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\$1.6 Million Communications Plan Presented to Derry Town Council

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

In some areas of town, firefighters can't always depend on being able to communicate on portable radios, according to fire administrators.

Antiquated equipment with a limited reach can sometimes make it difficult for fire crews to communicate, Derry Assistant Fire Chief Scott Jackson said during an April 18 budget meeting.

The department uses 100 watt mobile radios that have to reach back to the main transmit and receive site, Jackson said during the meeting. But the system is limited in reach and doesn't always

function properly, he said.

"Our guys get out of the vehicle on portables, you can't hear them," Jackson said.

To be able to communicate, firefighters have to use devices called repeaters through the vehicle or they have to return to the vehicle, he said.

"That becomes very problematic when you have a fire in the Island Pond District at two in the morning and you are screaming for help and no one is hearing you; I've been there," Jackson said.

Jackson added, "So my vision and thinking here is to make sure that never happens again. So that's why we are trying to collaborate and get the same coverage

and protect our employees."

He appeared at the meeting with Derry police Capt. George Feole during a presentation on a proposed \$1.6 million emergency communications system.

"Basically the police side of the project is to replace all of our aging infrastructure in the police department, Feole said.

That includes radio and transmitter sites, along with other communications equipment.

The police department uses a 5-watt "friendly system" that works with hand-held radios, he said.

Feole addressed the possibility of receiving state or federal grants to help with

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Work Progresses On Home Repairs For Derry Veteran

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

The foundation has been poured and work is progressing on a project to build a new house for a Derry veteran who has struggled for more than 15 years to stay on his property.

Councilor Jim Morgan gave an update on the efforts by a local group to help veteran Larry Reimer during the April 18 Town Council meeting. Along with the foundation being poured, Morgan said backfilling was scheduled to start over the weekend, with framing work beginning this week.

"We expect to have our veteran in his new house sometime by mid-June,"

Morgan said.

To protect his privacy, Reimer's identity had been kept secret before recently being revealed.

Fundraising efforts are continuing, Morgan said, with another in a series of events held recently at T-Bones Restaurant, he said. At last count, the group had raised approximately \$60,000 to help Reimer, Morgan said.

Morgan, who has helped spearhead the effort, explained how Reimer wound up in a small shed, without running water, clinging to his property.

Owning a wood-cutting business, he was self-employed and was struggling to make ends meet and pay his property taxes. Living on the prop-

erty with his wife, the couple had worked hard for decades to support and bring up their children, Morgan said.

In early 2001, Reimer made the difficult decision to cancel his homeowner's insurance to pay his property taxes. About seven months later an accident sparked a house fire that made his house unlivable, Morgan said.

"From there his life goes into a tailspin," Morgan said.

About 15 years later, Reimer's situation was revealed through an investigation by the Property and Maintenance Committee, said Morgan, who joined the committee in 2015.

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NINJA WARRIORS Ernest P. Barka Elementary School fourth grade student Maison Richardson was one of the many contestants who participated in the Barka Ninja Warrior event last week during the school's "Turn Off the Screens Week." The rope swing was just one of the many obstacles set up in the school's gym. See more photos on page 8.
Photo by Chris Paul

Police Budget Presented To Derry Town Council

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NUTFIELD NEWS

In Fiscal Year 2018, the Police Department will not be adding any new jobs or launching any new programs.

Derry Police Chief Edward Garone presented his 44th budget during a Town Council budget meeting on

April 18.

Before discussing this year's budget, Garone took a moment to look back on his first budget presentation in Veteran's Hall a number of years ago. At one point during the session, a citizen got up in the balcony and made a motion to cut the \$200,000 spending plan in half, he

said.

"I'd been here for eight months and I wasn't sure I made the right choice," Garone said.

For this year's budget, Garone said the department is limited when it comes to hiring and beginning new programs as in past years.

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Derry Council Establishes Trust Fund For CBA Costs

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Councilors have approved a plan to establish a trust fund for assisting with paying Fiscal Year 2018 collective bargaining implementation costs.

Following a public hearing, council members voted in their April 18 meeting to approve the proposal.

After the item was approved, Council Chairman thanked Town Administrator David Caron and Chief Financial Officer Susan Hickey for their work in developing the plan

for the trust fund.

"I think it makes great fiscal sense," Bourdon said.

In 2016, the Town Council negotiated and ratified collective bargaining agreements with seven unions, according to a staff report prepared by Caron. Some of the unions had been without a contract for several years, the report said.

Employees agreed to a reduced health plan in exchange for wage adjustments. By agreeing to the reduced health plan, the Town saved funds in Fiscal Year 2017 over what the

Fiscal Year 2018 wage adjustment cost, Caron said. The savings total \$237,000.

The council anticipated that the new agreement would cost less over the cost of the status quo, which provided for expensive health plans, Caron said. In addition, the town would avoid the tax on high cost-cost plans, which is scheduled to be imposed on employers by the federal government beginning in 2020, Caron said. So that the savings can be transferred into FY 2018 to assist with paying FY18

Collective Bargaining Agreement implementation costs, it is recommended that "the council create a trust fund and deposit fiscal year savings into that fund," Caron said.

In another vote during the meeting, the council approved a plan to accept Willow Street and Lilac Court as Class V roads.

In 1997, the Planning Board approved a 24-lot subdivision named Ettlingen Homes Inc., which is also known as Willow Bend Subdivision, Public Works Director Michael Fowler wrote in a recent staff

report. Located just a half-mile north of Derry's border with Windham, the development consists of the two roads, Willow Street and Lilac Circle.

Both roads were substantially completed in 1999 but because of a slow housing market, several punch list items and clean-up items weren't

completed until 2006, Fowler wrote.

A final escrow release was completed in 2006 but due to an oversight, the roads weren't included in a street acceptance submission that year, Fowler said.

To correct the omission, staff recommended the council vote to accept both streets, Fowler said.

Veteran

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At the time, the newly formed committee was attempting to address blight and abandoned local properties. The house was being considered for demolition at one point, Morgan said.

But instead of demolishing the house and having the town spend funds, the decision was made to begin a fundraising campaign to assist the veteran for serving his country," Morgan said.

"He has lived in Derry all of his life except for the four years he served in the Air Force," Morgan said Monday. "He is a proud man who never asked for any help or anything."

Living on Social Security, he is also humble and private, Morgan added. Because there isn't room for his wife and daughter, they are living in Manchester.

With Derry's two Rotary clubs helping, the

group plans to obtain the materials to build the house at cost from different vendors, with local tradesmen donating their time, Morgan said.

By taking on the project, the group has saved the Town of Derry from approximately \$12,000 to \$15,000 in costs that would have been incurred from tearing the property down, leaning the property, disposing of the materials and "kicking a veteran off of his only home," Morgan said.

"So this has been a hugely successful fund," Morgan said.

And from this initial effort, the Derry Veterans Assistance Fund has been produced to help other local veterans.

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For more information, visit, www.gofundme.com/help-a-derry-veteran

A Petting Zoo for Trucks at WRB

K. PRUDHOMME O'BRIEN
NUTFIELD NEWS

The first ever Touch-A-Truck and Muster event will be held on Saturday, May 20 at West Running Brook Middle School in Derry from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Kids can see, touch and explore firetrucks, ambulances, police vehicles and heavy equipment of many different kinds. Additionally, an oil truck, a pontoon

boat, a tow truck and even a helicopter will be there. Firefighters, paramedics, police officers, heavy equipment operators and pilots will be there to meet the children and talk to them about the equipment and their jobs.

The Muster portion of the event will include an old-fashioned bucket brigade contest, targets to knock down with a fire hose and relay races and obstacle courses kids can

do while wearing fire-fighting gear. Kids can sign up to participate at their Derry elementary school or arrive at the event and be placed on teams that day. A siren free hour is offered from 10-11 am for kids with sensitive ears.

The event is the result of cooperation between numerous local town agencies and departments; the Derry Fire and Police Departments, The Highway and Public Works Departments, Derry Co-

operative School District, First Student Bus Company, The Derry Parks and Recreation Department, both Derry Public Libraries and the Derry Parent Teacher Association.

For more information contact about the Muster, contact Assistant Chief Scott Jackson 432-6751 or scottjackson@derrynh.org For more info about the Touch-A-Truck, contact Lieutenant Michael LaValley 432-6121 or mikelavalley@derrynh.org.

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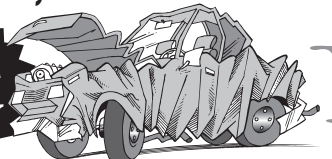
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Chief Reports Heroin Deaths Continue In Community

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

Following 24 overdose deaths in 2016, the grim trend of heroin overdose deaths has continued into this year.

Three people have died from 16 heroin overdoses from the period of Jan. 1 to Feb. 28, Derry police Chief Edward Garone said during a Town Council meeting on April 18. In the same two-month period in 2016, there were 24 heroin overdoses,

with four deaths, said Garone, adding that an analysis of both years' fatalities showed that 19 percent of those who overdosed died.

"That's pretty staggering," Garone said before he gave a presentation on the police department's budget. He was asked by Council Chairman Joshua Bourdon to give an update on the opioid crisis that has affected Derry, the state and nation.

Garone said the police department has worked

closely with the Derry Fire Department, with personnel from both departments at the scene of virtually every overdose in town.

"These are the overdoses that almost always the police department and the fire department respond to," Garone said. "I can't think of an instance where they weren't there frankly. It's a very serious problem. It's a problem that I know that the entire state and the entire country is working on to their very best of

their ability."

Also in the update, Garone provided other statistics for the heroin overdoses and deaths in Derry. In 2015, there were 122 overdoses and 12 deaths. And in 2016, there were also 122 overdoses, but the deaths doubled to 24, he said.

Garone said police believe many of the deaths are tied to additives such as fentanyl and carfentanyl, he said.

"Our estimate is from the street is that it has to do

with fentanyl and carfentanyl, those other additives that are being put into the heroin and the user most of the time is not aware," Garone said.

Unfortunately, Garone said, many of the heroin overdoses police and fire personnel encounter often involve individuals that at an extremely late stage in their addiction.

He said heroin is unlike alcohol, which can be detected through smell or other signs, like when some-

one is drunk.

"The unfortunate thing about a heroin overdose is it's very quick," Garone said. "It's usually very private and we get to find out about it when someone else learns that a friend of theirs or a family member has overdosed."

He added, "So we do take up our duties and responsibilities, working very closely with the fire department, I will assure you of that."

Netflix Series Causing Concern Amongst Parents and School Staff

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

Thirteen Reasons Why is once again stirring up controversy, this time in Londonderry.

On April 21, Londonderry High School Director of School Counseling Maureen O'Dea sent out an e-mail to parents concerning the popular Netflix series Thirteen Reasons Why and the impact it may have on students.

The show is based around the 2007 novel of the same name by Jay Asher and was adapted for Netflix by Brian Yorkey. Released on March 31, it revolves around a student, Hannah Baker, who committed suicide after recording a series of tapes that explained why she killed herself and sending them to the people who she believes were responsible for her actions. The series is known to cover a variety of difficult topics, including

alcoholism, rape and bullying.

Although the series has proven to be quite popular with most viewers and critics (maintaining a score of 76/100 on Metacritic), many have come out in opposition to the show and how it portrays suicide, not to mention how younger demographics would be interested in it. In the email, O'Dea states that she believes that the show romanticizes suicide, warning parents that "the content of the series is extremely graphic with troubling scenes throughout each episode, which may be difficult for the teenage mind to watch and process in an appropriate way."

The e-mail does not advise against students viewing it, but instead suggests that parents sit down with their children if they wish to view the program and discuss the subject it brings up. In order to assist with this, the e-mail also

features an outline that covers the shortcomings of the show, such as not mentioning treatment options for suicide, and questions that parents can ask in order to expand their children's viewpoint on what the show presents, like what they would say to characters in the show if they could speak with them?

The e-mail ends by listing off the phone numbers for both the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and National Sexual Assault Hotline.

Thirteen Reasons Why has been in the spotlight for the last couple of weeks over its portrayal of suicide. Recently, Suicide Awareness Voices of Education (SAVE), a nonprofit group with the mission of suicide prevention, spoke out against the series as well. Dan Reidenberg, SAVE's executive director, stated that "There is a great concern that I have ... that young

people are going to over identify with Hannah in the series and we actually may see more suicides as a result of this television series."

However, the show's creators have come out in defense of the show. Co-producer Selena Gomez came out and said in a video

released alongside the show on Netflix that "We wanted to do it in a way where it was honest, and we wanted to make something that can, hopefully, help people, because suicide should never, ever be an option."

Author Jay Asher also defended the series, stating

that "Suicide is an uncomfortable thing to talk about, but it happens, and so we have to talk about it."

Despite the controversies, many are speculating that the series will be getting a second season, although Netflix has not confirmed anything as of yet.

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Editorial

Welcome Home

In the good old days, when a new family moved to a town, a cheerful greeter would contact new homeowners and welcome them to their new community with packets full of information, useful phone numbers and discount coupons. Some of us may recall having gained some helpful knowledge of our new surroundings through such a visit. But as small towns grow, and as the nature of society changes, a knock on the door from a stranger is hardly as welcome these days as it once was. And with many of southern New Hampshire's towns functioning more as "bedroom communities" for Massachusetts, there's often a knowledge gap about the place newcomers have chosen to hang their hats.

Yet residents are far from being left to navigate unfamiliar territory on their own. Your local newspaper - and we mean local - has been the source of hospitality for over a decade.

Just a quick glance at the local calendar section in today's edition offers myriad options, including: social gatherings - civic club, garden club, mothers' club; support groups for health concerns; entertainment for all ages; and plenty of sports, again for all ages. It's like having a phone and email directory for town activities at your fingertips.

Need information on voter registration? Kindergarten registration? Trans-

fer station hours? Your local newspaper announces those on a regular basis. But why stop there?

New residents may have little knowledge of how government operates in their chosen hometown, so where else but in the local newspaper can they find out what's happening, in detail, at the town council or planning board?

There are plenty of naysayers who say that type of news is boring, but if a development is going in next to the home you just bought, or the road is being realigned in front of your house, that's the kind of news you need, want, and expect your local newspaper to provide.

And then there's the give and take of the letters to the editor, where residents are welcome to share their views on sundry topics, and get to know a little more about each other in the process. And of course the advertisements throughout the newspaper, letting readers know what businesses serve and support their community.

So while we aren't going to be knocking on your door with a basket of goodies and a big smile, we are indeed going to your mailbox with a news and advertising package full of information you can use to make yourself feel quite at home. Whether you are brand-new to town or have lived here all your life - we're here for you.

Letters

Open Letter to Sen. John Reagan

To the editor,

In a "Letter to the Editor" last week I publically acknowledged you as being the one Republican senator who voted against a bill which would in effect potentially reduce or eliminate access to nutrition to more than 40,000 children in N.H. (SB7). Naturally I assumed that you were such a strong supporter of children in need that you would vote against your party affiliation in order to protect N.H. children

I was wrong! This morning I read that at the request

of Education Commissioner Edelblut, you "introduced an amendment to HB 356 to vastly expand the role of the Commissioner of Education." Among the many other unwise changes this bill would make is to assign Commissioner Edelblut as administrator of special education law and put him in control of the Division of Instruction for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and the Division of Career Technology and Adult Learning.

Frank Edelblut's work background is as an accountant, auditor, and venture capitalist. His children

are home schooled. He has no background in Education. I do have an educational background in Special Education, and have been working since 1969 with severely and multiply disabled children. It is unethical and unwise for the state of N.H. to put the education of these children in the hands on one man who has no experience with general or Special Education. Submitting your amendment and circumventing a public hearing on it indicates that you are attempting to undermine N.H. public education.

Corinne Dodge
Derry

Nutfield News welcomes letters of up to 500 words on topics of local interest, written by local residents, and prints as many letters as possible. Please e-mail your letters to the Nutfield News at nutfield-news@nutpub.net. All letters must include the writer's name, address and phone number for verification if needed; name and town of residence will be printed. Nutfield News reserves the right to reject or edit letters for content and length, and anonymous letters will not be printed. Deadline for letters is 5 p.m. Monday.

Emergency Management Budget Presented to Council

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

In the past year the Derry Fire Department has developed of a Community Emergency Response Team and completed an emergency operations plan.

Derry Fire Chief Michael Gagnon mentioned the projects during a presentation on the Emergency Management Budget on April 18 at the Derry Town Council meeting.

There is no revenue that comes into the budget, he said. In addition, the budget also doesn't have any full-time or part-time employees.

Fire Department personnel are used to complete programs and training in the division. Gagnon functions as the emergency management director, as well as part of his collateral job duties.

Looking to the coming

fiscal year, Gagnon said the department plans to continue with the CERT program.

"So we are very encouraged with that for an initial roll out," Gagnon said.

In a meeting earlier this year, Gagnon said the key to the team's success is "going to be everything occurring in a coordinated fashion, having your team blend in to our system; and we are going to work and train and do everything we can to make sure that happens."

The CERT of Derry is a partnership between the Town of Derry and the residents of Derry. The team will be made up entirely of volunteers and be focused on several key objectives, according to fire officials.

Additional objectives based on capability may include: assisting with traffic control during large scale emergencies; conducting door-to-door canvassing

(welfare checks) during large scale emergencies; assisting New Hampshire Fish and Game with light-duty search and rescue efforts when appropriate; providing auxiliary emergency services during times of large scale emergencies (i.e. filling sandbags); conducting community outreach, educating the public and participating in ongoing team recruitment efforts.

In addition to the CERT program, plans call for continuing to develop the emergency operations plan, with some drills are planned with the Homeland Security, Gagnon said.

Plans for Fiscal Year 2018 also call for upgrading the town-owned Am radio station 1610 to provide emergency information.

"We are hoping to do that with grant funds if possible, Gagnon said.

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Locals Vie for Scholarships at Miss New Hampshire Program

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
NUTFIELD NEWS

It pays to be Miss New Hampshire, and from April 27-29 at Pinkerton Academy's Stockbridge Theatre, 28 local title-holders will vie for the chance to be crowned next.

The Miss New Hampshire program is a state chapter of the Miss America Organization, and is the largest scholarship program for women in New Hampshire.

"It gives them a great deal of scholarship money," Cindi Conley, Miss New Hampshire Public Relations Chair explained. "We're awarding \$75,000 this year that will go to Miss New Hampshire, and each girl who doesn't place gets \$1,500."

Coley mentioned that the funds go right to the school of each young lady's choice, and not directly to the contestant.

"The parents love it because it's less tuition money," Conley quipped. She further stated that community service plays a big part in the competition, as each contestant has her own community service platform as a way to give back to a cause that is near and dear to her heart.

Miss Bedford, Stephanie Iacuzio of Derry, a 2015 graduate of Plymouth State with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and a Minor in Dance, mentioned that she had first gotten started with Miss New Hampshire when she was a senior in high school to polish her public speaking skills in order to become a

teacher, as well as pursue scholarships to help her to afford school. She also mentioned that the program serves to develop strong and empowered role models. From there she commented, "It's a really fun time getting to grow as individuals and as a group, we are a sisterhood at the end of the day."

Iacuzio represents "Be Aware, Be Prepared", a program that teaches self-defense techniques to the public in a fun and safe way.

Miss Lake Sunapee Region, Shawna Gile, who hails from Derry, is a first year student at Bishops University in Sherbrooke, Quebec, working towards her International Business Degree. She explained that she hopes to become the next Miss New Hampshire because, "It is a chance to represent the state and to promote my platform of Anaphylactic Shock Awareness."

Gile stated that many of the titles in Miss New Hampshire have open eligibility, meaning that anyone from the state can hold the title, even if they are not from that particular town or area. She said that the program was important because it allows many women to afford higher education, and she has seen many ladies before her leave school with little to no debt, thanks to Miss NH.

And finally, Mariah Larocque, current Miss Greater Derry, echoed Gile's sentiment of the significance of the Miss NH program in the sense that it has helps many women afford school, but she also mentioned that it provides confidence, inter-



A number of local contestants will take to the stage this week in hopes of becoming this year's Miss New Hampshire.
Photos by Chris Paul

viewing skills, service opportunities, and friendships. She will be attending the Institute for American Musical Theatre in New York City this Fall. As an ambassador for Drug Free America Inc, Larocque hopes to win the crown so that she will be able to take her platform to the state and national level.

"I hope to do all I can to be an advocate, lend a helping hand, end the stigma and save lives," Larocque said.

Each competitor will be judged in four phases of the contest, which include Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimsuit, Evening Wear, Talent, Private Interview, and On-Stage questions. Contestants are all between the ages of 17 and 24 and have been residents of New Hampshire, or full time students for at least six months.

Regarding the stereotypes that are often brought against these types of competitions, Conley had this to say:

"One thing that's a big misnomer is that we're a

beauty pageant," Conley stated. "We're actually a scholarship program...it's mainly the scholarship and the commitment to the community." She further mentioned that once people see a competition, or serve on the judging panel, they understand the meaning behind the dresses and sashes.

As an example, Conley mentioned that after he had judged a Miss New Hampshire contest, Tom Raffio, President and CEO of Delta Dental had said that should he receive two resumes, and the first one says that the

applicant was involved in these competitions, that applicant would already be way above the other, based on the interviewing skills that the young ladies display during their time onstage and privately before the judges.

According to Conley, this year Raffio will be offering two scholarships for those that are involved with STEM programs, which will be something never before offered through the competition.

Tickets for the competitions can be purchased online at the Stockbridge



Caroline Carter was crowned Miss New Hampshire in 2016 by 2015 winner and Derry resident Holly Blanchard.

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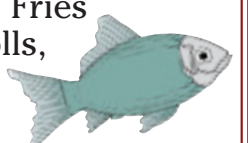
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Governor Sununu Declares April 17-23 Wildfire Awareness Week

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

As the weather warms up and campers begin to set their sights on New Hampshire's forest landscape, the State House has stepped up to remind the public of just how important fire safety is.

On April 19th, Governor Chris Sununu and the Executive Council presented state forestry officials with a proclamation designating April 17-23, 2017 as "Wildfire Awareness Week" in New Hampshire. Governor Sununu made the proclamation in conjunction with the NH Division

of Forests and Lands, the Forest Protection Bureau and the Northeastern Forest Fire Protection Commission's Wildfire Prevention and Education Working Team.

As noted by the proclamation, eighty-one of New Hampshire's landmass is considered forestland, making the prospect of forest fires all the more harmful to the residents of New Hampshire and making it imperative that these residents follow proper fire safety practices. The month of April was chosen specifically for the week to occur because, according to the

proclamation, "historically, the month of April causes great concern for the prevention of wildfires as cured forests and wildland fuels are highly flammable and ignition sources from careless individuals can easily spark a wildfire."

New Hampshire has been a part of the NFFPC since 1947 and is joined on it by six states, five Canadian provinces, the New England National Forests, the National Park Service, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, along with the Fire Department of New York City, all with the goal of surprising

and preventing wildfires.

In 2015 and 2016 alone, New Hampshire suffered from more than 250 wildfires that impacted over 800 acres of land. In the face of these threats, however, the Division of Forests and Lands utilizes fire towers, aerial reconnaissance, Forest Rangers and additional mobile patrols to support local fire departments in their efforts to combat the fires, as well as prevent adverse effects to nearby homes and help to keep fire fighters safe in their own efforts.

Forest Ranger and Fire Prevention Specialist Doug

Miner spoke out in support of this week, stating that "Each year we continue to see more structures threatened and impacted by wildfires in NH".

New Hampshire's wildfires are only the tip of the iceberg, as a recent 20-year study of national wildfire data from 1992 to 2012 noted that not only did roughly 1.5 million forest fires occur in that period, but 1.2 million of these fires, or 84%, were caused by humans, meaning many of these incidents could have been avoided if residents simply exercised fire safety.

The proclamation also spoke about the economic

impact forest fires can have on the state. It stated that the forest product, recreation and tourism industries in New Hampshire are all highly reliant upon the state of its forests, with these industries providing ample employment to the state's citizens and billions of dollars to its economy.

The Division of Forests and Lands encourages homeowners to visit firewise.org, managed by the National Fire Protection Association, for a plethora of information and online courses pertaining to fire safety practices and forest fire prevention.

Police

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"This budget does not include any new positions or any new programs," Garone said. "We are unable to embark upon any such programs or positions based on the fiscal constraints that we find ourselves in here in Derry."

The department has 57 sworn officers and will not be adding to the total. Despite having nine new officers working there are still three vacancies, which is big number for a depart-

ment of Derry's size, Garone said.

This year's budget personnel accounts have increased by \$315,279, which is basically the result of a two-year collective bargaining settlement, he said.

In addition, he said there's been "a precipitous increase in the retirement contribution that nets out to \$143,844."

He added that there are also step and longevity increases in the budget but they are fairly small.

A large percentage of the department's costs are dedi-

cated to personnel.

As for spending programs, the department finished a portable radio upgrade last year, and has completed HVAC upgrades and replaced all mobile computers this year. As a consequence, there aren't any other programs planned for Fiscal Year 2018.

There will be an approximately \$10,500 projected increase for gasoline. The projected increase was calculated by Public Works Director Michael Fowler, Garone said.

Garone said the overall

expenses of department is down by \$411,395 or approximately 4.3 percent.

"We have no new vehicles or capital projects, that's the big nut there," he said.

Looking at revenue, he said there will be declines from the bullet proof vest program since the department has replaced a number of vests.

There has also been a reduction in pistol licensing due to a change in the law

that allows residents to carry a concealed weapon with some exceptions.

Garone said a number of people bought guns following the Sandy Hook shooting four years ago.

"When Sandy Hook happened, a ton of people went out and bought guns and got licenses," he said.

Also affecting revenue, the state Department of Motor Vehicles determined that police departments

couldn't collect or sell motor vehicle accident reports. All of the reports must now be sold through the state, resulting in an annual decrease in revenue of about \$7,500.

The net budget for 2018 totals it \$537,617, representing a 6.3 percent increase.

The vast majority of the increase has to do with cost increases in the collective bargaining agreement and the New Hampshire retirement system increase, Garone said.

System Plan

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funding. Because of limitations in federal funding, he said it seems unlikely Derry will be able to receive a grant.

And as for possibly receiving a state grant, he said, "This system we are proposing is meant to upgrade Derry's infrastructure; it's not a regional project, so we are not going to score high in that regard. So the likelihood of us being successful with a state grant is not very good."

The proposed system for police and fire has been added as a proposed budget

item in the Capital Improvement Plan.

The item is being proposed to replace outdated transmission and radio equipment, Town Administrator David Caron said during a meeting earlier this year at the Planning Board.

"The reason we are doing this now is we've got very old equipment with our police and fire dispatch and both facilities are reaching their end of life," Caron said. "We've been told by the manufacturer that it's difficult to get parts and it appears that in another year or so the vendor will no longer support those two

facilities."

If approved by the Town Council, the proposed communications system would replace all of the transmitter and receiver sites in town, Caron said.

"It will deal with all of the equipment on both head ends," Caron said. "It will continue interoperability with respect to communications between police and fire."

Caron added, "We expect that if the project survives the budget process and is approved by the Town Council it will be developed beginning in the summer of 2018 and end in about a year."

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Pinkerton Teacher Wins Christa McAuliffe Excellence In Education Award

HUNTER MCGEE
NUTFIELD NEWS

When he first learned he had won the Christa McAuliffe Excellence In Education Award, Pinkerton Academy teacher Eric Dugas said he paused for a moment.

"At first I was very surprised," Dugas said. "I had to ask if they had contacted the right individual. It was a great honor for myself and my department. Christa McAuliffe was pioneer, so to receive an honor in her name is humbling."

The award is named in honor of Christa McAuliffe (1948-1986).

Christa was the New Hampshire educator who was scheduled to be the first teacher in space.

The Christa McAuliffe Excellence in Education

Award recognizes and honors a candidate in the Teacher Education Conversion Program who embodies the type of excellence exemplified by the late educator, according to officials. The nominee is someone who has drive, ambition, and who encompasses the passion required to be an outstanding educator. The recipient is a candidate who has a high GPA, a strong commitment to the education profession, and one who has demonstrated a great potential for teaching, according to officials.

Dugas was described by his student teaching supervisor as someone who is serious about becoming the best educator he can be and is always seeking feedback to grow professionally, according to a release. He immediately applies what



Pinkerton Academy Teacher Eric Dugas recently was named winner of the Christa McAuliffe Excellence in Education Award. Shown from left, Dr. Heather Wood, Professor Cynthia Lucero, Director of Field Experience; Eric Dugas - Christa McAuliffe Excellence in Education Award Winner, Emily Reed - Future Educator Award; and Dr. Kelly Moore-Dunn, Head of Faculty, Education.

he learns in his New Hampshire Technical Institute (NHTI) studies to his teaching in the high school classroom, demonstrating that he understands the benefit of research-based practices. An extreme optimist, Dugas always finds a way to help

students see their potential. He is excellent at combining humor, kindness, and firmness to create a task-oriented and positive learning environment, the release said.

After a career in law enforcement, Dugas said he

became a teacher this year.

"I retired from law enforcement after 16 years of service from an injury in the line of duty," he said.

Dugas said his role model growing up was his grandfather, a WWII Marine veteran and an

inspirational man. Dugas said he took a job as a para educator at Salem High School and then Pinkerton Academy.

"I loved working with the kids and felt, with my life experience, I could have a positive effect on their lives and the future of our country," Dugas said.

With a Masters in Criminal Justice/Cyber Security, Dugas said he had to go back to school at NHTI's Teacher Conversion Program.

"Now I juggle teaching, school, coaching football and lacrosse, and raising a daughter," he said.

Dugas said his aspirations in teaching are "to remain a good role model for the students and help them to become successful members of society."

Derry Libraries Weigh In On LSTA Funds Protection

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
NUTFIELD NEWS

With recent news of the possibility of funds being cut for the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) under the proposed federal budget, local libraries have been weighing in on how to help protect funding for vital library services.

"It would really hurt us," Taylor Library Director, Linda Merrill stated about the prospect of losing funds for the LSTA. She explained that the small Derry Library depends on interlibrary service from the Derry Public Library, which in turn, according to Derry

Public Library Director, Cara Barlow, depends on receiving a collection of books through the state through a union catalogue for resident readers. Merrill further stated that the Taylor Library picks up books three times a week from the Derry Public Library so that patrons can borrow titles they are looking for.

"I don't know what we'd do for our patrons," Merrill said. "we're small, we can't have all of the books."

Merrill said that for their patrons' convenience, Taylor Library uses a state database to search for and request books for which patrons are looking for.

These books will come down from a queue of available books at other locations to the Derry Public Library, then to the Taylor Library, for the reader to retrieve there. Then once patrons are finished, they can return the book to the Taylor Library, and a van service will return the book through the proper channels.

Director Cara Barlow of the Derry Public Library mentioned that on top of the LSTA funds helping to pay for books borrowed from other libraries for their cus-

tomers, the funds also help to pay for the platform for a service called "Overdrive", a giant database of ebooks and audio books for patrons. On top of that, Barlow also said that the LSTA funds help to pay for summer reading programs. She explained that building each year's theme, artwork, graphics, and all the program's planning happens at the state level and is paid for by LSTA grants. Along with those things, she also said that the LSTA pays for "Books for the Blind."

"(There would be) lots of very special interest things that would affect Derry residents if they were not here anymore," Barlow said.

When asked what their patrons could do to help protect these vital funds, Merrill said that writing letters to congressmen and senators on how losing the funds would impact library services, and why the funds should not be cut.

According to Barlow,

congressional representatives have already signed to support the LSTA funds, and mentioned that patrons should call and thank them. "Lots of times, public officials only hear about what is making people unhappy," she said "we need to let them know they're doing a good job."

For more information on what the LSTA does for New Hampshire, visit: www.nh.gov/nhsl/nhlac/lsta_2000.html

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Ninjas Compete at Barka Turn Off the Screens Week Event



During the “Turn Off The Screens Week” at Ernest P. Barka Elementary School Students in grades three through five got to participate in the Barka Ninja Warrior event on Wednesday night, April 19, at the school. A series of obstacles were set up in the school’s gym and each grade was timed and the top three finishers being named by the school nurse and physical education teacher. Other events included, an Ice Cream Social, Paint a Rock Night, and a Talent Show.

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DERRY SPORTS

Pinkerton Tracksters Excel in Both Londonderry and Nashua

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Pinkerton Academy's boys' and girls' spring track and field teams enjoyed what can only be described as overwhelming success at road meets in Londonderry and Nashua last week.

Both of the academy's contingents tallied decisive wins over their arch-rivals from Londonderry High in the first events of the 2017 Beeman Trophy Games at LHS on Tuesday, April 18. And then on Saturday in the Gate City, both PA crews put forth impressive performances at the 12th Annual Nashua North Invitational.

BOYS

The Astro males were all kinds of dominant against Londonderry in the Beeman meet, outscoring their hosts by a massive 106-21 tally.

Pinkerton won no less than a dozen events, with Adam Spencer pacing the charge by proving unbeatable in the 110-meter hurdles (time of 15.47 seconds), the 300-meter intermediate hurdles (42.74), and the high jump as well (5 feet, 8 inches).

In those three events, Pinkerton swept the top three places in the 110 hurdles and the 300 hurdles, and the top two spots in the

high jump.

Also bagging victories were Jady Ruimwijk in the 100 dash (11.14), Eduardo Hernandez in the 200 (23.57), Kyle Hajj in the 400 (54.74), Calvin Graves in the 800-meter run (2 minutes, 01.50 seconds), Ben Clough in the pole vault (11 feet), John Brooks in the long jump (19'6 1/2"), Colin Bigelow in the javelin (152'3"), and Joron Harrell in the triple jump (41'6 1/4").

The academy males also snared first places in the 4x100 (45.04) and the 4x400 (3:35.26), and the Astros took at least three scoring places in a great many events.

At the North Invitational, the Pinkerton boys claimed no less than eight first places, with individual wins coming from Nico Buccieri in the 100 (11.29), Ruimwijk in the 200 (22.53), Graves in the 800 (1:59.86), Spencer in the 300 hurdles (42.39), and Bigelow in the javelin (150'8"). The locals also won all three of the relays.

GIRLS

While not quite as lopsided as the boys' win over Londonderry in the Beeman meet at LHS, the Lady Astros still beat the host Lady Lancers quite handily,



Lady Astro distance stalwart Tori Overko chugs around the LHS track toward a win in the 1,600 meter run.

83-52, on Tuesday the 18th.

Event wins were delivered by Maria Virga in the 100 (12.85) and the 300 hurdles (47.96), Amelia Graves in the 200 (26.69) and the javelin (106'), Britney Johnson in the 800 (2:21.10), Tori Overko in the 1,600 (6:04.22), Hannah Peterson in the 100 hurdles (18:56) and the triple jump (31'5"), Emma Davis in the high jump (4'7"), Hannah Rogers in the long jump (16'8 1/2"), and Adrienne



Pinkerton weights event standout Narrick Orciuch rifles the discus at LHS.

Photos by Chris Pantazis

Buccieri in the shot (27'4").

The Lady Astros also won the 4x100 (52.76) and tallied numerous place wins in most events.

At the North competition, Pinkerton got wins from Graves in the 400 mile (5:30.48), and Virga in the 100-meter hurdles (105'7"), Johnson in the mile (5:19.15), Meghan Cross in the freshman/sophomore (5:30.48), and Virga in the 100-meter hurdles (15.70).

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Lady Astro Lax Manages 4-1 Record After Five Matches



PA freshman lacrosse player Hailey Peredna looks for a route around a Hanover defender during the Lady Astros' win last weekend. *Photo by Chris Pantazis*

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The defending Division I champion Pinkerton Academy girls' lacrosse squad had plenty of reasons to be pleased with the 4-1 record it had compiled after five 2017 matches recently.

But the fact that the lone loss came in their home-opener to the Bishop Guertin contingent which the locals bested in the D-I title game last spring could conceivably be seen as a reason for concern.

The Guertin girls from Nashua led by an 8-4 tally at halftime of their Tuesday, April 18 meeting with the Lady Astros in Derry, and the visitors ended up claiming a hard-fought 11-8 win in dealing PA its first loss of the young campaign.

"We started the game up one goal, but then BG scored the next four goals to

take the lead, and we were never able to gain a lead the remainder of the game," lamented PA veteran coach Rob Daziel.

The hosts attempted a valiant comeback during the final handful of moments in the contest but fell short of their ultimate goal of a victory.

"The team came on strong in the remaining five minutes of the game by scoring the last three goals, but it was not enough," said the coach.

The defending state champs received three goals and one assist from Avery Drouin, two goals and a helper from Dani Tompkins, two tallies out of the stick of Meghan Michaud, and a single score from Lauren Lisauskus. Goalie Dani Martineau was credited with four saves.

"Emily Sharretts led the team in draw controls, and

Madison Daziel led the team in ground ball controls," said coach Daziel.

But the Lady Astros landed right back on the winning path on Friday the 21st after making the long bus haul west to Keene. Pinkerton bested the host Keene High Lady Blackbirds by the utterly dominant score of 18-3.

The locals outscored their hosts by an 11-0 tally in the first half and faced no serious comeback performance by their hosts in half number two.

Tompkins put together a seven-point match for the victors, scoring four times and setting up three other scores. Madison Peredna was good for three goals and an assist, and Michaud, Drouin, Lisauskas, and Kiley Davis each netted two goals.

Additionally, Jordan Vaillancourt dealt out four

assists and Madison Daziel, Zoe Howe, and Lilly Auger all potted one goal and dished out one assist. Goalie Alex Messitidis contributed three saves to the lopsided Pinkerton success.

And then back at home the next afternoon, the Lady Astros took care of business against Division II opponent Hanover in a 14-7 match.

Davis was the big offensive producer for PA, tallying four goals and setting up two others for a six-point day. Drouin scored three times and Tompkins was good for two goals and one helper.

The victorious hosts also got two goals apiece from Michaud and Lisauskas, a goal and an assist apiece from Peredna and Megan Jarvis, one score from Auger, and one assist from Hailey Peredna. Keeper Martineau added six stops to the big PA success.

Astro Laxmen Keep Their 2017 Record Perfect With Victories

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy boys' lacrosse squad bumped its stellar 2017 record up to a perfect 6-0 with victories over a

Massachusetts opponent and a New Hampshire opponent last week.

The Astros were some five goals better than the visiting Billerica (Mass.) bunch in Derry on Wednesday, April 19, besting that oppo-

nent by a 12-7 tally.

The match was tied up at 2-2 after one period, but the hosts led 6-3 at halftime. Pinkerton then grasped a 9-6 lead heading into the fourth quarter, in which the locals outscored their guests by a

3-1 margin in tucking the win away.

Pinkerton goalie Alex Sturgess made 10 saves in his net, and the winning side received two goals and four assists from Ryan Auger, three goals and a helper

from Mason Drouin, two goals and an assist apiece from Chad Teresky and Tom Sweeney, two goals from Chris Valentine, and a single marker out of the stick of Connor Delea.

The next afternoon the locals made the lengthy bus ride out to Hanover and brought home a lopsided,

19-3 thumping of the host Marauders. Unfortunately, Pinkerton statistics were not available for that match.

This week's slate has coach Brian O'Reilly's Astros playing host to Souhegan of Amherst on Thursday the 27th, and then at Longmeadow, Mass., two days later.

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Academy Spikers Succeed Against NH, Massachusetts Opponents

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NUTFIELD NEWS

In starting its 2017 season with a perfect 6-0 record, the Pinkerton Academy boys' volleyball squad took care of business against teams from both New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

But late last week the Astros saw their unblemished record soiled a bit by another opponent from the

Bay State.

The Astros advanced to 5-0 with a 3-0 blanking of the Bishop Guertin Cardinals in Nashua on Wednesday, April 19, and then enjoyed more success against the visiting Lawrence (Mass.) High contingent in Derry the next day.

However, the young warriors were dealt their first defeat of the campaign against the Andover (Mass.)

bunch in Derry on Friday April 21.

In the white-washing of Guertin, the Astros claimed individual game victories of 25-21, 25-19, and 30-28 in driving to match success.

The locals got 24 assists, nine service points with six aces, and six kills from Cobi Moore, 37 digs from Kujan Patel, 17 digs and 10 kills from Ty Behsman, and a dozen assists from Brian

Castle.

Other contributions included eight kills from Hunter Hazard, five kills and two blocks from Sean Galusha, and five blocks from Matt Fabrizio.

In its 3-1 besting of Lawrence the next day, PA won games one and two by a count of 25-15, saw the Bay Staters rebound for a 26-24 success in game three, and then ended the match with a

25-19 win in game four.

Senior captain Moore produced 30 assists, eight kills, 18 service points (with six aces), five digs, and two blocks for the winners. Patel contributed 10 digs and six assists, Behsman bagged 13 kills, Galusha was good for 10 kills, and Fabrizio managed four blocks.

But far less went right for the local spikers in Friday against Andover, los-

ing individual games of 25-18, 25-14, and 25-17.

Moore managed 15 assists and two kills, Galusha gathered six kills and five blocks, Fabrizio blocked four shots, and Behsman claimed five service points and four kills.

The Astros returned to competitive play this Wednesday, April 26, to play Mascenic in New Ipswich, after Nutfield News press time.

Lady Astro Racketeers Run Into a Rough Patch, Get to 3-3

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

After starting the 2017 season with a pair of convincing victories, the Pinkerton Academy girls' tennis squad saw things slip in the

opposite direction as the Lady Astros dropped three of their next four matches.

The academy crew dropped two decisions last week, with a 5-4 barn-burner against Concord and a more lopsided loss to Derryfield

of Manchester.

In the tight loss to Concord's Crimson Tide in Derry on Wednesday, April 19, the Lady Astros split singles down the middle but dropped two of the three doubles battles to fall by the 5-4 margin.

Singles successes were bagged by Zoe Freedman (9-7 score), her sister Chloe (8-2), and Julia Farnum (9-7).

After Riley Reinert and Zoe Freedman had to default at first doubles, the duo of Michaela Forand and Samantha Donahue snared an 8-2 win at number two doubles. But Chloe Freedman and Farnum were narrowly beaten in a 9-8 (7-5) tiebreaker in the third doubles battle, giving the match to Concord. The Tide became 3-1 with the victory.

And the academy squad had a far more difficult day in Manchester on Thursday April 20, dropping an 8-1 decision to 5-1 Derryfield.

The lone Pinkerton victory was by Michaela Forand at third singles, who

bested her opponent by an 8-6 tally.

The Lady Astros' next closest battle came at fifth

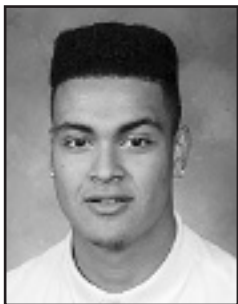
singles, where Farnum was dealt an 8-6 defeat.

The 3-3 academy squad's next match was slated to

take place on Wednesday April 26 - after Nutfield News press time - with a trip to Keene.

Athletes of the Week

Week of April 17



**Jady Ruimwijk, Junior,
Boys' Track and Field**

This exceptional athlete won the 200-meter dash and was a part of the Astros' 4X100 relay and 4X400 relay teams during their big success at Londonderry. He was also named the outstanding male athlete at the Haverhill Invitational.



**Caitlin Hogan, Senior,
Softball**

This battle-tested veteran went a truly stellar 6-for-9 in two contests during this span and drove in five runs. She also helped her successful Lady Astros with strong play at first.

PA Boys' Tennis Gets Split

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

A big victory over Concord followed by a lopsided loss to Derryfield last week sent the Pinkerton Academy boys' tennis team into a lengthy vacation span with a 5-1 record in its first six matches of the spring.

The Astros handed the Concord High Crimson Tide a 7-2 defeat in the state capital last Wednesday, April 19, but the next afternoon

the academy crew fell by that same score to the tough Derryfield School contingent from Manchester in Derry in suffering its first match loss of the season.

In the win over Concord, the Astros received singles successes from Seb Tonini (8-2 score), Henry Su (9-7), John Marineau (8-5), Jeff Marquis (8-4), and Tate Pinyochon (8-6) in getting the match win tucked away before doubles even began.

The locals then received

doubles wins from the tandems of Tonini and Marineau (8-4) and Su and Pinyochon (8-6) in reaching the final 7-2 match tally.

However, in the home match against Derryfield the next day the Astros' only victories came at number one singles from Tonini (8-5) and from Pinyochon at number six singles (8-6).

The team won't take to a court for a match again until May 3 when they play at Nashua South.

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Lady Astro Softball Crew Wins Four Straight, Gets To 5-1

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

After collecting a one-run win over the visiting Salem High Lady Blue Devils in Derry at the start of last week, the Pinkerton Academy softball squad ventured out onto the road and built up a tidy little four-game winning streak.

A big, late-inning offensive rally helped the Lady Astros bust open a tight game with the host Merrimack High Lady Tomahawks on Tuesday, April 18, with the final result being a 12-4 PA victory.

The locals scored five runs in the top of the second and one more in the fourth. And they busted open a 6-4 contest by scoring six more times in the top half of the seventh in plowing to the lopsided success.

Pinkerton produced an impressive 18 hits in the win, with six players collect-

ing multiple safeties. That impressive group was led by Abby Amato (3-for-5), Caitlin Hogan (3-5), and Briahna Janulewicz (3-5), with Hogan driving in three runs.

The winning locals also received two hits apiece from Nicole Gonya (along with four RBI), Hannah Frazier (two RBI), and Jess Nardoza. Pitchers Alyssa Ouellette and Carrie St. Peter combined to strike out seven Lady Tomahawks.

And the Lady Astros were able to push their growing winning streak up to three games with a 6-5 nipping of the Timberlane Lady Owls in Plaistow the next afternoon.

The locals drove out to a 4-0 lead in the first inning only to watch Timberlane answer with a four spot of its own in the second.

The Lady Owls snared a 5-4 advantage by scoring once in the third, but the

Lady Astros responded by tying the score in the fifth and plating the winning run in the seventh.

"Hannah Frazier made a diving catch in center field to hold Timberlane from scoring their runners in the middle of the game," said PA coach Kristen Abbott. "(Pitcher) Ouellette did a good job keeping batters off balance and allowed only one run to score. An all-around team effort."

The victorious locals finished with eight total hits, with Amato and Nardoza each lacing two and driving in a run.

The PA crew then roamed into vacation week seeking to continue its winning ways, starting on Monday back at home against Alvirne of Hudson.

And they kept their winning ways rolling, advancing their season record to a strong 5-1, by defeating their guests by a 6-4 score.

The Astros staged a comeback for their latest victory, rebounding from a 3-1 deficit by scoring four times in the bottom of the fifth and once more in the sixth.

Pinkerton had to overcome five defensive miscues to collect the win, and it did so by bashing out nine total hits with freshman Alyssa DiMauro collecting two hits for the winning side. St. Peter hurled a complete game, allowing just two earned runs in notching the pitching victory.

"DiMauro had a great game on both sides," said Abbott. "In the outfield she did a great job tracking and covering ground. And this was an all-around solid team effort."



Pinkerton veteran pitcher Carrie St. Peter has been a solid and consistent force for her softball squad during a strong start to 2017.
Photo by Chris Paul

Astro Baseball Squad Takes First Four Then Falls Twice

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Coach Steve Campo watched his Pinkerton Academy baseball squad win its first four contests of the 2017 season before meeting up with defeat late last week.

The Astros drove their early-season mark up to 4-0 with a 4-1 defeat of Timberlane of Plaistow in Derry Wednesday, April 19, but the Salem High Blue Devils got the better of the locals in an 11-4 decision in Salem on Saturday, April 22.

In the home win over Timberlane, the Astros were held to five hits but still managed to score four times while PA hurler Rich

Marique was busy holding the visiting Owls to just three hits. Pinkerton got its safeties from five different batters.

However, the Astros' fortunes changed significantly in Salem on Saturday, with the Blue Devils sprinting out to a 4-0 lead before the PA offense came to life all too briefly.

The hosts plated three runs in the latter half of the first and one more in the second to claim the 4-0 advantage. But Pinkerton surged to life for three markers in the top of the third to keep it a game.

However, Salem scored multiple runs in the third, fourth, and fifth innings in running away with the win.

Pinkerton was held to six hits in the contest, with Norm Kerman bashing two of those and driving in a pair of the PA runs.

The academy side then aimed to return to the winning path on Monday against the struggling host Alvirne High Broncos in Hudson.

Pinkerton suffered a second consecutive defeat in the form of a 2-0 downer from the Alvirne crew, which still sat below the .500 mark at 2-3 following that Monday success.

The Broncos scored single runs in the first and second frames in doing all of the scoring which would be done on that warm afternoon.

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Blanche Garone Receives National Recognition



Blanche Garone was nominated by the Derry Garden Club to receive a 2017 Member Award of Honor from National Garden Clubs, Inc (NGC). The award is given to only one person in each region. The New England Region of the NGC chose her, as they have recognized her as a person who has made a positive difference in the world.

In a congratulatory letter it stated that her, "dedication and successes have been noticed by many." The letter further stated that "It was only possible for the NGC to 'survive and thrive' through efforts of members like Garone who 'contribute both inside and outside of the garden club.'" Every garden club has special members who work tirelessly and give years of service in many areas. This represents the Derry Garden Club's opportunity to say, "We appreciate you and thank you for all your efforts."

The Derry Garden Club nominated Blanche for the Member Award of Honor in order to recognize her as one of those NGC members, whose volunteer efforts, during a period of five years, have made outstanding contributions to the club and community in the following areas: All Around Excellence, Youth Activities, Design, and Civic Development. Blanche will travel to Richmond, Virginia in May to receive her award of a certificate and pin at the NGC National Convention.

Blanche is shown being congratulated by her husband Ed Garone at a recent Garden Club meeting.

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