third overall (16:20.7), with Steiger coming across 19th (17:28.6), Groulx right behind him in 20th (17:30.1), and Josh Noe winding up 26th (17:47.3).

The academy crews will next compete at the Manchester Invitational in storied Derryfield Park this Saturday, Sept. 23. That event winds up being telling for many teams.

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### Renew Open

Renew will be open Sat., Oct. 14 from 8 - 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road, Derry. Arrive by 10 a.m. Renew will also be open every Thursday 9am-11:30 am, please arrive by 11am. Derry residence not required. Renew offers free, gently-used apparel. Each household is limited to 20 of the newest items, plus a reasonable number of older items. Enter at the church marquee sign. Donations of good condition, modern clothing may be placed in the donations bin by the door at any time. No donations of money are asked or accepted. For details, search for "Renew Derry" on Facebook, email [renewcalvary@gmail.com](mailto:renewcalvary@gmail.com) or call the church secretary at 434-1516.

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### Adult Tennis League

Tennis fans can meet on Wednesdays from 6 9:30 p.m. at Alexander-Carr Tennis Courts. The fee for joining is \$20 per person and includes Tennis Balls that cover the entire season. Registration needed contact Derry recreation at 432-6136.

### Youth Open Gym Program

From Oct. 10, thru April 2018 with exceptions for holidays and school vacation weeks the gym will be open for local youth to practice basketball skills, play a pick-up game, and make new friends! The program is held indoors at the Veterans Hall gymnasium located at 31 West Broadway in Derry and is FREE of charge. Grades K-5 require adult supervision and grades 6-12 must show a current school ID to participate. For more information please call the Recreation office at 432-6136.

### Derry Garden Club Meeting

The next meeting of the Derry Garden Club will be held on Fri., Oct. 6, at 10 a.m. at the Derry Boys and Girls Club, 40 Hampstead Road. The speaker will be Jerry and Paige Kennerly and they will demonstrate the use of the garden club website and discuss various forms of social media. Bring your own sandwich. The committee will

provide chips, desserts and beverages. We will also be collecting for the food pantry and soup kitchen. [www.derrygardenclub.org](http://www.derrygardenclub.org)

### Macks Craft and Bake Sale

The Derry Garden Club will be having their annual bake and craft sale Sun., Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Mack's Apples, 230 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. There will be lots of baked goods and crafts for sale. It's also a great place to pick apples.

### Genealogy Program

On September 23, from 2 - 4 p.m., the Derry Public Library will be hosting a special genealogy program, detailing the library's resources on the subject, such as the obituary index, and explaining to attendees about how they can learn about just how vibrant their family trees really are. For more information contact Adult Services Librarian at 432-6140 or [lizr@derrypl.org](mailto:lizr@derrypl.org).

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### Craft Club

The library will be hosting a monthly series of meetings as a part of their new Craft Club. Each month will feature a new project for attendees to test their skills on, including creating "fairy lanterns" on October 5, from 6:30 - 8 p.m., producing marbled designs on card stock on November 2, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. and creating your own bath bombs on December 7, from 6:30 - 8

p.m. Supplies are limited for these meetings, so registration is necessary either online or by calling the library. Contact Courtney Wason at 603-432-6140 or [courtneyw@derrypl.org](mailto:courtneyw@derrypl.org) for more information.

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### Arts Council Summer Finale Booths

The Londonderry Arts Council is offering free booth

or table space to approved non-profit groups at the Summer Finale, scheduled for Saturday, September 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Groups should contact Susan Hanna at 603-582-4777 for details or email [Events@LondonderryArtsCouncil.org](mailto:Events@LondonderryArtsCouncil.org).

### Derry Fun Night

Seacoast Division of the National Model Railroad Association is running their Derry Fun Night program again in 2017/2018. The program is held the second Friday night of each month from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway. The September program will be "Basic Layout Design with XTrackCAD, Getting Past the Learning Curve." XTrackCAD is a free model railroad layout design tool. Glenn Mitchell will demonstrate the basic set up and features by designing a small layout. For additional information, go to the division's website at [seacoastnmra.org/calendar](http://seacoastnmra.org/calendar).

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### Adult Tennis League

The adult tennis league is great for beginner to intermediate players. Meet on Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at the Alexander-Carr Tennis Courts located on Birch Street. The program continues to take registrations for participation and will continue through September 27. Registration is available online or within the Recreation Office. For additional information on these and other program events, please contact the department at (603) 432-6136. [www.derrynh.org/node/77023](http://www.derrynh.org/node/77023)

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## 2017 Mack Plaque Schedule

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's fall varsity sports teams will aim to keep the Mack Plaque in their school's possession for a 16th straight year later this week when they engage in the annual Mack Plaque Games with the arch-rival Londonderry High Lancers.

Except for golf, the games will all be played in Derry, and PA grasps a 2-0 lead going in thanks to

recent cross-country success against the Lancers.

The Mack action starts this Friday night with a much-anticipated football game between the undefeated 3-0 Lancers and the 2-1 Astros in Derry. That game will start at 7 p.m.

Saturday starts at 10 a.m. with the schools' girls' volleyball teams spiking it up in Pinkerton's Hackler Gymnasium. At 11:30 a.m. the girls' soccer teams will get rolling, with the field hockey

battle taking place at 1 p.m. and the boys' soccer match starting at 2:30 p.m.

The Pinkerton and LHS golf teams are then slated to meet up at the Green Meadow Golf Course in Hudson on Monday September 25.

If a tie-breaker is needed, that would come on November 5, when the two schools' varsity spirit squads compete against each other and the rest of Division I at the state championships at Pinkerton.



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# DERRY SPORTS

## Pinkerton Football Squad Suffers its First 2017 Loss in Salem

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

It was a match-up of a 2-0 Pinkerton Academy football team which had outscored its first two opponents by a jaw-dropping 74-6 margin, and a 2-0 Salem High grid contingent which had outscored its first two foes by a 97-28 margin.

But the visiting Astros would have their perfect record blemished on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 16 in Salem as the host Blue Devils ran away with a 35-20 victory which wasn't really even that close.

The contest was knotted up at 7-7 and 14-14 in the first half, but Salem bagged a 21-14 lead during the final minute of that half and then drove its lead all the way up to 35-14 before the third period came to a close.

Pinkerton scored during the final 30 seconds of the game to make the scoring

differential a tad closer, but the Blue Devils' control of the second half made this contest feel closer to a blowout than any kind of tight battle.

Salem senior running back Josh Sibanda had a monster game for his squad, rushing for 179 yards and two touchdowns on just a dozen carries and also running back a kickoff some 94 yards for another score. He left the game in the second half after wrenching a knee in what wound up being a bruised ACL injury.

Pinkerton grasped two leads in the first half, first tallying a 7-0 advantage with a little less than four minutes to go in the first period when Terrell Hicks capped off a seven-play drive by running the ball into the end zone from three yards out.

But that lead only stood up for 14 seconds because Sibanda ran back the ensu-

ing kickoff from his team's 6-yard-line all the way down into the Pinkerton end zone.

However, the quick turn-arounds kept right on happening as the Astros needed just three offensive plays - including a 40-yard rush from Ty Hicks and a 21-yard sprint from Gannon Fast - to regain the lead on a 1-yard drive forward by quarterback Aiden Goujon.

Salem would tie the score back up at 14-14, but wouldn't do so until 4:28 remained in the half. And the hosts then bagged their first lead of the day on a 72-yard touchdown sprint by Sibanda with just 58.8 seconds left in the half to make it a 21-14 game.

With its defense holding Pinkerton frustratingly in place during the third period, the Salem side scored touchdowns during each of its first two offensive series' in upping its advantage to 35-14.

The first of those two big scores came on a 44-yard run by the prolific Sibanda, who would leave the game shortly thereafter having done some stellar work.

Pinkerton tallied the final points of the day on a 27-yard scoring sprint by Avery Battle with just 28.2 seconds to go in the contest, but those points were strictly academic as the Blue Devils already had the win tucked away.

The victorious Blue Devils finished with 395 total offensive yards, with 300 of those coming via the ground game. The Astros ended up with 265 offensive yards, with 151 of those coming on runs.

For the second straight week, the Astros will face off against an undefeated opponent this Friday night the 22nd when they battle the rival, 3-0 Londonderry High Lancers in Mack Plaque play in Derry.



PA back Ty Hicks attempts to shed a Salem tackler during the Astros' tough loss to the Blue Devils in Salem last Saturday. The Astros face Londonderry in Mack Plaque play this Friday night. Photo by Chris Pantazis

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# Pinkerton Girls' Soccer Squad Takes a Win, a Loss, and a Tie



Pinkerton's Sam Franks, left, runs into a Manchester Central defender as both go to the ball during D-I soccer play last week. Photo by Chris Pantazis

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

A tie with Bedford, followed by an overtime loss to Manchester Central, followed by a shutout victory over Salem last week left the Pinkerton Academy girls' soccer squad contemplating its just-over-.500 record of 3-2-1 coming into this week.

The Lady Astros engaged in a great battle with the Bedford High Lady Bulldogs in Bedford last Tuesday the 12th, and after two full halves followed by a pair of overtimes the teams had to settle for an 0-0 tie.

PA goalie Reagan Kolinski played a major role for her team, which moved to 2-1-1 with the tie. She finished up with six saves and

earned the praise of her coach.

"Keeper Kolinski made some amazing saves in this defensive battle," said first-year coach Danielle Rappa. "Julia Preston led us in shots, and Mattie Sullivan, Ashlee Dubois, Sam Franks, and Katie Ziniti played strong in the middle."

The academy side then found itself back at home for a match against Manchester Central on Thursday Sept. 14. And the locals wound up on the losing side of a tough 2-1 overtime decision that afternoon after trailing 1-0 at the half.

Nicole Alves potted the game-tying goal during the second half following a set-up from teammate Enya Vanasse-Lageaux, but Cent-

ral bagged the victory in the second of two overtime stanzas. Goalie Kolinski contributed nine saves to the intense PA effort.

But the scoreboard ended up looking a whole lot better to the locals when the final buzzer sounded ending their 2-0 blanking of the Salem High Lady Blue Devils down on the New Hampshire/Massachusetts border on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 16.

After the two teams battled their way through a scoreless first half, Pinkerton did all of the scoring it would need to post its third win of the campaign during half number two.

Ashlee Dubois and Macy Graves got the markers, with Alves and Vanasse-

Lagueaux tallying the assists, and keeper Kolinski made three saves her contribution to the team's success.

"Alves, Dubois, and Julia Preston led the team with 17 shots between them. The girls played well, generally dominating the flow of the game," said coach Rappa.

With its 2017 record now sitting at a very decent 3-2-1, the Pinkerton crew embarked upon a new week whose schedule had it playing at home against Dover this past Tuesday, Sept. 19 - after Nutfield News press time - followed by a highly-anticipated Mack Plaque match-up with the rival Londonderry High Lady Lancers (3-3) this coming Saturday.

## Astro Field Hockey Sticks it to More Opponents to Reach 5-0

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

When you're a high school field hockey team working diligently toward making a return to the state championship match which you'd grown used to attending, there's not much better

than starting your season off with five wins including four consecutive shutouts.

The Pinkerton Academy Lady Astros made their early-season record a glittering 5-0 and bagged their fourth straight shutout last Saturday, Sept. 16 when they pasted the host Salem

High Lady Blue Devils by a 5-0 score.

Coach Katie Van Nost-rand's academy crew grasped a 2-0 lead at halftime, and that would be more than enough to win on this day. PA goalie Khaliyah Ellis could have used a rocking chair, a sandwich, and a magazine on the field as she didn't face even a single shot

in her squad's fourth straight blanking of an opponent, Marley Mailloux and Meg Michaud each scored twice and Lacey Cheney contributed a single goal and an assist in the overwhelming win.

The powerful PA squad then rolled into this week facing a busy slate which included a Monday match at

Keene, followed by a home contest against Manchester Memorial this Wednesday the 20th - after Nutfield News press time - and then the classic Mack Plaque match-up with Londonderry this Saturday Sept 23. All three Pinkerton opponents stepped into the week with losing records.

Perhaps the most challenging thing about the trip to Keene this past

Monday was the bus ride, because the host Lady Blackbirds didn't give PA a lot of trouble on the field in a 5-0 Pinkerton win.

The victorious locals - who led 2-0 at the half - received two goals from Emma Davis, a goal and an



Emma Davis scored twice during the PA field hockey team's Monday victory.

assist from Carly Young, single markers from Lacey Cheney and Meg Michaud, and one assist from Ava Dorci. Goalie Ellis contributed three saves.

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# Astro Boy Booters Take on the Metal of D-I, Fall Just Short

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

After starting its 2017 campaign by going 2-0, the Pinkerton Academy boys' soccer squad got bested by a middle-of-the-pack team and then faced three powerful opponents which, as this current week's play began, grasped a combined record of 20-0 in Division I play.

Longtime Pinkerton coach Kerry Boles was able to take great pride in the fact that his Astros gave the Timberlane Owls,

Manchester Central Little Green, and Salem High Blue Devils great battles in those latter three matches. But the plain truth is that the academy booters were shut out by all three powerhouses, dropping decisions of 3-0, 1-0, and 1-0 despite strong performances.

Boles' boys were in the Queen City for the battle with Central last Thursday, Sept. 14, and the only goal they allowed came with just seven minutes remaining in regulation time.

Pinkerton standout

goalie Max Fairbank turned aside eight Central shots, but his teammates were unable to get one of their three shots on Central goalie Glaudi Bangasimbo past him.

"We gave everything we had but couldn't manage to pull off the upset," lamented coach Boles. "I can't say enough about what these kids gave tonight. Knowing we have multiple injuries to key players, facing arguably the best team in New Hampshire, and still fighting the way we did. We have made some great progress

over the past week. Last week we were a bunch of individuals on the field, but tonight we played as a group."

The Astros' short trip to Salem on Saturday the 16th left them facing their third consecutive undefeated opponent. And once again, a single goal - scored by the host Blue Devils 25 minutes into the opening half - made the difference in a 1-0 match. It was an extremely rare regular-season win over PA for the host Salem side.

Fairbank made five stops

in the PA cage, while the Salem keeper was able to turn aside all four Pinkerton shots on him.

This week's slate had the 2-4 academy soccer squad looking at a Tuesday, Sept.

19 road trip to Dover, with an always-exciting Mack Plaque battle with coach Boles' alma-mater's Londonderry High Lancers visiting Derry on Saturday Sept. 23.

## Pinkerton Golfers Work at Improving on Their Undefeated 2017 Record

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Mother Nature jumped in the way of the undefeated Pinkerton Academy golf team's Friday, Sept. 15 home match at the Hoodcroft Country Club, leaving the talented locals to look to a seacoast trip this past Monday Sept. 18 to improve upon their unblemished 6-0 record.

The academy bunch only got four holes into their match against Salem and Spaulding in Derry last Friday before heavy rains

made continuing the event an impossibility. The continuation of that match had not been rescheduled as of Nutfield News press time.

So over the weekend the PA squad had to look ahead to Monday's road match at the Exeter Country Club against the host Exeter High Blue Hawks and the Keene Blackbirds.

The Astro's played quite well, but in the end finished one stroke off of the lead in suffering its first loss of the season.

Keene shot a 187 to finish first with Pinkerton one

shot behind with a 188, and the host Exeter Blue Hawks wound up third with a 196. That outcome left the victorious Blackbirds with a stellar 11-1 record. Pinkerton at 7-1, and Exeter at a very respectable 10-4.

Pinkerton senior star Lauren Thibodeau tied with Keene stalwart Ben Burdett in first place, with those two superb athletes each shooting a 35. Astro Nick Tufts

tied for fourth (37), and Noah Kierstead and Lewis White finished in a four-way tie for sixth place (38).

The Astros' busy schedule continues with a road match against Concord and Alvirne this Thursday the 21st, a home contest against Nashua South and Keene the next day, and then another road match against South and Londonderry next Monday, Sept. 25.

## Athletes of the Week

Week of Sept. 11



**Tyler Mackiernan,  
Junior, Football**

This talented linebacker notched some 10 tackles during his previously-unbeaten squad's tough loss to the Salem High Blue Devils on the road last weekend.



**Amelia Graves, Junior,  
Girls' Volleyball**

This skilled multi-sport athlete has been a key player in her team's fine 2017 start. Through the first five matches she had 59 kills, 52 service points, 26 service aces, and over 100 digs.

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# Lady Astro Spikers Lose Marathon Battle With Salem on the Road



Sara Metzger put herself in the Pinkerton Academy volleyball record books with as she got her 1,000th assist early on Monday. Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy and Salem High girls' volleyball squads paid no heed to the fact that the 2017 season was still very young when they met up in Salem last Friday night, Sept. 15. The two rivals played as if it was a tournament match and their very survival depended upon winning.

And as things worked out, the two contingents needed five games to determine the outcome, with the host Lady Blue Devils bagging a 3-2 victory to move to 4-1 and hand their 4-1 opponents their first defeat of the fall.

The back and forth battle began with the visitors from PA winning game one by a 25-21 tally. But Salem

rebounded with wins of 25-19 and 25-23 in games two and three to bag a 2-1 match advantage.

The Lady Astros forced a fifth game by squeezing out a 27-25 success in game four, but Salem fought its way to a 16-14 victory in the decisive fifth game.

The match took nearly 2 1/2 hours to complete, and the academy spikers did nearly everything a team can do but win.

The locals received 46 assists from Sara Metzger, 34 digs and eight kills from Ella Dandrade, 32 digs, 14 kills, and six service aces from Amelia Graves, 14 service points from Nicole Baron, 10 kills and five blocks from Megan Hough, and five blocked shots from Brooke Kane.

The PA girls stepped into

this week with a home match against Dover on Monday, followed by a match in Keene on Wednesday Sept. 20, after Nutfield News press time, and then a home battle with the rivals from Londonderry High in Mack Plaque play Saturday morning Sept. 23.

The Astros' performance in a 3-0 win over Dover on Monday night was noteworthy for a number of reasons, and chief among them was a record book-reaching effort from veteran standout Metzger who became just the second Lady Astro to reach and surpass 1,000 career assists half way through the first game.

The game was stopped to recognize her major accomplishment with coach Todd Royce presenting her with roses and the game

ball. Her sister Jamie, and her mom and dad were also called out of the stands to congratulate Sara.

It was also noted that Metzger is a high achiever academically also, as she is currently number one in her class.

Metzger tallied a total of 20 assists and collected 11 service points with three aces in helping her team to wins of 25-22, 25-23, and 25-19 over a previously-undefeated Dover crew. Each of the games throughout the match were extremely tight.

Other contributions came from Ella Dandrade (23 digs), Amelia Graves (18 digs and nine kills), Baron (10 service points), Megan Hough (eight kills, three blocks), and Kiley Davis (eight service points).

## Pinkerton Cross-Country Crews Perform Well at Road Competitions

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy girls' and boys' cross-country contingents showed both their skills and determination in meets on the seacoast and over in Nashua last week.

The academy teams both ran well at the Winnacunnet Cluster Meet at Applecrest Farm Orchards in Hampton Falls last Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Coach Amy Bernard's Lady Astros just pummeled the competition, scoring a

16 in besting host Winnacunnet (45) and Timberlane (74) quite handily to become 4-0 on the campaign.

"We raced strong, taking the top four spots in the race with Meghan Cross, Jordan Vaillancourt, Maison D'Amelio, and Ciara April crossing the line. Annie Sullivan finished sixth overall to round out the scoring," said coach Bernard.

Cross won the race in a time of 20 minutes and 45 seconds, with Vaillancourt crossing in 21:29, D'Amelio

doing so in 22:20, April finishing up at 22:39, and Sullivan getting it done in 23:17.

Longtime coach Mike Clark's Astro guys competed without a number of their top harriers in the lineup, but they still finished up second behind victorious Winnacunnet (20) with a team score of 53. Timberlane brought up the rear with a 67.

The academy side had Steven Groulx (18:44), Liam St. Ledger (19:21), and Nathan Steiger (19:21)

finish seventh, ninth, and 10th overall respectively.

The Pinkerton crews then made the trip to the Gate City on Saturday the 16th to compete in the annual Nashua North/South Invitational at South High, with the girls finishing second out of 10 teams and the boys getting fourth out of 10 entries.

The reigning New England female champs from Champlain Valley, Vt. bagged the invitational win with a score of 58, but Pinkerton's girls were just

four points behind in the runner-up spot on the hot and humid day.

The Lady Astros were paced by sophomore star Cross, who finished second overall in 19:19.3. She was trailed by teammates D'Amelio in 12th place (20:04.6), Vaillancourt in 13th (20:10.2), April in the 16th slot (20:29.5), Molly McGaffigan in 32nd place (21:34.9), and Annie Sullivan in 33rd (21:42.4).

The Astro males ended up fourth as a team behind Concord (28), North (66),

and Londonderry (76) with a score of 99.

Joe Gagnon paced the PA charge by finishing an excellent third overall (16:20.7), with Steiger coming across 19th (17:28.6), Groulx right behind him in 20th (17:30.1), and Josh Noe winding up 26th (17:47.3).

The academy crews will next compete at the Manchester Invitational in storied Derryfield Park this Saturday, Sept. 23. That event winds up being telling for many teams.

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The next meeting of the Derry Garden Club will be held on Fri., Oct. 6, at 10 a.m. at the Derry Boys and Girls Club, 40 Hampstead Road. The speaker will be Jerry and Paige Kennerly and they will demonstrate the use of the garden club website and discuss various forms of social media. Bring your own sandwich. The committee will

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p.m. Supplies are limited for these meetings, so registration is necessary either online or by calling the library. Contact Courtney Wason at 603-432-6140 or [courtneyw@derrypl.org](mailto:courtneyw@derrypl.org) for more information.

### Community Meals Network

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals, served in a relaxed atmosphere. Meals are held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Call the facility to check on holiday times. We look forward to seeing you! At Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Road, Derry, Sept. 24, Breakfast 9 - 10 a.m.; At First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Road, Derry, Sept. 29, Dinner at, 5-6:30 p.m.; At St. Jude Parish Community, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, Sept. 24, Lunch at 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. For more information, please visit: [freemealsinderry.blogspot.com](http://freemealsinderry.blogspot.com)

### High Holy Day Services

Looking for a home for the Jewish High Holiday season? Etz Hayim Synagogue of Derry welcomes you. We do not charge for seats and invite everyone to visit and experience our warm and loving community. The synagogue is located at 1 1/2 Hood Road in Derry on an "interfaith campus." For more information, see [www.etzhayim.org](http://www.etzhayim.org) or call (603) 432-0004. The services are as follows, on Sept.22 Rosh Hashanah, Second Day, 9:30 a.m.; on Sept. 29, Kol Nidre, 7:15 p.m.; on Sept. 30, Yom Kippur, 9:30 a.m.

### Arts Council Summer Finale Booths

The Londonderry Arts Council is offering free booth

or table space to approved non-profit groups at the Summer Finale, scheduled for Saturday, September 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Groups should contact Susan Hanna at 603-582-4777 for details or email [Events@LondonderryArtsCouncil.org](mailto:Events@LondonderryArtsCouncil.org).

### Derry Fun Night

Seacoast Division of the National Model Railroad Association is running their Derry Fun Night program again in 2017/2018. The program is held the second Friday night of each month from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway. The September program will be "Basic Layout Design with XTrackCAD, Getting Past the Learning Curve." XTrackCAD is a free model railroad layout design tool. Glenn Mitchell will demonstrate the basic set up and features by designing a small layout. For additional information, go to the division's website at [seacoastnmra.org/calendar](http://seacoastnmra.org/calendar).

### Lifeway Church's New Location

Come and visit us at our new location, 14 Crescent Street in Derry. Meetings are held on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and Tuesdays at 7 p.m. We are a church of ordinary people in relationship with an extraordinary person, Jesus Christ, the hope of the world. Vibrant worship, relevant messages, authentic friendships, caring servants, and loving neighbors. Safe and inspiring Children's Church. All are welcome. Call (603) 845-6601 or visit

[www.lifewaychurch.net](http://www.lifewaychurch.net)

### Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support Group

Hosted by David Hunter, the group meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Bedford Presbyterian Church 4 Church Road Bedford. For more information call 660-3425 or email [dhunter31@gmail.com](mailto:dhunter31@gmail.com)

### Adult Tennis League

The adult tennis league is great for beginner to intermediate players. Meet on Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at the Alexander-Carr Tennis Courts located on Birch Street. The program continues to take registrations for participation and will continue through September 27. Registration is available online or within the Recreation Office. For additional information on these and other program events, please contact the department at (603) 432-6136. [www.derrynh.org/node/77023](http://www.derrynh.org/node/77023)

### Parents Support Group

Are you frustrated with your teenager or in need of support regarding your teenager? Does parenting your teenager mean you have new concerns about anger, defiance, motivation and trust? If so, you are not alone. Welcome to the club! Meet up with other parents at our Parents Support Group every Thursday night, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., at The Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Road, Derry. Meet other parents experiencing the same situations. No pre-registration is required. There is no fee, and all topics can be discussed. Call 603-437-8477 with any questions.

## 2017 Mack Plaque Schedule

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's fall varsity sports teams will aim to keep the Mack Plaque in their school's possession for a 16th straight year later this week when they engage in the annual Mack Plaque Games with the arch-rival Londonderry High Lancers.

Except for golf, the games will all be played in Derry, and PA grasps a 2-0 lead going in thanks to

recent cross-country success against the Lancers.

The Mack action starts this Friday night with a much-anticipated football game between the undefeated 3-0 Lancers and the 2-1 Astros in Derry. That game will start at 7 p.m.

Saturday starts at 10 a.m. with the schools' girls' volleyball teams spiking it up in Pinkerton's Hackler Gymnasium. At 11:30 a.m. the girls' soccer teams will get rolling, with the field hockey

battle taking place at 1 p.m. and the boys' soccer match starting at 2:30 p.m.

The Pinkerton and LHS golf teams are then slated to meet up at the Green Meadow Golf Course in Hudson on Monday September 25.

If a tie-breaker is needed, that would come on November 5, when the two schools' varsity spirit squads compete against each other and the rest of Division I at the state championships at Pinkerton.



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