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Red Maple Felled Arborist Lee Gilman works at limbing and felling an over 100-year-old tree on Adams Road on Saturday. The tree was deemed a hazard by the town because of sight distance and thus needed to be removed. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Dry Conditions Lead to Multiple Brush Fires in Town

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry firefighters are facing an especially dry and difficult brush fire season this spring.

As temperatures rose last week, the Department was called to several brush fires, both in and

out of town.

On Wednesday, April 20, a day the State classified as a Red Flag Warning Day, fire crews extinguished a small brush fire at Avandis Family Dining on Nashua Road around 3:45 p.m.

Although the brush fire was limited to an approximately 10-foot by

60-foot area, crews spent 30 minutes wetting down the soil and ensuring all the embers were extinguished, according to Fire Battalion Chief Mike McQuillen.

“When it’s so dry, we really have to go through and make sure it’s truly out,” he said.

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Pipeline Proposal Suspended

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Citing inadequate capacity commitments from prospective customers, Kinder Morgan and its subsidiary, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (TGP), announced last week they have suspended further work and expenditures on the Northeast Energy Direct (NED) project.

Kinder Morgan spokesman Richard Wheatley said in an April 20 statement the company’s initial decision to move forward with the \$3.3 billion “market path” segment from New York to Dracut, Mass., was based on existing contractual commitments with local gas distri-

bution companies (LDCs) to purchase natural gas from the project, as well as anticipated commitments from additional LDCs, electric distribution companies (EDCs) and other market participants in New England.

“Unfortunately, despite working for more than two years and expending substantial shareholder resources, TGP did not receive the additional commitments it expected,” he said. “As a result, there are currently neither sufficient volumes, nor a reasonable expectation of securing them, to proceed with the project as it is currently configured.”

Kinder Morgan attributed the insufficient con-

tracted capacity to New Hampshire’s lack of regulatory procedures to facilitate binding EDC commitments, an open-ended process in each state for establishing such procedures and lack of assurance the processes would ultimately prove successful.

Additionally, the company said innovations in production have resulted in a low-price environment that has made it difficult for producers to make new long-term commitments; and that current market conditions and counter-party financial instability have called into question TGP’s ability to secure incremental supply for the project.

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District to Consider Bringing Back School Impact Fees

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Expressing concern that residential growth will outpace the School District’s strategic plan, the School Board directed Superintendent Nate Greenberg to confer with the Town Manager regarding reinstating school impact fees for new residential development.

The Town suspended its collection of impact fees in 2013, when a Rockingham Superior Court found the Town’s program, which had been in place since 1994, was at times contrary to legal requirements.

The purpose of school impact fees was to cover the cost of new develop-

ment on the School District, according to Business Administrator Peter Curro.

“When development came in, the Planning Department had a calculation set forth by Bruce Mayberry that for a certain number of bedrooms and square footage, a developer was charged a fee for the go-ahead to build the house to cover the cost of the new development on the School District or town programs,” he said.

Curro and members of the Board said they don’t have an answer to why the Town decided to suspend school impact fees in addition to the town’s fees.

Board member Leitha Reilly, who is also a member of the Planning Board,

said she is very concerned about the District’s ability to continue to provide services if the Town continues to see rapid residential growth even as the District faces losses in Catastrophic Aid and substantial increases for out-of-district placements.

“The impact on the School District will be significant,” Greenberg said

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State Investigates Contaminated Soil Dumping at Local Gravel Pit

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The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) launched last week a full investigation of the dumping of contaminated soil from Brady Sullivan's Mill West complex at the gravel pit off Brown Avenue in Londonderry, but it remains unclear who is to blame.

According to DES and independent environmental reports, soil samples from the site revealed elevated concentrations of tetrachlorethylene (PCE), which is commonly used in dry cleaning and has been classified as probably carcinogenic to humans.

In a Jan. 20 letter of deficiency, which the DES sent to Brady Sullivan and city officials in Manchester, the State requested Brady Sullivan remove and properly dispose of all contaminated soil and material transported from

the gravel pit to an approved facility.

The letter detailed five deficiencies the DES identified related to the dumping, including removing approximately 375 tons of contaminated soil from the Mill West complex and transporting the hazardous materials to the Londonderry site.

The soils contained the contaminant PCE, along with bricks, concrete, asphalt and other pollutants.

Brady Sullivan Attorney Marc Pinard said in an email "Brady Sullivan had been informed prior to delivery of the materials that the NH DES had approved the delivery of such soil to such location.

"Other sites had been considered for the storage of the materials; however, Brady Sullivan's third party environmental consultant advised Brady Sullivan at the time that NH DES had approved the Londonderry site for storage of the materials," he

wrote. "Brady Sullivan has had materials delivered to various disposal facilities over the years and has always acted in accordance with the advice of its third party consultants and NH DES direction.

"A portion of the soil in Londonderry has since been relocated to a disposal facility with NH DES approval and Brady Sullivan will continue to cooperate with NH DES for the removal of the remaining soil to an appropriate facility; although, Brady Sullivan is aware that in some instances NH DES does not require removal of soil but allows the soil to be treated in place," he wrote.

DES Director of Public Participation Jim Martin said following issuance of their initial letter of deficiency, Brady Sullivan hired McKibben Environmental to complete a soil investigation and remediation; that report was submitted to the DES on April 1.

According to the investigation and remediation report findings, approximately 645 tons of urban soils from the Londonderry gravel pit, previously transported there from the Mill West property in Manchester, were removed and transported

to the North Country Environmental Services landfill in Bethlehem for disposal as solid waste.

McKibben also observed bricks and other debris in adjacent soils outside the anticipated removal area and estimates the volume of the additional contaminated soils at the site to be approximately 4,875 cubic yards.

In addition to removing the contaminated soils, McKibben installed one monitoring well at the gravel pit to collect groundwater quality data. Initial groundwater sampling detected PCE at a concentration of 32 parts per billion, which exceeds ambient groundwater quality standard of 5 parts per billion, according to the report.

Based on McKibben's findings, the DES broadened its investigation of Brady Sullivan's dumping at the gravel pit to answer a number of questions, including who made the decision to dump soil from a site where it was established the soils were contaminated to the property in Londonderry without a permit, according to Martin.

"With a letter of deficiency, we say, 'we're aware you did something wrong, here's what we

know you did and here are the steps we want you to take to fix it.' This is not the case in this situation," Martin said. "We are asking for a full site investigation."

But Pinard argues in his email, "It is essential to understand that Brady Sullivan was not responsible for the contamination of the soil at the Mill West property and has been involved in a lengthy process of cleaning up problems caused in the past by other parties."

Martin said he reviewed Pinard's statement with DES staff and they do not agree.

"DES did not give Brady Sullivan or their third party permission to remove contaminated soil from the Mill West property to the gravel pit in Londonderry," he said.

While noting it's possible the Attorney General's Office could get involved, Martin emphasized it's important for people to understand the DES is very much in the initial stages of its investigation, which they officially requested on April 20.

Londonderry Building Inspector Richard Canuel said the Town first learned of the illegal dumping Monday.

The DES did not forward a copy of the letter of deficiency sent to Brady Sullivan and the City of Manchester to

Londonderry officials in January, according to Canuel.

"No response is required of us because the investigation is being done by DES and it's their responsibility to take whatever enforcement or legal action to correct that problem," he said. "But they should have included Londonderry in sending the letter, as well. I guess that was an oversight on their part."

Town Manager Kevin Smith reiterated the initial letter of deficiency should have been shared with the Town in January and noted the discrepancy between statements from the DES and Brady Sullivan's attorney.

He said it's apparent someone is being dishonest.

With property owners located near the Brown Avenue gravel pit on city water, Canuel said DES has not yet raised concerns over ground water contamination to neighboring property owners.

"Our understanding is residential folks are on public water, but we have asked Brady Sullivan to confirm that," Martin said. "What we have learned from responding to the issue of PFOA is we want to make sure there are no drinking water wells in that area to make certain there's no risk of contamination."

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Math Teacher Steve Tallo Named LHS Educator of Year

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Londonderry High School's 2016 Teacher of the Year is math teacher Steve Tallo.

Tallo, who was selected through a student nomination process, joins a group of standout educators recognized at the school's annual Spring Pep Rally for their dedication to student learning and the Lancer community.

"I feel like this is what God put me on this earth to do," Tallo told students and colleagues at the April 22 event.

Principal Jason Parent said students wrote in their nominations that

Tallo "takes the time to work with each student" and "stops everything to make sure we understand what we're learning."

Students also wrote that Tallo "puts students first" and that they appreciate his "great sense of humor," patience and kindness.

The school secretly arranged for Tallo's wife, who is a teacher in Salem, and children to be present when they presented him with the award.

"I was completely shocked," he said of the award, which teacher Betty Mak was honored with last year.

Tallo, who has been a math teacher at London-

derry High School since 1986, said over the years he has seen the landscape in education change and has worked to keep pace.

"With all the new technology, I had to change with the times," he said. "I have wonderful colleagues who have helped me to embrace technology, and it has made me a better teacher."

According to Tallo, his approach to learning includes creating an environment where students are comfortable and providing guidance that prepares them for adulthood.

"I set high standards for the kids and they always meet them," he said. "Part of my job is

being a cheerleader to let them know they can do this."

Parent said one student wrote in their nomination, "Mr. Tallo has impacted my life and helped me grow," while another wrote, "he makes math fun, which I never thought was possible."

Other awards presented at the Spring Pep Rally were the Art Psaedas Award, honoring someone who makes a significant contribution to the school, which was presented to Pauline Engler; the Robert W. Lincoln award, which is presented to members of the community who demonstrate over a sustained period of



Londonderry High School's 2016 Teacher of the Year Steve Tallo is pictured with his children Nathan and Maria Tallo. Maria Tallo is a Social Studies teacher at the high school.

Photo by Kaitlyn G. Woods

time the characteristics of leadership, volunteerism and devotion to the Town and youth, which was presented to



Marine Thanks

Recent Londonderry High School graduate Michael Bogacki, who describes himself as having a troubled youth, returned to LHS this month to thank his caseworker, Arianna Gosselin, left, and Assistant Principal Katie Sullivan for helping him through high school. He is now serving in the U.S. Marines.

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Editorial

No More Business as Usual

There's hardly any meeting of the Timberlane Regional School Board or the School Administrative Unit (SAU) 55 board, which includes both Hampstead and the Timberlane towns (Sandown, Danville, Atkinson and Plaistow), that doesn't involve some kind of inappropriate exchange between the superintendent and Sandown board member Donna Green if she is in attendance. And while it's become so routine that it almost doesn't merit mentioning, it takes away from credibility and the business at hand.

Green questions just about everything either board does. Some questions could easily never see the light of day, but others are significant and deserve more than an insult for an answer. But all are treated the same.

While gadflies often are discounted the moment they open their mouths, Green doesn't deserve to be called names or referred to in a derogatory manner, and certainly not by the superintendent or a fellow board member.

At a recent Timberlane board meeting, Superintendent Earl Metzler referred to Green as a "rogue board member" – contrasting that to "the actual board." At last week's SAU meeting, he said most Right-to-Know requests were the work of "a cohort of obstructionists."

In neither case did he mention Green by name, but it would be hard to imagine to whom he was referring if not her.

And in both cases, Green felt

compelled to respond, first saying she was not to be referred to as "rogue," and last week stating that Metzler's comment was disrespectful. It was.

In neither case did the board chairman seek to mitigate the discord.

And while Metzler rightfully says he takes direction from "the actual board," it's worth reminding him – and the rest of the board – that Green was lawfully elected to her seat on the "actual board" as a representative of Sandown.

Similarly, when it came time for board members' appointments to committees a few weeks ago, Green's name was omitted from almost all seats, while all other board members were given multiple placements. A coincidence?

This kind of sandbox behavior has no room in the boardroom and no place in guiding the education of students.

And this isn't new behavior. The board and superintendent are doing their best to marginalize Green and to discount her. Yet her Right-to-Know fight against Metzler and the SAU was validated by the New Hampshire Supreme Court just this month.

District officials don't have to like Green and may be comfortable viewing her constant questioning as annoying, but they need to behave as respectful adults. That means skipping the flippant remarks and sarcasm and paying attention to every board member's concerns, including Green's.

Letters

Help Beautify Londonderry

To the editor:

What is Beautify Londonderry? It is a committee of dedicated individuals that gather every year in the spring to clean up our roadsides of litter. The committee also plants shrubs and flowers, and applies mulch in and around our community centers and schools.

I have been involved with a subcommittee of Beautify Londonderry for five years. Previously it was known as ALAC (Anti-Litter Advisory Committee). This was mainly involved in cleaning up the roads of litter and was known as Londonderry Roadside Pride. Participating with this group has provided a great sense of accomplishment when we see how clean our roads become.

When the committee was formed, we had a sufficient number of members who were very excited about cleaning up our roads. Two years ago the committee was disbanded due to lack of membership.

We now have merged again with Beautify Londonderry. We are still doing roadside cleanup as a coordinated effort and our campaign has already started. We have another day that we will be clean-

ing up our roadsides. Next Saturday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to noon, we will meet at the Londonderry High School dirt parking lot (the plateau), and we could use some help with this effort.

We will supply everyone with bags, gloves, vests, and assignments as needed. Beautify Londonderry will continue from May 7 to May 22 doing roadside clean-up, planting and mulching.

Last year we had 34 groups and 225 people volunteered. Our goal for this year is 50 groups and 300 people; so far we have 26 groups signed up. We need the help of as many people as possible to make this effort successful.

If you are interested in helping out with this effort, please go to the Beautify Londonderry Facebook page, and you will see all the information needed to volunteer. You may also contact the following individuals: Mike Byerly at 537-9951 or email mikebyerly@gmail.com or Andy Morneau at 883-4541 or email andyamorneau@gmail.com.

Let's make this a great effort to clean up and beautify our wonderful town, so everyone, including outsiders, coming to visit our town will say: "What a beautiful town Londonderry is."

Andy Morneau
Beautify Londonderry
Committee Member

Medical Expansion

To the editor:

Governor Maggie Hassan recently signed into law a reauthorization of our state's bipartisan Medicaid Expansion program.

Medicaid expansion has provided almost 50,000 people in our state with the benefits of health-care coverage, and it is having important benefits for New Hampshire's economy. Expansion is also a key component of helping address the heroin and opioid crisis by helping those in need access substance abuse and behavioral health services.

For months, Governor Hassan called on state legislators to come together to reauthorize this important program. Through hard work and bipartisan compromise they were able to get this done for New Hampshire.

I'm proud that once again, Governor Hassan and our state legislators have put partisanship aside to do what is best for the people of New Hampshire. This is a welcome change from the gridlock in Washington, D.C.

Mary Tetreau
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Brush Fires

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An employee of the business admitted to burning business paperwork that blew into nearby shrubs, igniting the fire, according to McQuillen.

Crews were again called to provide mutual aid for multiple brush fires on Litchfield Road on Thursday, April 21.

"They were there for quite some time, probably two-and-a-half hours," McQuillen said.

On Friday, April 22 Fire crews were called to a sig-

nificant brush fire at 24 Watts Road around 4 a.m.

The fire was half an acre in size and involved a shed on the property, according to McQuillen.

"There was extensive damage to the shed," he said. "Debris piles were on fire as well."

Litchfield provided mutual aid on the scene, bringing in a tanker; and Derry, Bedford and Windham provided station coverage.

Despite light rainfall the night before, the day was a Class 3 (high danger) day, according to McQuillen.

"The rain fell so light, it didn't penetrate through the canopy to saturate the ground," he said. "The danger will remain high until we get a steady rain to saturate the ground and prevent fire from spreading."

McQuillen explained the number of brush fires the Department has seen this year is above normal due to the dry conditions, lack of rainfall and lack of snow coverage.

"If these conditions continue into the summer, we'll have a busy brush fire season," he said.

Zoning Board Holds Hearing on Rules Amendment

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The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) held its first reading of an amendment to the rules of procedure for the Board's records.

The amendment seeks to increase members' access to applications in advance of their public hearings, while ensuring members remain impartial with regard to the

cases they consider.

No members of the public attended the public hearing on the proposed amendment.

"The member's sole purpose in reviewing the application and/or file prior to hearing is to familiarize him/herself with the location of the property and the general request of the applicant," the proposed amendment says. "This purpose will

allow the member to ask better, more informed questions during the upcoming hearing; however, the member is precluded from conducting research related to the application because the application must be decided on the basis of the evidence presented at the hearing."

Alternate member Suzanne Brunelle said she finds it challenging to

focus on evidence an applicant presents in a public hearing when she is trying to read through the documents in their file.

While members are permitted to read files in the Town Clerk's Office prior to a hearing, the amendment would permit members to access electronic packets with the applications to be presented at their meetings.

"The intent was to get the applications to us in an electronic format," Brunelle said.

The Board asked that the proposed amendment be revised to include language saying documents will be made available to the Board electronically or otherwise when the public hearing is noticed, 10 days prior to the hearing.

Member Neil Dunn agreed with the need to expand the Board's access to applications prior to their public hearings, but expressed concern with language preventing

members from conducting research in advance of the hearing.

"I think the intent of this is to make sure a board member is going to base their decision on the information that is presented at the hearing. It's not up to the board member to try to develop an argument for or against the application," Chairman James Smith said.

"Right now there's no procedure in place to say we're avoiding that pre-judgment or bias," Planning Director Colleen Mailoux said, noting planning staff will re-work the language of the proposed amendment to address Dunn's concerns regarding a restriction on research prior to a hearing while maintaining the requirement members remain objective.

According to the proposed amendment, "While members frequently have some familiarity with a particular piece of property and/or applicant,

that familiarity and a pre-hearing reading of the application is insufficient to make a determination on the application."

Additionally, the amendment states members may not discuss applications or related documents with one another or anyone else and that pre-hearing discussions among board members constitute "meetings" in violation of the New Hampshire Right to Know Law.

"Pre-hearing discussions are also perceived, rightly or wrongly, as a pre-hearing determination on the application. It is critically important for Zoning Board Members not only to be fair and impartial, but also to appear fair and impartial," the amendment says.

The Board will hold a second reading and public hearing for the proposed amendment at their May 18 meeting, with adoption to follow.



Award Winner

Londonderry Middle School sixth grader Caitlin Shapleigh was named one of New Hampshire's top youth volunteers of 2016 and was selected for the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. She was presented the award at the school by James Earle, left, a Prudential Financial Advisor, and was accompanied by her parents, Steve and Lynne Shapleigh.

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Residents Taken to Hospital in Hovey Road House Fire

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Londonderry Fire officials continue to investigate a structure fire at 67 Hovey Road that sent the two occupants of the home to the hospital for "a precautionary evaluation."

Battalion Chief Kevin Zins said the Department received the initial call

reporting the structure fire on Sunday, April 24 at 9:30 a.m.

On-duty Battalion 3 was operating with reduced staffing levels, according to the Professional Fire Fighters of Londonderry, Local 3160. "Fortunately they were all

at Central Station for training at the time of the call. While en route, fire

alarm reported a fire in the basement of the residence," Local 3160 wrote on its Facebook page.

When crews arrived at the scene, they observed heavy smoke coming from the one-and-a-half story home.

Crews were on the scene until 12:48 p.m., knocking down the flames and ensuring the fire was

fully extinguished.

Zins said it appears the fire originated from a couch in the basement of the home, but the Fire Marshal is still investigating.

Derry, Windham, Litchfield and Hudson provided mutual aid on the scene; and Nashua, Salem and Merrimack provided station coverage.

Most of the damage to the home was contained to the basement level of the structure, but there was some smoke and heat damage throughout the home, according to Zins.

"There was probably about \$100,000 worth of damage," he said.

The Red Cross arrived on the scene and helped the displaced homeown-

ers by providing temporary housing, according to Zins. The homeowners are listed as James and Debra Vine.

As companies began returning to service, they were dispatched to a second building fire that was much smaller and contained prior to arrival, according to Local 3160.

Prison Term for Londonderry Man Convicted of Stealing from Employer

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The former accountant for Mr. Steer Meats in Londonderry will likely serve two-and-a-half years in jail for stealing more than \$300,000 from the local business.

Kevin Student, 57, of Londonderry was sentenced on April 20 to between three-and-a-half years and seven years in New Hampshire state prison for the felony theft charge, Det. Chris Olson confirmed.

Student, who worked

for Mr. Steer Meats for more than 30 years, pleaded guilty last year to theft by unauthorized taking and forgery for writing more than 50 fraudulent checks to himself from the account of his employer.

Student was also found guilty of taking sometime

in January 2012 money from Mansour Construction in excess of \$1,500.

Student deposited into his personal account unauthorized checks from Mr. Steer Meats in 2011. He continued to deposit large unauthorized amounts into his account

between January of 2011 and June 2015, according to court documents.

Police said Student used the money to pay his children's college tuition and placed some of the money into his children's bank accounts.

The initial report again-

st Student was filed on March 10, 2015 and he was arrested on June 8.

Olson said Student will be eligible for parole after completing his 2-1/2 year minimum sentence and would be required to wear an ankle bracelet for 10 years after being released.

Senior Resources Committee Considers Enhancing Transit Offerings

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The Senior Resources Committee discussed improving transportation options for seniors, considering the potential to provide service through the Town.

"We have such a high

level of seniors who live in Londonderry and pay taxes," said Joe Green, Town Council liaison to the Committee. "We have police and fire, but what else can we bring to the seniors?"

According to Green, a number of his con-

stituents have told him privately they are not receiving the transportation services they need.

"The position we have taken before is (CART) is doing okay, for the 25 to 30 people who are saying they're doing okay," he said. "It seems to be working for the few people taking it, but there are some who don't complain because they don't want to lose what they have now." CART stands for the Coop-

erative Alliance for Regional Transportation.

State Rep. Doug Thomas, R-Londonderry said it seems seniors' top priority for transportation is a service to take them to and from doctors' appointments.

"The biggest problem we've had is people have been protecting the current offering, because we've threatened to pull away from (CART)," Green said. "We need to do some-

thing for the people who are suffering in silence."

Green told the Committee he has requested that the Town Manager update the Council at every meeting on potential solutions to the issue of transportation for seniors.

"We're not asking to spend millions of dollars. What we're looking at (are what) other towns that have gone away from CART already do," he said. "We're going to put something on

the ballot because it's time to do it.

Green hopes the Town will consider purchasing a couple of buses and hiring a full-time driver to provide scheduled rides to seniors in need of transportation.

"If CART is taking 20 percent of the need, there's still 80 percent whose needs aren't being met," he said. "They don't meet our needs, obviously, and we need to figure out how we'll enhance it."



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YMCA Hosts May Fundraisers for Families in Need

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Greater Londonderry YMCA will host two community fundraiser events next month to raise money for their annual "Reach Out for Youth and Families" campaign.

The campaign helps provide financial assistance to families in the community in need of summer and after-school childcare, as well as financial assistance to access programming and family

classes, according to Branch Director Lisa Fitzgerald.

Last year's campaign raised about \$40,000 for families in need, and Fitzgerald said this year's fundraising goal is \$45,000.

"We raise those dollars to put back in the budget to help those in need," she said. "There are families in need who wouldn't have a safe place for their child to go in the summer."

Fitzgerald noted the

community center has also seen a trend toward grandparents taking custody of their grandchildren and struggling to access needed services.

"You can imagine what a struggle it is for them trying to support their grandchildren," she said.

"There is a larger need to support individuals and families within our community so they can participate in summer camp and after-school care. There are many parents who don't want their kids

to go home with a key to the house, and we provide a safe place for kids to be before and after school. We offer assistance with homework, healthy snacks and physical activity."

The two main fundraising events for the campaign are the YMCA's Community Kickball Game on May 14 and its "Red, White and Brews" wine and spirits auction on May 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Castleton Banquet and Conference Center in Windham.

Fitzgerald said they are working to bring together teams from throughout the community to participate in the kickball game, including from their branch, the Fire Department, Police Department and families participating in their summer and after-school programs.

The Red, White and Brews auction is the campaign's most significant fundraiser, with corporate sponsorships and quality auction items, including sports memorabilia, ad-

venture outings, and spa packages, she said.

Guests will sample food from local restaurants and take part in wine and beer tastings.

Londonderry Times Publisher Deb Paul is a member of the YMCA's Board of Directors.

Tickets for the auction are \$25 per person and may be purchased online through the Granite YMCA website at www.graniteymca.org or by contacting Lisa Fitzgerald by phone at 437-6571.

Pipeline

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"Given these market conditions, continuing to develop the project is not an acceptable use of shareholder funds," Wheatley said in the statement.

TGP submitted its application for the NED project to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) last year for a 30-inch natural gas pipeline, with a capacity of 1.2 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d), an increase over capacity requested in pre-filing documents, which the company said was due to increased interest on the NED "supply" portion of the project.

The market segment of the pipeline would have cut through about 2.5 miles of Londonderry.

Kinder Morgan last year awarded a \$300,000 donation to Londonderry Trailways to help complete the Rail Trail connection between Londonderry and Derry. An existing TG pipeline crosses

the Rail Trail underground near the trailhead across from North Elementary School.

Despite efforts to make the case that the pipeline project was needed to meet New England's existing and anticipated gas-fired electricity generation demand, as well as other substantial investments in local community groups and projects, the TGP project faced tough opposition from New Hampshire residents, many of whom refused to allow TGP to survey their land.

Opponents expressed concerns over the safety of a pipeline near their homes and schools, as well as with the environmental impacts of expanding natural gas infrastructure.

Following Kinder Morgan's announcement to suspend the NED pipeline project, U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-NH issued a press release saying she was "the first statewide elected official to oppose the pipeline moving for-

ward because of the many unanswered questions and concerns raised by New Hampshire residents who would have been affected by this project. I am pleased by today's announcement."

But Town Council Chairman John Farrell pointed out the Londonderry Council had previously voted, about six months earlier, to take an official stand against the pipeline.

"The Council has all along seen the proposed (NED) pipeline as a project that would not directly benefit the citizens of Londonderry, and we're pleased to see they have moved on and will not be proceeding in the near future," he said.

Cherylann Pierce, a leader of Londonderry's opposition to the proposed pipeline, said she was "thrilled Kinder Morgan realizes they don't have a leg to stand on to demonstrate need."

"That's what we've been saying all along," she said.

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COPD is usually caused by smoking. Over time, breathing tobacco smoke irritates the airways and destroys the stretchy fibers in the lungs. Other things that may put you at risk include breathing chemical fumes, dust, or air pollution over a long period. Secondhand smoke is also bad. It usually takes many years for the lung damage to start causing symptoms, so COPD is most common in people who are older than 60. You may be more likely to get COPD if you had many serious lung infections when you were a child. People who get emphysema in their 30s or 40s may have a disorder that runs in families, called alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency. However, this is rare.

The main symptoms are a long-lasting (chronic) cough, mucus that comes up when you cough shortness of breath that gets worse when you exercise. As COPD gets worse, you may be short of breath even when you do simple things like get dressed or fix a meal. It gets harder to eat or exercise, and breathing takes much more energy. People often lose weight and get weaker. At times, your symptoms may suddenly flare up and get much worse. This is called a COPD exacerbation. An exacerbation can range from mild to life threatening. The longer you have COPD, the more severe these flare-ups will be.

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However, Pierce noted she will "feel a little more comfortable when the FERC takes (the project) off the table."

"This fight is not over," she said. "There are many more bills before the House to tighten up legislation to stop these types of projects from coming in, and the bigger issue is

According to Wheatley, TGP remains committed to meeting what it called the critical need for constructing additional natural gas infrastructure in the region.

"Although we have suspended work and further expenditures on the NED project, TGP will con-

continue to work with customers to explore alternative solutions to address their needs, particularly local distribution companies that are unable to fully serve consumers and businesses in their areas because of the lack of access to abundant, low-cost domestic natural gas," he said.

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School Fees

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at the board's Tuesday, April 19 meeting. "And what people have to keep in mind is we're presently sitting with exactly 4,381 students. We had close to 6,000 students at one point in the not-too-distant past, and those schools were overcrowded. Matthew Thornton (Elementary School) had over 1,000 kids and we were providing services in the boiler room, there were 30 kids in classrooms and there was no art or music room."

Greenberg noted that if the District's student population were to reach those levels again, schools would no longer be able to accommodate in-district special education programs.

"If we went back to that same population in each of the schools, I would have to ask the School Board for \$6 million to do out-of-district placement for the special education programs we have," he said.

In his third-quarter financial report, Curro said Special Education out-of-district placements

and transportation will overrun the budget by about \$544,000.

"When people move into this Town, there's an expectation that comes with what you're buying into when you move into the community. The people buying these homes and starting families, there's a high expectation there that won't be met if we continue at a rate of revenues going like this and expenses like that," Reilly said.

Curro told the board regular salary accounts district-wide are expected to produce an estimated

savings to the budget of \$772,500; benefits, as a group, are expected to produce a savings of around \$61,000; and thanks to a mild winter, energy costs are expected to provide a savings of around \$90,000.

Considering historical data, trends and known future commitments, Curro said the expenditure side of the District's budget is expected to come under budget by \$340,000, with revenues projected to generate a surplus of \$30,000.

In January, the District implemented a spending freeze barring essential purchases to ensure ex-

penditures didn't run over budget.

"Assuming no surprises in weather or any of the more volatile accounts, we expect to have a year-end fund balance of approximately \$370,000 for fiscal year 2016," Curro said. "During the budget development process for FY17, we estimated revenue to offset the FY17 tax rate from fund balance would be \$200,000, plus the additional withholding of \$100,000 for the equipment trust for a total of \$300,000."

The District's recommendation for use of the projected year-end surplus includes transferring \$100,000 into the equipment trust fund, as the voters approved; retaining \$100,000 for unassigned fund balance; and using the remaining \$170,000 as revenue to reduce the December 2016 (FY17) property tax rate.

Additionally, Curro reported the District's Food Service program's year-end bottom line is expected to break even or better.

Revenue for the program is up \$143,260 from the same period last year.

At the middle school and high school, the total number of meals served is up, even though both had a drop in enrollment, according to Curro.

The high school has seen a 13 percent jump in meals served compared to last year, and both the middle and high school have seen a significant increase in the number of students participating in breakfast.

Although the improvement is promising, Curro cautioned the Board it's impossible to forecast the future of the program with its performance in year one.

"Certainly, it is too early to discuss the idea of moving the middle school off the national lunch program," he said. "As we discussed, we strongly feel we need to have two or three years of financial data and meal counts, as well as student input, to decide the real impact of the decision."

Firefighters Rescue Baby Ducks

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry firefighters rescued baby ducklings from a storm drain last week.

The Fire Department received a call Tuesday, April 19 at 2:54 p.m. reporting the ducklings

had fallen through a grate on McAllister Road near Home Depot, according to Fire Battalion Chief Mike McQuillen.

"As the storm water rises, they go through different pipes, so they could have entered another storm drain," he said.

Fire crews used a net off Rescue Unit One to lift the ducklings from the storm drain.

"We have been doing these rescues for the last couple years," McQuillen said. "We did one down in the Home Depot parking lot and near the Nevins.

We also did one down by the Burger King near Exit 4, where someone saw ducklings fall into a storm drain while crossing the road. They had been pulled through the pipes and their mom was waiting while we rescued them."

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Yearbook Staff Seeks Compromise to Streamline Photo Submissions

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board expressed support last week for the Londonderry High School yearbook staff's decision to contract with four photographers for senior portraits.

Allowing the seniors to take their yearbook photos with any photographer of their choice has caused unnecessary work for the yearbook staff and resulted in \$1,200 in fees for late photo submissions, according to LHS

Principal Jason Parent.

"We have heard a lot from students that they want options," he said. "We think this is a great compromise, where it offers students choices but is not an open market, which has not worked well in the past."

Just over 64 percent of the senior class, 245 students, used local vendors the District plans to contract with - Mark Lawrence Photographers, The Grondins Photography, Elaine Wallace Photography and Floki Designs, according

to Parent.

An additional 136 students chose alternative vendors, 64 of whom submitted photographs that didn't meet the requirements for inclusion.

As a result, the yearbook staff spent a substantial amount of time writing follow-up emails to parents and vendors to obtain photographs that adhered to their printer's requirements and suffered late fees when their deadlines were pushed back as a result.

"It's important that the

senior pages look uniform and represent the class," Parent said. "The yearbook really begins and ends with the senior section."

"In terms of technical requirements, the company who publishes our yearbook has standards, certain file requirements, format, resolution," said Heather Diamond, business and computer technology teacher and yearbook advisor. "Having fewer vendors helps us provide all our photos quickly to the publisher."

Diamond explained the school is held to its submission deadlines with the publisher and is assessed late fees when they're not met, which cuts into the yearbook account.

"We don't want to continue to increase charges of the yearbook for families," Parent said.

School District Business Administrator Peter Curro noted the photographers they plan to contract with for senior photos already have relationships with the District.

"This is providing local vendors with revenue and will provide us with a quick response if there's an issue. These are vendors who acknowledge the specs we like and respect our timelines," he said. "We thought this is a good way to meet everyone halfway, to provide some options and keep it local and the relationship strong between the four of them."

"I think this is a nice compromise," School Board member Leitha Reilly agreed.

Londonderry High Rocket Club Has Good First Year

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School's Rocket Engineering Club fared well at a regional qualification launch event earlier this month.

"I'm very proud of how it came out. They built a nice rocket, especially considering it was the first year for the Rocket Club and the first time most of the kids ever made a rocket," said Richard Levergood, the team's advisor.

The students built their rocket from scratch using software and a 3-D printer.

"We had three successful launches, all within a respectable distance of our target," said team member Robert Bariello, a freshman.

However, freshman

member Alyssa Jarbis said their practice launches on April 2 at an event hosted by BMass, a rocket club in Amesbury, Mass., were a little rough and the team had to overcome a parachute failure.

"We broke some pieces we had to repair before the qualification launches," she said.

Although the team didn't qualify for the national competition in Washington, D.C., the students say they learned a lot from the experience and look forward to competing again next year.

Bariello and Jarbis said they learned about physics and engineering by completing calculations on how fast the rocket would travel, how the rocket would interact in launch and how the

weight of the rocket would affect flight.

Jarbis said the weight of their rocket was a challenge in launch because it was raining and they didn't have an electronic scale, which the team hopes to acquire before next year's competition.

"We're looking for a sponsor or sponsors," Levergood said. "It costs between \$500 and \$1,000 to build one rocket. We would really benefit from having a sponsor."

The team plans to work in groups of five members to build multiple rockets next year.

"For our qualification launch we had some problems with weight, but other than that our rocket was pretty decent," Jarbis said.

"We're looking into a

dual deployment system next year and a larger parachute for a safe landing," Bariello added.

Levergood said they are hoping to grow the team next year.

"It's a good time and a good group of people. You

make a lot of friends and it's a great learning experience," Jarbis said.

"If you're interested in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), it's an amazing program. You learn so much," Bariello said.

"I thought there was a great sense of camaraderie. That was my favorite part of the week, when the club came in on Friday to work on the rocket," Levergood said. "We're looking forward to doing it again next year."

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KEY Students Display Images of Greatness



Matthew Thornton Elementary School fourth grade KEY students presented their Images of Greatness program last week, an investigative unit in an enrichment program designed to develop their learning skills. Over a dozen students presented their choices of outstanding people throughout history. From left, Ethan Munro portrays Benjamin Franklin; Meisee Chau was Laura Ingalls Wilder; Quinton Delorey acted the role of Charles Darwin; and William Buckley was Leonardo De Vinci. *Photos by Chris Paul*

Eversource, Shady Hill Nursery Team Up for Local Arbor Day Projects

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In celebration of Arbor Day, Eversource is teaming up with local businesses to plant several trees in the Pillsbury Town Cemetery and remove trees at the Town Common and Senior Center.

Shady Hill Nursery will plant four maple trees in the cemetery on Hovey Road and the John C. Brown Company of Weare will donate its equipment and labor to remove two hazardous birch trees from the Town Common, as well as a hazardous

pine tree at the Senior Center.

Volunteer Kent Allen, who met with representatives from Eversource on Monday to discuss the goodwill project, said removal of the pine tree at the Senior Center will allow crews to begin renovations to the building this summer.

Town Manager Kevin Smith said the cost of the work to remove the hazardous trees and plant the trees in the cemetery would be in the thousands of dollars.

“We’ve had these dead trees for a while,” he said. “This gives us the opportunity to do it now on

Eversource’s dime, so it’s a win-win for the Town.”

“This is a real gift,” said Allen, who has been working to clean up the Town Forest.

In addition to the plantings in Londonderry, Shady Hill will plant two maple trees on the Town Common in Hudson.

“Arbor Day marks a great time of year to plant

new trees,” Eversource Transmission Arborist Michael Stanek said in a press release. “And it is an opportunity to remind property owners to plan before you plant. Trees and power lines can coexist by considering the height of a mature tree and planting only low-growing trees near utility lines.”

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancer Hardball Squad Stays Near Top of Division I Standings

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After losing a tight decision in extra innings to the Bishop Guertin Cardinals from Nashua last week, the Londonderry High baseball squad got itself back to the winning track with defeats against Concord and Pinkerton later that week to get its Division I record up to 6-1.

It took 10 full innings for the Bishop Guertin bunch to dispose of the Lancers by a 7-5 score at LHS Wednesday, April 20, thus ending the LHS crew's season-opening four-game winning streak.

The visitors led 1-0 after one inning, 2-0 after four, 2-1 at the completion of five frames, and 3-1 rolling into the latter half of the seventh.

The LHS crew plated the two runs they needed to knot the score at 3-3 in that bottom of the seventh, and extra innings were required.

The 3-3 deadlock wasn't busted until the top of the 10th when BG scored four times, and the Lancers were only able to answer with two runs in the bottom of the 10th as

their comeback effort fell short.

Four LHS pitchers combined for nine strikeouts, but they also walked eight Guertin hitters. And the offense was paced by three hits and a run driven in by Xander Laplante and two hits from Anthony Pirolli.

The Lancers got back on the winning course - behind a second straight strong pitching performance from senior southpaw Noah Tavano - in a 6-1 drubbing of the Concord High Crimson Tide in the state capital on Friday, April 22.

The locals snagged a 1-0 lead in the top of the fourth, but Concord plated the equalizer in the latter half of that frame to sit the score at 1-1.

However, the LHS offense took the game over with one more run in the top of the fifth, three more in the sixth, and a final one in the seventh to make it a 6-1 contest.

Londonderry bashed out 11 hits in claiming the win, with Jimmy Zimolka, Brody Dupuis, and Tim McEacharn each slapping two of them.

The Lancers moved

their 2016 mark to 6-1 on Saturday, April 23, with a second win over PA in just a week. The most recent success was a 5-4 edging of the academy bunch.

The struggling Astros (2-4) had a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, but Londonderry got the tying run in the bottom of the third.

Pinkerton went back up by a run - but only briefly - by scoring once in the top of the fifth - before the Lancers got four runs across in the latter half of that frame to make it a 5-2 game.

The academy side got two of those runs back in the top of the sixth inning, but left two runners on the bases in the seventh as its comeback effort fell short.

The Lancers received a strong five-plus innings of mound-work from Nick Musto and a big two-run single from sophomore Anthony Pirolli in the decisive fifth frame. All five of the winning side's runs were unearned, leaving PA pitcher John Polichetti and his teammates with a number of reasons to feel frustrated.

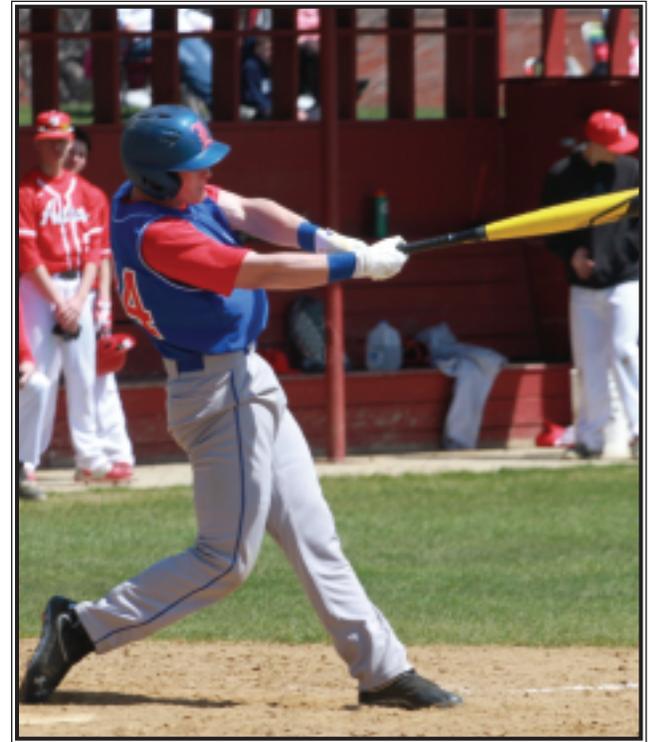
Londonderry finished with just five hits - from five different sources -

while Pinkerton only managed six.

The LHS contingent then bounded into this week aiming at moving its season record up to 7-1 with a win against a tough Exeter High crew in Londonderry on Monday, April 25.

But that victory wasn't forthcoming for the team, which took a 5-1 loss on the chin from an Exeter contingent that scored four times in the top half of the third inning and once more in the top of the fourth.

The Lancers were held to just four hits in the contest, with each coming from a different source. The lone LHS run was driven in by senior Jimmy Zimolka.



Lancer junior Brody Dupuis had two of the 11 hits during the team's game against Concord last week.

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After Drubbing Dover, Lady Lancer Laxers Lose a Pair of Games



Gabby Morris makes her way through a couple of Astro defenders on her way to the goal during Saturday's game. Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School girls' lacrosse squad pushed its 2016 record up to a perfect 3-0 with a 19-0 hammering of the Dover High Green Wave at LHS Wednesday, April 20. But then the Lady Lancers' fortunes changed.

The Lady Lancer crew fell to the visiting Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals by a 14-6 tally at LHS on Friday April 22, to slip to 3-1, and the locals then saw their 2016 record fall to 3-2 with a tight Beeman Trophy loss to the Pinkerton Astros at Londonderry on

Saturday, April 23.

In the clean blowout of Dover, the Lady Lancers potted 10 goals in the first half and then nine more in the second. The victors received three goals and four assists from Gabby Morris, three goals and two helpers from Caty Derhak, three scores from Emily Holland, two goals from June Cranmer, two more and a helper from Dominique Breault, a goal and an assist from Erika Tssetsilas, and single tallies from Emily Davison, Breda Holland, and Jill McIntire.

Then after the 14-6 loss at the hands of the

visiting BG bunch on Friday, April 22, the Lady Lancers lined up for their anticipated Beeman Trophy battle with Pinkerton the next day.

The host squad led by a 7-3 margin at halftime and it was in front by an 8-3 tally with 21:52 to go in the contest.

But the Lady Astros potted the next five goals to knot the score at 8-8.

The score was also tied at 9-9 and 10-10, but the academy side bagged the winning marker with 3:12 left and managed to run out the remaining time.

Breault paced the LHS

offensive effort with two goals and two assists, Morris managed four markers, Cranmer scored twice, Breda Holland tallied a goal and an assist, Kiersten Hoglund scored once, Emily Davison was good for two helpers, and Derhak managed one assist.

Dharma Paradis contributed eight saves to the ultimately doomed LHS effort.

The Lady Lancers then returned to play this Tuesday, April 26, after Londonderry Times press time, with a visit to Manchester Central High.

LHS Tracksters Fall to PA at Home, Then Move on to Invitational

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Things didn't go as well for Londonderry High School's track and field contin-

gents in Beeman Trophy competition at LHS Tuesday, April 19 as the host Lancer squads would have liked. But the LHS teams did have some

strong individual and relay performances that day, and they'd do so again at the 11th annual Nashua North Invitational last weekend.

In the head to head Beeman battles with the rival Pinkerton crews, the Lancer males suffered an 81-61 defeat and the Lady Lancers were bested by their Pinkerton counterparts by a 77-66 tally.

In the boys' meet, the Lancer guys collected eight first places, thanks to the efforts of Kyle Foden in both the shot put (45 feet, 9 1/2 inches) and the discus (116'2"), Derek Davies in the pole vault (11'6"), Cullen Enwright in the javelin (150'9"), Trevor Guay in

the triple jump (41'4") and the 300-meter hurdles (41.4 seconds), Mark Gigliotti in the 100-meter dash (12.0), and Noah Schrank in the 3,200-meter run (10:51.9).

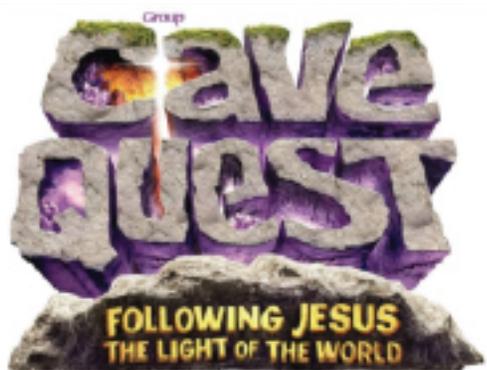
In the girls' event, the Lady Lancers notched six victories and were paced by Sarah Moriarty in the shot (27' 1 1/2") and the discus (79'8"), Kate Balcom in the javelin (87') and the pole vault (8'), and Yorgelis Ortiz in the 100 dash (13.1) and the long jump (16'10 1/4").

Then over at the North

Invitational in the Gate City last Saturday, April 25, the Lancer males received a win from Foden in the shot (46' 4 3/4") and Guay in the 300 hurdles (40.46) and third places from Davies in the pole vault, Enwright in the javelin, and the squad's 4x400 relay quartet.

For the Lady Lancers, Ortiz stood up tall and bagged first places in the 100 (12.26) and the high jump (17' 1/4"), and a second place came from the LHS 4x100 relay quartet.

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Lancer Volleyball Beats Goffstown, BG but Falls to PA

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A hard-fought 3-2 win over the Goffstown Grizzlies in that opponent's home gym followed by a 3-0 home blanking at the hands of the rival Pinkerton Academy Astros in spring Beeman Trophy play left the Londonderry High boys' volleyball squad with a .500 record of 2-2 going into vacation week play this week.

The young but determined Lancers had to go right to the wall to dispose of Goffstown last Friday, April 22, dropping the first game by a 22-25 margin, winning the second 25-20, losing 23-25 in game three, but then winning 25-21 in game four to force a deciding fifth game. And in that spotlight contest, the LHS

crew claimed a sweaty 15-13 victory to end up the match winner.

"The match highlight came after we took a 14-8 lead in game five and Goffstown crawled back into the match to 14-13. A Riley Treanor kill sealed the deal for us off of a perfect set from Mike Vivian," said proud LHS leader John Vaughn.

Vivian wound up dishing out 23 assists for the winning side, Treanor was good for 11 kills and nine digs, Ryan Crowley was good for 13 digs and three service aces, Nick Anderson contributed 11 kills and three aces, Scott Lynch managed five digs, and Elijah Ellis smacked down three blocks.

But the LHS contingent wasn't able to slow down a now 4-1 visiting Pinkerton crew that ad-

vanced its record with a 3-0 blanking of the Lancers in Beeman play on Saturday, April 23.

The Astros snagged individual game wins of 28-26, 25-16, and 25-23 and had to work to do so.

Vivian dealt out 17 assists, Anderson snagged 10 kills and four digs, Crowley snared nine digs, and Treanor contributed six kills and a handful of digs in the LHS effort.

The LHS crew then took aim at climbing back on the winning course this past Monday, April 25 with a road trip to Nashua to play the host Bishop Guertin Cardinals.

The local spikers got that job done, making the trip to the Gate City and handing the host Guertin guys a 3-1 defeat.

The Lancers won games one and two by tal-

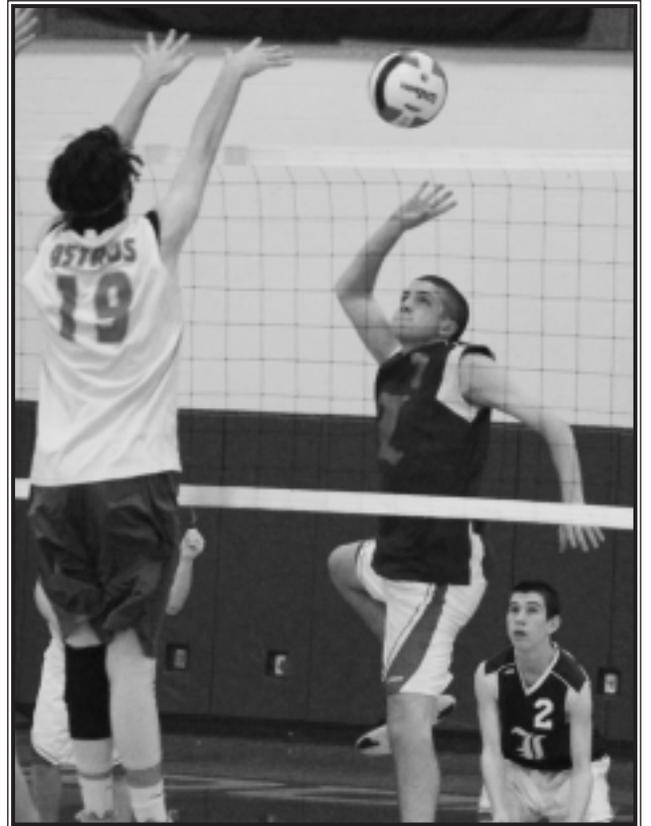
lies of 25-21 and 25-19 before BG managed to keep the battle rolling with a 25-13 win in game three.

Londonderry put the final touches on the match win by throttling its host by a 25-12 score in game four.

"Just as in the Goffstown match, Riley Treanor put the baby to bed with a ringing spike to end the match. What a great kid," said Vaughn.

Treanor finished the successful LHS effort with 10 kills and eight digs.

Mike Vivian notched 21 assists, Nick Anderson was good for 16 kills, Ryan Crowley managed 10 digs and three service aces, Elijah Ellis notched five kills, and Connor O'Regan bagged three blocks.



Riley Treanor challenges an Astro defender during Saturday's match. Photo by Chris Paul

Trio of LHS Girl Lacrosse Players Makes New England Team

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School varsity lacrosse players Sami Lecaroz, Isabella Bourque, and Emily Holland have all been selected to play on Upper New England area teams at the United States Lacrosse Women's National Tournament in Pennsylvania

in late May.

Lady Lancers' junior defender Lecaroz was named to the Upper New England National First Team for the second consecutive year, and this spring she will be joined on that contingent by her LHS teammate and sophomore defender Isabella Bourque.

Lecaroz and Bourque's

fellow Lady Lancer and junior midfielder Emily Holland was picked to play on the Upper New England National Second Team.

The trio of superb local lacrosse players will compete for their squads at the national tourney at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., on May 28 and

29.

The three Lady Lancers recently participated in a grueling, day-long try-out camp for selection to the regional all-star teams

along with the top female lacrosse players from grades nine through 11 in public and private schools in both New Hampshire and Vermont.

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Lancer Softball Squad Shoves its Record Up To 6-2



Lancer sophomore pitcher Ilana Brown has had an exceptional start to the season, helping her team get off to a 6-2 record. Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Consecutive wins over Bishop Guertin in Nashua, Concord at home, and Pinkerton Academy at home last week helped the Londonderry High softball squad push its Division I record up to a superb 6-1.

LHS coach Wayne MacDougall's charges - who won their fourth, fifth, and sixth straight decisions in those contests - got pitching victories and significant offensive performances from sophomore Ilana Brown in the games. Brown has appar-

ently taken over as the Lady Lancers' top starting pitcher.

The local contingent knocked off the host BG crew by an 8-2 margin Wednesday, April 20, scoring a single run in the third inning, two in the fourth, single markers in the fifth and sixth, and then three more in the seventh to make it an 8-2 contest.

Lauren Misiaszek and Sarah Fawcett each had three hits for the winners, with Brown, Cassidy Raza, and Val Shay each cracking two. All in all, the locals thumped out 15

safeties.

Two afternoons later the Londonderry crew played host to the Concord High Crimson Tide. And when the final out had been registered, the locals had a 3-2 win in their grasp.

The hosts plated two runs in the bottom of the first on a Brown home run to snag a 2-0 lead, saw Concord get one run back in the top of the second, took a 3-1 lead in the latter half of the sixth, and had the Tide score once in the top of the seventh in a comeback effort that fell short.

Brown and Anna Maggio each smacked two hits in Londonderry's winning effort.

Then last Saturday, April 23, the Lady Lancers found themselves shooting for a second straight win over the rival Pinkerton Academy Lady Astros in a week. After besting PA on its home diamond the previous Saturday, Londonderry got the job done again with a 5-0 shutout at home.

Londonderry scored three times in the bottom of the first and then once each in the second and third frames in getting to the 5-0 score.

The victorious hosts drilled out eight hits - with Fawcett banging a

pair - in getting the win while pitcher Brown allowed nine in bagging the shutout victory.

Londonderry's next contest - with it seeking a seventh consecutive win - took place at Exeter High School this past Monday, April 25.

But the Lady Lancers weren't able to keep its winning run rolling on the seacoast that afternoon, dropping a hard-fought 4-3 decision to the host Lady Blue Hawks in extra innings.

Exeter snared a 1-0 lead in the latter half of the first inning, but Londonderry answered with two runs of its own in the top of the third to make it a 2-1 game.

The Lady Hawks scored two runs of their own in the bottom of the fifth to make it a 3-2 game, but the Lady Lancers knotted the score at 3-3 in the top of the sixth frame.

That was it on scoring until the bottom of the 10th when Exeter plated the one run it required for the walk-off celebration to kick into gear.

Brown and Elizabeth DeVoss each bashed three hits and Maggio smacked two for the Londonderry crew, which notched a total of 10 safeties on a losing day.

LHS Boys' Tennis Slips to 1-7 With Concord Loss

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High boys' tennis squad received something of a tutorial in their game in dropping an 0-9 decision to the tough Concord High Crimson Tide in the

state capital Wednesday, April 20.

The closest the Lancers came to victory was a 3-8 finish by the doubles tandem of Ryan Leo and Sean Enwright.

"It was a beautiful day for tennis, and it was very

enjoyable playing a great team," said LHS coach Janice Norwesh. "There were some fun and exciting points and games, and my boys can be very proud there were no bagels (shutouts)."

Following the match in

Concord, the Lancers embarked on a lengthy hiatus that won't end until next Wednesday, May 3, when the locals travel to Bedford to take on the host Bedford High Bulldogs.

Girl Racketeers Keep Seeking First Victory

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Despite some gutsy performances, the Londonderry High School girls' squad was left still searching for its first team victory of the 2016 campaign following a

1-8 loss to the host Concord High Crimson Tide in the state capital Wednesday, April 20.

The lone Londonderry victory was notable because it featured a superb comeback effort from singles player Samantha

Board, who rebounded from an 0-6 deficit to win by an 8-6 tally.

Other tight singles battles were waged by Kathryn Dwyer (5-8 loss) and Yuly Cabeza (7-9), and Dwyer and Cabeza also put forth another

strong effort as a doubles tandem before dropping a 5-8 decision.

The Lady Lancers faced a lengthy hiatus that won't end until Wednesday, May 3.

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Londonderry Lancer Laxmen Get Humbled by Division I Powerhouses

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Saying there was nothing easy about the Londonderry High School boys' lacrosse team's recent schedule would be an understatement. And the Lancers' meetings with the undefeated Bishop Guertin and Pinkerton Academy laxmen gave the locals a good idea of what they need to play like if they hope to one day occupy the upper reaches of the Division I standings.

The LHS crew was bested by a 16-3 tally by the visiting BG contingent from Nashua Thursday, April 21, and two days later the rival Pinkerton contingent invaded Lancerland for a spring Beeman Trophy battle and exited the school with a matching 16-3 victory over the Lancers.

In the Guertin game, the 2-3 Londonderry crew saw its 7-0 opponent bag an 11-0 lead in the first half and then score three more times in the second

half before the hosts were able to answer with a tally of their own.

In its lopsided loss to Pinkerton two days later, the Lancers hung tough against their undefeated rival through the first half, trailing 3-0 after one period and 4-0 at halftime. However, longtime PA coach Brian O'Reilly's charges were able to kick their offense into a higher gear in the second half and outscore Londonderry by a big 12-3 margin during the latter two stan-

zas.

Dave Wiedenfeld potted two of the Londonderry goals and Sean Snyder had the other.

And things didn't get easier for the LHS laxmen when they returned to action this Tuesday, April 26, after Londonderry Times press time. After falling hard to number one BG and number two Pinkerton, the Lancers had to find a way past the number three squad in Division I - the 5-1 Exeter High Blue Hawks - at LHS.



LHS Junior Brandyn Proulx makes his way past an Astro defender on Saturday. Photo by Chris Paul

Beeman Trophy Retained by Pinkerton

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

There are still two events left in the 2016 Beeman Trophy games series between the spring varsity sports squads from Pinkerton Academy and Londonderry High School, but the academy has already assured itself of retaining the much-desired trophy by winning seven of the first nine

events.

The academy snagged a four-team sweep in track and field action Tuesday, April 19, with its male and female varsity teams and its male and female unified contingents all winning at LHS to begin Pinkerton's success right away.

Then last Saturday, April 23, the Astro contingents collected wins in girls' and boys' lacrosse

and boys' volleyball while the host Lancers won softball and baseball to make the overall team tally 7-2 at the end of that long sports day.

The Londonderry and Pinkerton boys' and girls' tennis teams will wrap up Beeman Trophy play on May 18, but those battles will be purely academic, with the 2016 Beeman competition already decided in the Derry

school's favor.

The Beeman Trophy games - named in honor of a former Pinkerton star athlete and coach Mike Beeman who also taught and coached at LHS - began in the early 1990's as an extension of the Mack Plaque games between the rival schools.

Miss New Hampshire Competition is Saturday

The Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program will see 28 local title holders compete to become Miss New Hampshire 2016 on Saturday, April 30 at Pinkerton Academy's Stockbridge Theatre in Derry.

Among the contestants is Miss Londonderry, Alaina Belanger of Nashua.

At the 70th annual competition, each of the contestants will be judged



Alaina Belanger

in the following areas: Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimsuit, Evening Wear, Talent, Private Interview

and On-Stage Questions. Each contestant previously qualified at a local preliminary pageant to win her way to the state competition.

Tickets for the April 28 - 30 competitions can be purchased online at the Stockbridge Theatre Office and online at <https://tickets.stockbridgetheatre.com/Attractions.ashx>. For more information, visit MissNH.Org.

Correction

An article in the April 20 edition incorrectly reported the winner of an 8-2 singles match with Bishop Guertin. Londonderry High girls' tennis player Samantha Board claimed the 8-2 singles victory in her team's match with Bishop Guertin.

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Art in Action

Art in Action takes place Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15 at Mack's Apples Farm Market, 230 Mammoth Road from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Twenty-five artists and artisans will demonstrate painting, fiber art, weaving, jewelry making, woodworking and clay gardening figures. Admission is free.

Plant Donations

The Derry Garden Club is in need of donations for its annual plant sale, set for Saturday, June 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 58 East Broadway, Derry. Anyone with a plant in need of thinning to donate to the sale is invited to call Wanda Desaulniers at 434-6681.

Grange Plant & Craft Sale

On Saturday, May 7, the day before Mother's Day, Londonderry Grange No. 44, 260 Mammoth Road, holds its annual Mother's Day Plant Sale and Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine. This year, Kona Ice is featured, along with free face painting, balloons and traditional "Plant a Marigold for Mom" inside the Grange Hall for kids. Juried crafters will offer their wares, and hanging planters as well as perennials, including shade lovers, will be sold, along with tomatoes in patio pots. Troop 521 Boy Scouts will help. Proceeds go to the Grange Building Renovation Fund.

Toy Swap and Sale

Londonderry Women's Club's 14th annual Toy Swap and Sale takes place from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 14 at the Matthew Thornton Elementary School gym, 275 Mammoth Road. Registration is 7:30 to 9 a.m. Registration forms are at the Leach Library. This is a consignment sale, with the price set by the owner, who receives two-thirds of the sale price. The other third goes to Community Alliance for Teen Safety (CATS) in Derry. Gently used toys, bikes,

sporting goods and baby equipment are featured; stuffed animals, cribs, car seats, VHS tapes and clothing cannot be accepted.

World War II Music

On Thursday, May 19 at 7 p.m., the Leach Library will host a free musical performance of "Songs of World War II: Wartime Songs and their Stories You Didn't Know" by "Ramblin" Richard Kruppa. In this hour-long performance, Kruppa presents stories about and sings some of the most beloved American songs from 1939 to 1945. He also provides accompaniment on guitar, five-string banjo, and baritone ukulele. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library and will be held in the library's lower-level Meeting Room. Light refreshments will be served.

Book Bingo

Students in grades 6 through 12 are invited to the Leach Library on Thursday, May 12 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for a Young Adult Spring Book Bingo event. All participants will win books from the special selection tables. Snacks and drinks will be served and there will be a raffle for door prizes. No sign-up is necessary.

Lions' Yard Sale

The Londonderry Lions' hold a yard sale Saturday, May 14 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lions Hall, 256 Mammoth Road (Route 128), across from the Town Common. No early birds. Donations of goods are accepted May 2 through Friday, May 13 at the Londonderry Lions Shelter. No large kitchen appliances, couches, skis, air conditioners, computers or TVs can be accepted.

People can rent spaces to sell their own goods by calling Tom at 548-5011. Proceeds from donated goods and rented spaces benefit local Lions' charities and eye care.

Miss New Hampshire

Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program celebrates its 70th anniversary with this year's competition at the Stockbridge Theatre at Pinkerton Academy in Derry on Saturday, April 30 at 6 p.m. The program includes two nights of Preliminary Competition on Thursday and Friday, April 28 and 29 at 7 p.m. at the Stockbridge Theatre. Tickets for the preliminary evenings and crowning are on sale and can be purchased at <https://tickets.stockbridgetheatre.com/Attactions.ashx#>. For more information, visit MissNH.Org.

Paving Projects

Now through May 13, the Town of Londonderry will be paving a section of High Range Road between Pillsbury and Elwood road, and will also pave a section of Old Nashua Road between Route 102 (Nashua Road) and Bayberry Road. For both projects, expect delays and seek alternate routes. For questions, contact the Department of Public Works at 432-1100, ext. 193.

Beautify Londonderry

Beautify Londonderry runs through May 22. This town-wide effort uses volunteers to clean litter from roads and neighborhoods and beautifies Town properties by mulching and planting flowers. Bags, gloves, safety vests and water are provided to volunteers. To volunteer or learn more, visit beautifylondonderry@londonderry.nh.org.

Kids Fishing Derby

The annual free Kids Fishing Derby sponsored by Londonderry Fish and Game Club, Inc., is Sunday, May 1 from 9 a.m. to noon at Londonderry Fish & Game Club, 5 Lund St., Litchfield. The event is for children age 14 and under. The pond is stocked with approximately 500 Rainbow and Brook trout, most 10 inches or longer. Prizes are awarded in various age categories. Fish caught may be retained; fish cleaners will prepare, bag and ice the fish.

The club celebrates its 65th year in 2016. For questions, call Rick Olson at 540-7040

Football Social

The Londonderry Lancer High School football program hosts a Lancer Football "Social" at the Tavern in the Executive Club, 1 Highlander Way in Manchester on Thursday, May 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. for food and drink and a talk by Coach Jimmy Lauzon and the Lancer Gridiron Club about plans for the upcoming season. The program is sponsoring several new ideas that will continue to bring the community together: a Londonderry carnival June 9-12, a family-style pig roast prior to Mack Plaque Weekend, and a Lancer Alumni Golf Tourney June 24 at the Windham Country Club.

First Saturday Devotions

Women of all ages are invited to join in honoring Our Lady for First Saturday Devotions on May 1 at St. Patrick Church in Pelham, starting with Mass at 8 a.m. and followed by the Crowning of Our Blessed Mother and the rosary at 8:30 a.m. A potluck breakfast and fellowship follow. Adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be available before Mass at 7:30 a.m. in the main church. For more information, call Linda at 930-6436 or email WomenOfMaryNH@yahoo.com.

Garden Club

The Derry Garden Club meets Friday, May 6, at the Birchwood Winery, 199 Rockingham Road, Derry. The business meeting is at 11 a.m. Cost of the luncheon is \$30, and pre-registration is required. The program will be "Fabulous Ferns for your Garden" presented by Donna Simpson of Lee. A raffle is planned.

Eric Carle Stories

On Monday, May 9 from 4 to 5 p.m., the Leach Library presents a program on the works of children's author Eric Carle. Children will hear the story of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar," count to 10 with ducks, and see if they can move like animals. Participants will have a chance to try a Brown Bear matching game. All participants will be entered into a raffle to win one of two Eric Carle prize bags. Advance registration is required and begins at 9 a.m. Monday, May 2. To reg-

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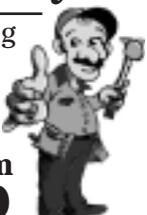


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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday, April 18
9:45 a.m. Four-wheelers reported to be on Chase Road.

Tuesday, April 19
7:31 a.m. Caller on Griffin Road reports finding another needle in front yard.
12:52 p.m. Caller at Home Depot, Nashua Road reports bunch of ducks in road; some fell down grate.

Wednesday, April 20
6:52 a.m. Report that someone attempted to break into one of the trailers last night on Golen Drive.
3:24 p.m. Resident on Mammoth Road reported finding multiple needles in a can at end of driveway.
3:47 p.m. Brush fire by Avandis Family Dining, Nashua Road.
4:13 p.m. Caller reporting subjects on ATV and dirt bike operating recklessly on West Road and Betty Lane.
5:41 p.m. Caller on Mallard Lane reported theft of cash from residence.
7:33 p.m. Caller on High Range Road reported theft of package from mailbox.
8:11 p.m. Londonderry Fire toned out for smoke in building on Shawnee Place.

Thursday, April 21
11:55 a.m. Theft of catalytic converter and batteries from ATD and Repair Service, Londonderry Road.
2:56 p.m. License plate reported stolen on Nashua Road.

Friday, April 22
4:02 a.m. Londonderry Fire toned out for brush fire behind building on Wyandot Circle.

Saturday, April 23
10:08 a.m. Theft reported on Victoria Drive.
5:09 p.m. Caller on Picadilly Circle reports sound of three gunshots from Coventry or High Range Road area.
6:03 p.m. Shooting complaint on Hickory Hill Drive.

Sunday, April 24
6:49 a.m. Manchester-Boston Regional Airport located vehicle involved in accident overnight at airport, with damage. Maintenance found two people inside asleep. Michael Garvin, 24, 4 Shoreline Drive, Austin, Texas arrested for Conduct After an Accident. Bail set at \$1,000 personal recognizance with Derry Circuit Court date of June 7.
8:41 p.m. Caller reported vehicle egged while driving on High Range Road near Davis Drive.

9:33 a.m. Londonderry Fire responding to Hovey Road on report of couch on fire inside residence.
10:27 a.m. Eugene F. Holland, 47, Chadwick Circle, Unit B, Nashua arrested for Criminal Threatening (intimidation, etc.). Bail set at \$1,000 personal recognizance with Derry Circuit Court date of May 3.
10:54 a.m. Caller reported subjects possibly living in woods near the pond on Adams Road.
3:08 p.m. Needle found on ground at Rockingham and Sanborn roads.
5:34 p.m. Brian Collins, 55, Owl Brook Road, Ashland arrested for two counts of Disorderly Conduct and two counts of Resisting arrest at Manchester-Boston Regional Airport. Bail set at \$2,000 personal recognizance with Derry Circuit Court date of June 7.

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New Generation of Red Stars Wins Awards

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Derry's internationally known Red Star Twirlers is approaching its 40th birthday.

The team's founder and coach/choreographer, Gina Hutchinson, describes the journey as going from an "obscure program in New Hampshire to one of the premier in the country," noting that Red Star Twirlers have led their bands on some of the biggest college football fields in the country.

Hutchinson is assisted by KeriAnn Lynch Unger and Ashley Tiller, who were Red Stars since they were in elementary school.

The latest group of twirlers took part in a three-week competition marathon that began at Merrimack High School with the New Hampshire State Championships, then moved on to Langerville, N.Y., and ended at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School on

April 17 for Miss Majorette of New Hampshire.

At Miss Majorette of New Hampshire, several Red Stars won titles in their age and level divisions to win the right to represent the state in the NBTA (National Baton Twirling Association) Miss Majorette of America Competition in July, Hutchinson said.

"The Red Stars have placed many twirlers in the top 10 of the prestigious competition, including current Red Star assistant coach KeriAnn Unger in 1991, when she was 9, and current Red Star Emily Cowette of Londonderry, when she was also 9, both in the Juvenile division," Hutchinson said, adding that Lynch went on to place top five in the Senior and College level.

Alyssa McLaughlin of Derry was named first runner up in the college division in 2011, representing the University of Connecticut. McLaughlin

later earned her NBTA judging license and was among the judges from around the country at the April 17 competition, Hutchinson said.

In the Beginner level at the Miss Majorette events, Tiana Barton of Derry won the 7-9 division. In the Intermediate level, Tabitha Flattes of Derry won the 7-9 with Madelyn Moedebeck getting the win in 13-15. Other Red Stars from area towns also achieved awards.

Hutchinson said the top three spots in Advanced can compete for the national title. The Red Stars will be represented by Emily Cowette of Londonderry, who took second place in the 10-12 age group. Morgan Torre of Londonderry tied for third in the 13-15 age division. In the high school division, Isabella Bolduc of Pinkerton Academy won the title, with Red Star Mikhala Bornstein of Londonderry runner up.



The Red Star Twirlers of Derry have had a marathon three weeks with competitions in Merrimack, New York, and Derry. Pictured with their awards are members of the Red Star Elite Junior and Senior teams. Courtesy photo

Bolduc is also the New Hampshire state champion in the Senior division.

Hutchinson also noted that Red Star Allie Nault, 17, won New Hampshire's Outstanding Teen and went on to win Miss America's Out-

standing Teen last August. She is the first New Hampshire contestant to win the title in either Outstanding Teen or Miss America.

Hutchinson will showcase her students at the 40th anniversary show, "Red

Stars' Top 40," set for June 25 at the Stockbridge Theatre at Pinkerton in Derry. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students, with ages 6 and under free. Tickets are on sale by emailing theredstars@yahoo.com.

Around Town

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ister, call 432-1127 or come by the Children's Room.

Friendly Pirate

Children are invited to the Leach Library on Monday, May 16 from 4 to 5 p.m. for a musical visit with Rockin' Ron the Friendly Pirate. Participants will be singing and dancing, will hear jokes, and play games, with lots of audience participation. Advance registration is required and begins at 9 a.m. Monday, May 9. To register, call 432-1127 or come by the Children's Room. This program is sponsored by The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library.

ServiceLink Benefit

Friends of Rockingham ServiceLink, an aging and disability resource center, hosts its second annual Derby Day on Saturday, May 7 at Rockingham Park in Salem to create awareness of the services of ServiceLink and to benefit Friends Helping Friends, a

program that helps recipients with a one-time need who have exhausted all available funding resources. The event includes: ladies best hat contest, live and silent auctions, bourbon tasting, live betting, and a buffet dinner. For more information or to order tickets, contact Connie Young at cyoung@rockingham-service-link.com.

Road Construction

Now through May, the Town is working on two projects: reconstruction of a section of Commerce Avenue from Ray Wiczorek Drive to the cul-de-sac, and Litchfield Road near the cemetery. The Litchfield work will be followed by the paving of the finish coat on Litchfield Road from High Range Road to Yellowstone Road and Maureen Drive. Expect delays; seek alternate routes. For questions, call Londonderry Department of Public Works at 432-1100, ext. 193.

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Free Meals

The free Community Meals Program offers the following meals, with no residency requirement: Friday, April 29, 5 to 6:30 p.m., First Parish Church, East Derry Road; and Mondays through Fridays, 4:30 p.m., Sunshine Soup Kitchen, First Baptist Church, 2 Crystal Ave., Derry.

Garden Club Scholarship

The Derry Garden Club is accepting applications for the 2016 Derry Garden Club Scholarship in the amount of \$750. The scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school student who will be attending an accredited college or university to pursue studies related to horticulture, forestry, botany, landscape architecture, natural resources, earth science, environmental sci-

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Fuel assistance is available from Southern New Hampshire Services, which is taking applications through April 30 to help renters and homeowners in Rockingham County pay past or future energy bills. Fuel assistance pays for oil, propane, wood, pellets, kerosene, natural gas or electric heat costs, with payments going toward a past due balance or credit for future use. To qualify, one person can earn up to \$1,935/month, with a family of four earning up to \$3,986/month. Fuel assistance may also be applied to rent if heat is included in rent. To make an appointment, call the Derry office at 965-3029.

Israeli Dance Nights

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Renew

Renew, which offers free, gently-used clothing, opens May 14 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road, Derry. Arrive by 10 a.m. Derry residency is not required. Each household is limited to 20 of the newest items, plus a reasonable number of older items. Enter at the church marquee sign. Donations of good condition, modern clothing may be placed in the donations bin by the door at any time. No donations of money are accepted. For details, search for "Renew Derry" on Facebook, email renewclothing@yahoo.com, or call the church secretary at 434-1516.

Hyla Brook Readings

The Robert Frost Farm's free Hyla Brook Reading Series, now in its eighth season, kicks off Thursday, May 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in

the Frost Farm barn, 122 Rockingham Road (Route 28), Derry with poet Anton Yakovlev. Originally from Russia, Yakovlev lives in New Jersey. Chester resident and Hyla Brook Poet Midge Goldberg will read from her new collection and other work as well. An Open Mic follows the readings and audience members are invited to share their work. For details, email hylabrookpoets@gmail.com, or visit www.frostfarmpoetry.org or facebook.com/HylaBrookPoets or twitter.com/HylaBrookPoets.

Hyla Brook Poets

Starting in May, the Hyla Brook Poets' monthly writing workshop will meet on the third Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Robert Frost Farm, 122 Rockingham Road (Route 28), Derry. Frost Farm Poetry's mission is to support the writing and reading of poetry, especially metrical poetry. The Hyla Brook Poets started in 2008 as a monthly poetry workshop. For further information, email hylabrookpoets@gmail.com, or visit www.frostfarmpoetry.org or facebook.com/HylaBrookPoets or twitter.com/HylaBrookPoets.

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