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Progress at Pine Grove

The *Triton Voice* tours the school's \$40 million renovation

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Rowley students may remember the dark, cramped halls of Pine Grove Elementary School, but when the *Triton Voice* toured their newly-renovated campus last week, it was filled with light and extra space. The school has improved hallways, a new all-purpose room, enhanced working spaces, and some state of the art technology as part of its \$40 million renovation, due to finish at the end of the summer.

"Pine Grove was originally a field of pine trees," said Pine Grove Principal Mrs. Christine Kneeland, "So when we were making the new halls, we chose to uphold a tree theme throughout the school."

Immediately upon walking into the school, all visitors must go directly to the office. The office is all new and bright yellow. To exit the office, there is a large electronic sliding door that leads visitors into a large bright hall. When walking into the all-purpose room, which houses the cafeteria, kitchen, and stage, one can see the tree poem, which states the school's values that are upheld throughout the school.

The tree poem reads:

- Advice from a tree,
- Stand tall and proud
- Go out on a limb
- Remember your roots
- Drink plenty of water



A view of the newly-renovated all-purpose room at Pine Grove School, which includes the kitchen, cafeteria, and stage (Scalley photo).

- Be content with your natural beauty
- Enjoy the view"

Many former students may remember the old and dark cafeteria and kitchen with its low stage. The halls were dark and cramped as well. Now, they are flooded with light and bright paint. The halls are clean and spacious and offer cubby space where students can keep their belongings.

As the tour continued, reporters were shown the new layout of the school which has undergone a massive renovation over the past months. The corridor that originally held the small, musty 5th and 6th grade rooms is now home to the art hall, music, and the nurse's office. We went into the nurse's office and were greeted with a happy, furry face. Tracker, the school's therapy dog, is **See PINE GROVE on page 2**

Champs! Track, Softball Win Titles

Boys' Track Wins States

By Kiefer Callewaert & Anthony Ostrander
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The Triton spring track and field team has found major success for the duration of the season, led by head coach Joseph Colbert, capping it all off with a state championship win on Sunday.

It has been a busy past few weeks for the team, as they've recently been crowned undefeated Cape Ann League Champs, and competed in the CAL Championship.

CAL's was hosted at Triton Saturday, May 18th. "CAL's" is a select invitational meet that takes place at the end of every season, and gives track stars the opportunity to compete against the best the division has to offer. The top 24 athletes from each event were selected and faced off against one another to determine who's the best of the best.

An impressive 55 Triton athletes attended CAL's this year, and at the meet, they showed off exactly why they were selected. Triton won first place for the boys, and second place for the girls; both teams capping off the best track season in recent Triton history on a high note.

It was the boys first CAL win since 2011, capping of their perfect 8-0 season. At CALs, there were standout performances from sophomore Joe Delmonico who won the 100m and set a new school record at 10.95 seconds. **See TRACK on page 2**

VTV is Getting an Upgrade

Audio, Video, Production Equipment Added as Part of \$80,000 Betterment

By Sam Bell
Staff Writer

Newbury recently approved an expanded budget to fund some upgrades to Triton's news station, Viking Television, or as it's better known, VTV.

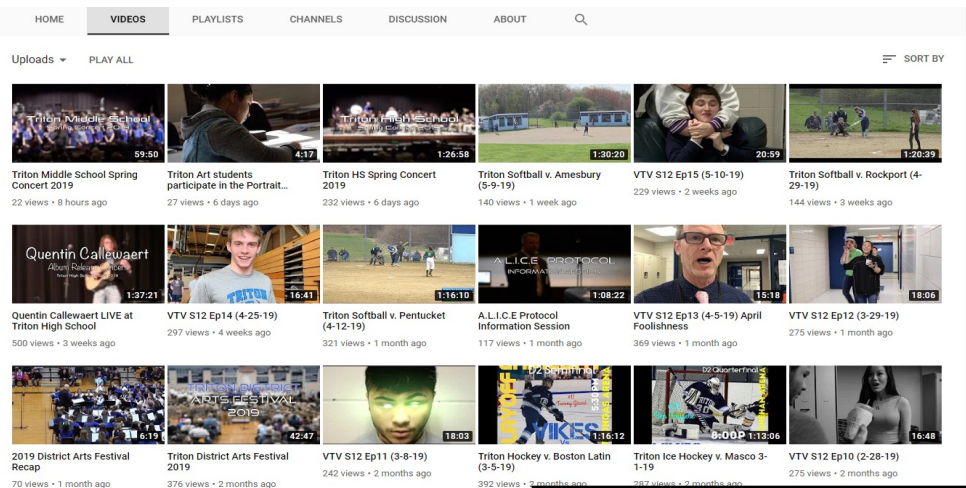
"The town of Newbury at their town meeting approved an expenditure of \$80,000 from their cable subscription revenue," said Robert Lathrop, the VTV teacher. "They have built up some reserves, and they approved \$80,000 out of those reserves to fund some equipment upgrades here at the school."

VTV films and streams many important town events including school committee meetings, sports games, and concerts. Many of these events air on local cable, which brings some money to the town. The equipment upgrades this expenditure covers will greatly improve VTV's ability to directly broadcast events to local cable.

"Those [upgrades] include video and audio equipment in the library that will allow us to broadcast our school committee meetings, stream them, and also cable cast them live," said Lathrop.

"In addition to that, we're getting a portable video production rig that we can take around to different rooms in the school to broadcast live," said Lathrop. "Those would include the gym, the auditorium, the library, and out in the stadium for sporting events."

Triton's current equipment allows



Screenshot of VTV's Youtube channel

VTV to live-edit events with a TriCaster, and upload those to its Youtube channel soon after the event.

"The biggest motivation for the town was the ability the equipment gives us to plug in wherever we are [...] and be able to send that signal live to cable television," said Lathrop. Many events do go on the local cable, but usually not live.

"We've been streaming and doing live broadcasting for years, but the towns would like to be able to turn on their TVs and turn on their cable channel and see live sporting events and live concerts," said Lathrop. "That equipment will now allow the town of Newbury to see those things."

"I'm so excited about the upgrades. Hopefully they will increase the quality of the episodes, and hopefully we can start taping more sports,"

said sophomore Alexandra Flodman. Flodman is in her second year of VTV and is signed up to take the class next year. "VTV has needed new equipment for a while so i'm happy we are finally getting it."

"That's actually great," said Bridget Tucker, an avid VTV watcher. "Instead of just being in front of the whole school they get to be in front of the whole town."

For the residents of Salisbury and Rowley, it might take a bit longer.

"The towns of Salisbury and Rowley will have to do some configuring with their contracts with Comcast to be able to see that signal," said Lathrop. "The signal will be available to all three towns but not all three towns will be able to see it until they make arrangements with Comcast."

These upgrades will most likely start to be used next fall.

Softball Takes CAL Title

By Maggie Bowen
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The 2019 Triton softball team's winning ways came to a head Wednesday night as the 17-1 team beat the rival that had handed it its only loss this season. Scoring early and often, Triton held off a late rally by North Reading to defeat the perennial powerhouse 9-4.

As a result, the team finished at the top of Cape Ann League at home on their Senior Night. The softball team has had high hopes for winning the championship for months, having clinched a playoff berth weeks ago.

With only one loss against North Reading, Triton softball looks forward to playing in the tournament. Junior Katherine Quigley, pitcher for Triton's team, spoke last week about how she's feeling about the tournament. "I'm definitely excited. But as we get deeper into the season I get a little sadder because it's getting closer to the end of my last year with the seniors of this class."

Hand-in-hand with the pitcher is catcher Fay Paicos. "We are really excited. We made it our season-long goal to make tourney and all of our hard work has gotten us this far," said Paicos. "We feel ready and our main **See SOFTBALL on page 2**



Teammates Bridget Sheehan and Emily Karavelis, the THS Softball team's top hitters, practice on the diamond (Photo from Triton Softball 2019 Facebook page).

SPORTS SPECTACULAR

BOSTON BRUINS ARE BOSS Team Looks to Take Home the Stanley Cup

By Kayla Perley & Staff Writers

Throughout this comeback season, the Boston Bruins have finally made it to the Stanley Cup for the first time since 2011. Being second in the division, they have since played two games against the St. Louis Blues. They won the first out of the seven game series, 4-2, but then dropped an overtime thriller to the Blues on Wednesday, 3-2.

Reaching the Cup series has been an up-and-down journey. After scratching by with a 4-2 series win against the Columbus Blue Jackets, the Bruins made a powerful reappearance as they swept the Carolina Hurricanes in four straight games of the best-of-7 series. Patrice Bergeron had another impressive performance scoring 3 goals, with a total of 5 points, during the series.

Meanwhile, team leader and standout defenseman Zdeno Chara is still on the injury list for undisclosed reasons, but he's expected to make a comeback for the Stanley Cup finals. The Bruins have been predicted to have the highest odds of winning The Cup this year ever since The Lightning dropped their historically amazing chances at the title.

Other B's standouts include Charlie McAvoy, number 73, who was drafted to the Boston Bruins in 2016. As a defenseman in the last 54 games of the season, he has 7 goals, 19



Defensemen Zdeno Chara and Charlie McAvoy have been stalwart in the face of opponents who are usually high-scoring squads. The pair of kept scores low, however, through the playoffs thus far (ESPN image).

assists, and an average of 25 minutes of ice time per game. McAvoy has contributed a big deal to this team, being the second best defenseman next to captain Zdeno Chara.

To win the Stanley Cup, it's the best out of seven games.

This year has brought us great luck in Boston sports with the Patriots winning the Super Bowl and the Red Sox being third in the American League with 25 wins so far this season. If the Boston Bruins win the Stanley Cup, this will be historic for Boston sports.

The Bruins next play tomorrow (Saturday) at 8 p.m. and can be watched on NBC and NBC Sports.

Michael Chavis Surprises 5-Year-old, his 'Good Luck Charm'

By Abbie Magee Staff Writer

Michael Chavis, number 23, second baseman for the Boston Red Sox, is catching all the love from fans of Boston. Chavis is in the race for American League Rookie of the Year, due to his great season so far, and drawing in attention for the NBA All Star game.



Chavis caught a slice of his eighth home-run this season on Sunday, right after he surprised young fan, Jaxon Younger, age of 5 with a thank you message for announcing Chavis as he went up to bat.

"It's something I'm going to remember, and hopefully he does as well." — Michael Chavis, Red Sox 2nd Baseman

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Other strong showings for the Vikings included junior Josh Stevens, who won the javelin, throwing 152ft, senior Diego Fernandez, who won the 400m, and junior Tyler Stranc, who won the 800m.

A reporter for the *Triton Voice* was in attendance at the meet, and heard what head coach Joseph Colbert said to the team following the victory.

"Let's enjoy this win, you've worked hard all season for it, but this isn't the end," said Colbert. "We still have states coming up. Celebrate over the weekend, but be ready for a good week of practice, because we can win this thing (states) if you believe it."

Colbert seemingly took a page out of the Patriots coach Bill Belichick coaching style, in that he wants his team to enjoy the wins, but also keep looking forward to the next week. Before too long, a new banner will be hanging in the high school gym, a symbol of the team's success over the season.

Looking back, it's incredible to see how far the track team has



The Viking boys have had a successful season and are rounding the last stretch in spring sports these past few weeks. Several athletes qualified for the state tournament this past weekend, where the Vikings continued their dominant run, winning the Division Four state title for the first time in school history. This historic performance is the culmination of several years of hard work throughout the program. Four years ago, Triton students didn't have their own track to practice on and they didn't win a single meet. Four years later, those very same freshman have grown into the athletes that led this program to the most decorated season in Triton track and field history (courtesy photo).

— ANTHONY OSTRANDER, STAFF WRITER

come. Not four years ago, the team was consistently posting losing records; at that time, being above a .500 by the end of the season would be a prosperous outcome. Meanwhile, they also had no home track.

"It's different, for sure," said Fernandez. "It's been really special watching the program grow," he said. "My freshman year we were stoked to just win one meet... now the team is likely going to be in contention for CAL and D4 Titles

both ends, defensively and offensively. Everyday we work to improve."

Even though the team is doing so well this season, there are always aspects of the game to practice and perfect, whether it's physically playing better, or being emotionally prepared, said Quigley.

"I think the only thing our team needs to work on is staying confident and keeping a good positive attitude," said Quigley.

New things are happening for the softball team this season. Father of the pitcher on the team, John Quigley, started working with Triton's VTV program to record and commentate on each softball game.

"It's been a huge help to the team." Paicos said. From being able to record each game, the players can learn a lot about their team and how to make im-

provements.

"Really, to me anyway, the team just has great chemistry," said junior Mike Farago. "We all work hard and push each other... we've got so many talented guys out here that just motivate everyone else and make us all better."

"We have the best coaching in the CAL," said Andrew Valianti, a shot put thrower on the team. "The throwers coaches really helped me, and I've heard from other people that Colbert is an excellent coach."

provements.

"We can all re-watch the games and see exactly what we are doing well with and what we need to improve on," said Paicos. "Jay commentating has been so great because he is a familiar voice for all of us and he was a huge factor in our development as individual softball players. He coached many of us throughout elementary school, and has been there for us every step of the way."

With the team nearly being undefeated, what is the leading cause of their success?

I think we all work well together and have a really good team chemistry," Quigley said.

Paicos agreed. "We all have great relationships with each other and I think that has been a huge factor in our success this season. We are one big family and I wouldn't change a thing."

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focus is to keep working hard and having fun no matter how far we get."

Considering the team is playing so well, we asked some members how they think the future of this softball season is going to finish.

"I don't know how far the season will go, but I do know that we play every team as hard as we can, no matter their record," said Paicos.

Senior Colleen McCarthy, third baseman for the team, said she feels the team will do well in the tournament.

"I think the future's so bright for us. I think there is always room for improvement in any team. We can always improve on

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in the nurse's office to help kids with anxiety, Tourette Syndrome, and other mental health issues.

Continuing the tour we went to the second and third grade wings. The classrooms are large and the hallways are lined with cubbies and new bathrooms. For every grade there is a local area in the hall that has mats, chairs, and tables. There are also Chromebooks, an interactive smart TV, and a new Smart Board. These "pits" are used for a public area to bring together the grade and have community get-togethers.

At the completion of the tour, Kneeland brought us back to the wings that have not undergone construction. It was very evident here the amount of change that has taken place at Pine Grove for the betterment of the students and the community.



Hallways and rooms flash with light and color in Pine Grove's renovated spaces (Scalley photos).