

# Pinkerton Academy Announces Top Students for Current Academic Year

**JOHN SEIDENBERG**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy has recognized the top ten performing students for the 2020-21 year as the school begins implementing a fuller return to campus.

As announced by Dean of Students Susanne Tartarilla at the school before all of the highest ranking students, the graduating class valedictorian is Isabelle Limperis of Derry and the salutatorian is Shalley Nolan of Hampstead.

The additional 8 top senior class members in ranking order and their hometowns are:

3. Allyson Turner of Candia
4. Jawaria Ali of Hooksett
5. Chloe Sanders of Derry
6. Nathan Grabowski of Derry

7. Macy Graves of Hampstead
8. Vera Backman of Hampstead
9. Nicholas Burke of Derry, and
10. Jeremy Binda of Auburn

“You represent the best of the best that’s Pinkerton and not just in the classroom but outside the classroom,” Tartarilla told all of the honored students.

Headmaster Dr. Thomas Powers added his own commendation: “We’re all very proud of all that you’ve accomplished,” he said.

Powers also praised their work both in and outside the classroom as individuals and as members of the community.

With the pandemic this school year has followed a hybrid model of combined distance learning but in-

creasingly moving to in-person instruction through a phased-in approach to coming back.

The revised guidelines of the state’s Department of Health and Human Services have enabled the return of more Pinkerton students, a goal Powers has supported to the degree possible.

Starting March 29, all seniors and freshman returned to campus for 4 days a week. Sophomores and juniors began following the same schedule on April 5.

Wednesdays are half days and remain full remote for everyone until the April vacation. After the break students who choose to may come full time 5 days a week.

Under an order last week from Gov. Chris Sununu, all K-12 schools

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# Derry School District Joins Towns in State Aid Lawsuit

**ALEX MALM**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

DERRY - School districts large and small across the state have expressed their dissatisfaction with the amount of money they receive in state aid each year.

This has led to school districts joining a lawsuit recently filled by the ConVal School District seeking more funding from the state for school districts and for the state to change the funding formula.

During the May 11 Derry School Board meeting one of the main

agenda items during the meeting was in regards to the lawsuit and whether or not the school district would join it.

It was explained by Derry School Board Chair Erika Cohen that at the time of the meeting there were 13 school districts that had joined the lawsuit and that ConVal was seeking more school districts to join the suit.

At the last court hearing Cohen said that the judge told the district that they had 30 days to add more districts to the suit.

Cohen explained that ConVal would be responsible for 50 percent of the

cost for attorney fees but was asking for the other districts that wanted to join the suit to commit money towards the fees.

She said that they could either commit a certain percentage of the fees, commit a certain amount of money, or commit a percentage and set a limit of how much they’d be able to put towards the legal fees.

So far the lowest percentage committed is six percent of the 50 percent the additional schools need to pay for and the highest percentage was 22 percent.

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There were 145 residents cast their votes on over 20 articles at the Chester Academy parking lot during the annual Town Meeting. The meeting was rescheduled due to the pandemic and was the second year in a row it was held outside.

Photo by Chris Paul

# Chester Residents Attend Outdoor Town Meeting

**KAITLIN BEDELL**  
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - The Town Meeting was open to Chester residents on Saturday, May 15 to vote on various proposals brought forward by several town boards. The event took place at the Chester Academy Parking Lot from 9:00 am-12:00pm.

Each Article that the town reviewed focused on the overall cost

and tax impact that it would have on the town of Chester’s community.

Chester voters passed 19 new articles, failed two, and tabled two.

Among the most expensive articles approved was the Operating Budget for the Chester School Districts. The total cost approved was \$5,156,173 with an overall \$7.12 impact on taxpayers.

The Town Meeting also voted to

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# Planning Board Approves a New Garage For Gun Club

ALEX MALM  
NUTFIELD NEWS

CHESTER - The Chester Planning Board held a meeting on Wednesday, May 5.

During the meeting one of the agenda items was a Conceptual discussion with Erica DeBeckers the owner of Ark Animals Homecare Veterinary. DeBeckers is seeking approval from the Zoning Board of Adjustments for a variance in order to build a 2,000 square foot office and storage building at their property located at 112 Towle Road.

It was explained by Chester Town Planner Andrew Hadik that in 2016 they were granted a home business permit by the Planning in Board.

In 2017 they were given a cease and desist order by the building inspector because employees were observed parking in the right away on Towle Road.

This led DeBeckersto get a variance to build a parking lot.

Now she is seeking approval to build a barn shaped building to have more office space, to have more space for patients, and for storage.

It was explained by Hadik that the building inspector believes that it has become a commercial property.

"I have to agree with him that this is beyond the scope of a home business," he said.

Hadik said that they applied for a commercial permit which was denied by the building inspector meaning that DeBeckers is able to go to the Zoning Board to get a variance for a commercial permit.

DeBeckers explained that the main part of her business is through her mobile vet services but has a clinic in a renovated garage on her property where she lives.

She said that no because of the amount of business they are getting at their on site clinic they are outgrowing their current space.

"The town of Chester has embraced our business," she said.

One of the questions that was asked to her was if she has any future plans to expand her on site clinic even more.

She said that she doesn't see it expanding much more past their proposed expansion which would have a waiting room and two exam rooms.

"I don't see it being

beyond a 2,000 square foot space," she said.

It was also pointed out to her by Hadik that when she goes to the zoning board she will have to ensure them that she has enough parking spaces for employees and patients.

"I don't think that should be a problem," she said.

The next step for DeBeckers is to make their case to the ZBA before heading

to the Planning Board with an official proposal.

Also during the meeting the Planning Board heard an application from the Chester Rod & Gun Club to build a 30x50 prefabricated metal building.

It was explained by the Club's president Dan Jones that they want to be able to build the building in order to store their tractor which they use to maintain the

property along with other bulky things the Club has. He said that the building wouldn't have any heat or water and would be used only for storage.

"We'd like to get it out of the rain and snow," Jones said saying that the last few years they have had to store the tractor outside on their property.

The Planning Board ultimately approved their plan.

## Pinkerton

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were required to offer 5 days of in-person instruction a week starting Monday, April 19.

Procedures now in effect for all in-person Pinkerton students call for maintaining a distance of under 3 feet for periods of 10 minutes or more.

For any students whose families opt to stay with remote learning, that ability will be available through the end of the school year.

Some other school dis-



Isabelle Limperis



Shalley Nolan

tricts have been back in person since earlier in March though that has been a district-by-district determination. Some of those high school students are allowed a flex day for

student-teacher meetings, organizational activities, or additional time for them to work on studies.

Some districts may be looking at expanded school sessions during the summer

to help students in need make up any lost academic ground over the past year.

Pinkerton, which has more than 3,100 students in grades 9-12, is the largest high school in the state and the second largest in New England after Brockton High School in MA.

It has the unusual distinction of being a private school that also functions as the official public high school for Derry where it's located and for the neighboring towns of Auburn, Candia, Chester, Hampstead, and Hooksett.

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# Editorial

## A Day of Remembering

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

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

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

Many more wars have taken the lives of American servicemen and women since then, and there will most likely be more even thought

that may not look the same. But even with the present-day fighting, it's easy to look at Memorial Day as just another chance for a three-day weekend, an extra day off from work and school, a time for barbecues and mowing the lawn and planting the flower garden, but it so much more to the day.

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

Ceremonies in our towns will center on the cemeteries and the statues, on the flags and the wreaths, a gesture of how we appreciate the self-sacrifice that has and will happen to protect us and our rights.

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

# Letters

## Chester Town Meeting has passed

To the editor,

On Saturday, May 15th, Chester held its annual Town Meeting outside again this year in the Chester Academy parking lot. Twenty-four warrant articles were taken up. Some were voted on with little discussion, and some took considerable discussion before the question was called. Article #12 was one of those articles.

Article #12, Historic Building Capital Reserve Fund, was looking to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 to be added to this fund. Although it is not stated in the article, these funds were targeted for the restoration and repairs to Stevens Memorial Hall. This article was defeated.

I have been a member

of the Budget Committee for the past 20 years, and my experience tells me, the rumors will begin today, if they haven't already, that repairs can not be done to Stevens Hall because the Budget Committee got the funding article defeated. It is true, that the article was defeated, and the Budget Committee did not support the article for several reasons, but there are funds available that can be used.

At fiscal year end in 2019 and 2020, there were surpluses in the operating budget of approximately \$159,000 and \$299,000 respectively. Through the Selectmen's authority to transfer funds from one line item to another, in the operating budget, most of these funds were used for other projects. This year, the surplus in the operat-

ing budget is projected to be ~\$369,000. The Selectmen can use their transfer authority to move these funds to the Government Buildings Repair & Maintenance (Stevens) line in the operating budget and have funding to begin the necessary repairs. In addition to these funds, there is a Capital Reserve Fund, titled Historic Buildings. This fund has a balance of approximately \$45,000 that is available for repairs. These two amounts total more than \$400,000.

As I see it, Stevens Hall repairs have not been a priority in the past few years. Now that the Town's 300th Anniversary is approaching, all eyes are on Steven's Hall.

Rhonda Lamphere  
Chester  
Prior Budget  
Committee Member

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## Derry

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Before deciding how much money they would commit towards the lawsuit they had to decide if they would support the lawsuit or not.

Derry School Board Vice Chairperson Derick Anderson said that there was a senate committee tasked with looking at the funding formula and came up with what he said were good recommendations. With that said he said that the other legislators ignored them.

"I would support being in the lawsuit," he said.

School Board member Brenda Willis said that

she thinks they need to join the lawsuit in order to have their voices heard at the state level.

"We need to do something to make sure our voices are being heard," she said.

School Board member Jessica Ring said that she is also in support of the lawsuit.

"They are not giving us adequate funds," she said about the state funding.

The board ultimately agreed to support the lawsuit and that they would commit up to \$30,000 for legal fees.

Cohen said that she is happy they are supporting the lawsuit pointing out that they spend far more

per student in the district than they receive from state aid.

She said that currently they spend about \$15,000 per student and receive about \$4,400 in state aid per student.

"I think this is an important thing to do as a school district," she said. "This is putting our foot down that we really want more for our students."

In personnel news, the School Board accepted the resignations of District Chief Psychologist Kristen Thibodeau and Fran Leach a science teacher at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School.

The next Derry School Board meeting is slated for May 25, at 6:30 p.m.



# Sandown Heritage Commission Reports on Projects, Donation Tool

JOHN SEIDENBERG  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**SANDOWN** - The Sandown Heritage Commission is moving ahead on ongoing projects and has a new electronic capability for receiving donations.

At the commission's May 6 meeting Chair Pam Gaudreau said the reprint of the town's local history, "A View from Meeting-house Hill," is now available for purchase for \$25. This is the third edition.

The book was written by local author Richard Holmes in the 1980s and contains anecdotes and even quirky aspects of Sandown's history that don't read like a dry accounting of events, noted Vice Chair Fran Rosenau.

This project was intended to make the town's story available for new families to Sandown and others rather than as a specific fundraising effort, Gaudreau added.

Order forms are on the commission website. Twenty copies already have been sold and were signed by Holmes. The book may be available later to order on Amazon.

With the electronic donation system now on the town's website - pay.gov - users are able to click on the heritage commission and other town organizations to contribute. There is a slight charge to use the service.

Elsewhere work continues on the Hearse House by the Old Meeting House

in town being undertaken as a local Eagle Scout project by Gabriel Gerhart. He is collaborating on it with Dave Dupuoy, president of the Old Meeting House Association and a master carpenter.

Gerhart also is coordinating with others on the roofing and siding. The hope is to finish by the end of May or in June, depending on weather and obtaining lumber supplies which have steadily increased in price.

The project has received donations both in financial support and of labor. The objective here is preservation rather than renovation, Gaudreau said.

Other efforts are proceeding on the stone structure project in which the commission is attempting to investigate stone structures on conservation properties and around Sandown.

Gaudreau is inviting residents to tell the commission about any unusual rocks on their property by messaging her or going to the commission's Facebook page.

Rosenau also reported on the April yard sale for which 80 banana boxes of items were donated, with assistance coming from Sandown Garden Club members.

A total of \$800 was

raised on the day of the sale, and \$1,200 beforehand through marketplace sales. Unsold items were put back on marketplace and eBay.

If the town has a yard sale in the fall, Rosenau said, some of those remaining items may be sold then at the Town Hall.

Commission member Paul Wentzell is heading up the ongoing Trail Through Time project to have local trails and conservation parcels such as the Depot marked not just with identifying signs but also historical information.

He will update the commission at a later meeting.

The goal is to have signs and kiosks providing a continuity of information for insight and history.

In addition, the Conservation Commission is having a trial hike with the school to be scheduled for June after the school year ends. This will constitute the long planned scavenger hunt the heritage commission has worked on.

The interactive event will be open to all ages with families invited to go to different historic sites in town.

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# Hampstead Schools Look to Upgrade Technology for Enhanced Meetings

JOHN SEIDENBERG  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**HAMPSTEAD** - The Hampstead School System will pursue additional funding sources for a planned technology upgrade of the Middle School Cafeteria. The purpose is to more efficiently accommodate School Board meetings conducted there and other presentations.

At the board's May 4 meeting, Michael Flynn, executive director of 21st Century Learning, Assessment and Technology, said the estimated cost of the upgrade was \$6,100.

The improvements needed are expanded projection capability, rewiring in the cafeteria, wireless microphones, analog cameras, camera controls, ceiling mounts, and cables.

These changes would

serve not only school needs but also enhance community functions held there such as the town's annual deliberative session, Flynn added. In addition, the technology could allow hosting of informational sessions for parents on different topics.

The Town Hall is not large enough for school board meetings particularly with the likely number of people in attendance, said Business Administrator Geoff Dowd. He noted the town could qualify for grants and reimbursed funds to help cover this upgrade.

At the meeting the school board approved federal funds authorization to seek federal and state grants for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. This step granted Dowd and incoming Superintendent Robert Thomp-

son authority to apply for eligible funding on behalf of the Hampstead School District, and to file authorizations with the NH Department of Education.

In a given year the grants typically available are Title I, Title II, Title IV, and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) grants, Dowd noted. Another example is the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act as that too is federal funding.

Sometimes subsequent ad hoc grants emerge that can be tied to IDEA or Title I. Ancillary grants, however, may not be known until they come up, Dowd said.

The board also is considering the setting of tuition rates for outside students to participate in the school district by the choice

of families or placement by the state. That is typically determined by the yearly per student cost. Board members will take up this subject at their next meeting.

Earl Metzler, executive consultant, announced the final day of the current school year will be June 16 and will be an early release day. Staff will conclude the year over the following two days and close up classrooms.

Regarding the 2021-22 school district calendar, teachers will return the week before Labor Day and

students would start Sept. 7. That schedule will align with Pinkerton Academy.

Winter break would occur during the first week in March. The last day of the year would be June 22 also as an early release day. Because of concern over ending on this late a date with the higher temperatures then in classrooms, the school system may consider revising it in April or early May.

The board also made the following tentative liaison committee appointments:

Policy - Caitlin Parnell and Jason Giard

Safety - Caitlin Parnell  
Vouchers - Erin Pellegrini  
Facilities - David Smith  
HMS - Erin Pellegrini  
Special Needs - Megan Malcolm  
HCS - Caitlin Parnell  
Technology - Jason Giard

It also created a liaison to the Hampstead Board of Selectmen though that member was not yet named. Selectman Laurie Warnock is liaison to the school board. The board will wait until its next meeting May 25 at 7 p.m. at Hampstead Middle School to finalize those selections.

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or non-driver IDs may renew online, if eligible. Go to [dmv.nh.gov](http://dmv.nh.gov) to access online services.

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# Linda Merrill Recognized For Her 30 Years of Service

ALEX MALM  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**DERRY** - In 1973 Linda Merrill and her family moved to Derry to be closer to a better job market compared to Hampton where she is from.

Ever since then, Derry has been her home, and she has become well known in the community as well, eventually becoming the director of the Taylor Library.

Merrill began her

career with the library in 1991 starting as a part time aid saying that she "loved it."

In 1992 she became a full time assistant director with the library before eventually becoming the director in 2001 when the previous director retired and Merrill was asked to step into the role.

Now after 30 years, Merrill is retiring from the library with this week being her last.

Merrill said that her

favorite part of being a librarian in Derry was the kids.

"The kids are my favorite part. I love helping them find their favorite books. Interacting with the children during story hour is something I will miss. I also love when I can help people with their genealogy searches," Merrill said. "It's very satisfying to help people find their long lost relatives and connections to their personal histories."

She said that over the

years she's also gotten to see people grow up from being kids to having kids of their own and bringing them to the library.

"I love when people come into the library or see me out around town and share their own memories of the library when they were young. Many former children from story hour come back to the library with their own children and enjoy the things they loved when they were little," she said.

While she said that she originally wanted to go into early childhood education, she said she got to do that with the career at the library.

"I wanted to go into early childhood education but this job has given me some of that. I was able to go back to school and get a bachelor's degree in library administration. I feel like I got the best of both worlds," she said.

As she ends her career, Merrill said that she is



Taylor Library Librarian Linda Merrill retired this week and was recognized with a bench that was erected behind the library. Photo by Chris Paul

going to miss people that she said.

To celebrate her dedication to the library the Friends of the Library recently dedicated a bench in her honor. "It's been a fast 30 years and I'm going to miss the patrons, the children and the staff the most. I hope to be back to visit,"

## Chester Fire Chief Resigns

ALEX MALM  
NUTFIELD NEWS

**CHESTER** - On April 29 Chester Fire Chief Gregory Bolduc submitted his resignation letter to the Selectmen. His resignation was effective May 13, according to an announcement by the Town.

According to the release, Bolduc joined the

Chester Fire Department as a call member in September 2007 and moved up the ranks and was named the Fire Chief in April 2016.

While they don't have a timeline in place, it was announced that the Selectmen will be searching for and interviewing candidates to fill the position.

In the meantime, Cap-

tain Philip Gladu will serve as Acting Fire Chief.

Gladu moved to Chester in 2008 and immediately joined the Chester Fire Department as a call member. He was appointed Emergency Management Director in December 2011, and has been employed as a full-time firefighter for the Town since September of 2020.



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Selectman Chuck Myette and other residents line up to discuss the Historic Building Capital Reserve Fund Warrant Article.

Photos by Chris Paul

pass the Highway CIP funding with a cost of \$750,000 and a tax impact

of \$.85 for Chester Residents.

According to the meeting, the request for the \$750,000 will be offset by "Highway Block Grant funds of \$144,597 equivalent to \$605,403 after taxation". This money will then be deposited into the Highway CIP Capital Reserve Fund for use in the future.

Other articles that were passed which will have a tax impact on Chester Residents includes the CIP Funding with a tax of \$.55, the 300th Anniversary costing \$.01, Church Steeple Repair costing \$.03, Revaluation costing \$.02, and the Master Plan Update costing \$.02.

The Meeting also passed the implementation of "Indigenous Peoples Day" on August 19. The meeting noted that this would not be in place of

Columbus Day and that the two would take place on two separate dates.

Out of the 23 proposed articles, the Chester voters at the Town Meeting did not approve of two of them.

The voters denied the Historic Building Capital Reserve Fund Article. This article initially costed \$400,000 but was amended to add \$150,000 for a total of \$550,000. This amendment was not approved. This issue would have had no tax impact because the money would have been taken from the Unassigned Fund Balance.

Town members also decided to vote against Changing the town meeting date back to May.

In addition to the two articles that the Town Meeting denied, they also decided to table two issues and continue to discuss them prior to making a final decision on them.

The first article which



Chester Selectman Stephen Landau speaks on why the Repainting of Steven's Hall is necessary in the CIP Projects Warrant Article on Saturday morning.

was tabled was the Winter Road Maint Fund. Those at the meeting decided that there was "No need to utilize this as the budget underspent due to a mild

winter."

Another issue which was tabled at the meeting was accepting the donation from 78 Raymond Road. This donation to the town would have had no tax impact as it was a complete donation.

Dianna Charron moved to un-table this article, but that vote failed.

Although it was later passed, the Town Meeting also initially tabled the Rescind Cemeteries Special Revenue Fund. The Fund is non-monetary and follows the improperly setup "Special Revenue Fund" from 2013. After reconsidering the table, the article passed with a 77-26 vote.

Throughout the Town Meeting, 145 Chester Residents voted on the issues that were presented out of the 4,376 registered voters in town. The annual meeting will take place again next year at a date that will later be determined.

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# DERRY SPORTS

## Pinkerton Baseball Squad Gets Two More Lopsided Wins

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Varsity Baseball team added two more notches to the win column last week, outscoring Nashua South 23-8 in two games.

The latest wins gives the Astros squad a nearly perfect 11-1 record and the are perched at the top of the Division I standings heading into the last two weeks of the spring season.

In the first contest against the Purple Panthers

last week, at home, on Monday May 10, came back after falling behind 4-2 in the sixth to score 10 times in the bottom of the sixth for a 12-4 win.

A total of four pitchers shared duty on the mound. Junior Tom Rioux got the start and pitched three innings, giving up three hits and no runs, striking out three batters. EJ Fasano threw one inning and gave up two runs on with three walks.

Casey Watson was saddled with one earned run and Max Lukeman was the winning pitcher, striking out three with one hit and one earned run in two and a third innings.

Tyler Michaud and Cole Yennaco both had triples in the game with Liam Doyle and Paul Lescovitz both getting doubles.

Overall the team had 13 hits for their 12 runs and only struck out four times with 30 at bats.

In the second meeting of the two teams, on

Wednesday, May 4, sure-handed junior Liam Doyle pitched five and two third innings and struck out 12 Nashua batters for the 11-4 win. Doyle only gave up one earned run with three hits, but was down 2-1 headed into the sixth inning, but 10 runs in the final two innings secured the team's eleventh victory.

Ethan Burgess and Lorenzo Corsetto each had two hits with a double. Lescovitz also added a double to the offense.

Overall the team had 10 hits, nine RBIs, two strikeouts and three walks.

The two wins gets the team to 11-1, one game above the state champion Londonderry Lancers, who are at 11-2 and will face the Astros in the final week of the regular season.



Junior Tom Rioux pitched three runless innings, to start against Nashua South. Photo by Chris Paul

### Athletes of the Week

Week of May 10



**Madeline Donohue**  
Junior, Girls Tennis

Madeline has put together a seven match winning streak to help the team improve to a 4-2 season record during that stretch.



**Lucas Lizotte**  
Senior, Boys Volleyball

Lucas helped PA Volleyball improve to 2-0 this week following two tough matches against Winnacunnet. Lucas dealt out 35 assists at Winnacunnet and 33 at home. He also added 9 aces away and 5 aces on the road. He has helped lead the Astros to a 6-3 record on the year.

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- Saturday, May 22, Boss Sauce, 8-11pm
- Thursday, May 27, Ryan Williams, 7-11pm

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# Lady Astros Softball Gets Two Big Wins and Drops One

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Varsity Softball team started their week with a narrow defeat, but then finished with two lopsided victories.

Overall, the Lady Astros outscored their two opponents by a staggering 40-11

runs in three games.

In the first game, which took place on the road at Nashua South, Pinkerton amassed seven runs in the first three innings, only to see that lead fall away in the latter half of the contest.

Starting pitcher Emma Hodgkins threw five innings, giving up three earned

runs on 10 hits and two walks with three strikeouts. Adi Runge finished the game, pitching one and a third innings allowing just one hit and one earned run.

The winning run for Nashua came in the bottom on the seventh on a throwing error.

It was a much different story two days later when the Lady Purple Panthers traveled to Derry and were saddled with a 17-run loss.

In the 18-1 win, Pinkerton Academy piled up their 18 runs in the first four innings and watched senior Emaline Wood pitch a one-hit five-inning gem.

Junior Rachel Kiesling had a inside the park three-run homerun, Olivia Mason had two hits with a triple and two RBIs. Hannah Vantran had two hits with a double and drove in three runs.

In the Lady Astros final game of the week, on Friday, May 14, the girls had another decisive victory, this time a 15-2 blowout against Bedford High School at home.

The victory brought the Lady Astros season record to 10-2 and in good shape

headed into the final two weeks.

In that game, the Lady Bulldogs took the lead early scoring once in the first and then again in the second.

In the fourth inning the PA offense started to click and they grabbed eight runs on five hits and an error. One

of those hits was a triple by Mason.

Runge pitched the entire six-inning, striking out eight and walking just one.

Runge gave up six hits and only one of the two Bedford runs were earned.

Samatha Donovan went three for four at the plate

with a double and a triple driving in three runs.

Lauren Mason had a triple and went three for four at the plate also. Kiesling had three RBIs with three hits including a double. Junior Ashley Lemay had two hits and two RBIs in the victory.



Senior Anna Dunton slides into home plate at a recent game hosted by the Lady Astros.

Photo by Chris Paul

## Astros Boys Lacrosse Team Snags Two More Victories

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys Lacrosse team rack up two more wide-margin wins last week and stand at 9-2 for the season and sit at second place in the Division I standings.

The Astros had to wait nearly a week between games because of a quarantine issue with their Nashua South opponent, but when they played on Thursday, May 13, against that team, PA came away with a rather one-sided 18-4 victory.

The Astros took an 8-2 lead to start the first quarter and never looked back in this one.

In the second period, the Purple Panthers tightened up their defense and kept the scoring even at two a piece, finishing the half at 10-2.

After the halftime break, Pinkerton didn't allow a single goal and finished off Nashua with eight more goals in the second half of

the game.

The PA points came from a number of sources Ryan Lynch had six goals and two assists. Mason Barbone had four goals and three assists. Hunter Drouin added three goals. Riley

Spellman also had three goals, but added two assists. Liam Prescott had a goal and an assist, Colby Gagnon had one goal and Ryan Lynch had two assists and Michael Uber had an assist.

In goal, Tyler LeBlanc had ten saves, while Curtis Michaud added one, and Cole Frank won 74 percent of the face-offs.

Over the weekend, on Saturday, May 15, the Astros traveled to the state capital for a meeting with the Concord Crimson Tide and came away with their second win of the week, beating CHS 14-4.

The PA squad shutout the Concord bunch in the first quarter 4-0 and then scored another four in the second, allowing just one

goal to get by the defense in the half.

The lopsided advantage continued in the third quarter where the Astros scored six times to Concord's two.

After separating themselves 14-3 by the start of the fourth, PA took their foot off the gas and allowed four unanswered goals in the final quarter.

Hunter Drouin added seven goals to his career total and led the team in scoring.

Ryan Lynch got two goals in the win, while Riley Spellman, Jackson Morrisette, Joey Gallo, Nathan Jasper and Garrett Mulhall all had one goal each. Mason Barbone had four assists in the game. Spellman, Morrisette, Gallo, Colby Gagnon, Cole Frank each had an assist.

Michaud made three saves in goal and LeBlanc made one.

Frank dominated the control at face off, winning 83 percent of the time.

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# Pinkerton Girls Lax Squad Adds Wins to Season Tally

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls Lacrosse added two more victories to the win column last week and now have an impressive 10-2 record as the season winds down.

The Lady Astros had two games against the Nashua High School Purple Panthers during the week and scored 16 goals in each of the contests for the two wins and in the

process, senior Abby Jowett was able to reach her 100th high school career goal.

In the first game, on Monday, May 10, Pinkerton hosted Nashua in what wound up to be a rather lopsided 16-4 win to put the girls record at 9-2.

Jowett once again dominated draw controls in this match-up, giving PA possession of the ball for the majority of the first half.

Ali Lamphere and Justine Doyle vacuumed up

many of the ground balls by to assist PA with a dominating first half. The home squad had a 14-1 lead over the Lady Purple Panthers to end the first half and closed out the game with a 12-goal spread.

Pinkerton Points were tallied by six sources. Ali Lamphere and Caroline Daziel each scored for times. Abby Jowett racked up two goals and four assists. Amy Quigley and Caitlyn Seleny each had two goals and two assists

and Tatum Howe put two past the goalie.

In net, Lauren Sweeney played the first half and made three saves and only giving up one. Naomi Menczywor made eight saves in the second half and allowed three.

The final score tightened up considerably in the second game between the teams two day later when the Astros traveled to Nashua.

The Pinkerton girls were once again victorious,

this time winning by a thin 16-12 margin.

In this one, the Lady Astros found themselves behind 5-4 at the end of the first half thanks to a late first half rally by South.

The PA squad rallied early to begin the second half and scored four unanswered goals to take a 8-6 lead. PA extended their lead to 11-6, but South kept fighting and stayed within three goals. At 2:46 South got within two goals 13-11, but the Lady Astros scored

three goals to South's one in the last 1:24 of the game for the victory.

The PA Points were earned by: Lamphere with five goals and an assist; Jowett had four goals and two assists; Daziel had four goals and an assist; Quigley added two goals and two assists and Seleny had a goal and an assist.

Lauren Sweeney was able to make six saves for the Astros tenth victory of the season.

# Pinkerton Astros Boys and Girls Tennis Falls to South

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Girls Tennis Team had two close contests against Nashua South go to the Purple Panthers last week, but then turned things around later in the with a win against Londonderry.

In the Monday, May 10, the Pinkerton girls lost 5-4 at home against Nashua South.

Singles wins went to: Maddie Frank (8-5); Skyelar Levesque (8-5); and Madeline Donahue (8-3).

Two days later, on Wednesday, May 12, the

Lady Astros suffered the same fate, losing 5-4, this time on the road.

In singles, once again, Frank defeated her opponent 8-5; Levesque got an 8-2 win; and Donahue won 8-5.

Frank and Nolan were the only doubles winners with an 8-5 finish.

Then on Friday, May 14, Pinkerton traveled to Londonderry where they handed the Lady Lancers an 8-2 loss.

The Lady Astros had overwhelming wins in all the Singles matches.

Pinkerton's Frank, Nolan and Donahue all had 8-1 victories, while

Levesque, Annabel Veale and Calli Matarozzo all achieved 8-2 wins.

In Doubles, PA's team of Sydney Collard and Bridget Gorrie were the only winners with a 8-6 match outcome.

The Pinkerton Girls finished the week with a season record of 6-4.

The Pinkerton Academy Boys team suffered two losses to the Nashua South team last week also.

They got one win in their match on Monday, May 10, on the road in Nashua 8-1, but then they were shutout on their home courts two days later.



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# Astros Track & Field Teams Get a Split in Exeter Meet

CHRIS PAUL  
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy Boys and Girls Track & Field teams headed to Exeter High School on Saturday, May 15 and the Boys won their second straight meet 85-51 while the girls had some success, but wound up losing 89-55.

There were a number of first place winners for the boys on both the track and the field that day.

## BOYS

Ben Fleming ran the 100-Meter Dash in just

11.17 seconds to take first.

Ryan Dane won the 200-Meter Dash with his time of 24.38 seconds.

The 400-Meter Run went to Alex LeBlanc with a time of 55.59 seconds.

Stephen Connelly won the 800-Meter, finishing with a time of 1:58.28.

The 1,600-Meter went to Cameron McMahon, finishing with a time of 4:59.01.

Ethan Charles took first in the 3,200-Meter Run at 10:25.78.

In the 4x100-Meter Relay, the team of LeBlanc,

Dane, Cotnoir and Fleming took first with a combined time 44.16

The team of LeBlanc, Smith, Connelly and Fleming won the 4x400-Meter Relay with a time of 3:36.35.

In the field events, Pat Cotnoir finished the Pole Vault in first by reaching 10-feet.

The Long Jump event went to Ryan Dane, whose longest jump was 19'6".

In the Triple Jump, Nick Harrington came in first at 34'2.5".

George Nigro III had a Shot Put of 42'3.5" for his spot at the top.

Daniel Powers had a mammoth discus throw of 129'8" for the win.

## GIRLS

Although the Lady Astros Track and Field team didn't have the same overall success against Exeter High School there were still a number of highlights.

Sophomore Discus throwing sensation Briana Danis broke the school record in the discus for the third meet in a row with a



Ben Fleming ran the 100-Meter Dash in just 11.17 seconds to take first and Kayla Frank, right, won the Javelin with a throw of 82'4". Photos by Chris Paul

throw of 117'5".

Senior captain Marisa Douglas had her best performance of the year in the Triple Jump. She jumped 34'2" and placed second in the event.

Freshmen runner Ginia Rufo and Contessa Silva set new personal records in the 3,200-Meter, running 12:00 and 12:09 respectively grab-

bing first and second.

The Franks sisters captured first and third in the Javelin. Sophomore Kayla threw 82'4" and Samantha threw 75'5".

Marisa Preble got second in the 800-Meter and Isabelle Groulx took third.

In the 1,600-Meter Run, Makenna Alden was first (5:51.61) and Royce

D'Amelio was second (6:00.15).

Jordon Wheaton took second in the 100-Meter Hurdles (16.69).

Morgen Metzler finished second in the 300-Meter Hurdles (52.78).

Wheaton tied three others for a share of first in the High Jump at 4'7"

Marisa Douglas took second in the Triple Jump (29'1").

Alyssa Rzasa was the longest Shot-Putter (32'10.5") and Briana Danis was second at 31'8.5".

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## DERRY

### Beginner Ukulele Group;

The last Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. on the Derry Public library patio. Starting Wednesday, May 26, the library will be hosting a ukulele group, playing beginner friendly songs. All experience levels are welcome.

Attendees can bring their own ukulele or borrow one from the library. Register at [derry-pl.org](http://derry-pl.org) or call 432-6140.

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## Plant Sale

Derry Garden Club's annual plant sale on Saturday June 5 will be held at The Robert Frost Farm, Rte 28 in Derry from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Garden club members have been digging and potting up their plants in anticipation of this yearly fundraiser. All plants are locally grown and as a "garden sale plus" a Master Gardener will be available to answer your gardening questions.

## Taylor Library Open

Taylor Library is now open to the public by appointment. Call Library at 432-7186 to

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## CHESTER

### Library Closure

The Chester Public Library will be closed Saturday, May 29 and Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day

### Crafting Group

The Chester Library will hold a group where you can bring your projects and hang out on Wednesday, May 26, at 6 p.m. Registration Is Required.

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## Library Book Sale

The Friends of Chester Library will hold a Book Sale on Saturday, May 22 (Rain Date May 23) from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., on the Chester Public Library Lawn (behind library) Paperbacks \$.50, Hardcover \$1, DVDs \$2, Puzzles \$1 or Free with \$5 purchase. Audios & TV series priced as marked. Can only accept cash or checks. No donations are being accepted.

## HAMPSTEAD

### Memorial Day

The Hampstead Memorial Day Observance will be held on Monday, May 31, at the bandstand behind the town offices from 10 - 10:45 a.m. Members of the local scouting, veterans, dignitaries, and awards will be presented to town patriots. Masks are recommended, distancing is encouraged and if you are not feeling well please do not attend. In the event of heavy rain the event will be cancelled. Questions can be directed to Howie Steadman at 329-4288.

### Storytime

Outdoor Storytime for 3 to 5-year-old children has started at the Hampstead Library! Weather permitting, meet Miss Jenn on the Library lawn for stories and fun on

Monday mornings at 10 a.m. (except holidays.) Watch the Library's Facebook page for related announcements (e.g. cancellation or changes.)

## Nonfic Club

The Hampstead Library's Nonfiction Book Club is reading Those Angry Days: Roosevelt, Lindbergh, and America's Fight Over World War II, 1939-1941 by Lynne Olson. Call the Library, 603-329-6411 to reserve your copy. The discussion is on Tuesday, June 1 at 1 p.m. This book is a definitive account of the debate over American intervention in World War II. It was a bitter, sometimes violent, clash of personalities and ideas that divided the nation and ultimately determined the fate of the free world.

## SANDOWN

### Annual Plant Sale

The Sandown Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale will be held this year, starting on Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6, the sale will be held over four weekends. The days and times are Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. All the plants will be assembled for sale at the home of Sandown Garden Club member Fran Rosenau. The location is 159 Little Mill Road in Sandown. Anyone interested in buying plants needs to call Fran for an appointment at 603-887-5131. The earlier you call the more

plants from which you can choose. For more information on the sale or membership visit [www.sandowngardenclub.org](http://www.sandowngardenclub.org) or see our Facebook page.

## Library Closure

The Sandown Library will be closed Saturday, May 29, for Memorial Day.

## Zoom Room Story Time

The Sandown Library will hold themed stories designed to encourage the development of early literacy skills and build friendships with others, on Tuesdays from 10 - 11 a.m. For the safety and privacy of all participants, registration is required, and class size is limited. All registrants will be emailed a link to join the Zoom Video Room. This is a unique link and should not be shared. The program will be locked at 10:05 a.m., so please do not be late, or you will not be allowed into the program.

## BOOK - 2 - MOVIE

Is the Book always Better? The first Thursday of each month from 6 - 8 p.m., the Sandown Library watches a movie based on a book and have a discussion comparing them. Books for the next gathering are always avail-

able on movie viewing night. This is open every month to anyone who wants to join the discussion and watch the movie. Contact: Tricia Thomas at 603-887-3428 or [pthomas@sandownlibrary.org](mailto:pthomas@sandownlibrary.org)

## Family Fun In The Kitchen

Via Zoom from 4 - 5 p.m. Fall is here which means lots of apples. The Sandown Library will be making apple crisp. Participants are required to register and will receive an email with the login information to this Zoom event. Contact: Adrienne Skora at 887-3428 or [youthservices@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:youthservices@sandownlibrary.us).

## Messy Mondays at Home

Looking for something to do with your child? Join the Sandown Library on Mondays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., for a child-centered, creative exploration. Art, science and crafts will all be incorporated into this program

## Old Home Day Committee

The Sandown Old Home Day Committee has openings and is seeking new members for the committee. If you are interested in planning the Old Home Day Fall Festival, a wonderful community event,

please contact Pat Kimball at [pkimb456@gmail.com](mailto:pkimb456@gmail.com).

## Monday Mystery Book Club

Are you a mystery reader? Looking for some new authors or a chance to read a favorite one? Join us at the Sandown Library on the 1st Monday of the month to discuss the monthly book choice from 10:30 a.m. - noon. This month's book: This Month's book: Iced Under by Barbara Ross. Books are available to pick up at the library. Please register so we have enough copies of the books available. Contact Susan Kehoe at 887-3428 or [skehoe@sandownlibrary.us](mailto:skehoe@sandownlibrary.us).

## Virtual PJ Storytime

Join Miss Adrienne live on Facebook at 6:30 p.m., every Wednesday night for Virtual PJ Storytime. Wear pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal with you.

## REGIONAL

### Perennials Need Help?

Now that spring is final-

ly here, you may have notice that many perennials in the garden are in need of help. If you would like to give your perennials a fresh start this year, please contact The Green team of Londonderry on Facebook or call 537-2760. Will schedule a time, at your convenience, to divide those perennials that need a little help this spring. We will then take the surplus plants to be potted and prepared for our first annual Plant Sale on Saturday, June 5. Please call early to schedule a dig in your garden before the Team's plant quota is reached. Some plants may be restricted. Proceeds from these donated plants support the Team's many projects and its conservation, beautification and education endeavors. The Green team of Londonderry is a civic organization. For more information, please visit us on our Facebook page.

# OBITUARY

## Nancy Sullivan



Nancy Sullivan, 86, of Londonderry, NH passed away Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021 after a long illness. She passed away in the comfort of her son's home in Florida surrounded by her children and surviving sister.

Nancy was born in Derry, NH, on Jan. 29, 1935, a daughter of William C. and Leona (Rowell) Gray. She was a graduate of Pinkerton Academy, Class of 1952. Following graduation, Nancy began her career at Fleet Bank where she worked for 33 years before retiring as Vice President / Branch Manager. She was very active in the Derry community. Nancy volunteered to be involved with many organizations and committees and was honored as Citizen of the Year for her commitments. She was an active member of the St. Peters Episcopal Church of Londonderry.

Beloved wife of the late Paul A. Sullivan, Nancy is survived by two daughters, Kathi Sullivan of Fort Myers, FL and Joanne Green and her husband Jim of Boswell, OK; four sons, Kevin Sullivan, Patrick Sullivan, and Tim Sullivan and his wife Michelle, all of Fort Myers, FL and Jeffrey Sullivan and his wife Jo Ellen of Londonderry; eight grandchildren, Bill and Dan Bisson and Tyler, Kylie, Kolby, Madison, Ethan, and Nathan Sullivan; two great grandchildren, Benjamin and Wyatt Sullivan, her sister Sally (Gray) Lovell, two brothers-in-law, Tom Chase, and Jack Sullivan and his wife Rose, one sister-in-law, Cyndi Gray as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by two sisters, Mary (Gray) Aubin and Janice (Gray) Chase, and two brothers James Gray and Sam Gray.

Upon retirement, Nancy and Sully enjoyed traveling with friends throughout the US and abroad. They spent most of the winter months in Florida. They enjoyed being active in the lives of their grandkids, attending sporting events and school activities. Nancy also enjoyed staying in touch with her classmates from Pinkerton, always interested in the social aspects of the alumni. She enjoyed getting together with friends for coffee, many of whom she had known for 30-70 years either from community organizations or classmates. Nancy will be greatly missed. A few of us were fortunate enough to call her mom, Nana or Aunt Nancy, and many just Nancy.

Calling hours were held on Thursday May 13, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. Funeral services were held on Friday May 14 in the funeral home. Burial followed in Forest Hill Cemetery, E. Derry. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hope Hospice of Lee County, 9470 Healthpark Circle, Ft. Myers, FL 33908.

# OBITUARY

## James Kidd



James Kidd, 68, of Sandown, NH passed away Wednesday May 12, 2021, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born Dec. 27, 1952 in Lawrence, MA and was the son of the late Frederick and Marjorie (Colbath) Kidd of Andover, MA. He attended Andover schools and was a graduate of the University of Massachusetts with a Bachelor of Science degree. He had been a resident of Sandown for the past 37 years.

James was employed as a sonar test engineer for 40 years with Klein Associates of Salem, NH and was a member of the team that developed equipment that was instrumental in locating the Titanic. He loved the outdoors, hiking, sailing and gardening. He was an avid skier and astronomer. He enjoyed playing the guitar and had in recent years become a talented artist of oil paintings. James will forever be remembered for his devotion to his family, especially his beloved children and grandchildren.

Members of the family include his wife of 44 years, Sarah (Brown) Kidd of Sandown, a son and his wife, Michael & Danielle Kidd of Litchfield, NH, his daughter Victoria Kidd of Allenstown, NH and grandchildren April and Michael Kidd.

No services are planned at this time. Memorial donations may be made to a cancer research organization or hospice of your choice. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium is assisting the family.

# OBITUARY

## Richard A. Menard



Richard A. Menard, 66, of Chester, NH, died Thursday May 13, 2021 at Parkland Medical Center in Derry, NH. He was born in Holyoke, MA on Aug. 21, 1954, son of the late Gerard and Ruth (Tweedie) Menard. Rick was born with a serious congenital heart defect. His life was saved with pioneering pediatric heart surgery at Boston Children's Hospital, with additional surgeries and outstanding follow-up care at Children's throughout his life. He had been a resident of Chester for over 30 years, where he was the owner and operator of Menard Automotive Sales. Rick was a legend in the Mustang community in New England and beyond. He started his business as a young man in his hometown of Reading, MA and built it through hard work and willingness to take risks.

He is survived by three sisters, Bernice White and her husband Jeff of York, ME, Karen Menard-Surette and her husband Steve of Reading, MA, and Carolyn Menard and her husband Dave Dzombak of Pittsburgh, PA; niece Rachel Dzombak and husband Jeff Lackey; nephews Will Dzombak and Dan Dzombak; and many cousins. He is also survived by a wide network of friends in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, many for three or more decades. Rick felt fortunate to have developed many great friendships through his business. In addition to his automotive business, he also had a passion for the game of golf, and enthusiastically followed the ups and downs of the Patriots, Red Sox and Bruins. The unexpected early success of the 2021 Red Sox brought him happiness in his final weeks.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, May 18 at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. Funeral services were held on Wednesday at the funeral home. The burial followed in Great Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the BACH Fund, Boston Children's Heart Foundation, Department of Cardiology, Boston Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Ave., Boston, MA 02115.



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