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Salvation Army Celebrates Ownership of Their Building

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For more than 18 years, the Greater Derry Salvation Army (GDSA) chapter has been at the forefront of charity work for Derry, Londonderry, and Windham. Assisting in everything from youth and elderly assistance to helping with substance abuse, domestic abuse, and generally just giving others a sense of direction in life, the chapter has worked tirelessly to provide for these towns.

It has not always been easy for the chapter, as the years prior have seen staff struggle at times to make rent for their location on 18 Folsom Road. However, the chapter has now officially purchased the building, ending this long struggle and

allowing more funds to be put towards renovations and the many services that they offer to the community. To celebrate this, the chapter recently held a building dedication ceremony on April 29 at their home base.

The event took place inside the building's chapel, dozens of employees for the chapter, community leaders, and other residents packed into the room. A litany of special guests went before the room to thank the community to commend both Derry residents and the SA for everything it does for people. Amongst those special guests were Program Secretary Major Annette Lock, Director of Women's Ministries Major Sandra Jackson, and Corps Officer Lieutenant Kathryn Alban Guerrero. Several town and

state government officials were also present. Town Council Chair James Morgan spoke to not only show support for the chapter, but to also speak of the problems facing the American people that groups the Salvation Army can help fix, including divisiveness and poverty, before thanking everyone in attendance. "I think that you all deserve a round of applause", Morgan noted.

He was followed by State Senator Regina Birdsell, who assured those in attendance that the state was more than willing to support the Salvation Army. She delivered a message from Governor Chris Sununu, who could not be present for the dedication, which ensured his support for the Sal-

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Town Council Addresses Public Works Portion of 2019 Budget

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The Town Council continued its efforts to finalize Derry's Fiscal Year 2019 budget during their latest meeting on April 26. The primary focus was to be on the many services provided to the town by the Department of Public Works. Three smaller areas needed to be discussed beforehand. The Taylor Library came up first, noting how they had reclassified the descriptions for any job openings, as well as adjustments to pay scales to match comparable libraries in New Hampshire. They also underwent efforts to update their computers.

Their decision was to utilize a computer rental program in the process. Also mentioned was that they would need to replace the fencing on the front of their property. The council proceeded to approve their portion of the budget, sitting at \$182,812.

The Derry Public Library was next, which touted its support of public services for residents young and old. They also noted how many events and literary advancements they have made in recent years. Their cost per capita was set at \$38.34, while both their adult and children programs saw an increase of attendance, with 31% for the former and 28% for the latter.

Finally, the library requested \$50,000 for sidewalk repairs, before having their portion of the budget, that being \$1,319,589, approved by the council. The last minor area tackled by the council was the Town Clerk's portion of the budget, which was approved at \$145,897.

The bulk of the meeting focused on the Department of Public Works. Overall, the general fund net expense sat at \$6,475,270, which is \$171,482, or 2.92%, higher than last year. However, the department still touted itself as rather level funded since 2006. Getting into more specific elements of the depart-

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Miss New Hampshire 2017 Lauren Percy crowns her successor Marisa Moorhouse during the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program on Saturday, April 28 at the Stockbridge Theatre. Photo by Chris Paul

Miss New Hampshire Crowned at Stockbridge Theatre

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The crowning a new Miss New Hampshire came down to two contestants Saturday night with Miss Manchester, Marisa Moorhouse, eventually taking the crown with Miss Greater Derry Sarah Tubbs coming in a close second place.

The Saturday evening event was the final night of a three-day competition held at Pinkerton Academy's Stockbridge Theatre from April 26 to April 28.

Moorhouse, a student at Manchester Memorial High School, will now

represent the state in the Miss America competition later in the year, but until then she will spend the year making a number of appearances at events across the state, advocating for her cause "moving the World One Dance at a Time" and charity work.

The Scholarship Program featured 28 contestants competed for three days to the sounds and sights of the 80's. This years theme was complete with neon lighting and time-appropriate fashion, the girls pushed through the talent, evening dress, fitness/swimsuit, and on-stage question portions of the contest in the first two days while being accompa-

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Masonic Lodge Hosts Yard Sale Fundraiser For Conservation Group

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The weather has really started to warm up, and this time of year is ideal for yard sales. The Derry Masonic Lodge is a perfect location for one, and recently held their own, on top of a bake sale, in order to raise money for a specific cause on April 28. Members young and old took advantage of the beautiful weather to sell off some delicious treats, including cookies and cupcakes, and a wide variety of household trinkets provided by the members of the lodge. In all, the fundraiser made around \$100 - \$200, which all goes towards the Moose Mountains Regional Greenways organization (MMRG). It is focused around conserving lands important to national resources, wildlife

habitats, farms, forests, and recreational areas.

Originally formed back in the early 1700's, freemasonry had been established as a system of morality that works to build character in its members, teaching them about personal responsibility, righteousness, and other qualities, before eventually practicing these lessons in daily life and using them to benefit their communities. Derry's Masonic Lodge has had a long and storied history with Derry, actually gaining a charter one year prior to Derry's official establishment as a town in 1827. They first held their meetings on June 22, 1826 above James Thom's grocery store in East Derry. The charter was eventually forfeited in 1843, before being restored in 1865 in Charles Parker

Hall. Soon, the lodge would meet at Association Hall in Derry Village in 1875. Finally, their current home would be established in 1924 on 58 East Broadway, formerly the home and office of Dr. Charles Newell.

The yard sale fundraiser has only been around on and off for roughly 20 years, but it is far from the only one that the lodge holds. Members have also worked closely with the likes of the Upper Room Family Resource Center and the Sunshine Soup Kitchen. They have also been dubbed the "Christmas Tree Lodge" because of their work with the Santa Fund and their sales of Christmas trees during the holiday season.

The lodge also does extensive work with the youth community, as was evi-



The Derry Masonic Lodge a yard sale to benefit The Moose Mountains Regional Greenways organization recently.
Photo by Alex Guittarr

denced by the number of young volunteers present at the fundraiser that day. These 12 to 21 year old girls and boys respectively within the

youth groups labeled Rainbow and DeMolay, each group has their own organizational structure and works with the lodge's adult mem-

bers to assist with various projects. "It's just a nice idea to keep the youth involved in the community", Lodge Member John Flaherty noted.

Derry Police and Fire Departments Holding Event to Promote Safety

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Children may be taught at an early age to respect and appreciate fire fighters and police officers, but not all of them fully understand just what these first responders they go through every day to keep their communities safe. This is why West Running

Brook Middle School is planning on holding its second annual Touch-A-Truck, Kid's Muster, and BMX Show on June 2.

The day is not only focused around helping the children have a fun day. It will also educate them about the hard work that is needed to be in the Derry Police or Fire Department.

For starters, a Touch-A-Truck display will be set up, where participating students will be able to explore, climb, and touch a variety of trucks, heavy machinery and assorted equipment, as well as emergency response vehicles. This will allow them to gain a better understanding of just how much equipment is needed to keep Derry safe and functioning smoothly.

In order to get a taste of the everyday practices done by fire fighters, a Kid's Muster will be held. According to Assistant Fire

Chief Scott Jackson, the Muster serves as a sort of obstacle course based around various activities that fire fighters do while on the job. Typically, these Musters are participated in by various fire battalions on a much larger scale. Albeit still for fun, where fire fighters would climb ladders and roll up fire hoses as fast as they can.

This particular event will be scaled down so that children can participate, replacing the fire hoses with garden hoses and putting out fake fire, just to name a few of the

events. "They get to see what we do and they get to perform it", Jackson noted. Last year's event proved immensely popular. It is already looking for sign-ups. Those interested can sign up at their school's office or even the day of the event. Students can also perform in teams or individually.

Finally, for a more action-packed touch to the day, the Dialed Action Sports Team will be performing in a BMX stunt show for the students. Some of the primary focuses of the

troop revolve around anti-bullying and drug awareness. Their promotion of bicycle safety is what really caught the attention of the Derry Police Department, as they recently applied for a grant that gave them 200 safety helmets to distribute to the community. This seems like the perfect place to hand them out.

The event will be taking place from 10 - 2 p.m. For more information, contact West Running Brook School at 603-432-1243.

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Derry Police Hold 15th Prescription Drug Take Back Event

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Although the Opioid Crisis still poses a major threat to New Hampshire, there are still plenty of other drugs that can pose a threat to the public in more ways than one. Well known drugs like cocaine, heroin, and so on first come to mind. Prescription drugs inside of one's home can be particularly dangerous. In order to minimize these threats, the Derry Police Department recently participated in the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day Event on April 28.

Enforcement Administration (DEA) back in 2010, the event was originally created in response to a finding by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that determined that the large amounts of drugs prescribed to Americans every year, as well as over the counter drugs, not only are capable of decay, but are also highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Furthermore, the 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health determined that roughly 6,400,000 Americans abuse controlled prescription drugs, including teenagers. The event was created in an effort to help

citizens dispose of these expired, unused, and unwanted drugs, not only to prevent abuse, but also theft in one's home by those seeking out these drugs. The Derry Police, in particular, has been doing this event for the past eight years, with the latest one being their 15th. Even better, the service is provided completely free and is 100 percent anonymous.

According to a press release from the department for the event: these drugs are also responsible for an alarmingly high number of accidental poisonings and overdoses across the United States. Studies show that a

majority of abuse of these drugs comes from them being obtained from family and friends. Many people also dispose of the drugs by flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash. These are unwise choices which pose a potential safety and health hazard.

Thankfully, this latest event was a major success for Derry, as was noted by Derry Police Officer Dan Komenda. Thanks to a steady stream of people throughout the timeline of the event. The department managed to obtain 202.1 pounds worth of prescription drugs, with drop-offs ranging from one or two

bottles to entire grocery bags filled with drugs. Komenda also sees this as a major step forward in New Hampshire's war on drugs, especially the Opioid Crisis. "I think everything's helpful toward [the Opioid Crisis]", Komenda stated.

Prior to the April 28 event, the department had already managed to collect 1,660 pounds of drugs from the other 14 events. However; that is only a fraction of the other prescription drugs that they have managed to obtain. Thanks to the department's 24 hour drug drop off box, which was installed back in 2013, they have managed to collect an

additional 4,642 pounds of these drugs, for a total of 6,302 pounds.

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the drop off box, which follows the same rules of anonymity, although it should be noted that the DEA can only accept pills and patches, and not liquids, needles, or sharps. There is a Prescription Drug Drop Box in the lobby of the Derry Police Department which allows residents to dispose of prescription medications 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The address is 1 Municipal Drive, Derry, NH 03038. The non-emergency phone number is 603-432-6111.

Salvation Army

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vation Army. "We will do everything we can...to help you raise your goal", Birdsell stated.

Two were more speakers were Salvation Army staff, including Divisional Commander Major Raphael Jackson, Corps Officer Lieutenant Katie Mayes, and the chapter's Advisory Board Chair Captain Vernon Thomas. Arguably the two most important individuals at the dedication were Lt.

Colonels James and Patricia LaBossiere. They have been key members of the Greater Derry Chapter throughout its lifespan, as well as the Salvation Army for over 30 years; the two now serve as the Secretary for Program and Secretary for Spiritual Life Development respectively for the Salvation Army's eastern division. At the dedication, James went on to dedicate the building as a place of healing, while

Patricia led a prayer for the dedication. While the dedication went off without a hitch and marks a new chapter for their staff and the community, their work is far from over. The chapter now hopes to raise \$200,000 for a variety of renovations for the building, including to their chapel, kitchen, food pantry, classrooms, and so on. For information on how to donate to or volunteer for the chapter, contact them at 434-7790 or visit nne.salvationarmy.org/Derry.



Salvation Army Lt. Colonel Patricia LaBossiere offers a dedication prayer to conclude the service at the ceremony last week celebrating the ownership of the groups Folsom Road building. Photo by Alex Guittarr

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Editorial

A Habit Worth Developing

With the calendar and the weather aligning at last, piles of snow have become just an unpleasant memory. But what they left behind are piles of trash that have been buried through the winter, as well as the latest beer cans and fast food wrappers tossed out the windows of passing vehicles glaring visual reminders of just how lazy our fellow citizens can be.

One good thing about the snow it masked most of that mess. Now it's out there in all its ugliness.

Spring is the time for town cleanups, and we encourage our readers to participate. There's plenty of trash, leaves and downed trees to go around.

The weekend weather has been getting inviting, a good time to spruce up your street and bring back "curb appeal." It's disheartening to realize how many people are throwing trash and garbage from their cars as they drive by. It's scary when we realize that included in the unsightliness that much of what's tossed could easily have been recycled.

We can instill is that trash does not get thrown out the window, but put in a litter bag in the car, and empty it into your garbage or recycling when you get home. You wouldn't take your garbage and dump it over the fence onto the next-door neighbor's property, so why

would you throw it onto the road that you pay taxes to maintain?

Wherever we live, we should expect our streets and lawns to be clean, not repositories for someone else's garbage. We should do our part to make sure they stay that way.

Whether you decide to join a formal, Town organized clean-up or you take it upon yourself to keep a portion of the road where you live or the land where you walk free of litter or you do both we urge everyone who's physically able to make a commitment to keep their town looking its best throughout the year.

Doing this unfortunately shines a light on a huge problem and that is told by what we see along our roads, which paints a picture that is far from pretty.

The alcohol bottles used condoms and used syringes. Highlights the under belly of our towns. By documenting where we are seeing these things and give the information to the police, the school board as well as town council. Making our official know of areas that need to watch is a good thing, how else can we make it better. We all live here and we should do our share to make it a clean and safe place to live. After all it is all of our home.

So, pride in your town is a habit well worth developing.

Letters

Open Letter to Senator Birdsell:

To the editor;

I respectfully ask you to consider your constituents who want to see voting rights protected and young people welcomed into civic engagement in N.H. Please support us by voting against HB 1264 which will, in effect, place a post-election poll tax on eligible Granite

State voters (especially students), by forcing them to get a driver's license and register their car in N.H.

We need young college-educated people to choose to stay in New Hampshire after their education is completed. Our N.H. businesses are in desperate need of educated workers to fill working positions here in N.H. Why would educated young people want to reside in a state

which puts roadblocks in their way of voting? Passage of this bill will serve to drive out the educated workers which we so desperately need here in N.H.

Senator Birdsell, I ask you to support college students, constituents, and NH small businesses by voting against HB 1264.

Corinne Dodge
Derry,

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Zoning Board Discusses Buffer Issues With Housing Development

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Yet another housing structure is trying to set down in Derry. It first had to work with the Zoning Board on April 19 to address an issue with its proposed location. Todd Boyer, the applicant and owner of the property, and civil engineer Doug McGuire were hoping to produce what they described as an "industrial condo" on 111 Franklin Street. The building would also have a "retail aspect" attached to it. A major issue compounding the project is a buffer zone between it and several sides of the property measuring to 50 feet. This limitation would make the construction of the structure far more complicated, especially when taking into account parking. The buffer encases roughly 40 percent of the one acre property. All of this is after the proposed size of the structure was

reduced from over 13,000 square feet to only 7,500 square feet. It was with this original proposal that they faced rejection for being in an industrial zone. "The applicant cannot reasonably develop the parcel and provide appropriate access and parking within the limited permitted development area", McGuire noted.

In order to work around this situation, developers requested that the buffer be reduced to only 20 feet. They would also add white vinyl fencing and rows of trees to these sides. The latter additions would be done to assist with minimizing noise and obscuring industrial work within the area for the residents. They also argued that they should not be forbidden from producing a residential building in this zone, as a similar building existed in the area in the past.

Upon entering the discussion phase, Board Mem-

ber Stephen Coppolo questioned the two about why they could not simply shift the structure further north on the property for the parking issue. McGuire argued that on top of the grading still needing to be done for the area and a sense that abutters would prefer their option, the buffer would still pose a problem regardless of where they were located. "We wanted to take the worst case scenario...and that's where we came down to the 20 [feet]", McGuire stated.

Board Member Donald Burgess also chimed in, curious about what the group would do to vegetation in the area when construction begins. Both McGuire and Boyer assured Burgess that they would only eliminate trees and plants that were absolutely necessary to remove. In the end, the board decided to unanimously approve the pair's request.

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Miss Manchester, Marisa Moorhouse, and Miss Greater Derry, Sarah Tubbs await the final decision of the judges on Saturday evening.



Miss New Hampshire 2017 Lauren Percy crowns Marisa Moorhouse while the new Miss Outstanding Teen Morgane Vigroux of Derry fits her sash.



The newly crowned Miss New Hampshire, Marisa Moorhouse, is all smiles after the shock of winning wore off. *Photos by Chris Paul*

Miss N.H.

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nied by the musical style that made the decade truly stand out.

On the third and final night of the event, as hundreds of supporters for the competitors packed into the Stockbridge Theatre to support the competitors. The night also had a far greater focus on pomp than the prior two nights, with the Miss New Hampshire Dancers performing a number of rou-

tines to 80's classics.

As the three hour finale moved along, the contestants were eventually whittled down to only 12, before eventually having the Top 12 showcase their talents, including dancing, singing, and a piano performance, as well as another sampling of their evening gowns and bathing suits.

Judges eventually brought the number of contestants down to the top eight, and then the top five.

In the end, the final five contestants were Miss

Berlin-Gorham Josie Pearce, Miss Greater Derry Sarah Tubbs, Miss Manchester Marisa Moorhouse, Miss Merrimack Brooke Mills, and Miss Portsmouth Delaney Mastin. It was at that point that the five would answer rather difficult questions about topics facing the American public today, including immigration, gun control, and the Opioid Crisis.

Prior to officially crowning the winner, a series of awards were handed out to some of the 28 competitors, with thousands of dollars

being given to some of the young women for their hard work inside and outside of the competition, including scholastic performance and how well they handled the talent portion.

When it came time to crown Miss New Hampshire 2018, all five finalists were guaranteed a scholarship cash prize. In fifth place was

Mills, who won \$2,500. Fourth place went to Pearce, as well as \$3,000. Third place went to Mastin, who won \$3,500. The first runner-up, for the second straight year, was Sarah Tubbs, earning herself \$4,500. Moorhouse won not only the title of Miss New Hampshire, but also \$15,000 in scholarship funds.

"I still can't believe this is real, and the scholarship money, I'm so thankful for that. I don't even know what to say. I'm freaking out," Moorhouse said upon winning the competition.

Moorhouse will be representing New Hampshire in the Miss America 2019 competition this coming September in Atlantic City, New Jersey.





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Young Pinkerton Academy Math Teacher Awarded For Skills

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Whether young or old, all teachers have something to bring to their students. Mathematics is no different, and to showcase just how much of an impact he has had on Pinkerton Academy in such a short time, Math Teacher Dominick Torro was recently presented with the Fernand J. Prevost Mathematics Teaching Award by the New Hampshire Teachers of Mathematics (NHTM).

This award is specifically given to individuals who are between their first and fifth year of teaching. More importantly, recipients must demonstrate: a commitment to strong mathematics, confidence that all children can learn with a spirit of self reflection and professional

curiosity, care and concern for colleagues, a desire to explore, learn, and grow as a teacher of mathematics, and a willingness to share mathematical and pedagogical activities with others.

Being a teacher has always been a dream aspired to by the 24 year old Torro. He is just now into his second year of teaching math. However; his reasons changed throughout the years, eventually leading to him realize that the career would allow him to help children; grow their minds and give them a sense of certainty in the world. These values are especially critical these days with the constant barrage of insanity we are faced with in the news. "What makes me happy is, knowing I'm helping to make the world a better

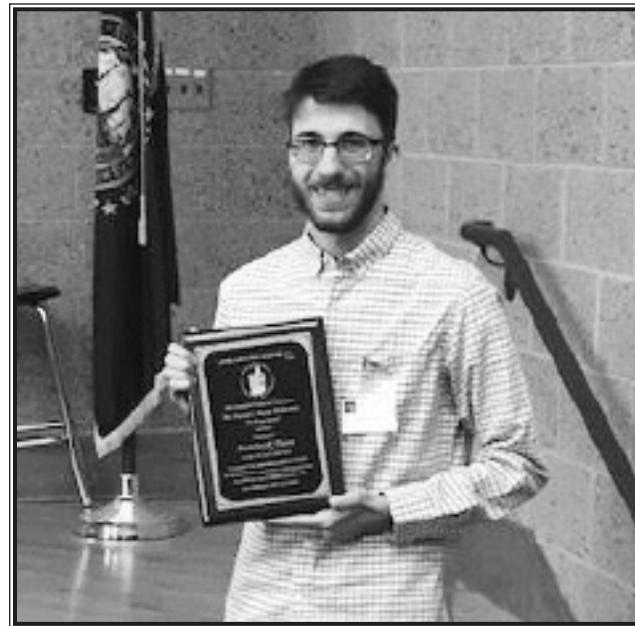
place", Torro noted.

Math was not always the subject he wanted to focus on. Torro's interests originally lie with history when he was still in high school. A rather bleak experience with one of his math teachers changed that, as the teacher seemed to look down upon Torro by telling him that he simply did not understand math. Prompted by this dismissal, Torro worked to the point of proficiency which he is at now. He firmly believes that a growth mindset must be applicable to all subjects, and that there are no subjects that one cannot improve in, as long as the individual studies and applies themselves. "Education is about growing your knowledge", Torro stated.

But what Torro really

takes from his time with students is the experiences they gain from his lessons. One of his favorite things to do with students is identify his favorite wrong answer that one particular student gave to him, (before showing it to the class) and working with them to discover what went wrong. Although the students are initially apprehensive about participating, they soon start to enjoy the idea.

Torro also loves to build relationships with his pupils. One student in particular happened to be struggling to get his head around the rash of school shootings in the country. That student actually asked to be a part of Torro's study hall so that he had someone to speak to about the matter and simply have a place where he felt safe. "Having that kind of relationship



Dominick Torro was presented with the Fernand J. Prevost Mathematics Teaching Award for his outstanding teaching skills

makes you feel like you've done something", Torro said. Torro received a \$250 prize and a one year membership to the NHTM.

2019 Budget

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ment; highway and road net expenses came down to \$2,755,655, with 164 road miles and 332 lane miles being maintained by the department. The department has also been seeking

\$1,450,000 for their pavement management program for specific roads throughout Derry. The portion of the budget for highways and roads came down to \$3,701,651, which the council approved. Next was the town Transfer Station, with net expenses of \$1,146,930,

Trash disposal costs of \$68 per ton were quoted. Its portion of the budget was \$1,874,470, which the council approved. Up next was Vehicle Maintenance. Net expenditures sat at \$527,411, while the department managed this area with 92 units ranging from pick-

up trucks, loaders, and 6 and 10 wheel dump trucks. Its portion of the budget sat at \$527,411, which the council approved. Buildings and Grounds came next with a net expense of \$584,084. This portion of the department handles custodial services and maintenance support for 15 buildings throughout Derry. Its portion of the budget came to \$748,589, which the council approved.

Services for Derry cemeteries developed net expenses of \$117,088, while covering the matters of ground maintenance, burials and cremations. Their portion of the budget sat at \$232,688, which the council approved. Code Enforcement came up with net expenses of \$141,190, which was prima-

rily for Personnel costs; personnel who established 1,219 permits throughout last year. Its portion of the budget came to \$375,315, which the council approved. Recreation came to a net expense of \$407,167, coordinating with more than 10 sports organizations to put together and over 100 sporting events throughout the year. Their portion of the budget came to \$589,931, which the council approved. Derry's Health Division developed a net expense of \$50,775, with most of their expenses going towards inspections for 160 facilities in Derry, as well as mosquito control. Their portion of the budget came to \$84,700, which the council approved. The net expenses for Derry's parks sat at \$795,781, which

covered 132 acres of parks, 9 multi-purpose fields, 8 baseball/softball fields, 2 beaches and five tennis courts. Their portion of the budget came to \$854,839, which the council approved. The department's wastewater management efforts had matching expenditures and revenues of \$2,330,772, meaning that was also their portion of the budget. Their efforts cover 50 miles of sewer mains in Derry. Its portion of the budget was approved. Finally, Derry's water system, which covers 4,115 service connections for 72 miles of water main, also had matching expenditures and revenues of \$2,754,322. Its portion of the budget was approved.

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Annual Hyla Brook Reading Series to Begin at Frost Farm

PENNY WILLIAMS
NUTFIELD NEWS

This year will mark the 10th annual Hyla Brook Reading Series and it will get underway on Thursday, May 17 at the Frost Farm. The opening evening will feature poets David Davis and Hyla Brook Poet Bob Moore. That evenings' reading will be between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. The event launches this year's series of nationally acclaimed poets reading in the intimate setting of Robert Frost's barn. The season also features appearances by:

Friday, June 15: Melissa Balmain is the 2018

Frost Farm Prize Judge and Editor of *Light*, America's premier journal of comic verse. Her poetry collection *Walking In on People* (Able Muse Press) won the Able Muse Book Award.

Thursday, July 12: January Gill O'Neil, the executive director of the Massachusetts Poetry Festival and a teacher at Salem State University, is the author of *Misery Islands* (CavanKerry Press, 2014), winner of a 2015 Paterson Award for Literary Excellence, *Underlife* (CavanKerry Press, 2009) and *Rewilding* (CavanKerry Press, 2018). She received fellowships from Cave Canem and the



David Davis will be a featured poet for the opening night of the Hyla Brook Reading Series.

Barbara Deming Memorial Fund. Her poems and articles have appeared in *American Poetry Review*, *New England Review*, and *Ploughshares*, among others.

Thursday, Aug 9: Marilyn Nelsons Carver: *A Life in Poems* (2001) won Newbery Honors, Coretta Scott King Honors, and others. *A Wreath for Emmett Till* (2005), *How I Discovered Poetry* (2014), and *My Seneca Village* (2015) received similar acclaim. The Poet Laureate of Connecticut (2001-2006), she has won the NSK Neustadt Award and the NCTE Award for Excellence in Children's Poetry. She is a Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets, and Poet-in-Residence of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

Thursday, Sept 13: Dudley Laufman, while enrolled at the Stockbridge

School of Agriculture in Amherst, Mass. Laufman intended to become a dairy farmer but developed an interest in poetry. A dance caller from the age of eight, Laufman began with lyrical and prose poems for his first book of poetry, *I Hear Ringing Reels* (1962). At age 87, Laufman is still fully engaged as a dance caller, poet, and musician. He plays melodeon, harmonica and sometimes, when his fingers allow, fiddle.

According to Kyle Potvin, member of the Hyla Brook Poets, "David Davis has been a member of the Powow River Poets of Newburyport, Mass., since 2005. He is currently the Poet-in-Residence at the Massachusetts Audubon's Joppa Flats Education Center. Davis has published three books of poetry: *Crossing Streams on Rocks*, *Joppa Flats*, and *The Joy Poems*. The *Joy Poems* have been described as 'an instruction manual for feeling more joy in life.' Davis will read primarily from *The Joy Poems* at *The Frost Farm*." Hyla Brook Poet Bob Moore will also read. "Moore has been writing poetry and songs since the early 1990's. He self-published a collection of poems in 1997 entitled, *A Bridge with a View*. In 2009, he released a second collection of poems entitled *Unex-*

pected Colors, published by Beech River Books. A third collection of poems and songs, *Body and Soul*, is scheduled for release in the spring of 2018. By day, Moore works as a science teacher at Pelham High School."

The series, held in the Frost Farm barn, located at 122 Rockingham Rd (Rte. 28), is free and open to the public. An Open Mic follows the readings and all audience members are invited to share their work.

The Frost Farm Conference is held in June and highlights the winner of the Annual Frost Farm Prize for metrical poetry. The kickoff event for the 4th Annual Frost Farm Poetry Conference takes place on June 15-17. Potvin said, "Founded in 2015, the conference provides two days of intense instruction by award-winning poets including featured reader Melissa Balmain, along with William Baer, Bill Coyle, Len Krisak, Alfred Nicol, and Deborah Warren. Daniel Brown is the 2018 Frost Farm Poet-in-Residence and will provide individual critiques. Claudia Gary will chair a panel on "Music and Poetry."

"The instructors will immerse participants in the

art and craft of formal poetry writing, which are invaluable skills for both free verse poets and formalists. Through generous support, this special weekend has been modestly priced for all participants." For more information or to register, please visit: www.frostfarm-poetry.org. Starting in May, the Hyla Brook Poets' monthly writing workshop will meet on the third Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at its summer home at the Frost Farm. "Under the leadership of Robert W. Crawford, Derry Poet Laureate, Frost Farm Poetry's mission is to support the writing and teaching of metrical poetry," said Potvin. "The Hyla Brook Poets started in 2008 as a monthly poetry workshop. In March 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." For further information: email: hylabrookpoets@gmail.com or [facebook.com/HylaBrookPoets](https://www.facebook.com/HylaBrookPoets) or twitter.com/HylaBrookPoets.

OBITUARY

John E. Webster

John E. Webster, II, 79 of Wells, ME died Friday April 6, 2018 at the Portsmouth Regional Hospital, Portsmouth, NH. Mr. Webster was born in Holyoke, MA on May 6, 1938, a son of the late John E. and Vera (Wentworth) Webster. He had resided for the past 30 years in Wells, ME, formerly living in Londonderry, NH. Mr. Webster served in the NH House of Representatives, was an elder in the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, and served the Town of Londonderry as a Selectman. He also designed the coat of arms for the Londonderry Police Dept. He was very proud to be a part of the town of Londonderry.

He is survived by his wife, Gail (Kelly) Webster of Wells, ME, one son, Mark Webster and his wife Jessica of Wells, ME, one sister, Marilyn Ham of Derry, as well as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two sons, John Webster, III, and Bradford Webster both in 1972.

Following cremation, graveside services will be held on Monday, May 7 at 1 p.m. in Glenwood Cemetery, Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. The Peabody Funeral Homes are assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com



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Kid Coop Celebrates Technicolor Dreamcoat's 50th Anniversary



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat turns 50 this year and performers at the Kids Coop Theatre will be paying tribute to that with a performance starting on May 25. *Photos by Chris Paul*



ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

One of the most memorable musicals in decades, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, is approaching its 50th anniversary. In celebration of this milestone, the Kid's Coop Theatre will be holding three performances in May to continue their long-standing practice of theatrical excellence.

The story is based around the biblical story of the Coat of Many Colors, where Joseph was gifted a coat by his father, Jacob, only to be envied by his brothers. The brothers would hatch a plot to earn Jacob's favor through manipulation of Joseph. After being sold into slavery and eventually jailed, Joseph gains the ability to interpret dreams and soon grows close with Egypt's Pharaoh.

As for Kid's Coop and their rendition, the inspiration to perform it this year came to Mike Vinson, the Director of the play. As they always like to have a large variety of plays to work with, the 41-member cast and Vinson figured it was time to give Joseph some love, especially considering its upcoming anniversary. "It had been a while since we had done Joseph", Mike noted.

The cast ranges in age from eight-year-olds to 18, hailing from Derry, Londonderry, Hampstead, Sandown, Auburn,

Chester, Danville, Manchester, Pelham and Windham. The actors have been practicing since March to prepare for the May performances.

One of the more significant players is Tyler Vinson, The son of Mike and a junior in high school, is playing

the role of Joseph. After 5+ years of acting experience, he is more than prepared to do the role justice. Special consideration of how productive and energized he believes the practices have proven to be so far. "I'm really excited because it's one of my dream roles", Tyler stated.

Tracy Hickey, a sophomore in high school, also has a major role as the narrator for the musical. Having performed for another hit musical, Sister Act, her role involves her singing for most of the play. She hopes to pursue acting after high school, but for the moment, Hickey is getting along quite well with the younger cast. "I'm having a lot of fun", Hickey said.

The play's musical direction is by Amanda Morgan with choreography by Madison Waters.

The 41-member cast fea-

tures children ages 8 to 18 from Derry, Londonderry, Hampstead, Sandown, Auburn, Chester, Danville, Manchester, Pelham and Windham.

The musical is set to be performed on Friday, May 25 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 26 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Derry Opera House. Tickets will be \$14 and are available at kids-coop-theatre.org.

Cast members from Derry include: Benjamin Bertini; Jude Farley, Rowan Gifford, Tracy Hickey, Bryson Hill, Brenna Kimball, Heidi Krantz, Audrey Labbe, Brianna Marks, Amara Phelps, Jillian Pooler, Ruthie Vinson, and Tyler Vinson.

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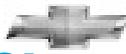
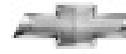


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DERRY SPORTS

Lady Astro Lacrosse Team Trounces Two More Opponents

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy girls' lacrosse team climbed to the top of Division I by winning state championships in 2013, 2014, and 2016. But the locals missed out on that level of success last spring with the Souhegan High Sabers from Amherst taking the top spot in the league.

Coming into this week the defending champs from Souhegan and Pinkerton were the only remaining unbeaten squads in D-I, and PA coach Rob Daziel saw his talented contingent drive its 2018 mark up to 8-0 with lopsided wins over a pair of opponents during April vacation week last week.

The Astros became a perfect 7-0 with a 19-7 walloping of the Dover High Green Wave on the seacoast last Tuesday, April 24.

The locals led 11-5 at halftime and then went on to outscore their hosts by an 8-2 margin in the second half.

Lauren Lisauskas potted five goals and assisted on two others, Lily Auger scored four times, Zoe Howe netted three tallies, Madison Peredna was good for two goals and two helpers, Abby Jowett scored twice and assisted once, and

Meaghan Michaud potted two shots.

Additionally, Kiley Davis dealt out two assists, Caroline Daziel scored once, and Hailey Peredna registered one assist. Goalies Dani Martineau and Tatyana Sullivan each made one save.

Then on Friday afternoon in Derry, the academy squad engaged in the continuation of the storied Pinkerton/Londonderry High rivalry by facing off with a Lady Lancer contingent whose record was hovering around the .500 mark.

And the match was about as lopsided as any lacrosse contest can be, with the Lady Astros netting the first dozen goals en route to a 14-2 win.

Londonderry's two scores came with 7:13 left in the contest (by Madison Walden) and with 1:11 to go (by Allie Marsh).

The academy side grasped a commanding 7-0 lead at halftime and was utterly in control throughout the match, keeping the potent LHS offense stymied and a safe distance away from the PA net most of the way while its own offense scored time and time again.

"Today, we had a game plan that the girls executed almost perfectly," said coach Daziel, an LHS graduate and the first All-

American lacrosse player in school history back in the early 1980's. "We have been focusing on our defensive schemes, and today from the ride back to settled 7 vs. 7 defense the girls just read and reacted to the offensive schemes they saw. We have been really strong on team defense so far this year, and the girls really stepped it up today against a talented, well-coached team. Our goaltending was strong, and (goalie) Dani (Martineau) shut out a good team for the majority of the game as the defense was not giving up easy shots. Dani had a lot of success against the free-position shots she faced as well."

Kiley Davis paced the PA offensive attack with five goals and one assist for six points. Meaghan Michaud was good for five points on four goals and one helper, and Lauren Lisauskas was good for two goals and one assist.

Coach Daziel's daughter Madison scored twice, Madison Peredna managed a goal and a helper, and faceoff specialist Lily Auger was good for one assist. Keeper Martineau turned aside five LHS shots.

"Our midfielders did a great job controlling draws," added coach Daziel. "They really worked well as a unit to support each other. If we

did not win a draw, we slowed Londonderry down to prevent transition goals. Our offense was patient and worked hard to get an uncontested shot on goal rather than forcing or taking contested shots that are easier for a goalie to save. We slowed down Londonderry on the ride, so when they did get into the offensive end it was not on a fast-break."

The Lady Astros then drove into this week looking at a jammed slate which included a road trip to Nashua to take on the North Lady Titans on Tuesday, May 1 - after Nutfield News press time - followed by a home match against Salem on Thursday and a rematch with Londonderry in Beeman Trophy Games action on Saturday afternoon.



Pinkerton lacrosse standout Lauren Lisauskas sprints the ball up the field during her team's thumping of Londonderry last week. Photo by Chris Pantazis

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Astro Laxmen Roll Into Guertin Battle With a Perfect Mark

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The rivalry between the Pinkerton Academy and Bishop Guertin High boys' lacrosse teams is among the best and most exciting in all of New Hampshire high school sports.

The Guertin laxmen have played in every Division I title match since 2005, winning no less than nine crowns. Since 2005, Pinkerton has faced BG in the league title battle nine times, winning twice. And those two talented and determined contingents have faced each other in Division I championship matches every single year since 2013.

So it goes without saying

that everybody involved with New Hampshire Division I boys' lacrosse is extremely interested in what happens every time the Cardinals and Astros face off.

The most recent meeting between those Granite State powerhouses took place in Derry this past Monday, April 30, with both contingents stepping into play with perfect 6-0 records.

Coach Bryan O'Reilly's Astros upped their 2018 record to 6-0 with convincing victories over Bedford and Souhegan during April vacation last week.

An excellent second half performance was a key to the academy side's 12-5 besting of Bedford in Derry

last Tuesday the 24th. Bedford held leads of 3-2 and 4-3 after the first and second periods, but Pinkerton netted six unanswered goals in the third period to take a 9-4 advantage. And the locals outscored the visiting Bulldogs by a 3-1 tally in the final stanza to win handily.

Chad Teresky potted five goals for PA while Ryan Auger and Mason Drouin contributed three apiece. Owen McCormack netted the other academy tally.

Pinkerton faceoff specialist Gennaro Marra had himself an exceptional game, winning nine of 11 draws in the second half and 15 of 20 overall to give his side important offensive

chances.

The Astros then man-handled the host Souhegan High Sabers in Amherst on Thursday the 26th, sprinting out to a 9-2 lead by halftime and outscoring their hosts 5-2 in the second half.

The academy crew then played a non-league game on their damp home field on the evening of Sunday the 29th before finally getting to the much-anticipated 2018 match-up with Guertin on Monday night.

Stepping into that battle, the host Astros had scored in double figures in every New Hampshire match while keeping every opponent under 10 goals scored.

The academy stickmen maintained that run by best-

ing Medfield by a 14-6 tally, with Ryan Auger netting five goals and dishing out two assists, Mason Drouin scoring three times and assisting twice, Tom Sweeney scoring on three shots and dishing out one assist, Owen McCormack tallying twice and assisting

once, and Chad Teresky potting one shot and assisting on three other goals.

However, the Astros had their first encounter with defeat and with allowing an opponent to score in double figures on Monday when they dropped a 13-11 decision to Guertin.

PA Boys' Volleyball Team Bounces Back After Being Dealt First Defeat

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

After powering its way through its first seven matches of the 2018 campaign and ending up victorious in every one, the Pinkerton Academy boys' volleyball squad was dealt its first defeat of the season by an out-of-state opponent last weekend.

Coach Colin Walker's Astros - who had tallied four shutouts in starting out at a glittering 7-0 - were bested by the visiting Lawrence (Mass.) High spikers in Derry last Saturday, April 28.

The Bay Staters bagged individual game victories of 25-17, 25-22, and 25-21 in blemishing the locals' record.

Now 7-1 Pinkerton received 18 assists from Brian Castle, 10 kills and six service points from Ty Behsman, and three blocked shots from Sean Galusha.

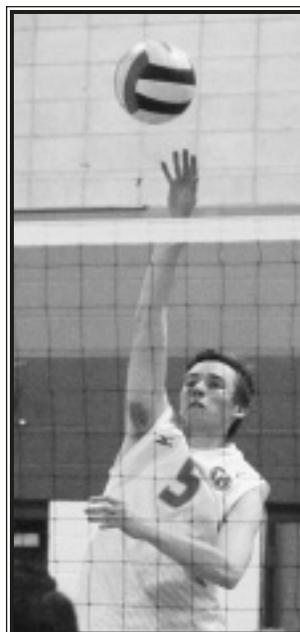
The Astros then strode into this week looking to leap back onto the winning path, traveling to Salem High to face the Blue Devils' group (5-1) in its own gymnasium on Monday night, April 30.

Salem wasn't able to even win a game against the

tough Pinkerton crew, that won 3-0 by putting together individual game successes of 25-23, 25-22, and 25-17.

Brian Castle notched 27 assists, Mitch Heidler was good for 13 service points with three aces, Sean Galusha gathered 12 kills and two blocks, and Ty Behsman contributed some nine kills.

The PA squad then strode forward into the remainder of the week with road matches at Windham on Wednesday, May 2 - after Nutfield News press time - followed by a Beeman Trophy match at Londonderry the next night.



Mitch Heidler was a force for PA volleyball against Salem. Photo by Chris Paul

Athletes of the Week

Week of April 16



John King, Senior, Boys' Outdoor Track

This battle-tested veteran placed first in the javelin at the highly-competitive Nashua North Invitational with a new school record of 185 feet and 3 inches.



Laurel Breen, Junior, Girls' Outdoor Track

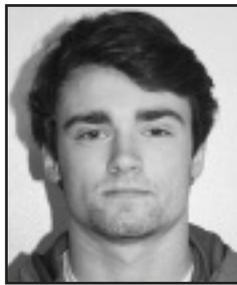
This skilled 11th grader won the javelin at the North Invitational with a throw of 109 feet, which set a new Pinkerton junior record. The old one was set in 2002 by Megan Bilek.

Week of April 23



Kiley Davis, Junior, Girls' Lacrosse

This highly-athletic veteran standout had a five-goal, two-assist performance against Londonderry and scored her 100th career point during that game.



Ryan Auger, Junior, Boys' Lacrosse

This stalwart had a terrific week for PA in two victories, notching three goals and four assists against Souhegan and five goals and three assists against Medfield, Mass.

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Beeman Games Being Played This Week at Londonderry High

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The spring version of the seasonal sports competitions between the varsity athletic teams from Londonderry High School and Pinkerton Academy - better known as The Beeman Trophy Games - take place at LHS this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 3-5.

Pinkerton has maintained possession of the plaque for the last three years, but as anyone who has watched any kind of sporting event between LHS and PA teams over the decades knows, the Astro and Lancer athletes get ramped up for head-to-head battles like they were play-off contests no matter what time of year they take place. Hence, nobody truly knows

what the final results will be much of the time regardless of team records.

The two schools' boys' volleyball teams will get the 2018 games going this Thursday afternoon the 3rd when they meet in the Londonderry High gym at 5:15 p.m.

The next evening at 6:30 the talented and determined boys' lacrosse squads will face off, and that match will

be followed by a full Saturday of play.

Young Pinkerton and Londonderry High track and field athletes will take part in the annual freshman/sophomore meet starting at 8:30 on the morning of the 5th. The girls' tennis teams will smack it around on the Nelson Road courts across the street from the high school starting at 11, and they'll be followed by the boys' squads there at 1.

The Lancer and Astro baseball teams will play on the varsity baseball diamond at the north end of LHS starting at noon, with the softball game starting an hour later on the softball field right next to the baseball facility.

And then at the other end of LHS at 2 - behind the Matthew Thornton Elementary School on the south side of the high school - the girls' lacrosse teams will face off for the second time in a little more than a week.

Londonderry High last won the Beeman Trophy in 2014, with Pinkerton retaking possession of the plaque in 2015 and holding onto it in 2016 and 2017.

The Beeman Trophy games began back in the early 1990's - along with the winter Ball Family Trophy Games - following the success of the Mack Plaque games which were begun in the fall of 1983.

The Beeman Trophy is

named for the beloved Mike Beeman, a Pinkerton grad who both coached and taught at Pinkerton Academy and then Londonderry High before moving to Georgia with his family. He made an appearance in the local area recently when he came back up north to run in his 36th Boston Marathon.

Pinkerton has already experienced considerable success against its Londonderry opponents in lacrosse this spring, but the softball and baseball games were quite close and, as is always the case, you can pretty much toss out records when it comes to LHS and PA teams playing.

Lady Astro Tennis Team Found Mixed Success Over Vacation

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The New Hampshire schools' April vacation week last week was something of a mixed bag - competitively-speaking - for the Pinkerton Academy girls' tennis team.

The Lady Astros played three matches, dropping the first two but winning the third in having their Division I record move right to the .500 mark at 4-4.

Veteran coach Gerry Rosado's PA crew saw its season mark even up at 3-3 with a 6-3 loss to the host Alvirne High Lady Broncos in Hudson last Monday the 23rd. The home-standing squad notched a 4-2 match lead in singles and then went on to put the match away with wins in the first and second doubles contests.

The Lady Astros received singles victories from Chloe Freedman at first singles (9-7) and Leah Sears in the number four singles spot (8-6), and the lone doubles success was delivered by the duo of

Katie Allen and Bella Giancola (8-4).

But coach Rosado's roster had even less success against the Derryfield School's unbeaten squad from Manchester in a Thursday, April 26 match-up which concluded with the Queen City bunch grasping a 9-0 shutout success.

Pinkerton's closest singles matches were played by Freedman and Sears, who both lost by 8-3 tallies. In doubles, the duo of Katie Allen and Riley Burke gave their opponents a battle before falling 8-5. The duo of Sears and Victoria Hodosi absorbed an 8-4 defeat.

But the PA side climbed back from 3-4 to 4-4 on the campaign with a rain-shortened, 7-0 walloping of the visiting Keene High Lady Blackbirds in Derry on

Friday the 27th.

The locals had five of their singles players bag shutout wins that day, with Riley Reinert, Freedman, Allen, Sears, and Hodosi performing that feat, and Giancola notching an 8-6 success. The lone doubles contest which was played turned out to be an 8-0 cake walk for Reinert and Freedman.

The Pinkerton squad then forged ahead into this week looking to keep the victories coming in a home match against the 1-5 Nashua North Lady Titans on Wednesday, May 2 - after Nutfield News press time - before meeting up with a Londonderry High Lady Lancer squad which also entered the week at 1-5 in Beeman Trophy play in Londonderry on Saturday morning.

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Pinkerton Softball Squad Wins Big Then Loses Big on Road

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Some days you get the big win, and some days the big win gets you. Just ask the members of the Pinkerton Academy softball squad.

Coach Kristen Abbott and her Lady Astros played road games in Manchester and the state's capital last week. And when those battles were over the locals had a lopsided win and a lopsided loss to show for their efforts, and their Division I record sat at a fine 6-2 with a Monday game in Derry against struggling Dover in the offing.

The academy squad bagged its sixth success of

the campaign in loud fashion in the form of a 16-1 throttling of the Manchester Central Little Green in the Queen City on Thursday, April 26.

Host Central plated the first run of the game in the latter half of the first inning, but the Astros responded by scoring three times in the third, five times in the fourth, and four times each in the fifth and sixth frames in rolling to victory.

Pinkerton thumped out some 17 hits, with Hannah Frazier and Hannah Sundberg each smacking three and Jackie Cerri, Alyssa DiMauro, Danielle St. Peter, Makayla Bolduc, and Ellie Cashman each socking two. DiMauro drove in four runs,

Sundberg smacked in three, and Briahna Janulewicz walked three times and drilled one hit. Reese Asselin collected the pitching victory.

However, considerably less went right for the academy side when it traveled to Concord on Saturday the 28th as Pinkerton took a 7-0 loss on the chin from the host Crimson Tide, which became 3-2 on the still-young campaign with its second straight shutout win.

The Concord crew plated no less than five runs in the latter half of the first in claiming a big lead, and it added single scores in the third and sixth frames to reach the final 7-0 score.

The Astros were held to

just four hits - from four different sources - and they committed four errors in the field which helped Concord to its lopsided success.

The academy contingent then got to play back on its own diamond this past Monday the 30th when it hosted a Dover Green Wave group which came into action with a lowly 1-5 record.

And the local crew wore that opponent out in a 13-3 victory which featured 18 Pinkerton hits.

Dover plated the first run of the contest in the top of the second, with the Astros responding for three runs in the third to take a 3-1 lead.

The Green Wave knotted the score at 3-3 by scoring twice in the top half of the fourth, but the PA offense then kicked into high gear and scored six times in the fourth, three more times in the fifth, and once more in the sixth to run away with the win.



While her fielding form is superb, shortstop Alyssa DiMauro has been an absolute monster at the plate for the Pinkerton softball squad lately, showing plenty of productivity with the bat.

Photo by Chris Paul

DiMauro thumped three hits - including two home runs - and drove in five runs, Frazier bashed three hits and

drove in three teammates, and Sundberg banged four hits and scored a pair of teammates.



Pinkerton's Pride

Pinkerton Academy track and field standouts Britney Johnson and Noah Woodman both signed their national letters of intent to attend and compete at Division I schools at PA last Friday morning, April 13. Johnson, who also starred in soccer and cross-country at the Derry school, is moving on to The University of Alabama at Birmingham, and Woodman will be a Husky at The University of Connecticut.

Courtesy photo



SPRING CLEANING

A group of Beaver Lake residents gathered early on Saturday, April 21 at the bridge on Pond Road where the Beaver Lake Improvement Association President Steven Anthony had a pile of blue bags waiting for them. The group winter's trash in areas around the lake as part of the town's Earth Day Clean-up efforts. Pictured from left, Jeff Crothers, Donna Compagna, Patty Crothers, Steven Anthony, Joel Rosen, Debbie Lucci, Mike Lucci, and Kevin Dudley. Lake residents who also helped but are not in the picture were Fred Driscoll, and, Diana Tompkins.



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Day of Giving Back

Youth Day of Giving Back 2018 will be held on Tuesday, May 15 from 8 - 1:30 p.m. The kickoff begins in the gym at Pinkerton Academy where students can learn about the volunteer agencies and community services they can volunteer for throughout Greater Derry.

Plant Sale

The Derry Garden Club will host its annual plant sale on Saturday June 2 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Rain or shine, at the Masonic Temple, 58 East Broadway, Derry. The Derry Garden Club is accepting donations for its annual plant sale. Anyone with a plant in need of thinning to donate to the sale is invited to call Alison Kenney 434-9624.

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Book Drive

The LHS Community Service Club has been sponsoring a book drive for the past two weeks. So far, over 700 books have been collected. The books are being donated to the Upper Room, family resource center, in Derry. We are collecting used books which would be of interest to young families, both children and parents. In the first two weeks of the drive, the LHS community (Lancer Nation) has donated over 700 books; we would like to get to 1000 books donated, so we are extending the drive into April. Collection areas are in the High School House Offices, Main Office, and Library. Our contact at the Upper Room is Janis Lilly (JLilly@urteachers.org).

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Kids Fishing Derby

The Derry Lions are once again sponsoring the annual Derry Lions Kids Fishing Derby on Rollins Street at Hood Pond in Derry on May 5. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., with fishing commencing at 8 a.m. until noon. For newcomers to the area the pond is

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A storytime for ages 6 months - 2 years meets Mondays and Fridays at 10 a.m. at the Taylor Public Library. Space is limited so called the library at 432-7186 to register or with questions.

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A story hour with a themed craft is available for children ages 2 - 5 years old on Wednesdays and Sundays at 1 p.m. at the Taylor Public Library. Space is limited so

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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.

Continuing Education Program

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Walking Together

A support group for widows and widowers meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Manse at Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. When we meet, we walk together our journey of grief. No need to do it alone. If you have any questions, please call 781-866-9976.

Lamplighters

A womans group with the goal of helping less fortunate woman and people in N.H. meets every fourth Thursday of the month 7 p.m. at Londonderry Presbyterian Church at 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

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