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Keepin' it Movin' Last week's Move-a-Thon at North Elementary School had quite a few students participating in a number of activities to get them going. Pictured, Marlie Fitzgerald Hula Hoops during the after-school event in the gym. See story page 18. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Piles of Snow Pose Multiple Challenges for School District

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School District faced a number of challenges resulting from the most recent blizzard and a shortage of bus drivers following the storm due to illness, Business Administrator Peter Curro told the School

Board at its Tuesday, Feb. 17 meeting.

Following last week-end's blizzard, Superintendent Nate Greenberg said the District notified parents of alternate bus route pick-ups for students when the District saw a shortage of bus drivers and poor road

conditions.

When a high number of drivers called in sick and the District didn't have enough replacements, there were delays in pick-up times at some of the bus stops, with some buses late by 5 to 10 minutes.

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Workforce Housing Project to Get Third-Party Review

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The Zoning Board of Adjustment continued to its March 18 meeting a re-hearing of variance requests for a proposed workforce housing development on Stonehenge Road.

The Board asked the applicant to come back with a cost analysis detailing how each individual variance would financially impact the feasibility of the project.

ty of the project.

According to Laconia-based Applied Economic Research's Russ Thibeault, it would cost Windham developer Raja Khanna \$4.5 million more to build the project without variances to the ordinance: to allow construction of 24-unit buildings where 16-unit buildings are permitted; to allow the percentage of workforce housing units in the development to be limited to 50 percent where 75 percent is required; and to allow phasing of the development over three years, exempting the development from future implementation of growth control regulations.

Thibeault said even if the Board does grant all three variances, the project's profit margin is "razor thin" at a 5.5 percent return, based on renting the regularly

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Area Residents Flock to Gas Pipeline Open House

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Energy company Kinder Morgan hosted a large open house at Londonderry High School last week for local residents and residents of neighboring communities to learn more about a proposed natural gas pipeline.

More than a dozen Kinder Morgan representatives were present to answer questions as guests walked around the cafeteria reading large poster boards mounted on easels and studying large maps of Kinder Morgan's preferred route for the pipeline on tables in the center of the room.

Most residents attend-

ed the informal meeting to gather more information about the project and have yet to take a position on the pipeline.

"It is going through some sensitive areas and wetlands. If they could accommodate by altering the plan to avoid impacting wetlands, it certainly could change our opinion of the project," said Conservation Commissioner Marge Badois, noting it's too early for the Commission to take a position on the pipeline, but members would be discussing and studying the project as plans move forward.

Kinder Morgan has started the pre-filing process with the Federal

Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and is now holding open houses to discuss the project, as required.

The preferred route for their 36-inch natural gas pipeline would cross into New Hampshire from Massachusetts, cutting through 17 communities, including Londonderry, before leaving through Pelham.

Most of the 2.5 mile route through Londonderry is located in the Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH) power line right-of-way. It's estimated the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company's annual

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Eighth Grade Student Council Raises Money for Nature Conservancy

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Londonderry Middle School's eighth grade student council raised an impressive \$560 for the Nature Conservancy New Hampshire.

Last week, the students presented the Conservancy with a check for the funds, which they raised by selling chocolate roses for Valentine's Day.

"It means so much to us that we can make such a difference in our world," Katarina Provost said of their work for the environmental cause. "A lot of times we hear that kids should just follow the rules and we can't do anything. It means so much that we can help and make a difference at any age."

Student council members sold the chocolate roses for \$1 during the school's lunch periods - there are 33 active members. Friends, teachers and family members participated in the fundraiser to benefit the environment.

"It was one of our more popular fundraisers, because everyone loves chocolate," student council member Natalie Brooks said.

"This fundraiser usually does well," science teacher Cynthia Hursh wrote in an email. "It has been run for 15 years or so, but

the non-profit changes as students present causes they feel are important."

Because of all the snow days, Hursh said they were thrilled to have surpassed their goal of raising several hundred dollars for the Nature Conservancy.

When deciding who would benefit from the fundraiser, the group brainstormed a number of worthy organizations, ultimately agreeing by vote to support the Nature Conservancy, President Alyssa Griffin said.

"What we like about the Nature Conservancy is that they help both land and creatures that live in the water," she said.

"I am always proud of the thought and energy this group of kids put into their service projects," Hursh said.

Mark Zankel, executive director for the Nature Conservancy New Hampshire, visited the student council members at the middle school to accept their donation and share the many ways their efforts would benefit the state.

"He talked to us about where the money can go locally. For example, there is an oyster project along the coast (to rebuild degraded oyster

reef habitat in the Piscataqua Region Estuary of New Hampshire and Maine) and they are working to educate fishermen about throwing back fish that are too young (so as to protect populations)," member Courtney Julian said.

"Students now are very aware of the impacts of climate change. They appreciate all the Nature Conservancy is doing to help protect the earth for future generations," Hursh said. "This is a mature group of students who like to take action."



Mark Zankel, executive director for the Nature Conservancy New Hampshire, speaks with members of the middle school student council after receiving a donation of \$560 from their fundraising. Photo by Chris Paul

Hunnewell Named to South School Post

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The School District announced last week that Chelsea Hunnewell is South School's new assistant principal.

Hunnewell has been serving as Interim assistant principal for the last school year.

"Hunnewell has more than proven herself in her acting assistant principal position," South School Principal Linda Boyd said in a press release. "She is



Chelsea Hunnewell

a clear thinker, thoughtful planner and effective problem solver. She is out-

come and data-driven in terms of facilitating instructional decisions for students. Her follow-through across all areas of the job is impeccable and her work ethic is superb."

Before her appointment as interim assistant principal, Hunnewell served as the music teacher at South School for six years, and as the band and chorus director. She was the middle school softball coach also.

"Ms. Hunnewell has

been an excellent faculty member and we believe she will be an outstanding administrator and will be a significant contributor to our college and career ready initiatives," School Board Chair Leitha Reilly said in the press release.

"I feel very fortunate that the School Board has given her the opportunity to continue to contribute to our wonderful school and the great students we serve," Boyd said.

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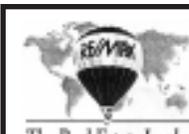
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Existing Trail Improvement Would Boost Town's Walkability

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On the heels of calls for greater walkability at a recent town meeting, Andy Mack is calling for the Town to invest in improvements to existing trails that would link neighborhoods to the Town Center.

"Through a thoughtful use of the trails, we could tie in a great part of the community to the Town Hall, schools, churches, recreation fields and the Town Forest, keeping it on safe, residential roads," Mack said. "Both the east trail coming out of the Kings and a west trail that could come out of Woodbine Drive, Wimbledon Drive or Wheelwright Circle are well contained in public and residential areas. It would be such a step forward for the community."

To make the trails accessible to everyone, Mack said the trails only need a layer of stone dust surfacing.

Additionally, Mack said

he would like to see improvements to a three-mile trail that runs behind the Town Forest on the property the Mack family sold to the Town.

"It's handy to the schools and could be used by those interested in the biological sciences," he said.

Mack would also like to see the sidewalk that runs in front of the schools along Mammoth Road extended down Pillsbury Road, across the brook to Wilshire Drive; as well as the construction of a safe crossing at High Range Road.

"At least 30 percent of the Town could access the Town Center through these trails," he said. "This is so inexpensive, we should pick it up and do it ourselves. The development of the trails would get people out into nature and give young people safe access to the schools, ball fields and library."

In a recent meeting of the Planning Board, Ted

Combes of 23 Holton Circle said increasing walkability in town is the key to satisfying the drive to have younger generations settle in Londonderry.

"If we want 20- to 30-year-olds to come to town, we need to be looking at smaller PUD's (Planned Unit Developments) and having more mixed uses," he said. "We really want the walkability factor. Transportation is expensive. People want walkability to work and entertainment at night. We need to bring in the older generations with the younger generations."

Local developer Richard Flier said at the same meeting that there has been interest in developing the fields behind Town Hall into housing for seniors, with additional recreational fields to be added.

Developing the area into housing that would offer accessibility to the Town Center would be a great start, but it would only be "a tiny bit" of

what's available to improve, according to Mack.

"What we've done with the Town Center is we've failed to give young people access. You could liken what we have now to building a big hotel for everyone, but failing to make an access. Right now, almost all access to the Town Center is achieved by automobile or bus," he said. "There's so much to be gained health-wise for both the young and old. And there are many kids who won't or can't take part in organized sports. The development of these trails could give them a place for running and biking."

In addition to fostering a greater sense of community and offering young people a place to exercise and enjoy nature, the trails create walkability in town, an amenity that has the potential to increase property values and attract businesses, Mack points out.

In addition to improving the trails, Mack, owner of Moose Hill Orchards, endorses the efforts of town committees seeking to improve the Town Forest and create trails that are accessible to everyone.

Mack said he would like to see the Town Forest developed into a natural classroom, noting the land's elevation and scenic views of the apple orchards and other historic features of London-

derry offer unique potential.

"I want to see the Town Forest developed into a natural lab. If done right, the Town Forest could be the nicest park in New Hampshire. Could that be stretching it? I don't think so," he said.

Mack said the development of the Town Forest would look so good, people would identify Londonderry as a smart community, which would make it more attractive to business owners.

When asked if he thinks the improvements could be funded in the near future, Town Manager Kevin Smith has said he will need to see a conceptual design of what

that would entail.

"It's hard to say what the cost would be of doing something like that," he said.

But moving forward, Smith did say he would like to discuss Mack's thoughts on improving the center of town further.

"We're going to be voting very soon on an auditorium, which is just another reason for kids needing a safe trail to walk home. We need a way to let our young people access that area of town," Mack said. "When a town shows concern for the people of its community, people see it's a good place to start a business and it's a good place to live."

Man Struck by Two Cars on Nashua Road Feb. 18

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A Londonderry man suffered lower body injuries when he was struck by two cars while walking on Nashua Road (Route 102) last week.

Entoni Josic, 22, was wearing dark clothing walking down the north end of the road headed west on Feb. 18 around

8:30 p.m. when a Subaru Forester clipped him and threw him into the road.

A Kia Optima swerved to avoid Josic, but struck him at a low speed.

It was difficult for the drivers to see Josic due to his dark colored clothing and because it was snowing, according to Londonderry Police Det. Chris Olson.

The speed limit in the

area Josic was walking is 55 miles per hour, but the average speed is usually around 65 mph, Olson said.

But because of the poor road conditions, the drivers were traveling at significantly reduced speeds.

Josic was transported to St. Joseph Hospital in Nashua, where he was treated for minor injuries.

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Editorial

Declining Enrollment is Real

Several years ago, the state funded the CTAP (Community Technical Assistant Program) studies for local towns as part of the mitigation for the Interstate 93 expansion project. But those studies were done prior to the economic slowdown of the past decade, and according to Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission Executive Director David Preece, who recently addressed the Derry Planning Board, they did not take into account "the drop in housing as a result of the recession....We assumed the growth in the '80s, '90s and early 2000 was going to continue, and it hasn't."

Housing starts are coming back, but housing values are nowhere near where they were in the years immediately before the recession. And while the I-93 expansion likely will bring some population growth, assuming jobs follow, the demographics of the state's population are changing and residents are getting older. Retirees don't contribute children toward the need for large schools.

Combine that with the already declining enrollment in most school districts across the state, and you would expect a serious look at reducing teaching and other staff, combining classrooms, and in some cases, closing buildings, in light of the ever rising property tax.

But that rarely happens.

While school districts can't avoid acknowledging falling enrollment, the cuts are too few to make a serious difference, and budgets continue to

escalate.

We know that closing a school or redistricting students has emotional as well as fiscal components, and it should never be a quick fix or a shoot-from-the-hip response. The Timberlane Regional School District's response to a request to lower the budget was to propose shuttering Sandown Central School, something that had not been part of the discussion that year.

The Derry Cooperative School District, on the other hand, has chosen a far better route – appointing a facilities committee to study a report the district contracted out on its buildings, and other reports done on class size. The committee will be looking at a variety of options, including reorganization, redistricting, changing the use of a facility or closing a school.

Except for Derry's study committee, we haven't seen any significant move to plan long term for the ongoing enrollment drop – and when Londonderry did cut classroom aides in its proposed budget this year, residents returned that cost at deliberative session.

Those seeking to pursue business as usual cite proposed housing developments as likely to add population. Is that fact or wishful thinking?

Meanwhile, school budgets continue to rise, making the cost of owning a home out of reach of many of those potential newcomers – and keeping that home out of reach of many nearing or at retirement.

Letters

Auditorium

To the editor:

Let me join the chorus of praise for Londonderry High School ranking #10 in the Niche Report, released last month. A recent letter points out that Pinkerton Academy ranked considerably lower (#27), despite its auditorium. If we want to make comparisons, let's look at the nine schools in the state which ranked ahead of LHS: every single one of them, from towns of varying size and demographics, has an auditorium/theatre on campus!

While some may not want to build an auditorium in town, there simply is no way to argue whether this is the standard in communities across our country and our state. This has been the case for decades nationally. To be fair, auditoriums have not been a standard in New Hampshire historically, but over the last 15-20 years, they have become so. Londonderry is lagging behind and don't just take my word for it – the New England Association of Schools and Colleges has been telling us for 35 years!

It should also be noted that the \$500,000 study we are considering is a one-time cost with a one-time tax impact. The remaining \$9 million will be bonded and spread out over several years on the tax rate, yielding a different annual tax impact, similar to all the school and town building projects over the years. Of course this will cost us, but let's keep it in perspective and ultimately, consider the value.

Regardless of your first impression of this ballot issue, and/or anything any of us may write in a letter, I urge all voters to read the Londonderry Auditorium Report, which is easily

found on Londonderry.org.

Dan Gore
Londonderry

Supports Auditorium

To the editor:

We write this letter to provide new information and a different point of view regarding support for the proposed auditorium.

Not widely publicized to date is the actual yearly cost of the auditorium bond for an individual taxpayer. According to Town Manager Kevin Smith, the cost is estimated to be \$15 per \$100,000 of property valuation per year. For a \$300,000 home, the additional tax is approximately \$45/year.

Kevin added that there are many factors that impact our tax rate and this is bound to vary somewhat year-to-year. At least, though, this gives us a sense of the yearly cost to an individual taxpayer.

Rather than viewing an auditorium as a cost, one might consider this an investment that could positively impact home resale values. With many folks relying on home equity as a cornerstone of their retirement, making Londonderry a more desirable community can be a positive. The increased home equity return on investment would far exceed \$45 per year. Rather than say "what we have is good enough," those concerned about the tax impact will see this as "good for me."

If you cannot afford this tax increase, then your decision is made. If you can afford it, then please consider these points.

People have said that the language used by the School/Community Auditorium Committee offends them. Focusing on the term "full service community" is a distraction from

the issue. Let us refocus on the purpose of the work this committee has devoted to their task – complete a study of the size, pricing and location for a proposed auditorium for the students of Londonderry. If this is funded and built, it is for them. The committee is temporary, the building is permanent.

People have publicly stated that they didn't grow up with an auditorium and they turned out fine and that the most important factors for students' success are the home environment and the teachers. Of course this is true. However, it is almost certain that the facilities and opportunities they had as students were better than those of their parents. Their parents' generation made sacrifices necessary to provide a better experience, and more opportunities to succeed than they had. It is now our turn and our responsibility to step up and raise the bar for the next generation.

We read in the media that the U.S. is no longer the world innovation leader. Other countries are working to do a better job at educating their children, as it should be. We need to respond and give our kids opportunities to do better, to excel. An auditorium, and the opportunities it brings, can be part of that. It's about getting kids excited about going to school, pushing themselves to do better and to see just how far they can go. We see the opportunities a school/community auditorium facility provides as a big step toward doing just that.

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Discipline Incidents Go Down at High School, Middle School

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The high school and middle school both saw a significant reduction in the number of disciplinary incidents reported during the first semester, compared with the number reported in the first semester last year.

"We're extremely proud our numbers continue to decrease and are the lowest they have been in eight years," Assistant Principal Katie Sullivan told the School Board at its Tuesday, Feb. 17 meeting.

The high school had a total of 185 incidents for semester one, compared with 190 incidents in the first semester last year.

"We only had three 'frequent fliers,' students with five or more infractions. And 185 incidents is outstanding in our eyes," Sullivan said, noting the school's number of frequent fliers used to be in the 30s. "We continue to be proactive and maintain an open-door policy for students and parents."

The high school's frequent fliers were responsible for 11 percent of the discipline totals, and 93 percent of students at the high school did not have a disciplinary incident during the first semester, Sullivan reported.

"I commend you on these numbers. They're certainly reflective of the culture in your building," Vice Chairman Nancy Hendricks said. "I did

notice the numbers for misuse of electronic devices has gone up. Is that due to the 'Bring Your Own Device' policy?"

"Those numbers are incidents where students are using computers or cell phones in academic areas when they're not supposed to be accessing them for personal use," Sullivan said. "The number did double, but more of our teachers are staying on top of it and writing kids up. It's also a lot of semester one freshmen who don't understand our rules yet. And it's a societal thing. Everyone has to get in touch with everyone during the day."

Sullivan said the first consequence for an infraction is a conversation, in which staff attempts to educate the student to prevent repeat behavior. The student is written up and must attend a 45-

minute detention after school, with a phone call home to their parent or guardian.

A second offense merits a Saturday detention, and a third offense warrants an in-school suspension.

Member John Laferriere noted the number of incidents involving students who were in possession of and/or using drugs doubled from last year.

Sullivan attributed the increase to heightened vigilance among staff.

"Of the 10 students, five were involved in one big incident where the students came to school all together. The other five were separate incidents where students were caught in possession of drugs," Sullivan said. "We work very hard to make sure these are one-time offenses and students aren't coming back.

Staff is very vigilant and if they see anything out of the ordinary, they always report it to the administration team."

Sullivan said phone calls to parents to report incidents involving drugs are hard to make.

"If students mess up, we're going to catch them and support them and help the parents get through it," she said.

While the number of drug-related incidents increased, the number of incidents involving cheating and plagiarism dropped, which Chairman Leitha Reilly said she was "happy to see."

"We have an outstanding staff that really emphasizes that from the beginning, and emphasizes it again with every new assignment," Sullivan said.

Also achieving a drop in the number of discipli-

nary incidents in the first semester was the middle school, which had a total of 129 incidents reported, compared with 233 incidents last year for the same period, with six frequent fliers who were responsible for 26 percent of the discipline totals.

"On a positive note, 91 percent of our students at Londonderry Middle School did not have a disciplinary incident during the first semester," Assistant Principal Donna Dyer said.

The major contributing factor to the reduction in incidents was the school's change in programming for at-risk students, according to Dyer.

"We have also really challenged staff to focus on positive behaviors rather than negative. We have a merit system and this past semester we had 160 students earn merits -

that has more than tripled from last year," she said.

The middle school didn't have any drug or alcohol related incidents reported in the last three years.

Most of the disruptive behavior reported takes place during unstructured time in the hallways, often when students are coming back from lunch, Dyer told the Board, noting a lot of the incidents reported as disrespectful behavior are related to situations where students were being disrespectful to one another.

"I do feel we have encouraged the kids to stand up for one another, so a lot of times when an incident comes to me it has already been taken care of. I have been very impressed with that," she said.

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Every year approximately 1.5 million people are made ill or severely injured by medication mistakes and nearly 100,000 die. These deaths are preventable. If we would only protect ourselves by understanding the medication mistakes that can be made that can cause serious harm or even kill us or our loved ones.

Confusing two medications with similar sounding names can happen anywhere. Maybe the provider's handwriting is illegible, the name goes into the computer incorrectly or the wrong drug is pulled from the shelf. When you get a new prescription, ask your provider to write down what it is for as well as the name and dosage. Before you leave the pharmacy verify the medication.

Any drug you take has potential side effects. You've heard these on the television ads. The side effects really add up when you take two or more medications at the same time that may interact with each other. To avoid this, ask your provider and/or your pharmacist about the potential side effects including getting written printouts that you can retain for your records.

It's all too easy to end up with several medications that have similar actions, although they were prescribed for different conditions. You might have one medication for pain, one for anxiety and one for sleeping; all sedatives combining with toxic results. Pay attention to the warnings on the packaging of over-the-counter meds (e.g. Benadryl). Look for words like sleepy or drowsy. You may see warnings against driving or taking with alcohol as well. Since drugs are prescribed in a variety of units of measure with abbreviations or symbols, all it takes is a misplaced decimal point to change a 1.0 mg dosage to 10.0 mg. This amount in some medications could be fatal. Make sure your provider's writing is clear. If you can't read it, maybe the pharmacy can't either. When you get the prescription verify the dosage. When you see a cute bright orange sticker warning that you not to drink when taking the medication,

you need to take notice. Alcohol can have dangerous interactions with OTC medications. It can also compete with certain medications for absorption which can lead to dangerous interactions. Always ask if it is safe to take if drinking alcohol.

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Firefighter Seeks Damages From Harassment, Hostile Work Environment Complaint

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Firefighter Patricia Hamann is taking the Town to court for damages related to alleged harassment and a hostile work environment created by her co-workers and superiors.

Hamann, a career firefighter with Londonderry since October 2002, "cited a lack of communication and manipulative and controlling behavior" in a request on May 8, 2012 to be transferred to a different battalion, which was subsequently denied, according to her complaint for damages and declaratory and injunctive relief.

Hamann's amended complaint was filed in Rockingham Superior Court on Dec. 19.

Hamann alleges that between February and April 2012 she was subjected to a controlling and demeaning battalion chief, and that she was coerced into submitting a station assignment change request.

Additionally, the complaint alleges Hamann's battalion chief would undermine her seniority by allowing more junior firefighters benefits not conferred upon her and by encouraging other firefighters to ignore her, exclude her from conversations, exclude her from activities, or otherwise make it difficult for her to perform her duties as a firefighter.

Hamann alleges her co-workers would ignore her and talk about her while she was in the room as if she were not there, ignoring her requests or statements to them, and otherwise under-

mining her ability to perform her job.

The Town denies the veracity of Hamann's complaints in court documents filed by Town Attorney Joshua Scott on Jan. 20.

Scott did not return calls for comment.

Hamann alleges several requests for transfer to a different battalion were denied by Fire Chief Kevin MacCaffrie, who resigned from his position in early 2013, and current Fire Chief Darren O'Brien; and that she was disciplined several times following her requests for transfer.

The Town admits Hamann requested a transfer from Battalion 3 due to what she alleged were a lack of communication and manipulative and controlling behaviors, but denies Hamann alleged she was subject to harassment and a hostile work environment.

The Town also admits Hamann complained in her May 8, 2012 transfer request about the actions of the battalion chief, but denies the veracity of such complaints. The Town also admits Hamann was disciplined for reasons unrelated to her request for a transfer.

On Aug. 26, 2014, O'Brien temporarily transferred Hamann to another battalion. The Town admits O'Brien transferred Hamann when the Police Department launched an investigation into her complaints of harassment and a hostile work environment.

"Instead of being transferred immediately, as requested, the Town waited over a year to transfer

(Hamann). Despite ultimately transferring her to a new battalion, the Town failed to address the hostile work environment caused by employees in her old Battalion," Hamann's complaint alleges. "Therefore, when Hamann works overtime, she is required to work with the same employees she originally complained about. Those employees continue to create a hostile work environment. As a proximate result of the Town's retaliation against (Hamann), she has incurred pain and suffering, loss of certain benefits and other losses."

The Town admits Hamann occasionally works with employees in Battalion 3, but denies all the other allegations related to those claims.

As part of the Police Department's investigation into Hamann's complaints, the Department interviewed Hamann, her co-workers, the chief and other witnesses. The investigation concluded by the end of 2013.

"Upon information and belief, as a result of the Londonderry Police Department investigation, Chief O'Brien authorized (Hamann's) transfer to another battalion," according to court documents.

Hamann made several requests for a copy of the investigation report to the Town.

When her requests went unanswered, Hamann complained to the New Hampshire Department of Labor (DOL).

The Town again refused, saying it's not obligated to provide the report, accord-

ing to the documents.

On July 11 and 28, 2014, Hamann, through legal counsel, filed two requests pursuant to RSA 91-A seeking email communications between certain town employees involved with her grievances against the Town, involving her requests for transfer, and involving alleged misconduct by the Town.

Although the Town acknowledged receipt of the requests, the Town never responded, it's alleged in Hamann's complaint.

The Town admits receiving RSA 91-A requests on July 11 and 28, 2014 from Hamann requesting email correspondence from numerous employees.

"(The Town) denies the requests were limited in any way to issues related to (Hamann), but rather sought all communications for nine employees of (the Town) over a two-year period," according to the court documents. "(The Town) admits it responded to (Hamann's) requests in a letter dated Aug. 27, 2014 and has not produced documents in response to the RSA 91-A requests."

Additionally, the Town says Hamann never responded to its request in a letter dated Aug. 27, 2014 to clarify the scope of her RSA 91-A request.

The Town has asked the Court to dismiss Hamann's amended complaint and

award the Town its attorney fees, costs and expenses.

Hamann has asked the Court to order the Town to produce the police investigation report and the documents in her RSA 91-A request. She is also asking the Court to award her compensatory damages for the Town's unlawful conduct and award her attorney's fees and costs "for the Town's willful and malicious conduct."

The Town will argue it did not act with malice or reckless indifference to any of Hamann's rights, and that every action of the Town was taken for a legitimate and non-discriminatory business purpose and was consistent with principles of law.



New Scouts The Webelos II of Pack 605 celebrated their Crossover ceremony as they entered into Boy Scouts on Feb. 13. Pictured from left are: David Jarvis, Reese Kamerman, Ethan Grandmont, Christopher Merheb, Den Chief Jake Calligandes, Matthew Jasper, Matthew Villineau and Trevor Barth.



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Workforce

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priced units at \$1,440 per month.

Member Neil Dunn said he would like to see Khanna provide specifications for the units he plans to build to Thibeault, and for Thibeault to share his analysis with a third-party consultant for review.

"I think you're looking for a comfort level for the costs and that the figures I'm giving you are realistic," Thibeault said.

"I look at rental rates for the Fairways (in Derry), and they're renting two-bedroom apartments for \$900, where you're saying they'll cost \$1,400," Dunn said. "I would like to have a third party evaluate. How do we know it's not just inflated? I would like to see that resolution. I'm also looking for assurance what you're proposing to put in is what will end up going there. How do we guarantee that is what will get done?"

The Board directed Thibeault with sharing with the third-party consultant his analysis of each of the variances independently from the others, and how the project would be impacted by

each of those variances. "It's not a massive undertaking," Thibeault said. "I think I could have that ready for your next meeting on March 18."

Concerns from members of the Board and members of the public during the re-hearing focused on whether or not the Town has a responsibility to make the workforce housing development economically viable.

"What if he overpaid on the price of the land?" David Nease of 11 Faye Lane asked the Board. "What if they did pay 20 percent over for the property? It's obvious that type of project won't work without several variances. Why is it our responsibility to make it financially feasible?"

"State statute requires the Town to make efforts to provide workforce housing," argued Bill Tucker, a Manchester-based attorney who represented Khanna at the meeting. "Londonderry and state statute are important to the overall discussion to make this an affordable and realistic project. The Town must provide reasonable and realistic opportunities to develop economically viable workforce housing within the framework of the municipality's ordinances. This is a unique situation where the state requirements act as canopy which the Town must operate within and remain in compliance with. What may seem acceptable for a market rate project may require modification for a workforce housing project."

Dunn pointed out the courts have ruled the

character of a neighborhood should be considered, and that if the developer is granted a variance to build 24-unit buildings, they will be a story taller than the 16-unit buildings would be.

"For me, a taller building does change the character of the neighborhood more than a lower building," he said. "The character thing is big for me. I travel all over and when I get off the highway these big apartment complexes are intrusive. I'm big on character in Londonderry."

"I think these buildings do a dis-justice to the people in this neighborhood," said Deb Paul of 118 Hardy Road, publisher of the Londonderry Times. "There are nice, single-family homes coming in. Yes, the assessment of the home may not go down with this development, but it goes down when you go to sell it. When the buyer goes to look at the neighborhood and says, 'oh, that's what's there?' It may not affect the assessed value, but it affects the resell value."

Khanna told the Board the development will be barely visible from Stonehenge Road and won't be visible from Mammoth Road due to the downward slope of the property and natural buffers.

"I keep hearing it doesn't affect the neighborhood. Well, I live in the neighborhood and I'm here telling you that I don't like it," Paul said. "I sat on the (workforce housing) board and we worked for over a year-and-a-half talking about the workforce housing

ordinance."

Paul noted the town planner said that according to the town assessor, Londonderry fulfills 70 percent of its workforce housing obligation.

"That's why they're rezoning everything," she said. "There was a lot of back and forth, and we compromised at 16 units per building because people didn't want to damage the character of this town and make it a Manchester, or a Derry, or a Salem."

But Tucker argued it's rare for a developer to build under 24 units in a building.

"At the end of the day, the ordinance was written and approved by the town attorney. Back then, things cost a lot more and they said it was feasible," said Paul.

"The same exact project was brought up in

2008. When they purchased this property and started thinking about it, they knew about the challenges they had and the variances they would need," Nease said. "For them to expect it to be feasible today doesn't make sense to me. They should have done their due diligence and negotiated less on their property. It's not our responsibility as residents or you as a board to make this an economically feasible project if they overpaid on the land."

Paul argued the reports Thibeault has presented are one-sided, as he is paid by Khanna.

"Their issue is to make sure they get what they want, not what's right for this Town," Paul said.

The Board agreed that bringing in a third-party consultant would generate

confidence about those numbers.

The case will be re-heard at the Board's March 18 meeting, taking into consideration Thibeault's analysis of the financial implications of each variance, as well as the third-party consultant's analysis.

In other business at last week's meeting:

- The Board voted 5-0 to grant a variance to allow a subdivision to create a lot with less than 30,000 square feet of contiguous non-wetland area as required by the ordinance.

The variance will allow Jack Szemplinski of 62 Rear Adams Road and Harold Kicza of 86 and 88 Adams Road to move forward with a lot line adjustment that will clean up the lot lines related to their properties.

Man Arrested in Shrimp Thefts

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Police arrested a Derry man who has allegedly been stealing bags of frozen shrimp from local supermarkets.

When Londonderry police responded to Hanaford on Dec. 4 for a reported shoplifting, a security officer told police a man wearing a plaid, hooded jacket and jeans had exited the store carrying a basket filled with bags of frozen shrimp and left in a black Saturn.

Later that day, the man had returned in the same black Saturn wearing a baseball hat, a grey sweatshirt and the same black and white shoes he had been wearing earlier. The vehicle was parked in the

fire lane outside the store as he filled a basket with 10 bags of extra jumbo shrimp and 10 bags of jumbo shrimp.

The store manager waited at the exit and when the man neared the store exit, he put the basket down and left quickly, making a statement that he left his wallet in the car, according to Londonderry Police Lt. Tim Jones.

A store camera captured three digits of the Saturn's license plate, which police used to search registered plates with the Department of Motor Vehicles. The search resulted in nine vehicles with matching plates, one of which was registered in Londonderry. Police believe a female

was driving the car, according to Jones.

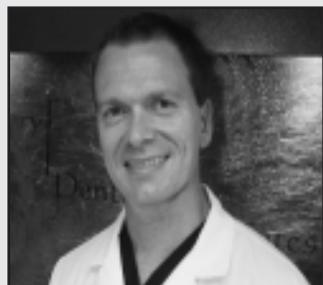
Camera recordings inside the store were used to identify Mark Foster, 23, as the suspect who allegedly stole the bags of shrimp, which were valued at \$289.

A detective in Plaistow told Londonderry police Foster has additionally been charged for at least two other thefts of shrimp at supermarkets in the area.

Foster had been arrested and was being held at the Rockingham County Jail when Londonderry police arrested him for two counts of theft and attempt to commit theft from a building. He was held on \$10,000 cash bail.

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Elder Affairs Subcommittee Reviews Senior Transportation

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Elderly Affairs Committee accepted the findings of a subcommittee directed to research transportation options for seniors in Londonderry, and found CART to be the best.

After learning through meetings with the Cooperative Alliance for Regional Transportation (CART) that the shuttle program seniors use to get to the Londonderry Senior Center has limited hours, the subcommittee began considering alternative transportation options.

CART runs two vans: the "Sun Shuttle," financed by Rockingham Nutrition, runs for a set amount of hours per week, with the primary purpose of getting seniors to the Senior Center for meals and to dialysis treatments; and the CART van, which also shuttles seniors between designated locations, and provides rides to appointments when scheduled up to two weeks in advance, subcommittee member Dolores Stoklosa reported to the committee at their Feb. 17 meeting.

Alternative transportation options to the CART shuttles the subcommittee considered include supplemental programs CART offers through Green Cab, a full-service transportation company based in Londonderry; as well as Seniors Helping Seniors, a private, senior home care company oper-

ating out of Amherst that offers transportation to seniors by appointment.

The biggest challenge with alternatives to CART is the associated cost, according to Stoklosa said.

Green Cab can cost up to \$25 one-way, while the highest rate listed on CART's website for a ride to "out-of-reach" destinations, including Manchester, Plaistow and Windham, is \$5 round-trip.

Stoklosa said the rates for a ride from Green Cab are different when CART arranges the transportation as part of its supplemental program, as opposed to when someone schedules his or her own appointment with the company.

Additionally, Stoklosa said Green Cab offers vouchers at half price to seniors, where they are able to purchase \$50 worth of rides for \$25.

The Committee agreed CART is the best alternative for seniors seeking transportation.

"Keeping CART going is important. Something I discussed with some people is we would like to see down the road getting a van donated to the Senior Center," committee Chairman Al Baldasaro said.

Stoklosa said while it would be nice to receive a van to supplement transportation for seniors, the gas and other maintenance costs could prove cost prohibitive.

"CART is win-win for the Senior Center, and also Meals on Wheels,"

Baldasaro said. "We definitely want to keep that service close. It's not perfect, but it's a no brainer for our seniors."

Stoklosa said CART is working on improving communication with patrons, as well as with the public, and is also considering ways to improve its services.

As part of their recommendations to the committee, the subcommittee recommended printing a flier with contact information for organizations that provide transportation to seniors, including local, private services like Seniors Helping Seniors.

Other recommenda-

tions included continuing the Town's contract with CART and maintaining communication with the director and board to maximize services; inviting Green Cab's owner to speak at the Senior Center, reviewing forms, prices and policies during a monthly breakfast; and con-

tinuing to monitor transportation needs in Londonderry.

The subcommittee also encourages all seniors who are experiencing difficulties with transportation to speak with staff at the Senior Center. To reach the Senior Center by phone, call 432-8554.

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ARTICLES

Article 2 General Fund - Operating Budget

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget for the fiscal year 2015-2016, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, or separate warrant articles, one of the following amounts for the purposes set forth in the budget posted with the warrant? **Vote for only one:**

<p>A. \$67,764,153 (School Board Budget as amended)</p>	<p>(Estimated Tax Impact \$12.65)</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">Yes</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">No</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">Abstained</td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Voted by the School Board:</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: right;">A <input type="radio"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Voted by the Budget Committee:</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>		Yes	No	Abstained		Voted by the School Board:	1	4	0	A <input type="radio"/>	Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0	
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<p>B. \$67,906,417 (Default Budget)</p>	<p>(Estimated Tax Impact \$12.69)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">B <input type="radio"/></p>															

NOTE: Warrant Article 3 (Operating Budget) does not include appropriations proposed under any other article in this warrant.

Article 3 Londonderry Education Association [LEA] Bargaining Agreement

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Londonderry School District and the Londonderry Education Association (LEA), and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,163,989 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost items attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid, at current staffing levels, in the prior fiscal year? The agreement calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Cost			
FY 2015-2016	\$1,163,989	(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.32)		
FY 2016-2017	\$1,203,452	(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.34)		

	Yes	No	Abstained	
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0	YES <input type="radio"/>
Voted by the Budget Committee:	5	1	1	NO <input type="radio"/>

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Snow

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“A couple times we borrowed drivers,” Greenberg said. “On Monday, Windham did not have school and we pulled some drivers from Windham. All-in-all, we’re making it through.”

The Highway Depart-

ment has been in contact with the District daily, and even hourly at some times, according to Curro.

“On Feb. 16, we had a 90-minute delay, but the Town had off for President’s Day. They were out at 4 a.m. clearing off the roads so they were ready before the buses rolled off. The roads looked

good when they went out,” he said.

Snow removal throughout the School District will be expensive, but it was necessary to ensure safety at the schools, Curro told the Board.

The District hired two companies, Northern New England Excavator and Accurate Tree Removal,

to assist with efforts to clear snow off the roofs of several schools and remove snow piles around the schools and in the parking lots.

Curro said Northern New England Excavator leased two backhoes and three or four dump trucks to make room for additional snow and reduce

the size of snow banks at school entrances that were obstructing sight lines for cars pulling in and out.

Additionally, Accurate Tree Service worked with cranes to shovel bags of snow off the roofs of South School, Matthew Thornton, the middle school and areas of the high school, as previously reported in the Londonderry Times.

Member John Laferriere asked how much the snow removal operation would cost.

“We don’t have a total yet, but it won’t be cheap,” Curro said, noting

the expense was necessary to ensure safety.

Chairman Leitha Reilly said she received questions from parents as to whether the snow on the roof had posed a threat of collapse before it was removed.

“No, we did not wait until there was a threat,” Curro responded. “We acted as quickly as we did to address the issue and didn’t want to wait until we got right up to the snow load capacity. There are two or three winter storms coming and we wanted to remove the snow that’s there now before they arrive.”

SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 4 Londonderry Association of Allied Health Professionals [LAAHP] Bargaining Agreement

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Londonderry School District and the Londonderry Association of Allied Health Professionals (LAAHP), and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,321 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost items attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid, at current staffing levels, in the prior fiscal year? The agreement calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Cost		YES <input type="radio"/>
FY 2015-2016	\$85,321	(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02)	NO <input type="radio"/>
FY 2016-2017	\$87,017	(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02)	
		Yes No Abstained	
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0

Article 5 Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District, if Article 3 (Londonderry Education Association - LEA) and / or Article 4 (Londonderry Association of Allied Health Professionals [LAAHP] bargaining agreements are defeated, authorize the School Board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address either Article cost items only?

	Yes	No	Abstained	YES <input type="radio"/>
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0	NO <input type="radio"/>
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0	

Article 6 School Lunch Program and Federal Fund Projects

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to accept and receive federal grants and other such funds to support the school lunch program and federal projects; further to raise and appropriate such funds in a special revenue fund as follows: school lunch program, \$1,448,000; and federal projects, \$1,519,500; such funds to be self-supporting through local, state or federal revenue sources?

	(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)			YES <input type="radio"/>
	Yes	No	Abstained	NO <input type="radio"/>
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0	
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0	

Article 7 Special Article (School Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund)

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 to be placed in the School Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund? The Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund was previously established and approved at the March 1995 School District Meeting.

	(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.11)			YES <input type="radio"/>
	Yes	No	Abstained	NO <input type="radio"/>
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0	
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0	

NOTE: The intended use for these funds is for major one-time capital costs for district facilities including roofs, paving, boilers and small renovation projects.

Article 8 Special Article – Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$100,000 to be placed in the School District Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? This fund was created to provide funds to procure essential small equipment for the classrooms, offices, technology, and buildings and grounds at the March 12, 2013 meeting, and to authorize the use of that amount up to \$100,000 from the June 30, 2015 unreserved fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2015.

	(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)			YES <input type="radio"/>
	Yes	No	Abstained	NO <input type="radio"/>
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Pipeline

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The corridor Kinder Morgan is considering as the route for the pipeline enters Londonderry at the Litchfield town line near Morway Drive, running along the PSNH power lines, across the West Road Fields, and heading south-east past Elwood Orchards into Hudson.

Kinder Morgan's Vice President of Public Affairs, Allen Fore, said 39 landowners in Londonderry are included in their 400-foot study corridor.

"Each of those property owners will get a private consultation with our land surveyors about the survey process. Through the survey process, we are able to learn more about the property and ways we may adjust construction. The earlier the discussions, the better," he said.

If a landowner does exercise the right to refuse the survey, Fore said Kinder Morgan's team would do their best to survey the land from abutting properties and records of the land that are available.

Fore said specific details of pipeline construction aren't set in stone and it's possible they may alter the route or construction to address environmental issues and concerns of landowners identified in discussions and through the land surveys.

However, the potential effects of making such a change - for example, if the adjustment results in an additional five homes being affected - must be taken into consideration.

Additionally, Fore confirmed the size of the pipeline is still under consideration as well.

Opponents have said a 36-inch pipeline is much larger than would be needed to satisfy demand for natural gas in the region.

"It could be a 30-inch pipeline," Fore said, noting the size of the right-of-way that would be needed for a 30-inch pipeline is the same as would be needed for a 36-inch pipeline. "We

will identify the size of the pipeline when we file our application in the fall."

With regard to questions about demand for gas in the region, Fore said there is definitely a need, particularly in New Hampshire.

"When we design a project, we must meet two criteria - there is commercial certainty, and it can be permitted," Fore said. "We're always evaluating and re-evaluating the project. The early discussion is important."

But Richard Bielinski of Londonderry is concerned residents' feedback won't be taken into consideration during the planning process.

"We can't go in with the attitude we don't want it at all. I just want to make sure it's done the right way. I want it built with the best materials," he said. "When they built the pipeline behind the schools, we had to fight to get the pipe upgraded. It was encased in concrete, but we had to fight for that. I want it done the right way."

The cost of the project is expected to come in around \$4 billion, according to Fore.

Bielinski said he asked a representative at the open house if they would be using upgraded materials to build the new pipeline through Londonderry, and said he was informed they aren't far enough along in the pre-filing process to confirm those details.

"The materials should be upgraded. I want to see automatic shut-downs, not manual shutdowns in the pipe. And they're definitely far enough in the process to know," Bielinski said.

Fore said pipelines are the safest means of transporting any material, and that Kinder Morgan's lines are well maintained and always include shut-downs in case there is an emergency.

"In some cases, we have homes that are located right up along our right-of-way," he said. "We have shut-downs in case there is an event and we have tools we send through the lines to detect any degradation of the lines. We maintain

our pipelines properly. Education is extremely important, and we inform residents of 'Call Before You Dig.'"

Over the next several months of the pre-filing process, Kinder Morgan will be holding several open houses and public meetings to discuss the project with the public.

"I really like this format," State Sen. Sharon

Carson, R-Londonderry said of the open house. "It allows residents to engage with the material and have their questions answered face-to-face. I think that's important. This is a good first step. It's important for the company to talk to people and I'm glad to see Kinder Morgan came out in force to answer questions."

Carson said she has received about 10 phone

calls from her constituents about the proposed pipeline and encourages all those who have questions or concerns to contact Kinder Morgan and attend the open house events to get more information.

Once all public input has been considered and revisions to the plan are complete, Kinder Morgan expects to file a formal application for the project

in the fall.

"We have heard generally a positive response from Londonderry regarding the project," Fore said. "The main concern we have heard has been, 'make sure you keep us informed.'"

If the company obtains its state and federal approvals, construction could begin in the spring of 2017, with the pipeline in service by the winter of 2018.

SAMPLE BALLOT

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Article 9 Auditorium Architectural and Engineering Costs

Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500,000 to fund the necessary costs of architectural and engineering professional services for construction plans for a proposed High School / Community auditorium?

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.14)

	Yes	No	Abstained	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
Voted by the School Board:	4	1	0		
Voted by the Budget Committee:	4	3	0		

Article 10 Co-curricular and Athletic Stipends

Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,069 to fund the necessary cost of stipends for music, athletics and co-curricular activities.

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.002)

	Yes	No	Abstained	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
Voted by the School Board:	5	0	0		
Voted by the Budget Committee:	7	0	0		

Article 11 Citizen's Petition - Transportation Costs

The registered voters of Londonderry, NH request that the Londonderry School Board raise and appropriate \$0.00 for the additional costs of transportation and to request the Londonderry School Board to adopt a student transportation policy that includes policies and procedures for school bus stop locations and procedures for determining hazardous roadways including the elements listed below:

General Information

A. Transportation Area/Non-Transported Area. Traffic safety factors and distance are the two primary criteria used to establish Non-Transported areas. The Non-Transported areas, less than 1 mile, are determined by measuring the distance, in the most direct route, from the home of the student to the nearest property line of the school of attendance. Bus routes are arranged according to geographic areas.

B. Bus Stops. Whenever possible, elementary school bus stops will be located at the driveway of the youngest student within the walking distance of .25 miles. Students, especially in primary grades, tend to forget about pedestrian safety making a driveway the safest location for pick up and discharge. Middle School and High School bus stops will be located at the nearest corner or intersection to the student's home. Bus stops will be located to maximize bus route safety and efficiency.

Bus Stop Locations and Procedures

The bus routes and stops may change each year based on the student population. Guidelines for walking to a bus stop are .0 mile for kindergarten, .25 mile elementary, and .5 mile for Middle School and High School students. Kindergarten students will be transported to and from the house/driveway of a parent or guardian. Elementary School students will be transported to and from the driveway of the youngest student within the allowable walking distance. Visibility of the bus stop location to Elementary school students' home will be a factor in determining the most appropriate stops.

A. All bus stops will be evaluated bi-annually using criteria established by the NH Department of Education (Attached to this policy)

B. All questions and requests to change the location of a bus stop will be addressed by the School District. Any changes will require a new/updated evaluation.

C. Visibility from the home to the bus stop is not part of District criteria for establishing Middle School or High School bus stops. Bus stops are collector points in the neighborhood. If a parent/guardian is concerned about watching their child at the stop they need to walk with them to the stop.

D. If a regular education bus stop is not active for a two-week period, the stop will be discontinued until the School District or the bus company is notified. If a student riding on special transportation does not ride for three days in a row (and does not call the bus company to cancel their ride for those three days), the stop will be cancelled until a parent/guardian has contacted the School District to reactivate the stop. Once notified of the need to reactivate a bus stop, it may take up to 3 school days to re-start the service at the stop, since the pickup times for other students might need to be modified or altered.

The suggested policy in this article is advisory only.

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

	Yes	No	Abstained	YES <input type="radio"/>	NO <input type="radio"/>
Voted by the School Board:	0	5	0		
Voted by the Budget Committee:	0	7	0		

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Craig O'Neill Oil Paintings at Leach Library Through March

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry painter Craig O'Neill tells his unique perspective through his vibrant, engaging paintings on display at the Leach Library through the month of March.

A painter since he was 8 years old, O'Neill, a Londonderry resident of 26 years, is passionate about art and the creative process.

"It's essential," O'Neill said of art. "Any type of creativity can make a person full of energy. It regenerates. Art can not only take you away, but it can create a whole new world for you. It enables you to see beyond the limits."

O'Neill attended the High School of Music and Art in New York; and, after studying German literature at Harpur College in New York state, continued taking art classes at the

New School in New York City, then later at the Cambridge Center for Adult Education in Massachusetts.

His medium of choice is oil paint, but he also enjoys painting with pastel. The subjects of his paintings are varied - landscapes, portraits, interior design, even cars and construction vehicles.

Although his paintings are realistic, they feature abstract elements that lend a dreamlike quality to his subjects.

Another characteristic of his work is that almost all of his pieces feature movement. Even a painting of the marshes on Cape Cod, in which O'Neill said he wanted to capture the stillness of the environment, features movement in the grass.

"I like to relate every piece of a painting to everything else," he said. "I have to have a sense of balance. One of my teach-

ers once said, 'only after you've covered the whole canvas have you really started painting.'

Additionally, it's important to O'Neill that all his paintings tell a story, even if it's just a feeling.

"Even landscapes can tell a story," he said. "In my painting 'The Last Sunflowers,' there's a big sweeping path of sunflowers. The movement in the painting is so strong, it tells a story."

O'Neill, who enjoys painting all over New England, particularly at the Codman Community Farms in Massachusetts, is also sure to include "a point of entry" in all his paintings.

"I think about how the viewer will enter the painting and how their eyes will move around. You want to keep the eyes from leaving the painting," he said.

When he draws or paints people, O'Neill said he feels an obligation to

tell the viewer something about his subject.

"I imply things in their clothing, or the objects around them," he said. "One of the things that's really important is the imagination. Anything creative stimulates the imagination."

O'Neill said he enjoys sharing his work and finds that people like paintings for different reasons.

O'Neill lives with his wife, Irena, and works in billboard advertising, while also taking weekly art classes in Cambridge, Mass., and dedicating time to his craft. He has two daughters and is the proud grandfather of a 3-week-old baby boy.

In addition to sharing his work at the Leach Library, O'Neill has displayed his paintings at the public libraries in Derry, Plaistow and Stoneham, Mass. He has been commissioned and has sold several of his paintings.



The Leach Library's featured artist in March, Craig O'Neill, displays his painting "Club Michael," which will hang with several other paintings he has selected for his exhibit. Photo by Kaitlyn G. Woods



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— LONDONDERRY SPORTS —

Lancer Wrestlers End Timberlane's Long State Title Run

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Since the turn of the current century, there had to be times when folks who follow New Hampshire high school wrestling wondered if the Timberlane Regional High wrestling team would ever be unseated as the Granite State wrestling powerhouse.

After all, after sharing the Class L championship with Concord and Salem in 2000, the Owls went on to win the next 14 state titles in New Hampshire's large-school division and do so convincingly, developing some of the top wrestlers in New England in the process.

But Timberlane's 15-year run as a state champion came to an end last Saturday, Feb. 21, as first-year coach Jason Cucolo's Londonderry High Lancers began what they hope will be a run of titles by besting the reigning champions and all other Division I squads at Nashua High School South.

It's the first state team title in Londonderry High wrestling history.

After losing to Timberlane by just a single point during a head-to-head match recently, the Lancers tallied 188 points to outdistance Timberlane (175) in the state tourney as the Plaistow-based

powerhouse sought to keep its New Hampshire championship run rolling.

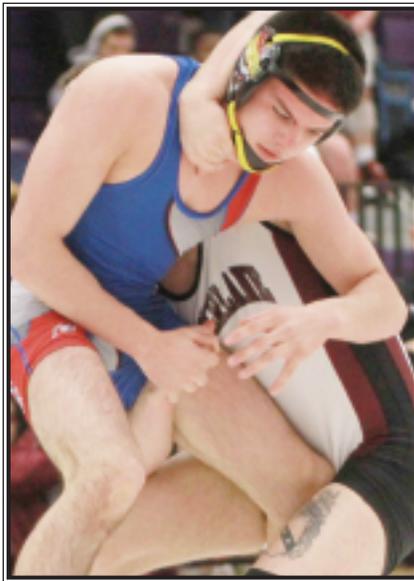
Cucolo - who wasn't awarded D-I coach of the year - pointed the attention to his wrestlers.

"This feels great, but I feel great more for the guys," said Cucolo. "They've worked hard all year, done everything we've asked of them, and gotten the job done. We brought 12 guys and all 12 finished, and you can't ask for more than that."

As Cucolo stated, all of the dozen Lancer grapplers went home with medals for finishing among the top six competitors in their respective divisions. And veterans Jean-Luc Lemieux, Kyle Byrd, and Mahdi Achab all got to the top of the heap by winning individual state crowns.

Senior Lemieux, a transfer from Pinkerton Academy who has now won four state weight class titles in four years, was named the Most Outstanding Wrestler at the state tourney.

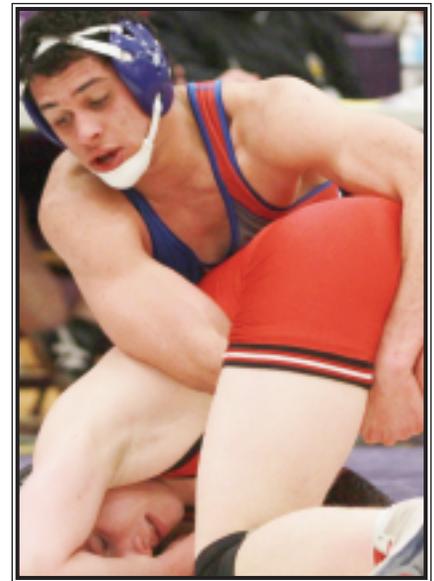
Lemieux won the 138-pound title Saturday by besting Timberlane senior Danny Scalzo - who had edged Lemieux by one point during the recent LHS/Timberlane dual meet - in a highly-anticipated title meeting that had folks on the edges of



LHS senior wrestling star Jean-Luc Lemieux keeps winning crowns.



Lancer veteran Kyle Byrd became the 160-pound champ in D-I.



Mahdi Achab won his 170-pound weight class. Photos by Chris Paul

their seats during the championship tourney.

Lemieux snagged a 7-0 victory from Scalzo in the state title battle, notching two huge points on a reverse to bust a scoreless tie a minute into the second period. And at the end of two periods, the Lancer led by a 5-0 tally.

When asked if his tough loss to Scalzo during the regular season match was a motivator for him come title time, Lemieux responded, "Last time was just a matter of cardio for me. I was sick and I didn't have as much energy as I usually do. But I had lots of energy today."

Senior Kyle Byrd defeated Pinkerton Academy standout Tyler Wilson by a 3-1 tally in a dramat-

ic 160-pound final bout to take the individual state title.

With the score knotted up at 1-1 during period number three of their bat-

tle, Byrd threw Wilson to the mat as time expired to collect a 3-1 win and send his teammates and the Lancer fans into celebration mode.

Londonderry 170-pound standout Mahdi Achab - who missed out on a school vacation-week trip to Paris with family mem-

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Lancer Boy Cagers Bounce Two Opponents Out of Their Gym



Lancers' star senior guard Cody Ball led the offense with 30 points against Dover last week.
Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After having to battle its way to a Division I-rattling victory over the previously-unbeaten Manchester Central Little Green the previous week, the still-unbeaten Londonderry High boys' basketball squad pounded its way to its 14th and 15th divisional wins against a pair of lesser opponents at LHS last week.

The struggling Dover High Green Wave proved no impediment to the undefeated Lancers' drive for their 13th Division I win at home Tuesday night, Feb. 17, with the hosts tallying a dominant 92-55 victory.

Londonderry was up 24-13 after one quarter,

44-23 at the half, and 73-40 when three periods had been completed. And the locals wound up winning by 37 points, with star senior guard Cody Ball leading the offense with 30 points by himself. The Saint Anselm College-bound standout nailed a handful of three-point shots in the process.

All in all, Ball led a charge of 10 Londonderry scorers in the lopsided victory, with Jacob Coleman tallying 17 points, Marc Corey netting 15, and Joey Kwiatkowski scoring 12.

The sparse crowd who attended the game were treated to countless steals of the Dover ball and great overall defensive work by the home squad.

The victors sank a

total of eight three-pointers over 2-12 Dover, which began its 2014-15 campaign by losing its first 10 games before winning two of three coming into the Londonderry game.

The Lancers knocked down eight more treys at home last Friday night, Feb. 20, in a 77-26 walloping of a Keene contingent that slid to 5-9 as a result.

The hosts won every quarter handily, leading 15-6 after one period, 40-12 at the half, and 58-21 with just the last stanza to be completed.

Ball buried four of his team's treys and finished the night with 24 points,

just two points short of Keene's entire squad's scoring tally. Marc Corey was good for 15 points, and his little brother Matt Corey chipped in with a baker's dozen of 13 points.

The 14-0 Lancers head into the final two weeks of the regular season facing only one team with a losing record, the Nashua North Titans (4-11), on Friday night, Feb. 27, at home. Other teams are Manchester Memorial (7-6), Alvirne (9-5) for the team's last home game on March 2 on what will be the team's Senior Night, and Spaulding (10-2).

Wrestling

Continued from page 13 bers to compete at the D-I championships - battled his way to a 4-3 edging of Pinkerton stalwart Seamus Dolan to claim the individual state championship.

The team also had Ryan Cabezas (126 pounds) and Richard Bilodeau (195) make it into their weight divisions' title matches but both lost and wound up being runners-up.

Third place finishes were collected by Craig Santos at 113 pounds, Tyler Byrd at 120, and Jake Barr in the 152-pound



After ending the Timberlane Owls' 15-year title run, the LHS wrestling team had every reason to smile as they showed off the D-I trophy last weekend.

class, and fourths were snared by Kevin Robis- Roszczenko (182). class, and Colin Reardon ended up sixth at 145 pounds. Drew Chase finished fifth in his 132-pound

Athletes of the Week

For the Week of Feb. 16



Kat Wells, Junior, Girls' Basketball

This intense 11th grader has worked hard all year long and been a key motivator for the Lady Lancers' team before games and during time-outs. Her upbeat attitude and strong play helped the team start out 13-2.



Nick Donnelly, Junior, Ice Hockey

This assistant captain is a quiet leader who lets his actions speak for themselves while also excelling in the classroom. Donnelly has been a major contributor for the LHS offense of late.

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LHS Hockey Falls to Pinkerton, Then Rebounds Big

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After seeing a frustrating losing streak extended with a defeat at the hands of its arch-rival during the middle of last week, the Londonderry High hockey team finally rediscovered the winning track with a blowout of a Nashua squad last weekend.

The Lancer icemen's struggles continued in earnest at The Ice Den in Hooksett Wednesday, Feb. 18, where Londonderry's losing skid hit six games in a 6-2 loss to the rival Pinkerton Academy Astros.

The PA troop drove its undefeated streak up to six games and advanced its Division I record to 11-3-2.

The LHS crew had snared a big, Ball Family Trophy win over the academy squad earlier in the season. But that victory seemed like a distant memory to the Londonderry faithful as its troubles rolled on.

"That's a different Londonderry team from the last time we played them," said PA coach Joey Lee.

Londonderry went up 1-0 with 9:29 remaining in period one when junior forward Nick Donnelly

was set up by senior front-liner Chris Marrello. The Astros responded with goals from Tyler Poole and Ethan Landry before the stanza was over to snag a 2-1 advantage.

In period two, the hosts potted three unanswered goals and killed off three Londonderry power-plays to snare the commanding 5-1 lead.

Colin Philippon bagged the first at 5:28, Steve Leonard netted the second (from Philippon) eight minutes later, and the hosts dealt their struggling guests a huge blow with just 30 seconds left in the stanza when Tim Cronin scored.

Defenseman Shamus Doherty then made it a 6-

1 game 8:26 into the last stanza before LHS closed out the scoring with a little more than 10 minutes gone when senior forward Cooper Roy slipped a back-hander past PA keeper Jordan Puzzo from close range. Donnelly and sophomore defenseman Merrill Neiman garnered the assists.

"This isn't easy, obviously," said LHS coach Peter Bedford after the contest. "You come out and play your rival and you hope for a better performance. But there's still a good amount of hockey left to play and time for us to turn it back around. We just have to keep working at it."

The Lancers finally made their losing skid a

thing of the past Saturday, Feb. 21, with an 8-1 throttling of the host Nashua South Purple Panthers at the Conway Arena in the Gate City.

Marrello and Donnelly each scored twice and single markers were contributed by Mike MacKenzie, Colby Austin, Andrew Morrisette, and Alex Laplante as the locals pelted some 50 shots on the 2-11-2 South squad's net.

Ryan Kearney, Lucas Poulin, and Neiman each contributed two assists for the victors, and goalie Colby Joncas was good for 15 stops in the LHS cage.

The Lancers have just two games left in the regular season. They will face the 12-4 Bedford High team at home on Feb. 25 and then finish the season in Bedford against the 8-7 St. Thomas Aquinas contingent.



LHS junior forward Alex Laplante fights Pinkerton's Ethan Landry for the puck during the local rivals' recent contest in Hooksett.

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Lady Lancer Hoopsters Grab a Pair of Fine Road Victories

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High girls' basketball squad boosted their Division I record to an impressive 14-2 with defeats of two opponents in road contests last week.

The Lady Lancers had an excellent rebound from their frustrating Feb. 13 loss to Manchester Central in a 49-21 throttling of the host Dover High Green Wave, whose D-I record stood at 8-7 on the seacoast Tuesday, Feb. 17.

The only quarter in which the scoring was

close between the opposing squads was the second, with the Lady Lancers racing out to a 13-3 lead in period number one and grasping a 24-15 advantage at halftime.

The 13-2 Londonderry side then outscored its host by a commanding 23-6 tally in the second half to head home with the lopsided victory.

Senior Brittany Roche was a two-way force for the victorious locals, netting a team-high 11 points and playing some great defense. Senior forward Tara Burke contributed 10 points and hauled down eight rebounds. London-

derry sank seven, three-point shots in the win, with Roche nailing three of them against a Dover crew that had won three of its previous four divisional contests heading into the evening of hoop.

"We played more like ourselves tonight for the first time in a couple of weeks," said coach Nick Theos. "Our offense needs to come along, but we were all over the place defensively and the team was into the game. This is a step in the right direction."

Then last Friday night, Feb. 20, the Lady Lancers headed out to Keene to

take on the host Lady Blackbirds. The ride home was a pleasant one, as Theos' crew saddled its host with a 67-29 blowout.

"We came out strong in the first, leading 26-3, and never looked back," said Theos. "We got contributions from the entire team. Everyone played and played hard, and this was a good team win going into the final week of the season."

The Lancers won every period, leading by those 23 points after one, 39-14 at the half, and 52-22 going into quarter four.

Junior low-post stand-out Ashley Berube enjoyed a big night with 16 points, 14 rebounds, and four blocked shots. Noelle Lambert contributed nine points, point-guard Jackie Luckhardt scored eight and dealt out eight assists, and Jenna Conroy was good for eight points as well.

The 14-2 Lancer girls have two games left in the regular season and are



Guard Kelsey Coffey lofts a shot at the hoop during a recent Lady Lancers' game. The LHS crew beat Central and Dover last week. Photo by Chris Paul

currently tied for first Crusaders' squad on Feb. 24 at home, and then finish the season on the road against Nashua Manchester Memorial Lady North (10-5).

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Alpine Skiers Finish 10th at State Championships

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School's boys' alpine ski squad finished 10th overall out of 17 competing teams at the Division I Alpine Championships at Gunstock Mountain in Gilford recently.

The Lancer males

wound up eighth in the giant slalom and 12th in the slalom for an overall team finish of 10th at the event.

Eryk Bean was Londonderry's top finisher in both events, winding up 19th overall out of 93 competitors in the giant slalom (time of 1 minute, 22.48 seconds) and 24th

out of 93 competitors in the slalom (57.37).

The LHS contingent's other scoring skiers in the giant slalom were Max Dolliver (34th), Jackson Lyscars (39th), and Mike Payson (55th).

The locals' other scorers in the slalom were Dolliver (51st), Payson (61st), and Lyscars (71st).

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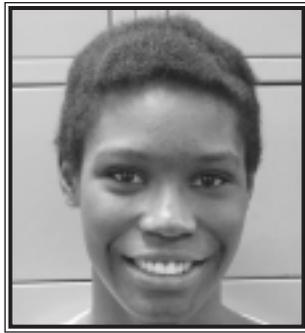
Ortiz Kids Lead Lancer Tracksters at D-I Finals Saturday

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Brother and sister Starlin and Yorgelis Ortiz both came up huge for their Londonderry High indoor track and field teams at the D-I championships at the University of New Hampshire in Durham Saturday, Feb. 21.



Starlin Ortiz



Yorgelis Ortiz

After having their title events cancelled by snowstorms twice, the Ortiz

duo and their teammates were champing at the proverbial bit to get the

D-I championships going, and they proved it with their fine perform-

ances at the UNH Sweet Oval.

Senior Starlin Ortiz and the LHS males finished second as a squad behind the now four-time champion Pinkerton Academy Astros, and his sister, junior Yorgelis, and the Lady Lancers wound up fifth out of a field of 15 teams.

BOYS

Point-machine Starlin Ortiz claimed first places

in the 55-meter hurdles (7.71 seconds), the high jump (6 feet, 7 inches), and the long jump (21 feet, 5 1/4 inches) on his own. He also helped the Lancers' 4x160-meter relay quartet snag a second place.

The LHS males also received a win from their 4x800 relay team of Lukas Charbonneau, Derek Davies, Keith Perry, and Jared Kane (8:44.32).

GIRLS

Yorgelis Ortiz played a part in all three of the Lady Lancers' first-place performances, snagging two of them on her own in the 55-meter dash (7.29) and the long jump (17'5 1/2"). She was also one of the four Londonderry runners on the victorious 4x160 relay team (1:26.12) along with Gretchen McGrath, Ellie Goodspeed, and Natalie Howes.

Lancer Swimmers Snare Sixth Place Finishes at D-I Meet

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Veteran Londonderry High swim coach Chrys Ewen saw her Lancer and Lady Lancer contingents both collect sixth-place finishes at the D-I championship meet at the University of New Hampshire in Durham last Saturday, Feb. 21.

The Lancer males witnessed the rival Pinkerton Academy Astros snaring their first state title since 2008, despite the best efforts of Londonderry and the other 10 teams competing.

The LHS crew got its lone event win in the 200-yard free relay (time of 1 minute, 38.61 seconds), thanks to the fine work of

Kyle MacKenzie, John Stuart, Matt Bompastore, and Matt Monahan.

MacKenzie also contributed a fourth place in the 200 free and a fifth in the 100 butterfly, and Monahan added a fourth

in the 100 free and a fifth in the 50 free.

The Lady Lancers worked hard to try to melt the title aspirations of the Dover High Green Wave, but neither they nor any of the other girls'

squads could manage that.

Emily Buttafuoco gave the LHS ladies a fourth in the 50 free and a fifth in

the 100 free, Allison Martin took a fifth in the 100 fly, and Brianna Nowicki snagged a fifth in the 100-yard breaststroke.

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North School Move-a-thon Keeps Kids Plenty Active

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With cabin fever setting in after countless snow storms and freezing temperatures, North Elementary School held its fourth annual Move-a-thon, offering students an additional opportunity to play.

"It's an opportunity to get kids active during the winter," Assistant Principal Jill Connors said. "Our gym teacher works on incorporating movement in the classroom. This event is focused on getting kids excited about moving around after school."

North School embraces healthy living year-round - in the fall, the school hosted a "Breakfast and Go"

event to highlight the most important meal of the day.

Students are taught "Ready, Set, Go! 5210," which encourages children to aim each day for five servings of fruits and vegetables, two hours or less of recreational screen time, one hour or more of physical activity and zero drinks with added sugar.

Over 200 students attended the school's popular Move-a-thon event, at which they participated in a beach ball relay, ring toss, jump-roping, bowling and hula hooping.

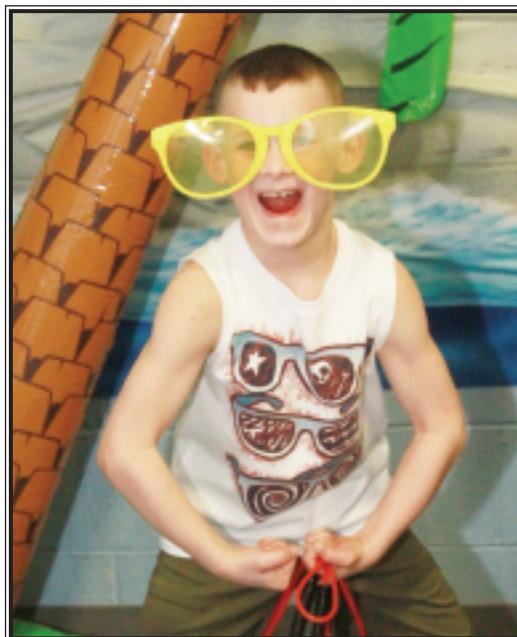
Each student paid a \$5 admission, raising \$850 for the Children's Organ Transplant Association in honor of Sarah Wells, a student who is awaiting a

liver transplant. A small portion of the funds raised went to the Wellness Committee to continue programming in the school.

"We always try to focus the Move-a-thon on giving back - one year we had everyone bring canned food items," Connors said, noting Chad Ardizoni of Get Down Tonight Entertainment in Salem donated his time serving as DJ of the Move-a-thon.

In addition to raising money for a worthy cause and offering students a chance to exercise, the event taught the children fun ways to get moving, even when they're stuck in the house.

"What we don't like is



Parker Killian shows off his muscles during a photo shoot.



Olivia LaBlanc uses a Hula Hoop as a jump rope.



A DJ teaches the entire group of students on the dance steps for the Macarena at North School's Move-a-thon fundraiser.

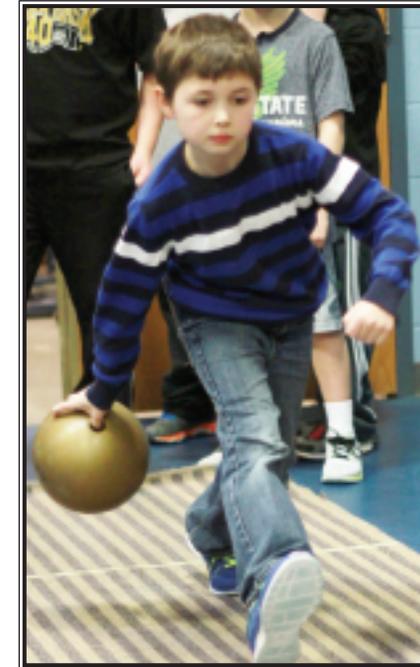
kids going home and sitting in front of the TV. We're trying to discourage that," Connors

said. "We wanted to show them that they can go out in the driveway and jump- rope for a few minutes,

and encourage them that even when it's cold, they can find an activity in the house."



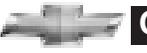
Phoebe Bartlett participates in a relay race at the Move-a-thon.



Lucas Kilroy tries his hand at bowling. Photos by Chris Paul

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Women's Club Fingerprints School District's Youngest Students

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Women's Club conducted fingerprinting of students at Moose Hill Kindergarten last week.

The free program is a service the Women's Club has offered the community for more than two decades, according to member Trish Herrmann, who was helping the little ones press their fingers into inkpads and make fingerprints they took home to their parents.

"We do the fingerprinting for the parents to keep on file so that, heaven forbid, something should happen, they can provide it to the police," Herrmann said.

Around 230 kindergarteners, 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds were fingerprinted.

Herrmann said that in the past, the Women's Club fingerprinted chil-

dren in first grade, traveling from school to school to complete the program.

With the kindergarten and pre-kindergarten now housed in one school at Moose Hill, the club was able to complete fingerprinting for all the children in a morning and afternoon session on Feb. 17.

Herrmann said the process they use to fingerprint the children isn't complicated.

Parents whose children were not fingerprinted by the Women's Club can make fingerprints at home using a standard inkpad.

Londonderry Police Det. Chris Olson said it's helpful in cases where a child is missing to have a photo identification card with the child's fingerprints, description and a photograph of the child so that they can get that information out to the public quickly.



Women's Club member Trish Herrmann helps Logan Dudley press his fingerprint onto a sheet that will go into an Emergency I.D. Packet.



Moose Hill kindergartener Austin Hughes gets ready to get his fingerprints taken by Women's Club president Debbie Scilingo. Photos by Chris Paul

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Free Meals

The Community Meals Network offers the following free meals in Derry. Derry residency is not required. Every weekday, dinner, 4 to 5 p.m., Sonshine Soup Kitchen. Feb. 27, spaghetti supper, 5 to 6:30 p.m., First Parish Church; March 1, breakfast, 9 to 10 a.m., Church of the Transfiguration; March 1, lunch, noon, Seventh Day Adventist Church; March 7, 5 to 7 p.m., St. Patrick's Dinner, Church of the Transfiguration; March 8, lunch, noon, Seventh Day Adventist Church; March 15, lunch, noon, Seventh Day Adventist Church; March 15, dinner, 5 to 6:30

p.m., Etz Hayim Synagogue; March 19, dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m., West Running Brook Middle School.

Seniors Arts and Crafts

The Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Road, Londonderry offers a variety of art classes for seniors. They are: ceramics, Mondays, March 9, 16, 23 and 30, 12:30 to 2 p.m.; soft pastels, Friday, March 6, noon to 2 p.m.; St. Patrick's Day decorations and cards, March 13, 12:30 to 2 p.m.; Paint Afternoon - flower paintings, Thursday, March 19, 12:30 to 2 p.m.; Clay whistles, Friday, March 20, 12:30 to 2 p.m.; and Easter crafts, Thursday, March 26,

12:30 to 2 p.m. Call the center for fees or more information at 432-8554.

Book Bingo

The Leach Library Children's Room offers Spring Fling Book Bingo on Monday, March 16, from 4 to 5 p.m., with a picture version of the popular game. All participants will win and have a chance to select books from selection tables. Advance registration is required and begins Monday, March 9, at 9 a.m. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Garden Club

The Derry Garden Club meets at 10 a.m. March 6 at

the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Derry, 40 Hampstead Road in Derry, for a program titled "Learn about Natural Pest Control and Lawn Alternatives" with club member Jackie Dempsey. A short movie clip with popcorn is featured. Lunch with an Italian theme will be provided by the club board members. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, visit www.derrygardenclub.org. The club is a member of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs and National Garden Clubs.

Thrift Shop

Marion Gerrish Community Center, a non-profit providing meeting space for over 150 organizations from the Derry area, seeks donations to its thrift shop. Marion Gerrish does not receive funding from the Town of Derry, with most support coming from thrift shop sales. The shop needs gently used clothing, books, household items, shoes, CDs, DVDs, toys and games, small furniture, small appliances, jewelry, linens, kitchen goods and decorations. Donations are tax deductible and are accepted

Mondays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Call 434-8866 or email mgcc.derry@gmail.com with questions.

Supervisors of Checklist

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at Town Hall on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 10 a.m. to noon to register voters and correct the checklist. Anyone who has not previously registered may do so for the Town/School Election. Proof of citizenship, identity, and residency is needed, or affidavits may be signed. This is the last day for anyone not previously registered to do so before the March 10 Town/School Election. Registrations will be accepted at the election with documentation.

Social Media

At 7 p.m. Feb. 26, Wayne Kutzman will give a free talk titled "Using Social Media" at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry. He will examine origins of social media, where it's going, use of key platforms, and what drives the changes in the economy to enable web-

based social interactions to be center-stage. Kurtzman, former president of Etz Hayim, is Global Manager of Social Media Listening, Insights and Technology for Pitney Bowes. He teaches social media at University of Tennessee. This talk is part of a series, "Key Issues in Contemporary Judaism." For details, see www.etzhayim.org or call 432-0004.

Free Children's Clothing

St. Gianna's Closet gives out children's clothing of all sizes free to any family in need. Call Liz at 247-8654 to arrange a pick-up time to receive clothing. Donations of gently used children's clothing are accepted. Drop-off locations are St. Mark's Church in Londonderry and St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry during office hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and at 5 Isabella Drive in Londonderry.

Vacation Craft

For February vacation, now through closing on Saturday, Feb. 28, children will have a chance to create a puppet at the Leach Library. Stop by the Children's Room desk to pick up the supplies

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Attorney General Warns of Scams, Anthem Data Breach

New Hampshire Attorney General Joseph A. Foster announces that his office has been regularly in contact with officials at Anthem related to the recent data breach and is coordinating with Attorneys General of other states as the investigation into this breach by federal and state law enforcement officials continues.

He encourages all current and former Anthem members in New Hampshire to immediately enroll in the credit protec-

tion services now available through Anthem. Those services include:

- Free identity theft repair services to those who feel they have experienced fraud;
- Free identity protection services for the next two years, including, identity repair assistance, credit monitoring, child identity protection, identity theft insurance and identity theft monitoring/fraud detection, and phone alerts.

Anthem members are

directed to www.AnthemFacts.com to sign up for these services. Spanish-speaking Anthem members can sign up at www.AnthemInforma.com. Those without internet access can call 877-263-7995.

Anthem has assured the public that it will not call members asking for credit card information or Social Security numbers over the phone. Foster warns residents of the dangers of phone or email scams and cautions con-

sumers never to disclose personal information (date of birth; Social Security number; bank account information; credit/debit card information) in an email or phone call to unknown people, and to be especially cautious of unsolicited calls or emails.

For more information about recognizing scam email, visit: <http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0003-phishing>.

The Attorney General also cautions against wiring any money to an

unknown person, especially in response to an unsolicited call or email.

Finally, Foster recommends that all residents regularly check their bank and credit/debit card statements and alert those institutions if any unauthorized charges are found. Often, a scam artist will attempt a minimal charge to see if it gets challenged before attempting to steal larger amounts.

He notes that everyone is entitled to three free credit reports each

year, one from each of the free credit reporting agencies - Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. These can be accessed through <http://www.ftc.gov> or www.annualcreditreport.com.

New Hampshire residents can call the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Hotline at 1-888-468-4454 or file a written complaint at: <http://doj.nh.gov/consumer/complaints/index.htm>.

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School Board OKs 2015-16 Calendar With Aug. 27 Start Date

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board has approved the School District calendar for the 2015-2016 school year.

The school year is scheduled to begin with orientation on Aug. 26 for grades 1, 6, and 7, followed by the first day of school on Aug. 27. Teacher workshops are to be held from Aug. 20-26.

Because the middle school is following a trimester schedule, parent/teacher conferences will be

held on Nov. 20, Superintendent Nate Greenberg told the Board at its Tuesday, Feb. 17 meeting.

Additionally, Greenberg noted scheduling in January and February has been complicated by the "Primary wars."

"New Hampshire wants to stay first in the nation, so we could end up with a Primary day in January or February, depending on when it's set. We're planning to have a workshop day for teachers with no work for students the day of the Primary. With no

incumbent President, we will have major traffic at the polls," he said.

Winter break is scheduled from Feb. 22-26 and March is scheduled as it has been traditionally, with parent conferences and workshops to be held on March 11.

Spring Break is scheduled from April 25-29 and the last day of school is tentatively scheduled for June 28, which allows for 10 snow days, with adjustments to be made depending on the number of school cancellations.

The last day for teachers is June 29, and the graduation date has yet to be determined.

"We submitted the calendar to the Teachers Association and they were fine with it," Greenberg said. "They only asked us to move the parent conference day to November, as we did, because it did make more sense. Even with the start on Aug. 27, this still gives kids quite a break."

In addition to approving next year's calendar, the School Board approv-

ed amending the 2014-2015 School District Calendar to turn March 13, originally scheduled as a parent conferences and teacher workshop day, into a regular school day.

"This would provide an insurance policy if we do end up running over our snow days," Greenberg said. "As of now, the last day would be June 18. If you grant approval to have a school day on March 13, it would be June 17. We have had four snow days, and this would provide some additional flexi-

bility. If we have two more snow days, the last day would then be June 19, which is a Friday. That way we wouldn't have to bring kids back on Monday for one day of school that week."

In other business:

- The Board appointed member John Laferriere to sit on the Food Service Director Search Committee.

- Superintendent Nate Greenberg reported January enrollment was 4,424 students, stable with last month's enrollment.

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and create a puppet at the library or at home.

Kindergarten

Registration for the 2015-2016 school year is occurring for Moose Hill School. Any Londonderry child who will be 5 years old by Sept. 30, 2015 can be enrolled at Moose Hill. Call Moose Hill at 437-5855, stop

in between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays or email the director, Bonnie Breithaupt, at bbreithaupt@londonderry.org to request a registration packet, or visit londonderry.org. Include child's name, birth date and Londonderry address. The kindergarten program has two sessions, morning from 8:45 to 11:20 a.m. and afternoon from 12:30 to 3:05 p.m. The session is determined by address.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday, Feb. 16

1:53 p.m. Employee at Convenience Plus Londonderry on Rockingham Road reports ongoing problem with male subject soliciting other customers for money. He is at the store bathroom.

1:57 p.m. Theft of snow blower on Raintree Drive.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

9:36 a.m. Illegal dumping in Dumpster at Annie's Hallmark, Nashua Road.

Wednesday, Feb. 18

1:40 p.m. Scott M. Martin, 45, Midridge Circle, Londonderry arrested on warrant for Domestic Violence Simple assault, and Criminal Mischief (vandalism). Bail was set at \$3,000 personal recogni-

zance, with Derry Circuit Court date of March 3.

7:40 p.m. Eric Christopher Borucki, 46, Bedard Avenue, Derry arrested on warrant for Conduct After an accident. Bail was set at \$1,000 personal recognizance, with Derry Circuit Court date of March 3.

8:34 p.m. Pedestrian

struck by two vehicles while walking west on Route 102 at High Range Road. Entoni Josic, 22, of Londonderry was transported to St. Joseph Hospital in Nashua with minor lower body injury. Accident remains under investigation but there are no charges anticipated against any of the involved parties.

Thursday, Feb. 19

3:24 p.m. Londonderry Fire responding to Preserve Drive on report of gas in building.

6:49 p.m. Jayde Angelina Cuomo, 17, Gordon Drive, Londonderry arrested on warrant for Theft: From a Motor Vehicle. Bail set at \$1,000 personal recognizance with Derry Circuit Court date of March. 24.

7:53 p.m. Londonderry Fire responding to report of water leaking from other half of duplex on Quincy Road.

Friday, Feb. 20

9:07 a.m. Mark S. Foster, 23, 46R Derryfield Road, Derry arrested on warrant for Attempt to Commit

Theft from Building and two counts of Theft: All Other. Bail set at \$10,000 cash plus \$40 bail commissioner fee. Foster is currently incarcerated and is scheduled for arraignment in Derry District Court on Feb. 23.

11:06 p.m. Jaymi Lauren Uphold, 22, 31 Mill Road, Londonderry turned herself in on warrant for Tampering with Witness. Bail set at \$8,000 with \$40 bail commissioner fee, and Derry District Court date of Feb. 24.

Saturday, Feb. 21

10:20 a.m. Herd of cows close to Pettengill Road. Subject is herding them back to enclosure.

10:48 a.m. Caller on Pettengill Road requesting assistance with cows; cannot get gate closed on pen. Owner said he would send someone over within the hour.

11:12 a.m. Londonderry Fire responding to Granite Street on report of gas leak in side building.

3:40 p.m. Joshua P. Caswell, 23, 255 Douglas St., Apt. 1, Manchester arrested on Londonderry warrant for Theft by Deception, and Forgery. He was held without bail for Feb. 23 arraignment at Derry District Court.

Sunday, Feb. 23

2:25 p.m. Caller from The Cranberry House, Crosby Lane reports someone tried to break in; crowbar marks on door.

Going Green in Londonderry Are You Going To Eat That?

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Forty percent of food in the U.S. today goes uneaten. This amounts to \$165 billion of wasted food annually, an average of approximately \$1,500 per family of four. According to the Natural Resources Defense Council, the average American throws away over 200 pounds of food each year.

Not only is that a waste of a nutritious and valuable resource - there's also the cost to haul and dispose of it as the single largest component of U.S. municipal solid waste, and resulting methane emissions from our landfills. There are so many things we can do to reduce food waste and even save money while doing it.

Some food for thought:

- Think before you buy - Plan your weekly meals; create a shopping list and avoid buying more than you can use before it starts to spoil. Why buy something that you're just going to end up throwing away?

- Understand expiration dates - "Sell by" and "use by" dates are not federally regulated and do not indicate safety, except for some baby foods. Rather, they are manufacturer suggestions for peak quality. Most foods can be safely consumed after these dates.

- Be creative - Be an "Iron Chef" in the kitchen! Look through the refrigerator to determine what needs to be used up and whip up a tasty stir-fry or soup. It can be an adven-

ture to look up recipes for one ingredient and build a meal around it.

- Use your freezer - If you've had enough leftovers, stick them in the freezer (in a secure freezer bag to avoid freezer burn) and pull them out later when you need to grab a quick lunch for work. Blanch and freeze fresh produce if you won't have the chance to eat it before it goes bad.

- Smaller portions - Serve smaller portions at home; you can always go back for more. Approximately half of Americans take leftovers home from restaurants: let's get those numbers up! And once you get the leftovers home, place in an airtight container to keep fresh, or freeze them.

- Donate - Nonperishable items and unspoiled perishable items are greatly appreciated at food banks, pantries and soup kitchens. Take a look through your canned goods and if there are items that are still good, but you just never seem to use, donate them. Maybe you had a large party or wedding and there was more food left over than you can consume; call your local food pantry or soup kitchen and offer it.

- Compost - OK, so that neglected pepper in the back corner of the pantry is beyond use. Now what do you do with it? Add it to your compost bin. Composting is a great way to get rid of unwanted organics (but avoid composting meat or

dairy). Composting is easy and can be fun. When your compost bin is managed properly, the food waste breaks down to a nutrient rich soil additive that helps flower and vegetable gardens and even houseplants thrive.

One final thought: it takes 75 days to grow a carrot and only 2 seconds to throw it away. Take responsibility for the waste you generate.

For more information, contact Londonderry's Solid Waste and Environment Committee or the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY ZONING ORDINANCE

The Town of Londonderry Zoning Ordinance has been recodified and will be available on the Town's website (www.londonderrynh.org) as an interactive web based tool on Thursday, February 26, 2015.

Hard copies will be available for viewing at the Leach Library, Town Clerk's Office and the Planning and Economic Development Department.

A pdf version will be available for download and printing purposes on the Planning and Economic Development Department webpage.

All new applications to Land Use Boards will require utilization of the new numbering system beginning March 2, 2015.

If you have questions, please contact the Associate Planner at jtrottier@londonderrynh.org



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY WANTED

The Town of Londonderry is seeking volunteers to serve on the Town's Elder Affairs Committee. There are openings for three full members and one alternate member. The Londonderry Elder Affairs Committee exists to review and make recommendations regarding existing services, programs and issues available to Londonderry's elder residents. The Committee identifies the need for and advocates additional services and programs which would support and promote financial and social independence.

You must be a resident of Londonderry to apply for this position.

Information regarding the Elder affairs Committee can be found on the Town's website. There is an application deadline of Tuesday, March 3rd, 2015.

For more information about the open positions on the Londonderry Elder Affairs Committee, please contact Kirby Wade at (603) 432-1100 x120 or kwade@londonderrynh.org.

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