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Spirits High

Sophomore Mogan Torre does her best to raise the spirits of Lancer Nation with the help of her batons during the Pep Rally held on Friday morning just before the school headed out for spring break. See more photos on page 19.

Photo by Chris Paul

Developer Seeks Permission to Build Elderly Housing Closer

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the April 19th Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting at Town Hall, a housing developer attempted to catch a break with certain building regulations.

Cross Farm Development, LLC is in the process of developing a

200 unit elderly housing community at 57 Adams Road, but is currently coming into conflict with Londonderry Zoning Ordinance 2.3.1.3.C.1, which demands that each house be built 40 feet away from the sidewalk. Cross Farm, and more specifically the contractor for the project, Joseph Maynard, request-

ed a variance that would allow them to reduce this distance to 30 feet, primarily because of the houses being within close proximity to wetlands.

Maynard had his case defended by Morgan Hollis of Gottesman & Hollis, P.A. Hollis noted in his argument that placing

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Londonderry Developer Seeks Appeal Over Stonehenge Denial

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

A local housing developer is seeking to appeal a recent dismissal of their plans to build a large housing rental project.

First Londonderry Associates LLC is fighting back against the local planning board which, at the board March 8th meeting, denied FLA's plans to put together a 288 unit housing project, and their main concern stems from their belief that some board members acted "unlawful and unreasonable" when they voted down FLA's request.

The FLA asserts that board members Ted Comb-

es and Al Sypek voted down the measure for personal gain, with their appeal stating "That upon information and belief, at the March 8, 2017, planning board meeting, member Sypek and alternate Combes, both of whom were running for seats on the Town Council, were reported to have commented to the effect that their votes against the application likely earned them 600 votes in the upcoming council race".

FLA submitted its design application to the planning board back in November 2015 and then sent out a site plan nearly a year later, which would place residences at MacGregor Cut off of Stone-

henge and Hardy roads. It was denied approval initially by a 3-3 tie.

FLA's appeal also focused on traffic management at the intersection of Stonehenge Road and Route 28, stating that there was a "unanimous conclusion of the applicant's and the town's traffic engineers, town police, fire, planning engineering and DPW and NHDOT that the mitigation measures that they support as proposed by the applicant are reasonable and offer improvements beyond the applicant's traffic impacts."

The appeal claims the board voted a second time without a proper motion,

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School Board Approves Proposal For Adult Education Program

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the April 18th Londonderry School Board meeting, one of the more pertinent discussions came from Londonderry High School's Adult Education department.

As the first topic of deliberation during the school board meeting, Amity Small, who is the Director of Alternative Education and Assistant Principal at Londonderry High School, brought forth a proposal for an Adult Education Grant that would lend funds to Londonderry's Adult Education program. This proposal would then be submitted to the New Hampshire Department of Adult

Education for approval if the proposal was first approved by the Londonderry school board.

The program works relatively similar to normal high schools, in that students meet with counselors in order to discuss transcripts and the courses necessary to receive their diploma. The programs will feature the same types of courses that it usually does, but also likes to place an emphasis on developing 21st century skills and being ready for higher education and future careers. Department officials are also hoping to update the graphic art on advertising forms, provide books and supplies to the students and help to pro-

vide snacks to students who struggle with poverty.

One of the biggest elements of the proposed budget, however, comes from purchasing 15 year long licenses for ODYSSEYWARE. This program allows students to take day and evening programs via online courses both in and out of the classroom. The

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Hip Hoppin' Hawks Display Talents to Classmates



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The South Elementary School Hip Hoppin' Hawks performed their jump rope routine to the school last week just before their spring break. The group of 27 students practices all year and represents the American Heart Association as they tour area schools to spread the word on a healthy lifestyle. This is the ninth year the school has had a team involved in the effort.

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School Board Discusses Adult Education Grant Proposal and Tight Budget

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The April 18 School Board Meeting featured the retirements of three members of the school district and discussion about the funds for the town's Adult Education program.

After calling the meeting to order, it started with the announcement that three representative within the Londonderry school district were retiring. Teacher Sara Blanch, Office Assistant Karen Olmstead and Technology Trainer/Integrationist Jo Oswald have all announced their retirements and the board noted their contributions and the impact they've left before moving on with regular business.

Once the board had scheduled future meetings for May and June, committee reports were read off by Carolyn Hill and Mary Wing Soares.

Deliberations over several proposals were next on the list, starting with adult education. Amity Small, Director of Alternative Education and Assistant Principal at Londonderry High School, proposed the official budget for the adult education program to later be submitted to the New Hampshire Department of Adult Education for approval. The budget would mainly cover the required laptops and ODYSSEWARE licenses, an online educational tool, and the costs of hiring teachers and career

guidance counselor, as well as books, supplies and food for the students. On top of covering employee benefits, the budget would come to \$64,355. The board was quick to approve the budget proposal unanimously.

Next, Peter Curro announced the premium renewal proposal for Workers Comp Insurance and Property/Casualty Insurance. The District recently had to change carriers because of the demise of their previous carrier, but Curro noted that they have had no issues with their new insurance broker, Davis and Towle. The renewal premium of general insurance would be virtually the same at \$135,000,

while the worker's comp premium would actually decrease from the current premium of \$308,430 to \$288,702. The board unanimously approved the proposal.

The board then discussed the proposed school board calendar for August 2017 to March 2018. There were no issues to speak of and the board approved the proposal.

After discussing the School Board Liason's Committee List, Peter Curro went on to elaborate on the 3rd quarter financial report. Curro was quick to note that the general fund budget is extremely tight at the

moment. This can mainly be attributed to winter weather costs, unanticipated costs from Special Education and high elementary school enrollment. There were also concerns over revenue coming in at \$44,000 under original projections.

Expenditures, on the other hand, appear on track with the budget. Salary accounts should produce an estimated savings of \$438,000, but benefits should produce an overrun of \$350,000. If all goes according to plan, the expenditure plan should go under budget by roughly \$50,000, although some funds may have to come

out of the Special Education Trust to cover out-of-district budget overruns. According to projections, by the end of the fiscal year, the board is expecting to be roughly \$45,000 under budget, presuming no more surprises complicate matters. The food service program is also projected to break-even at the end of the fiscal year.

After discussing February and March enrollment reports, the rest of the session was closed to the public so that the board could discuss personnel nominations and leave of absence requests in private, before finally adjourning the meeting.

South School Hosts Talk on the Stigma of Mental Illness

Just in time for Mental Health Awareness Week (May 1-5), on Thursday, May 4, Judge Broderick, former New Hampshire State Supreme Court Justice, will be at the South Elementary School Gymnasium at 6:30 p.m. to talk with staff members, community members, friends, family, and any youth in grade eight or higher about the five signs that a friend or family member is dealing with mental illness. These signs include: Agitation, Personality Change, Poor Self Care, Withdrawal, and Hopelessness.

The "Change Direction in New Hampshire" pro-

gram is the first statewide effort to change the culture of mental health in America. Representatives from behavioral health, medical care, law enforcement and education in New Hampshire have joined forces to launch the campaign in the state.

In his presentation, he will detail each sign, and include a personal testimony as a father.

"Mental illness is the only illness from my childhood that remains in the shadows," said Judge Broderick. "We need to change the culture surrounding emotional suffering and we need to

begin by letting everyone know its five most common signs and that early detection and treatment yield great success."

According to CEO of Riverbend Community Mental Health, and co-chair of the Campaign to Change Direction in New Hampshire, Peter Evers, close to one in five adults suffers from some form of mental illness.

This event is informative, free, and open to the entire community. The hope is that the program can provide help for a loved one who might be in need. For more information visit <http://www.changedirection.org/nh/>

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Editorial

Welcome Home

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

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

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

Need information on voter registration? Kindergarten registration?

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

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

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

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

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

Letters

Stonehenge Road 280 Unit Complex Re-vote on May 3rd.

To the editor,

Traffic safety is a paramount concern should this complex get approval. Intersecting road, Route 28, is in failure. Try to turn left onto this road from Stonehenge and you will see the issue. The developer has proposed a right hand turn lane that can accommodate five cars, however, the inability to turn left and the safety hazard of turning left is of primary concern.

280 units is about 400 - 500 cars. People who live in this complex will need to go to work.

The closest highway access is via left hand turn onto Route 28. What will drivers do when cars cannot turn left onto Route 28?

Perhaps those waiting near Perkins will leave their lane and try turning left onto Perkins. Those too far away to cross lanes and turn left on Perkins will turn into the driveways along the way heading back to Hardy Road. Those close to Hardy will take Hardy towards 102.

For those town employees that will live in this complex, the projected travel route will be towards Mammoth Road. This intersection will then become clogged by those who need to turn left as there is no left hand turn lane.

On both ends of Stonehenge and its intersecting roads, traffic and safety issues will materialize.

The Planning Board has told us that an improper procedural decision was made in this case in an earlier "No" vote. According to a recent article in the Union Leader, the developer was notified of the reason for denial being safety concerns of the road. The article also mentioned that the developer is currently suing the Town within the State courts.

If the PB did follow proper procedure, i.e., it did notify the developer in writing for reason of denial, then why are we having a revote?

If the State mandates Towns to consider workforce housing, should the State fix their failed road(s)?

If the revote passes this development, should

the Town be responsible and put in lights at the Route28 intersection? Why doesn't the Town deny the development until the State fixes its failed road?

At a recent Town Council meeting, Mr. Dolan commented that it wouldn't be fair to make the developer wait to build the complex until the State fixes the failed intersection. How is it fair to make the residents deal with the traffic nightmare until the State fixes the failed road?

Why do the developer's rights trump those of the residents?

At the same TC meeting, Mr. Farrell commented in regards to Ever-Source Right of Way tree clearing..."this is where people live, its where we live...". People care.

Stonehenge Road is where we live. It is ill suited for this large complex. We know safety will be compromised if this project is allowed.

I encourage a No vote. If the Town decides to approve, then how about fixing ALL the intersecting roads and being fair to the residents?

Greg Stanley
Londonderry

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Stonehenge

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this time leading to a 4-2 vote against the FLA, with Sypek changing his vote from yes to no and Combes voting no both times.

According to the minutes of the March 20th Town Council meeting, Sypek did make some off-hand comments after the meeting, stating that Combes told him he probably had 600 votes for his re-election, with Sypek then saying that Combes most likely had the same amount because of chang-

ing his vote on the proposal. They also claimed that Combes told Sypek that "with your change of vote, you just got more popular and earned yourself votes for Town Council." Combes, however, was quick to deny these statements, claiming he never changed his vote to gain more support in his re-election or openly said that he did.

The planning department stated after the denial that they voted against FLA's request because of the potential safety concerns the proj-

ect would pose to the area which was already suffering from other traffic problems. They were unconvinced that the project would mitigate safety concerns in that location or the surrounding area.

As for the appeal, town councilors concluded on March 20th that there was not enough evidence to show that either Sypek or Combes had committed any sort of ethics violations. Sypek lost his election on March 21st, but Combes did manage to win one of two open council seats.

Netflix Series Causing Concern Amongst Parents and School Staff

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

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

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

The show is based around the 2007 novel of the same name by Jay Asher and was adapted for Netflix by Brian Yorkey. Released on March 31st, it revolves

around a student, Hannah Baker, who committed suicide after recording a series of tapes that explained why she killed herself and sending them to the people who she believes were responsible for her actions. The series is known to cover a variety of difficult topics, including alcoholism, rape and bullying.

Although the series has proven to be quite popular with most viewers and critics (maintaining a score of 76/100 on Metacritic), many have come out in opposition to the show and how it portrays suicide, not to mention how younger demo-

graphics would be interested in it. In the email, O'Dea states that she believes that the show romanticizes suicide, warning parents that "the content of the series is extremely graphic with troubling scenes throughout each episode, which may be difficult for the teenage mind to watch and process in an appropriate way."

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

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

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

Thirteen Reasons Why has been in the spotlight for the last couple of

weeks over its portrayal of suicide. Recently, Suicide Awareness Voices of Education (SAVE), a non-profit group with the mission of suicide prevention, spoke out against the series as well. Dan Reidenberg, SAVE's executive director, stated that "There is a great concern that I have ... that young people are going to over identify with Hannah in the series and we actually may see more suicides as a result of this television series."

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

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

Author Jay Asher also defended the series, stating that "Suicide is an uncomfortable thing to talk about, but it happens, and so we have to talk about it."

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

The Byway Intended to Highlight Areas Historic Sites

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Methot, a Chester resident and chairman of the Robert Frost/Old Stagecoach Scenic Byway Committee, is trying to blanket his town with thousands of daffodils to bloom next spring. It's one of the many ways residents of the towns of Atkinson, Hampstead, Chester, Auburn and Derry are using to make their towns attractive to tourists and residents alike.

According to a Web site, the Robert Frost/Old Stagecoach Scenic Byway connects the towns of Atkinson, Hampstead, Chester, Auburn and Derry. Its purpose is to celebrate and interpret the

historic Boston-Haverhill-Concord Stage Coach route that followed what is today Route 121, as well as the New England landscape featured in much of Robert Frost's work, including the settings of some of his most famous poems

The Byway is intended to highlight historic sites, scenic views, outdoor recreational opportunities, and other attractions that the region has to offer, raising awareness among local residents and promoting visitation for economic development.

A Scenic Byway is a road recognized by the State of New Hampshire and the U.S. Department of Transporta-

tion for its scenic, historic, recreational, natural, cultural and/or archaeological qualities. The National Scenic Byways program was established by Congress in 1991 to preserve and protect the nation's scenic but often less-traveled roads and promote tourism and economic development. In New Hampshire the program is administered by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation.

The 45-mile route begins at NH Route 121 in Atkinson, traversing 22 miles through

the village centers of Atkinson, Hampstead, Chester and Auburn, and ending at Massabesic Lake in Auburn. From there the Robert Frost Byway segment proceeds southerly along the Route 28 Bypass through the Massabesic Lake recreation area, connecting via Auburn Road, Old Derry Road, English Range Road, and Chester Road to arrive in downtown Derry. The route then continues south of Derry village, reconnecting to NH Route 121 in Hampstead via Rockingham Road,

Island Pond Road, and North Shore Road.

Methot said he got the flower idea from Atkinson, where the town planted 18,000 daffodils last year. Both Auburn and Chester are doing it this year, in preparation for a riot of spring flowers next year.

People are invited to order their bulbs, pre-pay, and pick them up and plant them in October, he said.

For Chester, part of the attraction on the Byway

will be the four corners/town center, which has historic Stevens Hall, an historic church and the town cemetery. Other towns like Auburn don't really have a "center," but it does have Massabesic Lake, he said.

"Each town will concentrate on its own attractions," Methot said.

The group meet every three months and the next meeting is May 15 at 7 p.m. in the Auburn Safety Complex, he said.

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Lancers Marching Band Performing During Celtics Halftime Show

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School drumline section of the Lancer's Marching Band had the honor of performing at the April 22nd playoff game between the Celtics

and the Atlanta Hawks at TD Garden.

The 24-piece drumline made its second appearance this year at the play-off game, first performing at TD Garden on January 27th when the Celtics won against the Orlando Magic.

The Lancers have had a long history of working with the Celtics. Since 2006, the Lancers have been invited to perform during Celtics games and have been regularly brought back year after year. It was originally

through the efforts of Mr. Bill Gardocki, the past president of the Friends of Music program, which funds all non-classroom activities of the Music Department, including fundraisers, trips and concerts.

Andrew Soucy, Director of Music at Londonderry High School, said that the students take pride in these events and are more than willing to rise to the occasion, noting that "The students are

always thrilled to perform for an NBA audience and always make time in their schedule whenever the opportunity arises." and referred to them as "musical ambassadors".

Of course, this is far from the first time the Lancers have been dispatched to large events. Since their inception in 1978, the Lancers have performed at a wide variety of events, including the annual New York St. Patrick's Day Parade, the

2008 Olympics in China, the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California and both of President Barack Obama's inauguration parades in 2009 and 2013.

Mr. Soucy mentioned that the Lancers have always had an extensive amount of year round practice that includes rehearsing twice a week throughout the summer and attending band camp in August.



Celtic Pride - The Londonderry High School Lancer Drumline will performed a halftime show during the Boston Celtics' playoff game on Tuesday, April 18 at the TD Garden in Boston. This marks the eleventh season the group has performed, including several playoff games. This was be the second performance of the year for the Lancers at a Celtics game. They had previously performed on Friday, Jan 27. The Lancers have been traditionally invited to return for a second appearance during the same season when the Celtics make the playoffs. Courtesy photos

Housing

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houses too close to the wetlands could potentially have an adverse effect on the buildings' structures, due to their unusual land characteristics. Hollis went further, noting that building the houses closer together could increase the sense of community amongst residents and give them larger back yards by being farther away from the wetlands, stating that "you want it to be its own community...not just be what other communities in the area might be."

Hollis stated numerous times that the variance would have no negative impact on public interest or the aesthetics of the area, saying that the changes would barely be noticeable and it would all be done to help residents. Hollis also cited an independent appraiser who claimed he also saw no way that the changes could negatively affect the area.

But the variance was not without its detractors.

Board Chairman Neil Dunn had several concerns over the variance, including whether or not the structures would follow a consistent format (Maynard assured him that they did), if this was just being done to squeeze in more houses and what would happen if the variance passed, only for the houses to not sell.

Detractors outside of the board also spoke out against the variance. Londonderry School District Business Administrator Peter Curro opposed it because he firmly believed that the ordinances were created for the public well-being and needed to be followed, stating that "to simply come in and ask for a waiver...to me, isn't right." He also took issue with the mapping of the blueprints and that it was not a final draft.

Resident Dan McCloud showed concern over making a decision on the matter before final plans were established, while Mike Peterson was worried about septic systems being so close to the wetlands and potentially

tainting the water, although Mr. Maynard was quick to note that the septic systems being used were smaller than usual and would also be going underneath the streets in between the houses.

After both sides had spoken, the board began their deliberation at roughly 8:00 p.m. Suzanne Brunelle seemed to be in favor of the variance, seeing it as perfectly reasonable in this situation. Dunn was still adamant in his opposition, however, noting that the request seemed unnecessary, as Cross Farm's side failed to show any sort of guaranteed hardship that would be alleviated by the variance. Vice Chair Jacqueline Bernard also seemed to agree with Dunn on how superfluous the request seemed.

As a result, after roughly an hour of deliberation, the board decided to deny the ordinance via split decision. However, construction of the housing community will still commence in the near future, albeit in accordance with the aforementioned ordinance.

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MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

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

"I'm very concerned about funds being cut not

only from the LSTA, but from the Institute of Museum and Library Services." Leach Library Director, Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp said. "Both of those have an impact on the state library, we get a lot of services from them." She further explained that should the worst happen, it would be up to the state librarian what services would have to be cut, and that he had sent the Leach

Library an email at the end of March detailing, "how catastrophic the affects would be."

Ostertag-Holtkamp explained that the Leach Library borrows roughly 150 books a month for patrons, and loan about the same amount each month, and that Leach has 8 book groups that the library borrows books for, all of which would be impacted, should funds be cut.

Another service currently available to patrons thanks to funding by the LSTA is the Leach Library's membership to the Downloadable Audio Consortium, which allows the Leach Library to provide audio and ebooks. These services are all coordinated through the State Library, and if that service were to be eliminated, there would be a substantially higher cost to it than the library

receives for it now.

When asked what can be done to prevent these issues, Ostertag-Holtkamp had this to say:

"What we've been doing as library professionals and concerned citizens is we've been sending different letters to state representatives and senators, Shaheen and Hassan, trying to explain to them what the impacts would be, how it would

impact basically everyone that uses public library services..." She reiterated that these services are too important to lose, and that by sending enough letters, hopefully officials will "look at the impacts and decide that it's too much to lose."

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

Matthew Thornton Student Council Raise Funds for a Cause

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In their community and beyond, the members of Matthew Thornton Elementary's Student Council are proving that kids can make a difference.

Each year, the Matthew Thornton Student Council takes on different community service and fundraising initiatives, each varying depending on student interest.

So far this year, the student council, comprised of fifth-graders, in combined efforts with the rest of the school has raised over \$1,700 for various organizations. Many of the organizations the

children have supported are causes that are close to their hearts.

Student Council president, Connor Koza, who has an ailing sister, represents the Make A Wish foundation. Member Lucas Thibideau represents St. Jude's Children's Hospital, as his cousin had been badly burned in a house fire. Members Sumaya and Emily Munroe work to raise funds for Breast Cancer Awareness as Sumaya's aunt is a breast cancer survivor, and Vanessa MacDonald, David Pento, and Ryan Clegg all speak for Operation Snowflake, which provides winter

clothes to those who need them.

All of the members of the student council help with the aforementioned students' causes, and all of the fifth-graders are involved with local food drives. On June 1st they will be holding their last fundraiser for the Walk for Hunger, in which the entire school will have a chance to walk and raise money for the New Horizon Soup Kitchen in Manchester.

"We really focus on, as a whole, being a community," Matthew Thornton Assistant Principal, William McCarthy stated. "It's not just a school day, (their) influence can be greater...kids can be self-centered, so (this is) a good initiative to look outside themselves." He also wanted to thank Guidance Councilor, Katie Miller and Math Enrichment Teacher, Ann Smith, for going "above and beyond", and for

being "good guiding ships for the kids and all of their initiatives."

Along with all of their hard work outside of their school, the student council of course also lends a helping hand within Matthew Thornton, serving during the Volunteer Breakfast and collecting markers for the Art Department's marker drive.

Matthew Thornton

above!" Student Council has made their mission statement, "Help make Matthew Thornton School be a better place, show children responsibilities, who respect to our community, communicate to our school, and encourage leadership through service." And according to McCarthy, "This year's student council has accomplished all of the

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Bartley Hill Craftsman Decorates His Yard With Artwork

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

“What do you do with a stump?” Londonderry resident, Brad Ellis asked himself as he looked about his yard. His answer, “Cut it up high, put a rock on it, and call it art.”

Ellis has filled his yard with delightful stone and wood structures, creating a visually pleasing and serene environment.

Ellis has always been the creative type. In his words, since he could handle a hammer, he has been assembling things. He explained that as a child, he had watched little to no television, and he nearly never logs on the internet now. Anything with a creative outlet (aside from painting, which he has never gotten into), Ellis is on board.

"I notice in other people that do creative things, they aren't plugged into the computer too much," Ellis said. "They're great company, they never know what their own mind will do, or what they'll come up with." He also mentioned that a lot of artists often surprise not just audiences, but themselves when they cre-

ate something.

As a wedding photographer, Ellis has an eye for the art of everyday things. Some of his most innovative creations include his “birdhouse gourds”, aviary homes away from home made from hollowed out gourds, and a five and a half foot tall replica of the Taylor Mill in Derry, which he uses as a fountain.

When his wedding photography customers come by his residence for pictures, Ellis says that often times they'll end up leaving with a custom trunk or piece of furniture. He explained that he has fashioned his "upscale pirate chests" of oak and African mahogany. He mentioned that when it comes to these trunks and furniture pieces, many of them are large and heavy, making it difficult to bring them anywhere to show; so most of the pieces he's sold have been out of his home.

Ellis said that he would be more than happy to share his work with anyone who would like to stop by his Bartley Hill residence. Passers by can't miss the stone and stump display in his yard, along



Brad Ellis arranges some stones on one of the many pieces of art on his property.

with the lonely bench that sits in front, waiting for visitors.

"If you're every cruising



One of the many pieces of art on Brad Ellis' Bartley Hill Road property. Photos by Chris Paul

Education

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budget also requests a number of iPads and laptops for the students to use in conjunction with the various classes. Finally, the budget also requires a large sum to cover the costs of paying the teachers and guidance counselor for the program, as well as covering benefits. In all, the proposal comes out to \$64,355.

The board was essen-

tially on board with the budget from the get-go, but there was some discussion over how effective the Adult Education program was, with board member Leitha Reilly asking for the latest statistics on how the program has managed so far. Small mentioned that the latest stats would be released May 20th.

Beyond this, however, the board spent their time emphasizing the importance of the program. Reilly saw nothing wrong with

what the budget requested, as it fell within the average amount that past grants have come to, stating that “there is no reason they should deny it”.

Board member Steve Young was more adamant about his support for the program. He recollected that the Adult Education program from decades ago featured far more rigorous studies that caused issues for certain students who had other engagements, but the current program is

more lenient, while still providing a strong education for its students. He also mentioned that the program started as an unfunded mandate and was fearful of the idea that it could return to this if the state were to deny the grant, stating that if the grant was not approved, "Londonderry will pay for it".

Needless to say, the proposal was approved unanimously and will now be put before the state department.

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Locals Vie for Scholarships at Miss New Hampshire Program

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

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

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

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

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

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

Current Miss Londonderry, Kaley Missert, explained that her platform is building friendships across generations,

a movement to inspire youth to get involved with volunteerism, specifically with the elderly population. She said that she had first gotten involved with the Miss New Hampshire program her senior year of high school in pursuit of scholarship money, and has found that the program is a great opportunity for young ladies throughout the state to take advantage of.

"Personally, I have grown a ton through my time in this organization," Missert said. She stated that participants learn a great deal of skills that they use not only in the program, but that can be utilized in all aspects of life, from interviewing, public speaking, etc. She further stated that it was a great way for participants to learn to become comfortable in their own skin, help others promote charities, and that overall it was a "great way to get involved and make a difference."

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



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

months.

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

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

As an example, Conley mentioned that after he had judged a Miss New Hampshire contest, Tom

Raffio, President and CEO of Delta Dental had said that should he receive two resumes, and the first one says that the applicant was involved in these competitions, that applicant would already be way above the other, based on the interviewing skills that the young ladies display during their time onstage and privately before the judges.

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

Tickets for the compe-

titions can be purchased online at the Stockbridge Theatre Office at <https://tickets.stockbridge-theatre.com/Attractions.ashx>. For more information about this year's Miss New Hampshire competition, visit MissNH.org.



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

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Chess Club Meets to Compete and Socialize



The Londonderry Chess Club has been meeting every Monday after school to hone their skills and socialize with like-minded students. They recently competed in a statewide tournament at Pelham High School which ended their competitions for the year, but they will still meet until the end of the school year. Members include Arianna Simard, Christian Dewolf, Richard Chen, Quentin Miller, Seamus McManus, Liam McIntyre, Nate Gadzik. Middle School members include Kealin and Ryan McManus.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

LHS Laxmen Advance Mark to 3-0 by Mauling Two Opponents

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Salem High Blue Devils and Concord Crimson Tide boys' lacrosse squads both suffered resounding defeats at the hands of the undefeated Londonderry High Lancers last week. And the local laxmen stepped into this week looking to advance to a glittering 4-0 on the still-young 2017 season.

In the 12-3 thumping of Salem on the New Hampshire/Massachusetts border on Tuesday, April 18, the Lancers led 2-1 after one period and 6-2 at halftime. But they went on to outscore their hosts by a 6-1 margin in the second half in tucking the victory away.

The victorious locals received three goals and an assist from Sean Snyder, two goals and a helper from Pete Navarro, two goals apiece from Jake Holland, Anthony Federico, and Tyler Grant, and one assist from Merrill Neiman.

Grant was also a pretty spectacular 14 of 15 on face-offs for the victorious locals, and goalie Alex Fawcett contributed two saves. His opposite number in the Salem cage made some 20 stops in trying to keep the match close throughout.

And two days later in the state's capital, the Lancers powered their way out to an 18-9 throttling of host Concord by potting the first dozen goals of the match.

Sean Snyder netted the first three and finished the productive day by scoring six times. He and his Lancers led 7-0 after one period and 13-3 at the half.

Mike McAlister, Jeff Wiedenfeld, and Navarro each potted two goals for the winning side, and Grant contributed one goal and won 20 of the 29 face-offs for which he contested.

The 3-0 Lancers then rolled into this vacation week aiming to keep their winning ways driving ahead when they hosted the Windham Jaguars on Monday afternoon.

But the Lancers absorbed their first defeat of the still-young campaign at home against Windham, dropping a 12-11

decision despite a strong fourth quarter attempt at a comeback.

The hosts started the game by jumping out to a quick three goal lead before the Jaguars answered with two of their own. The first quarter ended with a 5-4 Lancer lead.

Windham rattled off three straight goals to begin the second period. after one period. Londonderry answered with two of their own but trailed 9-7 at the halftime break.

And Windham netted the only two goals scored in the third period, and as a result carried an 11-7 advantage into the fourth quarter.

The Lancer squad outscored their guests by a 4-1 margin in that final period, but Windham wound up one goal better up on the scoreboard.

Snyder led the LHS offense by potting five goals, Dom Federico and Anthony Federico each scored twice, and McAlis-



Veteran Sean Snyder has been the Lancer boys' lacrosse squad's biggest goal-getter so far during the 2017 campaign. Photo by Chris Paul

ter and Navarro each two, and Anthony Federico scored once. Where assists were concerned, each collected one. Keeper Fawcett made five stops.

Lancer Spikers Maintain Their Hunt For First Victory

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High boys' volleyball squad saw its 2017 record slip to 0-5 with a 3-1 loss at the hands of the Goffstown High Grizzlies at LHS last Friday, April 21.

The visitors busted out to a 2-0 lead by taking victories of 25-23 and 25-

12 in games one and two, but the Lancers rebounded for a big 25-14 success in game three.

However, Goffstown put the matter and the match to rest by winning game four by a margin of 25-15.

Coach Dave Starin's LHS bunch received 17 assists and 11 service points with three aces

from Mike Vivian, 10 kills and two blocks from Tim Sullivan, and six digs from Jackson Lycars.

The Londonderry High bunch was slated to play just one match - this Tuesday at home against Bishop Guertin of Nashua - after Londonderry Times press time - during vacation week.



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LHS Tracksters Felled by Astros in First 2017 Beeman Event

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The 2017 Beeman Trophy Games between the spring varsity sports squads from Londonderry High and Pinkerton Academy officially began with a track meet at LHS last Tuesday, April 18. And the visiting Astros made out quite well in both the boys' and girls' competitions.

The Astro males defeated the arch-rival Lancers by a big 106-21 tally by winning more than a dozen events and taking a great many top-six places. And the Lady Astros took care of business against the host Lady Lancers as well, besting them by a somewhat more modest 83-52 margin.

High points for the LHS males that day included event victories from Declan Hotter in the 1,600-meter run (time of 4 minutes, 42.54 seconds) and young star Patrick Hagearty in both the discus (124 feet, 4 inches) and the shot put (41'8").

Other top Lancer finishes were delivered by Chris Zaino in the 800-meter run (second), Nate Seeley in the 1,600 (third), and Pat Zepf in the high jump (third).

On the girls' side of the ledger, the Lady Lancers



Lancer runner Ben Johnson chugs around the LHS track during a recent relay at the Londonderry squad's home track and field Complex.

received event wins from Gretchen McGrath in the 400 (1:00.24), Maddy Croteau in the pole vault (9'), and Akolam Wambu in the discus (77'7"). Londonderry also took first in the 4x400 thanks to the efforts of Jess Brien, Croteau, McGrath, and Bella Ziolek.

Other top-three performances were delivered by Croteau, Brien, Ellie Goodspeed, Jasmine Brown, Kaelyn O'Rourke, Suzie Moore, Gianna DelViscovo, Kaylie Longua, Lindsey Guenther, Kiera Wright, and

Devin Enwright.

Then on Saturday the 22nd at the 12th Annual



Seasoned Londonderry High track and field veteran Jess Brien collected a sixth in the high jump at the Nashua North Invitational. Photos by Chris Paul

Nashua North Invitational, the Lancer boys had top-six finishes come from Kerry Daley in the freshman/sophomore mile (fourth), the 4x400 relay quartet of Zaino, Hotter, Seeley, and Brian Metro (fourth), and

Hagearty in the shot (fifth).

The Lady Lancers tallied a half-dozen very solid, top-six performances at that well-attended event, with McGrath taking second in the 800, Croteau bagging second

in the pole vault, the 4x400 quartet of Brien, Kalin Gregoire, McGrath, and O'Rourke finishing third, Wambu notching fifth in the discus, and Brien and Croteau taking sixths in the high jump and the 200 respectively.

Lady Lancer Racketeers Post a 1-2 Record During Week Before Vacation

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES



Amelia Brenner

After starting the 2017 season by going winless in its first handful of matches, the Londonderry High girls' tennis team won a match and lost two of them last week before stepping into a lengthy vacation span.

The Lady Lancers were bested by the extremely tough Bedford High Lady Bulldogs by a 9-

0 tally in Londonderry on Tuesday, April 18. But coach Betty Mak's LHS bunch rebounded beautifully the very next day by bagging a 9-0 shutout of the Manchester Memorial Lady Crusaders in the Queen City in tallying its first match win of the still-young campaign.

The incredibly busy Lady Lancers were then back out on the road the next afternoon, Thursday the 20th, in Salem playing

the Salem High Lady Blue Devils. And the final result was a 7-2 Salem victory.

The Londonderry wins were delivered by Amelia Brenner at number three singles (score of 9-8, 8-6) and Grace Sanderson at sixth singles (8-4).

In the wake of that decision, Londonderry began a lengthy vacation which will keep it out of competitive play until May 1 when the locals play at Timberlane.

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LHS Softball Crew Edges BG in Extras, Blanks Exeter

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After losing several games to Mother Nature late last week, the Londonderry High softball squad bounded into this week rested and looking to add more victories to a perfect 4-0 record.

The Lady Lancers advanced their 2017 record to 4-0 with a 2-1, extra-inning edging of Bishop Guertin from Nashua at LHS on Wednesday, April 19. But then coach Wayne MacDougall's Londonderry crew had scheduled games on Friday the 21st

against Concord and Saturday the 22nd against Windham postponed by rainy weather and its after-effects. Hence, coming into this past Monday the 24th, the Lady Lancers were quite well rested for a home meeting with the Exeter High Lady Blue Hawks.

In the nipping of Guertin during the middle of last week, Londonderry required eight innings to vanquish the tough visiting team.

The Lady Lancers snagged a 1-0 lead in the bottom half of the fourth inning, but then saw the Lady Cardinals even the

score at 1-1 in the top of the sixth.

That deadlock remained in place until the latter half of the eighth when Val Shay thumped a double and scored moments later on an error to get her side to a walk-off success.

Andi Nelson was a standout in the pitcher's circle for the locals yet again, bagging her fourth victory by going the distance and holding BG to a paltry three hits while striking out 14 would-be hitters.

Londonderry finished with a total of five hits, with Elizabeth DeVoss

smacking two of those.

The Lady Lancers kept their record perfect and advanced it to 5-0 with a 3-0 shutout victory against Exeter this past Monday, plating single runs in the first, second, and sixth frames.

Andi Nelson was impressive in her pitching role yet again, holding Exeter to a mere four hits while striking out seven batters. And Londonderry lead-off hitter Raza tallied four hits all by herself in four trips to the plate, driving in two runs in the process. The winning side also got two hits from Lauren Misiaszek.



Standout shortstop Katrina Rivard and the Lady Lancer softball squad began its 2017 season with a perfect, 5-0 record. Photo by Chris Paul

Lancer Hardball Crew Heats Up and Wins Four Straight

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School baseball squad got a little bit warm recently, winning four games in a row and three last week alone in bouncing its 2017 record up to a strong 5-2 overall.

Veteran coach Brent Demas' Lancers took care of business against Bishop Guertin, Concord, and Andover (Mass.) last week and rolled into this vacation week looking to make it five straight successes against the undefeated Exeter High Blue Hawks on Monday.

In the 13-2 pummeling of Guertin in Nashua on Wednesday, April 19, Londonderry bashed out 13 hits and benefited from four BG fielding errors.

The Lancers sprinted

out to a 9-0 lead by the end of the third inning, scoring seven times in the third frame alone.

Ricky Perry and Xander LaPlante each knocked three hits, with Perry driving in three runs and scoring three and LaPlante scoring three times.

The winners also got two hits apiece from Nate Sullivan (with three RBI) and Shane McNamara (two RBI), and pitcher Anthony Piriolli did some masterful work on the hill, holding BG to just three hits while striking out six.

The locals' Thursday home game against Concord was far closer, but in the end LHS collected a 3-1 win.

The hosts plated all of their runs in the latter half of the third inning, with Sullivan driving in

two of them by stroking one of Londonderry's two hits on the day.

Dakota Johnson have the locals more strong pitching work, keeping Concord's hit tally down to five while striking out nine would-be hitters.

And coach Demas' dudes notched a shutout on Saturday the 22nd, besting the Bay State bunch from Andover by a 2-0 score in Londonderry.

The Lancers plated the only run they'd end up needing to win the game in the first frame, and added an insurance marker in the fourth.

Londonderry bashed out some six hits with Andy Ross claiming two, and pitcher Nick Salcito gave his crew a complete-game effort, striking out seven and allowing six hits.

But the locals saw

their winning skein stopped by the host Exeter contingent on Monday, with the sea-coast side bagging a 3-1 victory after trailing early.

Londonderry snared a 1-0 lead in the top of the first frame, and Lancer pitcher Piriolli and his defense kept the Blue Hawks scoreless until the latter half of the fifth inning when the hosts struck for all three of their runs.

The now 4-2 LHS bunch only managed four hits - all from different sources - in the slim loss against an Exeter contingent which sat at a perfect 4-0 in Division I rolling into vacation week.



Veteran hurler Nick Salcito gave his Londonderry High baseball squad a great performance against Andover last week. Photo by Chris Pantazis

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Lancer Racketeers Head Into Vacation With .500 Mark



LHS tennis stalwart Josh Galluzzo gets set to thump a return against Bedford. Courtesy photo

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After seeing its record slip two games under the .500 mark early last week, the Londonderry High boys' tennis team bagged consecutive victories over Manchester Memorial and Salem to move to 4-4 on the season as April vacation began.

Despite a valiant effort, the Lancers were no match for the defending state champions from Bedford High School in Bedford on Tuesday, April 18. And that 9-0 defeat left coach Janice Norwesh's LHS guys' season record

at 2-4.

"Another very tough day of tennis against the state champs," said the coach. "Even though the final score was 9-0 Bulldogs, we managed to take many more games this year and have some long rallies and many deuce games. Hopefully the two really tough teams have gotten my young squad ready to face Memorial and Salem tomorrow and Thursday. Looking forward to some great matches before our week off."

In the home match against Memorial in challenging weather on

Wednesday the 19th, Londonderry moved its record to 3-4 by besting the visiting Crusaders by a 6-1 margin.

"Strong winds, rain, and 50-degree weather didn't stop us from clinching all six singles," said Norwesh. "None of the boys dropped more than three games, and Ryan Leo continued his progress with an 8-0 win."

And the locals next played host to the Salem High Blue Devils on Thursday the 20th and sent that opponent home licking wounds after suffering a 7-2 defeat.

"Our only loss in sin-

gles was at number one to a very seasoned Melhem Antar. But sophomore Cam Ness did not go down without a fight," said coach Norwesh. "He was able to take five games and put a tremendous amount of pressure on Melhem with his speed and never-say-die attitude."

Additionally, captain Ryan Leo's big serving and strong net game gave him an easy 8-1 victory.

The LHS males will now go match-free until May 3 when they take on the host Alvirne High Broncos on that opponent's courts in Hudson.

Lady Lancer Lacrosse Crew Gets Hot, Wins Five Straight

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After suffering a loss at the hands of the Division I runner-up Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals to start the 2017 campaign, the Londonderry High girls' lacrosse squad went on a run of five consecutive victories which included no less than four successes last week.

The Lancers bagged victories against Dover, Laconia, Manchester Central, and Exeter during that span in advancing to 5-1 on the season.

The Dover High Green Wave didn't end up being much of a challenge for coach Walden's young

women on Tuesday, April 18, with the Lady Lancers pummeling that opponent by a 15-4 score.

Emily Holland scored six goals, Catie Derhak was good for three, Erika Tssetsilas notched two tallies, and Meghan Jackes, Kiersten Hoglund, Allie Marsh, and Camille Lamont each scored once. Derhak, Jackes, and Marsh also contributed one assist apiece. Goalie Kaitlyn Marchant was good for two saves.

The LHS team had a tougher time with Division III powerhouse Laconia in the Lakes Region on Thursday April 20, with keeper Marchant needing to come up with a clutch,

last-second stop on a free shot to preserve a slim, 11-10 win.

The locals received five goals from Holland, two each from Jackes and Hoglund, and one apiece from Tssetsilas and Marsh.

And the Lady Lancers were a full dozen goals better than the Manchester Central Little Green on the artificial turf field over at Manchester West on Friday the 21st, thumping that opponent by a 14-2 score.

Londonderry had 11 different goal scorers, with Hoglund, Holland, and Marsh each scoring twice, and Derhak, Jackes, Tssetsilas, Shannon Fraser, Hannah Haggearty, Kate-

lyn Nartiff, Sarah Duarte, and Lamont each scoring once. Hoglund, Faye Brown, Sami Lecaroz, and Derhak each notched one assist. Marchant was good for four stops.

And then came Londonderry's 10-7 besting of the Exeter High Lady Blue Hawks on the seacoast on Saturday the 22nd, with Holland scoring five more times and Derhak potting two shots. Tssetsilas, Hoglund, and Duarte each tallied once. Derhak also bagged two assists and Tssetsilas nabbed one. Keeper Marchant made nine stops.

The match was tied up at 5-5 at the half, but the locals went on to out-score their hosts by a 5-2 margin in half number two.



Katelyn Nartiff and the Lady Lancer lacrosse squad reeled off wins in five consecutive matches recently, advancing to 5-1 overall. Photo by Chris Paul

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High School Nurses Friend of to Receive Pantene Wig

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In Londonderry High School Nurse, Casee Cullen's words, "There are 'Angels' among us!"

Cullen's good friend, Beth Ann Adams, was one of the recipients of a wig made of "Angel" hair, donated from the Pantene Beautiful Lengths drive this year at the high school.

A month ago, Adams was diagnosed with Primary Peritoneal Mesothelioma, a disease that, according to Cullen, does not usually yield a favorable outcome.

"How do you go from being a normal 47-year-old...to having a stomach ache, to a month later, having this diagnosis?" Cullen lamented.

When speaking of her friend, Cullen said that Adams is a person "who has a dynamic almost larger than life." On top of being a school teacher, Adams is also involved in

"Girls on the Run", an organization that holds running marathons, whose mission is to inspire girls everywhere to "run after" their full potential. Cullen said that Adams would give the shirt off of her back for anyone, and that she is always donating time and energy.

When Cullen learned of her friend's diagnosis, and thought of all of the things she would have to go through on top of the

illness, she looked to her fellow Lancers for help.

She asked LHS English teacher and pep rally Emcee, Steven Juster, what the process was for obtaining a wig from Pantene Beautiful Lengths, an answer which she expected might involve money or going through insurance. However, Juster simply answered her, "All I need is your friend's name and pictures of her with her hair...we'll take care of it."

And take care of it, he did. Within two weeks, Juster and pep rally aides presented a beautiful wig to Cullen, along with Adams's father and sister. Adams' family members will transport the wig to her, as Adams currently resides in Virginia with her Navy Commander husband and her two children, ages 10 and 9.

Regarding her looking out for her friend, who, along with her family, whose primary concerns

will undoubtedly be taking care of children, house care and health-care over hair loss, Cullen said, "It had nothing to do with me, I just happened to be in the right place, and know people who know people."

Cullen said of the gesture, "It was a special gift delivered by some of Londonderry's brightest! I am so proud to be a part of this Lancer family!"

Governor Sununu Declares April 17-23 Wildfire Awareness Week

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

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

On April 19th, Governor Chris Sununu and the Executive Council presented state forestry officials with a proclamation designating April 17-23, 2017 as "Wildfire Awareness Week" in New Hampshire. Governor Sununu made the proclamation in conjunction with the NH Division of Forests and Lands, the Forest Protection Bureau and the Northeastern Forest Fire Protection Commission's Wildfire Prevention and Education Working Team.

As noted by the proclamation, eighty-one of New Hampshire's land-mass is considered forest-land, making the prospect of forest fires all the more harmful to the residents

of New Hampshire and making it imperative that these residents follow proper fire safety practices. The month of April was chosen specifically for the week to occur because, according to the proclamation, "historically, the month of April causes great concern for the prevention of wildfires as cured forests and wildland fuels are highly flammable and ignition sources from careless individuals can easily spark a wildfire."

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

In 2015 and 2016 alone, New Hampshire suffered from more than 250 wildfires that impacted over

800 acres of land. In the face of these threats, however, the Division of Forests and Lands utilizes fire towers, aerial reconnaissance, Forest Rangers and additional mobile patrols to support local fire departments in their efforts to combat the fires, as well as prevent adverse effects to nearby homes and help to keep fire fighters safe in their own efforts.

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

New Hampshire's wildfires are only the tip of the iceberg, as a recent 20-year study of national wildfire data from 1992 to 2012 noted that not only did roughly 1.5 million forest fires occur in that period, but 1.2 million of these fires, or 84%, were caused by humans, meaning many of these inci-

dents could have been avoided if residents simply exercised fire safety.

The proclamation also spoke about the economic impact forest fires can have on the state. It stated that the forest product, recreation and tourism industries in New

Hampshire are all highly reliant upon the state of its forests, with these industries providing ample employment to the state's citizens and billions of dollars to its economy.

The Division of Forests and Lands encourages

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

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Additionally: We will run the full versions of any calendar items online free of charge at www.nutpub.net. Please send items to calendar@nutpub.net.

Change Direction for Mental Illness

Do you know the five signs that can help identify if your child or another family member is dealing with a mental illness? Come hear Judge Broderick, Former NH State Supreme Court Justice, speak as part of the Change Direction NH initiative. He is spreading the word about how to recognize those signs: Agitation; Personality Change; Poor Self Care; Withdrawal, and Hopelessness. This informative, free event is for parents, relatives, caregivers and community members as well as students who are currently in the 8th grade or higher. Change Direction NH and Judge Broderick will be at the South School Gymnasium on Thursday, May 4th, at 6:30 p.m.

Community Toy Swap

The annual Londonderry Women's Club Community Toy Swap will be held at Matthew Thornton Elementary on May 13, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Come and buy recycled used items including toys, games, books, and baby equipment. Selling is open to the public - we do the work, you earn the money! Seller registration forms are available at the Londonderry Leach and Derry Public Library; or go to www.londonderrywomensclub.org/toyswap. Proceeds will be donated to the Community Alliance for Teen Safety (CATS). It's a win, win, win!

Art in Action Show

The Art in Action show returns Saturday, and Sunday, May 20 and 21, at Mack's Apples Farm Market, 230 Mammoth Road, Londonderry from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 25 artists/artisans will demonstrate painting, fiber art, jewelry making, wood-working and pottery. This show is open to public with no admission charge.

Photography from Israel

Renowned photographer, Udi Goren, will be visiting Etz Hayim Synagogue on Tuesday, May 2 to talk and to display a diverse array of photographs from all over Israel in celebration of Israel Independence Day. The program begins at 6PM for a short presentation for children. At 6:30 we will serve a selection of Israeli food, followed by the main presentation for adults of his exploration of the 700 mile Israel National Trail. Etz Hayim is located at 1 1/2 Hood Rd, Derry. More info can be found at: www.israel-trailtalk.com.

Derry Garden Club

The next meeting of the Derry Garden Club will be held on Friday, May 5, starting at 11:30 a.m. It will be held at the Tupelo Music Hall, 10 A Street, Derry. There will be an installation of new officers and a luncheon. Pre-registration is required.

Plant Donations Needed

The Derry Garden Club is in need of donations for its annual plant sale that will be held on Saturday, June 3, at the Masonic Temple, 58 East Broadway, Derry. If you would like to donate plant and/or need help digging plants for donation, please call Alison Kennery at 434-9624.

Annual Plant Sale

The Derry Garden Club will be holding its annual Plant Sale on Saturday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 58 East Broadway, Derry. Hundreds of locally grown plants will be sold with proceeds benefiting the club and the community.

Renew Clothing

Opens May 13, 8 - 10:30 a.m. Summer clothing is now available. Please arrive no later than 10 a.m. Families

and individuals in need or on a budget are welcomed, and Derry residence is not required. Enter at marquee sign of Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road in Derry. Limits: To make sure our newest items are available for all our visitors, we limit each household to up to 20 of our newest items, plus a reasonable number of our older items. Donations of good condition, modern clothing may be placed in our donations bin by our door at any time. No housewares, books, toys, or bedding, please. Sorry, we are unable to provide tax-receipts. No donations of money are asked for or accepted in return for our clothing. Contact us by searching for "Renew Derry" on Facebook, by emailing renewclothing@myfairpoint.net, or calling the church secretary at 434-1516.

8th Annual Golf Outing

On June 23rd the Lancer Athletic Alumni Association will be holding its eighth annual golf outing to raise money for college bound Londonderry High School athletes. This year alone we are donating over \$3000 to LHS athletes! The LAAA is the largest provider of scholarships to LHS graduates. The event starts 1:30 p.m. at Windham Country Club. Cost is \$125 per player which includes golf and dinner afterwards. Hole sponsors are available for \$150 each. Please contact bd@lancerathletic alumni.com for more information or register directly at www.lancerathletic alumni.com.

50+ League Seeks Players

The Londonderry 50-Plus Softball League is seeking men and women from the area and neighboring towns who are interested in playing during the 2017 season. Practice games are starting now at the Nelson Road fields, behind the fire



Tiny Shoppers

The Londonderry Women's Club is holding its 15th annual Community Toy Swap at Matthew Thornton Elementary on May 13th from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Come and buy recycled used items including toys, games, books, and baby equipment. Selling is open to the public - we do the work, you earn the money! Seller registration forms are available at the Londonderry Leach and Derry Public Library; or go to www.londonderrywomensclub.org/toyswap. Proceeds will be donated to the Community Alliance for Teen Safety (CATS). Photo by Chris Paul

station. The season is scheduled to begin during the second week of May. For more information please write to jimward48@comcast.net

Welcome Home

American Legion Post 27 in Partnership with the Manchester VA Medical invites All Vietnam Veterans, their loved ones and friends to Join us for a Welcome Home and Service Recognition Ceremony 6 Sargent Road, Londonderry, NH Thurs., May 18, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Vietnam Veterans who served in-country, in-theater, or elsewhere in support of operations between Nov. 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975 will be recognized individually.

Experience the Rainforest

The Children's Room of the Leach Library will host "Wildlife Encounters" Monday, May 15, from 4 to 5 p.m. Participants will learn how these animals' adaptations help them live in the rainforest, and how they help the rainforest to grow. Live animal visitors may include a tegu, tree frog, macaw or coatimundi (live animals). The program is open to 90 participants and registration is required. For more information and to register, call 432-1127.

Leach Expanded Hours

Library Director Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp is pleased to announce that, starting the week of May 1, 2017, the library will be expanding operating hours on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Currently, the library is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. that day.

"Magic of West"

"The Magic of the West: Yellowstone and Big Sky Country" will be the topic of a program by Rick Little to be presented Thursday, May 18, at 7 p.m. in the Leach Library. Audiences may explore the beauty of the Bighorn River region in south-central Montana, the canyons of the Missouri in central Montana, and finally the magnificence of Yellowstone National Park and the Beartooth Highway. The program is free and open to the first 90 individuals. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 432-1132.

Come to the Fiesta

Children are invited to celebrate the coming of summer with a Fiesta event Tuesday, May 30, from 4 to 5 p.m. In the Leach Library. Children will learn of animals of Latin America, folk tales, and some Spanish words. Each participant will leave with a colorful plush parrot to commemorate the trip. The program is open to 90 participants of all ages, registration is required. For more information, call 432-1127.

"Storm Runners"

The Leach Library will hold a Young Adult discussion on "Storm Runners" by Roland Smith Thursday, May 11, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The book is about a boy and his father's lives as "storm runners," racing across the country in pursuit of hurricanes, tornadoes and floods. A limited number of copies will be available with registration,

which begins April 10. Refreshments and door prizes will be included.

Free Meals

The following free meals are offered in the Derry/Londonderry area in April: April 30, Lunch at Lions Club in Londonderry, 435 Mammoth Road, provided by St. Jude parish, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., call 432-3333 for more information. In addition, a free meal is served every weeknight at Sonshine Soup Kitchen on Crystal Avenue in Derry.

The Run for Healing.

The 5K Run & 3K Walk is a fun, affordable, family event to be held Sun. May 7 at 2 p.m. at Pinkerton Academy in Derry. \$18 for adults and \$10 for those under 18 years. The number 18 translates to "life" in Hebrew. Sign up at NH4Israel.org before April 21 for your free t-shirt. See you at the starting line!

Treasure Hunter's Hobby & Historical Show

The 24th annual Treasure Hunter's Hobby & Historical Show will be taking place April 29, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Keene Rec-Center's Multi-Purpose Room, located at 312 Washington St, Keene NH. There will be a \$5 cover charge, \$1 for children under 16 and seniors over 75. Events include a mini XP Deus Boot camp, and 6 other workshops, contests, historical & valuable find displays, and charity silent auction (also benefiting the Wounded Warriors & Dublin Christian Academy). For more information, please visit www.streeter.org.

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Around Town

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Risk of Fentanyl

Narconon wants to educate families on the new escalated risk Fentanyl, has added to opiate abuse. Fentanyl has been found to be 50 to 100 times more potent than heroin and has a greatly increased chance of over-

dose. Learn more about the new dangers of opiate addiction and the details on Fentanyl. Learn more by visiting narcononnewliferetreat.org/blog/fentanyl-laced-heroin-worsening-overdose-crisis.html

Run for Freedom 5K

Tue. 6 p.m. & Sat. at 8:30 a.m. May 9 to July 4, starts an 8 week program de-

signed to help train anyone who has ever wanted to try to run a 5k (3.1 mile) road race. Training starts off slowly and progresses with the goal of running in the Run for Freedom 5k on July 4 in Derry, NH. This is the only known FREE Couch to 5k training program in NH. Receive a free t-shirt to wear during the race as well as a free membership to the

Greater Derry Track Club. Please go to www.gdtc.org to register.

"Galileo" Library Stop

A living history performance, "The Starry Messenger," will be held Thursday, April 27, at 7 p.m. in the Leach Library, Londonderry. Mike Francis will be the presenter. Francis will enact a dramatic,

fun-filled adaptation of Galileo's short treatise "Siderius Nuncius." As Galileo dressed in 17th-century costume, Francis will give a public lecture on Galileo's most recent discoveries made using his newly-devised spyglass. Audience members are invited to participate in Galileo's many experiments and demonstra-

tions. This program is free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. It will be held in the library's lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call the library at 432-1132 or 432-1127.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - April 17

12:34 a.m. Kendall Pond Conservation Area Building on South Road checked and secured.

8:47 a.m. Suspicious activity results in Field Interrogation on Mammoth Road near St Jude.

9:15 a.m. Motor vehicle accident reported on Garden Lane.

9:32 a.m. Weapons offenses reported and services rendered on Faucher Road.

11:40 p.m. Neighborhood Disputes reported and Peace Restored on Charleston Avenue.

12:43 p.m. Criminal Mischief Action: Investigated Charleston Ave

1:45 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated at Matthew Thornton School

4:26 p.m. Fish & Game Violations Action: Warning Issued on Danbury Ct

4:36 p.m. Motor vehicle stop results in Arrest at Shell Food Mart on Nashua Road. Nicholas Torrey, 29 of Wells, Maine charged with Driving after Revocation or Suspension

7:03 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated and arrest made on Liberty Drive. Anthony Maldonado, 19, of Manchester arrested on a Bench Warrant.

7:32 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made at Vista Ridge Drive. Patrick Boissonneault, 37, Londonderry, charged with Criminal Mischief (vandalism)

11:24 p.m. Domestic Disturbance Investigated on South Rd

Tuesday - April 18

12:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop results in arrest on Pettingill Road. James Bryson, 58, of Franklin charged with being a Habitual Offender; Open Container of Alcohol and Speeding.

11:13 a.m. Neighborhood Disputes results in Field Interrogation on Fairway Road.

1:32 p.m. Suspicious act-

ivity reported and services rendered Coventry Lane.

2:48 p.m. Trespassing Investigated Shasta Drive.

2:53 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated Judy Drive.

4:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop and Arrest Made on Peabody Row.

10:19 p.m. Suspicious activity Investigated on Rockingham Road.

Wednesday - April 19

4:24 a.m. Assist Londonderry Fire Dept on Wiley Hill Road.

6:01 a.m. Motor vehicle stop results in arrest on Litchfield Road near Alexander Road. Jose Reyes, 30, of Derry charged with being an Habitual Offender; Speeding and crossing Yellow Line.

8:26 a.m. Domestic Disturbance reported and Services Rendered Haywood Road.

2:04 p.m. Trespassing reported and arrest made at Manchester Boston Regional Airport. Theodore Foley, 51, of Newbury charged with Criminal Trespass.

3:17 p.m. Assault Investigated at U.P.S. on Pettingill Road.

Thursday - April 20

12:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop and Arrest Made High Range Road at Shasta Drive. Vladimir Melkositupov, 29, of Manchester charged with Driving While Intoxicated (second offense) and Speeding.

8:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle accident reported and services rendered at Burger King on Nashua Road.

8:50 a.m. Criminal Mischief Investigated at Londonderry High School

11:00 a.m. Shoplifting reported and arrest made at Hannaford Food and Drug. Ashley Lannan, 29, of Manchester charged with Willful Concealment.

2:44 p.m. Criminal Mis-

chief investigated at LAFA Complex Nelson Road.

3:06 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made Wiley Hill Road. Donald Ally, 61, of Londonderry charged with Criminal Trespassing.

3:14 p.m. Suspicious activity Investigated Hall Road.

5:41 p.m. Suspicious activity Investigated Hall Road.

7:39 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Capitol Hill Drive.

8:27 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Windsor Blvd.

Friday - April 21

12:36 a.m. Complaint reported and peace restored on Charleston Avenue.

1:36 p.m. Motor vehicle accident reported on Rockingham Road.

2:51 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nashua Road near Brownell Insurance

2:55 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Department with Transport to Hospital at Londonderry South School

3:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Investigated Nashua Road at Derry Plaza.

4:06 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Regan Circle, Allenstown. Patricia Hardy-bilodeau, 50, of Suncook charged with Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories.

Saturday - April 22

12:14 a.m. Criminal Mischief Investigated at Scots Place.

5:41 a.m. Neighborhood Disputes Investigated on Fieldstone Drive at Building 6.

3:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident investigated on High Range Rd

5:59 p.m. Domestic Disturbance reported and peace restored on Tokanel Drive.

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Around Town

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Parent and Teen Workshops

The Upper Room will hold a workshop, "Drugs, Alcohol and You - Your Choice" Mon., May 11, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at its facility, 36 Tsienneto Road. Cost is \$10 per family. Teens are welcome to attend with parents. For more information, call 437-8477 or visit www.urteachers.org.

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