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Town Council Tackles Fire and Police Department Budgets

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Budget season continues as the Town Council recently went over two of the most significant aspects of the Fiscal Year 19 budget during their latest meeting on April 17: the Fire and Police Departments. The Fire Department came first, with Fire Chief Michael Gagnon and Assistant Chief Scott Jackson presenting the department's budget. The emergency management portion of the budget came to \$39,627. This is down from last year due to some funds being reallocated to Information Technology matters. Their fire/EMS and communications budget was significantly higher at \$10,534,366, with a net tax liability of \$8,883,776.

There were also several projects and upgrades that the department requested from the town to make the process of keeping Derry safe easier. They requested a series of capital purchases and leases. These included: a new pick-up truck with a plow and tow package, a rescue pumper replacement, several automated chest compression devices, and the continued replacement of portable and mobile radios to more modern models. In all, these requests came to \$947,853. A storage building at the Derry Transfer Station was mentioned (costing \$120,000 that would not be included in this budget).

Gagnon went on to note how proud he was of the department's Citizen Emergency Response Team, which

currently has 25 certified team members. Gagnon also mentioned how the department has gone on to upgrade their AM radio system. They plan to use their Emergency Operations Plan to practice new drills. They are working to continue development of their response teams. They have also worked to improve how well they are able to send out cell phone alerts to the public. "I think we've done a pretty decent job of pushing that information out", Gagnon noted. The budget saw a total amount of \$10,934,366, pending certain elements pinned by the council, and was approved unanimously.

The Police Department came next, with Chief Edward Garone and Captain George Feole presenting

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Derry's Transformation to City Hits Snag in Concord

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As Derry continues the process of transitioning from being a town to being a city, legislation is needed on a state level to help solidify this matter.

However, this process is not going as smoothly as both town officials and residents would have liked it to. This was discussed during the Town Council's latest meeting on April 17.

Back during the March elections in Derry, voters narrowly supported a non-binding referendum that would turn Derry into a city, effectively giving town offi-

cials control over the Derry School District's budget. The reason for the introduction of this referendum was to gain control over the budget due to its major role in increasing the town's tax rate late last year.

New Hampshire Senate President Chuck Morse then took it upon himself to establish wording for an amendment to House Bill 1472 that would establish the ruling of the referendum. The bill was actually primarily focused around building code provisions for energy conservation. The major issue came about when Councilors Richard Tripp, Phyllis Katsakiores, and

Brian Chirichiello, who are also representatives, met with Morse to see the actual wording.

Upon meeting with Morse, not only did they find that the amendment was far too vague and did not address any sort of details surrounding the matter, but they were also told that the amendment was due for submission on that exact same day. Thus, the councilors would have no time to go back to Derry to discuss the wording with other councilors or town staff.

Furthermore, when Tripp asked Morse when any sort of hearing would take place

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Derry Village School Principal Chris McCallum and Vice Principal Melanie Curren stand on either side of Derry Superintendent, Dr. MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian as she cuts the DVS Birthday cake.

Photo by Chris Paul

Derry Village School Turns 50 Years Old

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Lyndon Baines Johnson was president, The Vietnam War was raging and the song, Light My Fire by the Doors was the most popular song in America when the new Derry Village School (DVS) opened its doors for the 1967-68 school year. The old Derry Village School (DVS) building it replaced is still in use today as the Derry Cooperative School District Administrative Office building. It's most famous alumni, Alan Shepard Jr. had become the first American in space just six years earlier.

This school year has had many

events to celebrate the schools 50 years of operation. A family dance was held and renovations continue. A new fence was installed in the front of the school and personalized bricks for a commemorative pathway are being sold in an ongoing fundraising effort. A celebratory dinner for staff and alumni was held on April 19 in the school's gymnasium.

"We Open the Doors to Learning" is the motto of the school. The leprechaun is their mascot and rainbows and shamrocks are their school symbols. Principal Chris McCallum sported a festive shamrock tie for the recent dinner where he introduced well known alumni and for-

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Derry Planning Board Hears Plans for Detox Facility

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The Derry Planning Board got their first look at plans for a Detox Center on April 18 to discuss the Ashleigh Drive site plans.

Representing the applicant for the center, Dennis Sullivan, were John Burrough and Civil Engineer Chris Tymula.

The plan sits on a 10,775 square foot parcel of land at 29 Ashleigh Drive.

The facility would serve as a short-term inpatient

care and stabilization center for everything from drug addiction to alcoholism. The building will also be a 24-hour residential facility, with full-time staff and a kitchen. Patients could live until they were ready for the next step of treatment. Staff will be working closely with other nearby detox facilities.

The site currently requires a drainage easement for the property's self-storage facility. A major initial issue is the wetlands surrounding and on the property. There is a large wetland

on the southern side and a manmade one in the middle of the parcel. Neither should pose a problem though, as the southern wetland should have 123 feet of space between it and the facility, while the loss of the manmade wetland poses no issue to the local environment. No problem obtaining the easement is anticipated.

At the beginning of the questioning phase, Board Chair David Granese wondered how long patients were there for. The plan would be for between 3 to 7

days. The patients would be transported to the facility, pre-screened and supplied with Suboxone, if deemed appropriate, a drug which helps to make the detox process more tolerable, before beginning to get sober in the facility. Granese was also concerned about the potential of patients trying to escape the facility and the safety risk that would pose to the community. Burrough assured him that all patients will be there of their own volition and can leave at any point. "Everyone is

there voluntarily, so there's no reason to hop over the fence", he noted.

Board Member Lori Davison asked the pair about follow-up care and how the facility will handle it. She was told that most people have a plan to pursue, and place to stay before leaving the facility. Staff still follow-up with everyone who has left regardless. The building will also have placement for those with and without Medicaid.

Member Mark Connors, who stated he has been with

individuals in the past who have suffered from addiction, felt that there will be no sort of security concerns and the facility will be great for Derry. "These types of facilities are sorely needed," he stated.

In the end, conditional approval was granted with 7 yes votes and one abstention from Jim Maceachern. The abstention, as well as some concerns from the other members, came from the building existing in an industrial zone, despite having a variance.

Derry Police and Fire Departments Holding Event to Promote Safety

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Children may be taught at an early age to respect and appreciate fire fighters and police officers, but not all of them fully understand just what these first responders they go through every day to keep their communities safe. This is why West Running Brook Middle School is planning on holding its second annual Touch-A-Truck, Kid's Muster, and BMX Show on June 2.

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

Police or Fire Department.

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

In order to get a taste of the everyday practices done by fire fighters, a Kid's Muster will be held. According to Assistant Fire Chief Scott Jackson, the Muster serves as a sort of obstacle course based around various activities that fire fighters do

while on the job. Typically, these Musters are participated in by various fire battalions on a much larger scale. Albeit still for fun, where fire fighters would climb ladders and roll up fire hoses as fast as they can.

This particular event will be scaled down so that children can participate, replacing the fire hoses with garden hoses and putting out fake fire, just to name a few of the events. "They get to see what we do and they get to perform it", Jackson noted. Last year's event proved immensely popular. It is already looking for sign-ups. Those interested can sign up at their school's office or even the day of the event. Students can also perform in teams or individually.

Finally, for a more action-packed touch to the day, the Dialed Action

Sports Team will be performing in a BMX stunt show for the students. Some of the primary focuses of the troop revolve around anti-bullying and drug awareness. Their promotion of

bicycle safety is what really caught the attention of the Derry Police Department, as they recently applied for a grant that gave them 200 safety helmets to distribute to the community. This

seems like the perfect place to hand them out.

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

Town-to-City

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for the bill or what kind of entity the school board would become, Morse had no answer and would simply reveal more detail when possible.

During the April 17 council meeting, Council Chair James Morgan went on to clarify that not only did they only intend to put the school district's budget under a tax cap, but they also did not expect the legislative process to occur so quickly. "I think all seven of us were just as surprised as you were to find this out," Morgan

noted. Establishing that the town is not trying to become the Derry School Board, Morgan also mentioned that he had recently spoken with Morse about the matter, but things were out of Derry's hands at the moment. None the less, Morgan reiterated his support for working with the school board on budget matters. "As long as they're reasonable, I'm gonna be reasonable," Morgan said.

Regardless of the fate of the bill, which is awaiting an official vote, Morgan had Town Administrator David Caron write up legislation that would still lay out the process of combining the school dis-

trict with the town as a stopgap in the face of the bill. Finally, Morgan also wanted to remind residents not to delve into fear tactics when discussing the matter. Preferably, he would like them to focus on finances and the options made available by this change.

In the same vein, Lynn Perkins, both the Chair of the Derry Zoning Board and Derry School Board, shared similar concerns as Morgan, but also wants to keep the process of fusing the school district and town government as smooth as possible.

"One thing we're trying to do is not create divisive-ness," Perkins stated.

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Firefighter Recognized By National Organization For Dedication

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As the men and women of Derry's police and fire departments rise through the ranks. They dedicate themselves to keeping the town safe and secure. It is always important to watch out for the ones that really stand out and seem to have what it take to lead their fellow personnel.

One Derry firefighter has been recognized as such. Will Thalheimer was recently selected as one of only twelve fire service professionals in the country to

attend the "Engaging Future Leaders" Seminar during the 30 Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Symposium and Dinner in Washington, DC on April 18 and 19.

Thalheimer was the only professional from New England to be sent to the symposium. The Director of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) selected him due to his hard work and dedication in his role as a firefighter. The NFFF was created back in 1992. It is a nonprofit organization to help honor and remember America's fallen fire heroes.



*Derry Firefighter
Will Thalheimer*

Their mission is to provide resources to assist survivors in rebuilding their lives and work within the fire service community to reduce firefighter deaths and injuries.

The NFFF held the symposium in conjunction with the Congressional Fire Services Institute. It was created back in 1989 to educate members of Congress about the needs and challenges of our nation's fire and emergency providers. This ensures that the federal government provides the types of training and funding needed by first responders. The conference itself involved around 2,000 other fire and emergency service leaders from across the country. They attended various seminars and meetings with members of Congress

to speak about the plights that firefighters face on a daily basis.

It was during this seminar that Thalheimer and other firefighters learned about a wide variety of topics. Amongst them were diversity and inclusiveness in the workforce, educating the public about safe driving practices, opioids, new technologies used for community risk reduction, and greater opportunities for these men and women on a national level. All of this was done in the name of developing the individuals into proper leaders. The seminar was

capped off by a Bistro Bash, where attendees enjoyed a variety of French dishes and a performance by singer Brian Gaffney.

According to Fire Chief Michael Gagnon, who has worked with the NFFF for many years, Thalheimer has only been with the department for a little more than a year. He has still proven himself to be fantastic at his job, handling his equipment very well and serving as a shining example of what a firefighter should be. "He is a very diligent worker", Gagnon noted.

Planning Board Discusses New Car Dealership Near By-Pass 28

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Another car dealership is looking to set up shop here in Derry, as was discussed during the Planning Board's latest meeting on April 22. Representing the applicant,

Maverick CDJR, Inc., were Bryan Jones, a civil engineer with Allen & Major Associates, and Dan Ray, an engineer with Jewett Construction. According to the two, the dealership will be set on a roughly 40,000 square foot parcel of land at 57 and 61

By-Pass 28. The property is currently two parcels. They will be fused into one in the future. The business itself will focus on selling Chrysler, Dodge, Ram, and Jeep vehicles, but mostly Jeep.

The project does have to

contend with some wetlands in the surrounding area, but only the fringe of the wetland will be filled, while the crossing will be spared. The two also noted how there would be a heavy emphasis on screening for the northern side of the property. There will be retaining walls on most sides, a proper irrigation system in place, and a solid strategy to connect to Derry's sewage system.

Not everyone was a huge fan of the project. Elise Kent, an abutter to the back of the parcels, came forth to argue against the dealership. She also spoke in place of her husband, who could not be present during the meeting. Elise and her husband both felt that such a project

would pose many problems to residents nearby. These included negative affects to local water supplies, the environment, excessive noise, harm to their children's upbringing, and additional traffic to the area. "I just feel that the dealership will add to the heavy traffic in the area", Kent noted.

To the point of excessive traffic, George Sioras, the town's Planning Director, noted that the town has been working closely with the engineers for the project to minimize traffic. Some of these efforts include getting an idea of peak hours for the business versus local schools, and adding more traffic lights to the area.

Board Chair David

Granese also showed some concerns over what kind of noise the facility could cause. Ray assured him that the doors for the business would be closed at almost all times, keeping the noise to a minimum.

When it came time to vote on the project, Board Member Elizabeth Carver voted against it. She felt that Derry does not need another dealership on the fringe of a wetland. Board Member Lori Davison felt the same way, while also reiterating Kent's traffic concerns. "I just think that it's not the wisest place to put it", Davison stated. None the less, the project was approved by the board with 6 yes votes vs 2 no votes.

Budgets

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their budget. The personnel account saw an increase of \$99,525, or 1.18%, for a total of \$8,526,542. This increase was brought about by salary increases and other matters. There was also a decrease in health insurance. Meanwhile, the operations and maintenance accounts decreased by \$3,533, or 1.16%, bring the total to \$301,613. This was caused by the likes of decreased testing and recruiting costs, as well as a smaller gas budget due to the use of more gas efficient squad cars.

Revenue accounts were also down by \$16,939, or 17.71%, coming to a total of \$78,709. There were plenty of reasons for this decrease, including a loss in Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant revenue, pistol license revenue, witness fee revenue, and fees for Police Officer employment applications.

The department also requested \$16,210 for capital projects, such as funds to replace the audio and video recording equipment in their interview rooms.

Their budget came to \$8,847,365, pending some items pinned by the council, and was approved unani-

mously.

Finally, the police department also presented a much smaller budget for animal control. That budget saw an increase in personnel accounts by \$2,414, or 3.15%, for a total of \$76,694. Operations and maintenance also went up by \$1,330, or 9.3%, for a total of \$14,295.

This increase occurred due to additional weekend hours being given to personnel for the sake of looking after animals obtained by the team.

The animal control budget came to \$90,989 and was approved unanimously.

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Editorial

Ethics in Government: Charting the Right Course

Before beginning a discussion of ethics in municipal government, we must understand what ethics entails. Ethics by definition is: The discipline dealing with what is good and bad; a set of moral principles or values, the principles of conduct governing an individual or a group, a guiding philosophy based simply right and wrong.

The public rightfully expects its elected officials to conduct themselves with honesty and integrity. Working for the common good and representing democracy, demand these standards to function effectively.

Trust is the key word to describe the appropriate relationship between elected or appointed officials and their constituents. An elected official gains the privilege to serve only by earning the trust of a majority of the electorate. Each official must be careful not to compromise that trust in any way once he or she has been inducted into office.

The topic of open meetings and open records is one of central importance to the public's perception of how government operates. (Freedom of speech). A government that functions in secrecy by meeting behind closed doors restricts public access to full information about its operations. Such actions alienate and discourage those citizens who wish to participate in the process. Therefore, it is the duty of the people to openly communicate between citizens and with their government. Simultaneously, provisions must be allowed for reasonable constraints where necessary for the efficient operation of government.

The occupation of public office

requires the public's trust. A fair balance of communication must be struck between protecting the integrity of government while maintaining transparency with the public. The people have responsibilities as well. They must stay informed and be vigilant. After all we "the people" are the protectors of our local government.

The duties of town officials may seem complex at first glance, but in reality they boil down to a single idea, that being fair representation of the public interest. The goal is to ensure that the public is fairly represented by themselves or a person whom they have freely chosen to do so.

This is both an honor and a burden, as ethics tend to constrain the personal actions of elected officials in many ways. A careful balance must be struck to encourage competent individuals to serve in public office. The problem of finding qualified citizens to hold office is exacerbated by many possible constraints: The simplest being those of time, work, family life, health, well-being, and happiness. The most complex may be experience or the possibility of conflict of interest. Ethics can allow for the optimal conflict-free action in the town while protecting the people from potential misuse of government. Additionally, voters should be allowed to raise their concerns and participate in town process at the every level. It is here where the voice and influence of the individual citizen is strongest. Preserving and encouraging local self-governance and accountability is critical to securing public participation in government and safeguarding our democratic institutions.

Letters

To the Editor

In my law enforcement career, I have seen how difficult it is for victims to come forward. It is often traumatic and emotional to muster the courage to come forward. They are also sometimes treated poorly by the justice system, as their statutory "rights" are not always upheld. Many have come forward to tell their stories to legislators. Now they want voters to decide on CACR 22. Opponents seek to stop the public from voting on it.

Some have suggested statutory "fixes." That is clearly inadequate. Consti-

tutional rights outweigh statutory rights. Further amending the statute in lieu of providing crime victims with constitutional rights may seem to help but ignores the real needs of victims.

The Attorney General has offered language to deal with issues raised by opponents and craft a New Hampshire solution. However, that is not enough for some opponents. Some, who would deny privacy for victims, hypocritically hide behind an anonymous website. A site that does not say who is funding their effort to deny New Hampshire voters

their voice.

No less than 35 other states have victims' rights in their constitutions. More states are voting this year too. Contact your representatives and tell them you want an opportunity to have your voice heard with your constitutionally protected vote. Tell them to vote in favor of CACR 22 so you can cast that vote.

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Derry Library Encourages Artistic Writing With Poetry Workshop

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NUTFIELD NEWS

April is National Poetry Month, and as Derry continues to try and interest more poets young and old through the Poet Laureate Program, the Derry Public Library recently held the first of two poetry workshops on April 23 to give Derry's aspiring poets a boost in the right direction. Run by Robert Crawford, Derry's own Poet Laureate, he acknowledged that poetry is not always the most social activity, typically revolving around nothing more than the individual and their words. As a result, many are not presented with the criticism needed to evolve into a poet that can craft works that most, if not all readers, can get behind and understand. "[Poetry] is a very solitary process", he noted.

That was why he introduced the poetry workshop. The premise revolves around several individuals coming in to share their own

poetry they have written, before handing it over to one of the other attendees and having them critique it. Thus, the individuals could begin to understand that although their writing style may make sense to them that may not mean that it will make sense to everyone else.

Amongst the poets-to-be was resident Judi Easley. Having experimented with poetry since she was just a teenager, she has always had a fascination with emotionally poetry, keeping her prose colorful and passionate. Nowadays, she produces her works online, using her decade's worth of experiences to fuel her creative side. "All girls write poetry", Easley stated jokingly.

Having already published two books of poetry, entitled "Too Much Explanation Can Ruin a Man" and "The Empty Chair", Crawford has held an interest in poetry since he was a teenager. Actually, he pursued a career in the Penta-

gon after studying history and national security at George Washington University. After tiring of the restrictions that politics and the military put upon his work, Crawford and his family moved to New Hampshire, where he would pick up poetry again, becoming Co-Chair of the Robert Frost Farm Board of Trustees and Director of the Frost Farm Poetry Conference and Frost Farm Prize in the process.

The participants in the program are expected back on April 30, where they will have addressed the criticisms about their works and update their poems to reflect those opinions. While it may be in its early stages, the program is just one more way that Crawford hopes to strengthen Derry's poetic side; something that should come naturally to the town that Robert Frost called home for many years. "Everything we're doing is experimental", Crawford said.

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mer staff who spoke of their time at Derry Village.

Gordon Graham is an attorney representing school districts throughout the state of NH. He talked about the purchase price of the land the current Derry Village School is built on. It was purchased from Hayford T. Kimball for a mere \$19,000 according to a letter from the late town attorney George Grinnell. In 1955 Graham was a 7-year-old boy who had just moved to the booming town of Derry from Massachusetts. His was just one of the many such families that swelled the school population after the creation of Interstate 93, creating the need for new schools to be built. He first attended the old Derry Village School and then attended the new one a few years later after attending the Grinnell School in the interim. He said "In those days, there were more cows than there were people in Derry". He still has a report he wrote on the State of Hawaii when he was in Mr. Vosler's fourth grade class at DVS. Graham was a good student despite often being in trouble for talking in class. Foreshadowing a career in law, he prepared pages filled with the words; "I will not talk in class" to have at the ready when Mr. Vosler held up his finger and shouted out "Hark! I hear a voice!" and confronted him about the



Speakers at the Derry Village School 50th celebration, from left are Gordon Graham, an attorney representing the school district and alumni, Principal Chris McCallum, Vice Principal Melanie Curren, former superintendent of Derry Cooperative School District, Mary Ellen Hannon and Leslie Saucier who taught second and fourth grades at DVS.
Photos by Chris Paul

issue yet again

Another notable DVS alumna, former superintendent of Derry Cooperative School District, Mary Ellen Hannon, spoke of her great affection for the school. "I love and adore Derry Village School" she proclaimed. She recalled the days when she and her sister were new to Derry and how the DVS community was a warm and welcoming place for her family. Her mother immediately became a volunteer and enjoyed it so much that she continued volunteering at the school for decades after her own children had moved on to other schools.

Leslie Saucier taught second and fourth grade at DVS in the 1970's and 80's, was involved in the Parent Teacher Association and her own four children attended the school in the 1990's. She is also the former assistant

principal of DVS in the early 2000. She recalled what the school was like in past, long before standardized testing was common. Students would have "wing sings" in the hallways at Christmas time and sing carols in the hallways, end of the year cookouts on charcoal grills, all the planning that went into them, what the lunches were like in the combined gymnasium and lunch room and the hassle teachers had to go through collecting lunch money, a process that often felt as if it took all morning long. There was even a time of parent and teacher dances and a traveling basketball team with uniforms and cheerleaders. Recess was held to the sides of and behind the school and all the classroom décor was handmade by teachers. She praised the teachers that taught her own children and

remembered their performances in a teacher talent show. She looks forward to coming back in 25 years for the occasion of the 75th Birthday of Derry Village School when she is in her late 80's. For more information on purchasing a brick for the commemorative walkway visit www.4everbricks.com/DVS



Derry Village School Principal Chris McCallum and Vice Principal Melanie Curren, lead off the festivities at the 50th Anniversary celebration at the school's cafeteria last week.



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Teacher To Dispel Myths About Boston Massacre at Library Talk

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To call the atmosphere of the colonies turbulent would be an understatement. In the years leading up to America's declaration of independence from the rule of Great Britain; tyranny and taxation without representation slowly but surely brought tensions between the two sides to a boiling point.

In the middle of all of this was the Boston Massacre, also known as the Incident on King Street. It took place on March 5,

1770. British Army soldiers opened fire on a mob of protestors, resulting in five deaths and injuries to six more people.

While this event was one of the catalysts for the American Revolution years later, the exact details surrounding the matter can be quite muddy. In order to clear up the confusion about what exactly happened before, during, and after the shooting, the Derry Public Library is planning to hold a presentation about the event on May 2.

Leading the presentation

will be Eleanor Strong. She served as the Director of Salem's Public Library until her retirement from the position less than a year ago. However; she has still managed to keep herself busy, teaching History classes at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Strong has also done a number of presentations similar to this upcoming one in the past. She goes over topics such as the Underground Railroad and Loyalists in the American Revolution. It just goes to show how much history means to her. "History has

always been my second love", Strong noted.

It was not just the premise of the massacre that got her attention. During a visit to the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, she happened to come across an etching of the massacre. This was the closest thing people during that time could get to a photo of the action.

Strong and several others throughout history have come to realize that many recounts of the events of the massacre can be viewed as

propaganda to stir up the masses. Sure enough, accounts from both sides, including the likes of Paul Revere and Samuel Adams, differed wildly. Some were to encourage a revolution, and others to convince citizens that the soldiers were in the right. Many have tried to separate fact from fiction on this matter. Strong hopes to continue that process.

The presentation will also be digging into the history of Crispus Attucks. He is widely regarded as the first victim of the massacre. Attucks was most likely of Native Ameri-

can and African descent. For this reason, many in the abolitionist movement heralded him as a hero and an icon for their cause during the mid-1800's. It is disputed whether or not he was free or a slave at the time of his death. The presentation will take place at 6:30 p.m. The library address is 2414, 64 E Broadway, Derry, NH 03038. For more information, contact the library at 432-6140. The hours to call are: Monday – Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Eagle Scouts Commended For Community Projects By Town Council

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

When Boy Scouts work towards their ultimate goal of becoming an Eagle Scout, one of their requirements revolves around a project that positively benefits the community. Two more local Boy Scouts were recognized for these sorts of efforts at the Town Council's most recent meeting on April 17.

Devin Thomas and Shane Mahon, two scouts that are members of Boy

Scout Troop 98, were brought before the council. Dozens of family members and supporters were in the audience, to see congratulations offered to acknowledge their hard work.

Mahon went first, with Council Chair James Morgan going over how Mahon constructed a new puppet theatre, as well as an interactive divider, for the children's area of the Derry Public Library. In order to raise the funds needed for this project, Mahon worked

with Royal T Carwash to earn more than enough cash to support his build. In fact, with so much excess money, he was also able to purchase puppets for the theatre and magnets for the dividers, which sweetened the deal. Morgan noted that Mahon's efforts were quite an undertaking, and provided a significant benefit for Derry's youth.

As for Thomas, he decided to tackle a more significant piece of Derry's history. He built a bench for the

trail behind the Robert Frost Farm. More specifically, the bench was built on the "Bower" portion of the trail. It was even replicated around the design of the bench that Frost originally built as a memorial to his wife, Elinor. Thomas had to clear away plenty of brush to make room for the bench. He felt that the location would give hikers a great chance to enjoy the shade and scenery of Hyla Brook. Like Mahon, Thomas also raised more funds than he originally needed, and donated his remaining \$450 to the farm for future repair



Devin Thomas, left, and Shane Mahon, right, being recognized for their Eagle Scout projects by Town Council Chair James Morgan, middle.

and maintenance efforts.

Morgan would go on to thank both of the newly

named Eagle Scouts for their work, noting how much it meant to the community. "Your dedication and hard work in achieving your Eagle Scout project is memorable", Morgan noted.

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Questions Linger About Altercation After Local Lacrosse Match

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

It's understandable that many folks would be aghast after hearing that there was a physical altercation between adult fans of the Pinkerton Academy and Londonderry High School boys' lacrosse teams immediately after the match played by the rival teams in Derry Tuesday, April 17.

But a local man - with connections to both schools - who witnessed everything that transpired insists that initial media reports from several area sources were wrong in their account of what actually happened.

The initial reports in question stated that a Londonderry fan had been taunting and making obscene gestures toward Pinkerton

fans during the match and that eventually a fight broke out between the LHS follower and one specific PA supporter.

However, Pinkerton Academy graduate and former multi-sport standout Greg Warren - who is also a former Londonderry High assistant principal and resides in Londonderry - says things occurred a bit differently.

And he insists there was never actually a "fight" as such involving Londonderry parent Gene Holland and the PA fan.

"I've known Gene for a long time. I coached his kids in the past. And there's no question that he can have a big mouth at times," said Warren, who has a son playing for the LHS lacrosse squad.

But Warren insists that the vast majority of Holland's yelling was directed at the game officials and the LHS bench, and Warren certainly made no excuses for the behavior of the Londonderry High fan.

When the match was over, Warren said, Holland headed down the paved hill beyond the field toward his car, but was followed.

"A fan, a Mr. Drouin, who is a Drug Enforcement Administration agent, followed Gene and said things like 'Hey big mouth, shut up,' and prevented him from going to his car," said Warren.

There are two Drouin youngsters on the PA lax squad, a sophomore and a freshman.

What then ensued, according to Warren, was what one might call "trash

talking" between the two men until they reached the paved segment of parking lot. Drouin then struck Holland with what Warren called "an open-handed blow, like you'd see someone with martial arts training give."

The blow delivered by Drouin carried so much momentum that Drouin, who is shorter than Holland, fell to the ground himself. That may have been why folks coming down the hill from the bleachers thought the two men were both striking blows.

As Holland reeled from that unexpected strike, Warren states that Drouin "grabbed Gene's head and slammed it to the pavement."

When Derry police arrived, Holland was on the

ground and bleeding. An ambulance was called and Drouin was spoken to by the police and allowed to leave. Warren also made a statement to the police detailing what he had witnessed.

"This was a totally preventable incident," he said. "The only physical contact was made by the agent (Drouin)."

The members of the Londonderry and Pinkerton lacrosse teams were unaware of what had occurred until shortly thereafter, and neither coach wished to comment on the event.

LHS athletic director Howard Sobolov said, "I was not there and I would rather the story focuses on the athletes and the hard-fought game. High school athletics stories should not be embarrassing for stu-

dent/athletes to read about their parents with bad behavior."

Pinkerton communications coordinator Bryan Geary released a statement which said, "Pinkerton Academy is aware of an incident at last night's varsity lacrosse game against Londonderry and has had communication with all parties involved. The incident was caused by a single party and was defused immediately by those on hand. Pinkerton always encourages students, parents, and fans to cheer on our student-athletes with courtesy, respect, and responsibility. Additional questions can be referred to the Derry Police Department."

The Derry Police Department is investigating the matter.

Economic Developer Seeking Grant For Abbott Court Rehab

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

There is always room in Derry to redevelop and renew areas of the town to more modern standards, and one such attempt was made during the Town Council's latest meeting on April 17.

Beverly Donovan, the town's Economic Development Coordinator, came before the council to discuss applying for a Community Development Planning grant to potentially redeveloping areas of Abbott Court.

During a meeting the town had on March 30 with the New Hampshire Economic Development Association, (NHEDA) staff from the Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) warned Donovan that the deadline to apply for Planning Grants with the CDFA was closing in, that being April 30. A consensus was soon reached that Donovan should seek out one such grant.

In order to receive the grant, a focus must be placed on primarily low to

moderate income areas. This led Donovan to consider studying opportunities for a culinary-based training program for the area, as well as combination retail and housing buildings. The grant itself, or Community Development Block Grant, typically makes up to \$500,000 available annually. These are granted on a competitive basis for public facility and housing projects, as well as

economic development projects, and up to \$350,000 for emergency activities. Only up to \$12,000 is available for planning studies such as this request.

The study being done on Abbott Court itself will determine the cost and potential funding for the development of the area, while conforming to the Derry Housing and Community Development Plan's

Goals. These goals include broadening the town's economic base, seeking and encouraging growth in businesses, manufacturing, research, and development fields, improving access to local jobs, and improving downtown and other business. Donovan went on to note that "The town has

been going through a request for proposal process for some time now, and this plan will run concurrent with that effort. It just gives a little bit more information on the cost of developments," Donovan noted.

The council decided to approve Donovan's request unanimously.



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DERRY SPORTS

PA Softball Squad Rebounds From Loss With Three Victories

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

You couldn't blame the Pinkerton Academy softball squad for feeling a tad disappointed with its extra-inning loss to rival Londonderry at home on Saturday, April 14.

But the Lady Astros got back to the job of winning contests in the wake of that first defeat of the still-young 2018 campaign last week.

The academy crew managed to snare one-run victories over both Timberlane and Exeter to bounce its season record to 4-1.

In the 9-8 nipping of visiting Timberlane from Plaistow on Wednesday, April 18, the Astros had a 5-1 lead after one inning. The Lady Owls trimmed their deficit back to 5-3 by scoring twice in the third, and the visitors leaped into a 6-5 advantage by plating three more runs in the top of the fifth.

Pinkerton answered with a three-spot of its own in the latter half of the fifth to go up 8-6.

The Astros added another marker in the bottom of the sixth, and Timberlane's comeback effort in the top of the seventh fell one run short.

Both squads thumped out a dozen hits and committed one fielding error.

Pinkerton's potent offense was paced by inside-the-park home runs off of the bats of Jackie Cerri and Mattie Sullivan. Sullivan smacked two hits and drove in three teammates. Other Astros with two hits included Cerri, Hannah Frazier, and Danielle St. Peter. Winning pitcher Alyssa Ouellette struck out eight would-be hitters.

"An all-around team effort," said coach Kristen Abbott's. "Sullivan had quite a day at the plate, leading us offensively. From bunting to an in-the-park home run, this kid was fired up today and ready to go. Cerri, Frazier, and (Khaliyah) Ellis had diving catches to hold runners in their places and get out of tough innings. A fun game to be a part of and rewarding to see that what the girls practiced and prepared for paid off for them."

In the academy team's 13-12 edging of Exeter in Derry on Saturday the 21st, the locals had Danielle St. Peter play the hero when she slashed the game-winning hit in the bottom of the seventh to send her weary side into celebration mode.

The host Lady Blue Hawks began the scoring in this back and forth battle by plating four runs in the top of the second. But PA answered with three of its own in the bottom of that

frame to make it a 4-3 contest.

Exeter snagged a bit of insurance in the top of the third in making it a 5-3 game, but Pinkerton scored three more times in the latter half of that inning to snare a 6-5 lead.

The seacoast side plated the tying run in the top of the fifth, but PA answered by scoring three more times in the bottom of the fifth to make it a 9-6 game after five full.

Exeter drove back to within a single run of the lead at 9-8 in the top of the sixth, but Pinkerton got one of the two markers back in the bottom of the frame to make it a 10-8 game.

However, the Blue Hawks scored four times in the top of the seventh to claim a 12-10 lead and force PA into comeback mode.

And comeback they did, scoring thrice in the bottom of the seventh, with skilled sophomore St. Peter lacing the winning hit to start the celebration.

The victorious locals finished with some 14 hits, and while Exeter bashed out 13 of its own, the visitors also made five fielding errors which stung their cause.

"Huge game-winning hit by St. Peter, and a great team win," said a pleased but no doubt exhausted coach Abbott.

The victors received three hits from Frazier and two apiece from Cerri, Hannah Sundberg, Alyssa DiMauro, Briahna Janulewicz, and St. Peter. DiMauro drove in four runs, and Sundberg and hero St. Peter each drove in a pair. Ouellette bagged her third pitching win of the young campaign.

And after one day away from the competitive grind, the Astros were back at it Monday, April 23 in Hudson against the host Alvirne High Broncos.

And the wins kept right on coming for the locals, with PA tallying an 8-6 win which featured a 13-hit attack including three hits from Sundberg and two apiece from Frazier, DiMauro, and Mattie Sullivan.



Productive Pinkerton softball player Jackie Cerri slides safely into home plate during one of her squad's recent home contests.
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Academy Laxmen Hammer Their Way to a 4-0 Season Start

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

When your lacrosse team outcores its first four opponents by the whopping margin of 61-19, you expect the squad to have a perfect, 4-0 record.

And that was in fact the case for longtime Pinkerton Academy boys' lacrosse coach Brian O'Reilly after his talented and determined 2018 contingent trounced arch-rival Londonderry and then Salem last week.

The Astros handed the arch-rival Londonderry High Lancers their first loss of the young 2018 season last Tuesday, April 17 in a 13-6 decision when the two local squads faced off in Derry.

The hosts won every quarter except the third, which was scoreless.

Pinkerton grasped a 5-2 lead after one quarter, and after outscoring their guests

by that same margin in the second period the Astros grasped a 10-4 advantage stepping into halftime.

The score didn't change during period three, but coach O'Reilly saw his PA charges put the matter of who might win to rest by outscoring the Lancers by a 3-2 tally in quarter four.

The hosts received four goals and one assist from Ryan Auger, a goal and four helpers from Hunter Drouin, two goals and one assist from Shawn Tewksbury, a goal and two assists each from Gennaro Marra and Owen McCormack, two goals from Chad Teresky, and a goal and a helper from Mason Drouin. Pinkerton goalie Alex Sturgess contributed six saves to the success.

Londonderry received two goals each from Jeff Wiedenfield and Jake Holland and one each from Anthony Federico and Nate

Andrews. Patrick Murphy, like Federico and Andrews an LHS ice hockey standout during the winter season, made 11 saves in continuing on as the Lancers' goalie in place of Londonderry's regular goaltending duo.

Pinkerton advanced to 3-0 with that Tuesday success, while Londonderry moved to 2-1.

The academy side then received an even smaller challenge from the host Salem High Blue Devils along the New Hampshire/Massachusetts border last Saturday the 21st, with the Astros pounding their way to a 20-3 blowout.

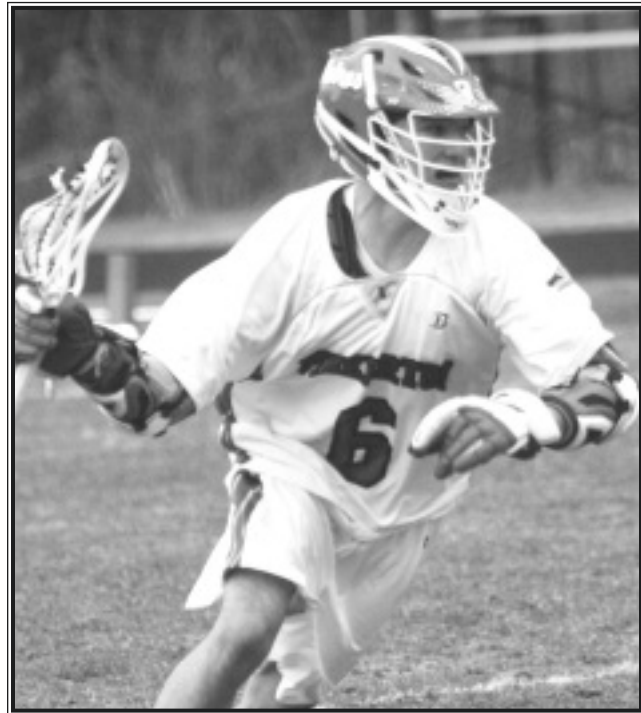
Pinkerton scored the game's first 10 goals in the opening period, led 16-2 at the half, and then outscored their stunned hosts by a 4-1 margin in the second half.

Auger enjoyed a six point match (four goals, two assists) for the winners, with

Mason Drouin potting three goals and assisting on three others, Teresky contributing three goals and a helper, the McCormack boys Connor and Owen each bagging two goals and one assist, Hunter Drouin registering a goal and an assist, Jackson Morrisette bagging two assists, and Cole Krafton, Jeff Potvin, and Jacob McAdams each scoring once.

Goalies Sturgess and Jack Sweeney combined to turn aside five shots.

This week's slate had the Astros facing a challenge from the Bedford High Bulldogs in Derry on Tuesday before they take to the road to battle the host Souhegan Sabers in Amherst this Friday, April 27.



Pinkerton sophomore midfielder Keegan Wilder assesses his options during one of his undefeated team's recent contests.
Photo by Chris Pantazis

Lady Astro Tennis Team Sits at 3-3 After Playing Six Matches

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

A 9-0 trouncing of the winless Manchester Memorial contingent in the Queen City Friday, April 20 left the Pinkerton Academy girls' tennis team rolling into the vacation week grasping a decent 3-2 record.

The Memorial mob was simply no match for coach Gerry Rosado's Lady Astros, who swept singles thanks to the fine efforts of Riley

Reinert (8-6 victory), Chloe Freedman (8-1), Madison Allen (8-2), Katie Allen (8-2), Julia Youkstetter (8-2), and Leah Sears (8-1).

The locals also bagged doubles successes via the duo performances of Reinert and Freedman (8-2), Madison Allen and Sears (8-5), and Katie Allen and Victoria Hodosi (8-1).

The girls' rolled into this week a trip to Hudson to play the Alvirne High Broncos on Monday.

The academy crew saw its season record even up at 3-3 with a 6-3 loss, which notched a 4-2 match lead in singles and then went on to put the match away with wins in the first and second doubles contests.

The Astros received singles victories from Freedman at first singles (9-7) and Sears in the number four singles spot (8-6), and the lone doubles success was by the duo of Katie Allen and Bella Giancola (8-4).

PA Boys' Tennis Steps Into Long Break With 7-0 Mark

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Stepping into a long hiatus from competitive action when you have an undefeated record can either be a good thing or a bad thing.

And that's the question the 7-0 Pinkerton Academy boys' tennis team is presently wrestling with as it reclines in the midst of a long competitive break which won't end until May 2 when the Astros play host to the Nashua High South Purple Panthers.

The academy racketeers tallied consecutive victories numbers five, six, and seven last week when they overpowered Alvirne of Hudson,

Manchester Memorial, and Derryfield of Manchester.

The Astros advanced their season record to a perfect 5-0 with a 9-0 win over Alvirne Tuesday, April 17.

The hosts cleaned up in singles thanks to the performances of Seb Tonini (8-2 score), Henry Su (8-0), John Marineau (8-4), Henry Andrews (8-1), Conor Jowett (8-2), and Jeff Marquis (8-0).

Doubles wins were bagged by Tonini and Marineau (8-2), Su and Andrews (8-1), and Marquis and Colby Day (8-4).

The Astros then played host to the Memorial Crusaders Thursday, April 19 and only got to play singles due to poor weather. For-

tunately for the Astros, they only needed singles to take the match.

Wins came from Tonini (8-0), Su (8-0), Marineau (8-0), Andrews (8-0), Jowett (8-2), and Marquis (8-0).

The Astros then closed out the week with a brief road trip to Manchester to play 2-4 Derryfield on Friday the 20th.

The PA crew made the ride home celebrating a 7-2 match win which featured singles successes from Andrews (9-7), Marquis (8-1), Alex Tveter (8-0), Colby Day (8-6), and Zach Hudgins (8-3).

The duos of Marquis and Day (8-4) and Tveter and Hudgins (8-4) also won.

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PA Baseball Heads Starts Vacation Week Over .500 Mark

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Two frustrating shutout losses followed by a pleasing road victory last week left the Pinkerton Academy baseball squad contemplating its 3-3 record coming into this, April vacation week for New Hampshire schools.

The Astros suffered a late, 4-0 loss to Concord in Derry on Tuesday the 17th and then fell by a tiny, 1-0 count to Timberlane in a pitcher's duel the next afternoon. However, coach Steve Campo's academy crew salvaged a victory - and a solid one at that - by doubling up on Salem in Derry on Saturday, April 21.

The early-week battle

with Concord on Pinkerton's home diamond was scoreless until the visiting Crimson Tide scored four times in the top half of the seventh inning. And 4-0 was where the final score landed, with the PA offense only able to produce three hits and no runs at all.

Connor Jenkins, Rich Marique, and Jacob Unkles knocked the three PA hits, and lefty hurler Asa Runge gave his Astros five strong innings on the pitcher's mound before being removed. He struck out five batters and only walked one while allowing four hits in five frames of work.

Pinkerton got more strong pitching work from Derek Hiscox in the hard-luck loss to Timberlane in

Plaistow on Wednesday May 18.

The PA hurler went six innings and held the host Owls to a paltry three hits and the lone, earned run. He walked four batters and struck out three. The game's only run was scored in the latter half of the first inning.

Hiscox's struggling offense supported him with just five hits in a second consecutive scoreless performance. No PA batter had more than one hit, and the locals stranded five runners on base.

But the news was considerably better for the academy side on Saturday in its 8-4 win over Salem, in which the Astros lashed out nine hits and got a big two-run double off of the bat of

Brady Day. Day drove in three of the PA runs in the victory. Jenkins and Frank Gulezian each contributed to hits to the winning cause.

Pinkerton pitching held the Blue Devils to just four hits, and big righty Mat Albetski collected the win.

The Astros remained on the winning path in their Monday meeting with the Alvirne High Broncos from Hudson in Derry.

The home team blanked Alvirne 15-0 after placing the 10-run rule into effect.

They bashed out a dozen hits, with Jenkins thumping three, scoring three runs, and driving in two teammates. Jacob McGill smacked two hits and drove in three runs, and Jacob Unkles was good for



Pinkerton infielder Frank Gulezian rifles a throw across the diamond during his team's recent victory over Londonderry in Derry. Photo by Chris Pantazis

Pinkerton Boys' Volleyball Crew Keeps Record Perfect

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

The Pinkerton Academy boys' volleyball squad continued to plow its way through its competition last week with convincing victories over Bishop Guertin and Mascenic, moving its 2018 record to a glittering 6-0 in the process.

The Astro spikers kept their mark unblemished with a 3-1 defeat of the visiting Bishop Guertin Cardinals from Nashua in Derry last Wednesday, April 18.

The hosts took a 25-18 win in game one, dropped game two by a 25-16 score, but then put the match away with wins in games three (25-15) and four (25-18).

The victorious locals got top individual performances from Brian Castle (38 assists), Hunter Hazard (21 kills), Ty Behsman (15 service points, eight kills), and Sean Galusha and Matt Fabrizio (three blocks apiece).

PA then strove to make its record a glittering 6-0 at home against Mascenic Regional of New Ipswich on Friday the 20th. And coach Colin Walker's skilled and determined crew succeeded.

The visiting Mascenic mob took game one by a 25-19 score, but the Astros then clicked their game into gear and took the next three contests by tallies of 25-14, 25-20, and 25-18.

Castle bagged 30 assists,

Hazard collected 15 kills, Behsman was good for some 12 service points and 10 kills, and Ben Taylor blocked three shots.

Pinkerton then aimed at making its record a perfect 7-0 this past Monday the 23rd when it took the fairly lengthy drive to Hampton to battle the host Winnacunnet High Warriors.

The academy spikers remained perfect with three relatively easy game victories of 25-13, 25-14, and 25-18.

Castle bagged 27 assists, Behsman was good for 11 kills and 11 service points, Sean Galusha registered 10 kills and two blocks, and Matt Fabrizio contributed seven kills and two blocks.

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Lady Astro Lax Crew Advances Record to a Perfect 6-0

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Last week was a productive one for the Pinkerton Academy girls' lacrosse team, which slipped by one extremely tough opponent before hammering two weaker ones in pushing its record to 6-0.

The Lady Astros kept their mark unblemished with a tight and somewhat harrowing 9-8 edging of the previously-unbeaten Bishop

Guertin contingent in Nashua Tuesday, April 17.

"After we built up a 6-2 lead in the first half of the game, BG was able to bring the score to a tie. But due to some stingy defense on our part, they were never able to gain a lead," said PA coach Rob Daziel. "BG tied the game with 2:18 remaining, but with 23.4 seconds left Lauren Lisauskas scored the go-ahead goal. BG won the ensuing draw, but Lilly Auger knocked down a pass

after the draw that was recovered by us for the win as time expired."

Assessing the performance of his charges, Daziel added, "It was a great defensive effort by our team, slowing BG's fast break down."

The Astros' last line of defense - goalie Dani Martineau - contributed nine saves to the win.

Lisauskas finished with a big, five-point game that included three goals and two assists. Kiley Davis managed three goals, Meaghan Michaud was good for a goal and an assist, and Auger and Madison Daziel each scored once.

The academy crew was far less challenged by the Division II Hanover High Marauders on the road the next day, with PA bagging a convincing, 15-2 victory.

Pinkerton's lead sat at 5-1 at halftime, and early in the second half the host Marauders trimmed their deficit down to three goals at 5-2. Davis and Madison Daziel responded with goals, and then with a little less than 12 minutes remaining in the match PA rifled home five more goals in a span of just over three minutes to put the game out of Hanover's reach.

"Lilly Auger scored a season-high four goals in the

game," said coach Daziel. "Dani Martineau had eight saves for an 80% save rate, which is a career-high for her. For the fifth game in a row the team held the opponent to less than 10 goals."

Lisauskas, Madison Daziel, Michaud, and Zoe Howe each potted two goals for the victors, with Carolyn Daziel scoring once.

After making two road trips during the week, the academy side finally got to play on its home field against Keene on Friday the 20th. And the results were

all kinds of good for the locals in a 19-4 grounding of the Lady Blackbirds.

The hosts netted 14 of the 16 goals scored in the first half and drove to the lopsided victory behind big offensive production from Caroline Daziel (five goals), Lisauskas (one goal, three assists), and Davis (three goals).

Other point-producers were Michaud (1-2-3), Madison Daziel (two goals), Courtney Lamphere (two goals), Madison Peredna (1-1-2), Amy Quigley (two

assists), and Lilly Auger, Abby Jowett, Zoe Howe, and Hailey Peredna (one goal each). Tatyana Sullivan and Martineau combined to make seven saves for the winning side.

The unbeaten academy crew then rolled into this week looking at a road match on the seacoast at Dover High on Tuesday April 24 - after Nutfield News press time - followed by a home battle with their rivals from Londonderry High at 1 p.m. on Friday afternoon.



Lady Astro lacrosse scoring machine Lauren Lisauskas looks to evade Keene defenders and get a quality shot on net.
Photo by Chris Pantazis

Track Crews Look Strong at North

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Both the Pinkerton Academy boys' and girls' spring track and field contingents put forth strong performances at the 13th annual Nashua North Invitational Saturday, April 21.

The invitational is a non-scoring event, so all of the focus was on efforts in the individual events. And both the Astro males and the Lady Astros stood up tall.

Among the top boys' performances was a new school record by J.J. King in the javelin. King had a throw of 185 feet and 3 inches, which was good for a first place.

Other event wins came from Joron Harrell in the triple jump (41 feet), Nathan Miller in the pole vault (11'6"), the 4x100-meter

relay quartet of Conor Seleny, John Brooks, Kayden Baillargeon, and Jacy Ruimwijk (44.34 seconds), the 4x400 group of Adam Spencer, Ruimwijk, Pat Hanlon, and Noah Woodman (3 minutes, 35.84 seconds), and Ruimwijk on his own in the 100-meter dash (11.26).

Other top-six finishes were delivered by Avery Battle in the long jump (second), Kaleal Cerafici in the shot put (third), Spencer in the 110-meter hurdles and the 300 hurdles (both thirds), Baillargeon in the 100 (fifth), Seleny in the 300 hurdles (fourth) and the 110 hurdles (fifth), and Zach Plaza in the 800-meter run (sixth).

In the girls' competition, the Lady Astros had Laurel Breen win the javelin (109') with her teammate Amelia

Graves second, and the 4x400 relay quartet of Megan Qualters, Macy Graves, Meaghan Robidoux, and Megan O'Brien also proved unbeatable (4:19.32).

Other top-six efforts were registered by Amelia Graves in the 400 (second), the 4x800 relay team of Annie Sullivan, Macy Graves, Maison D'Amelio, and Meghan Cross (second), the group of Qualters, Adria Forand, O'Brien, and Amelia Graves in the 4x100, Cross in the mile (fifth), Hannah Peterson in the 110-hurdles (fifth), Forand (fifth) and O'Brien (sixth) in the 300 hurdles, and D'Amelio in the two-mile run (sixth).

The academy squads will now be free from competitive events until Tuesday, May 1, when they host a four-team meet.

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Model Railroad Derry Fun Night

On May 11, the Seacoast Division of the National Model Railroad Association is running their Derry Fun Night program. The program is held the second Friday night of each month, 7 - 9 p.m., at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. Control panels are still part of building a model railroad even in the DCC world. The May program is a demonstration of how to use Touch Toggles to create a neat graphic design for today's control panels. Always a part of the program is Model Showcase where modelers bring in the latest project they are working on to show and discuss. If you are interested in model trains and would like to join other like-minded hobbyists from beginner to expert for a fun evening program come to Derry Fun Night the second Friday of each month. For additional information go to the Division's website at seacoastnmra.org/calendar.

Wine & Beer Tasting

On Saturday night (beginning 7:30 p.m.), May 5, Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry, NH, is hosting a Wine and Beer Tasting and Silent Auction and Wine Bottle Raffle. We are offering a collection of international and American wines curated by Laurel McLain and Alison Miller, M.Ed., who regularly run private wine group tastings and pairings and hold WSET advanced certifications in Wine & Spirits. The craft beer we are featuring is from Kelsen Brewing Company, and we are also serving appetizers and desserts from Amphora Restaurant in Derry. Tickets for the event are \$25 per person when purchased in advance on line www.etzhayim.org, and \$30 at the door. For more information, please go to our website, or contact medrek9352@aol.com

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