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## Happy 100

The library at North Elementary School celebrated children's author Beverly Cleary's 100th birthday last week with activities throughout the day for third graders. Jayden Turcotte takes a moment to "blow out candles" on a cake that was made of paper. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Council Continues Hearing on 'Scoop the Poop' Law

KAITLYN G. WOODS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry dog owners packed the Council chambers Monday night to debate the merits and language of a proposed amendment to the Town's existing leash law.

As proposed, the

amendment would prohibit any dog from walking or running on a public or town property unless secured and restrained by a leash.

Dog owners whose pets are found to be running at large, fouling or creating disturbing noise would be issued a notice of violation and a \$25 fine.

"This came forward because of the fouling from dogs up on new rail trails and fouling reported in cemeteries," Chairman John Farrell said.

Police Chief Bill Hart said the proposed ordinance is an attempt to marry the existing ordinance, last revised in

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## State Expands Well Water Testing for PFOA in Londonderry

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The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) has expanded drinking water well testing for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) to some streets in Londonderry.

"We have only identified seven active wells in the new area," Town Manager Kevin Smith said, noting property owners within the radius will receive postcards from the DES to make sure they don't miss testing any wells.

"We do have a small number of private wells located in the Londonderry

area in that 1.5 mile radius we expanded to this week," NHDES Public Information Officer James Martin said. "The DES has issued postcards to the residents in Londonderry, even ones we believe are likely on public water, because we want to double check with them. We have run into that a number of times where we thought a street was only served by public water, but there were some homes still on private wells."

Streets in Londonderry that fall within the 1.5-mile radius around the Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics facility in Merri-

mack, which DES has identified as a responsible party for the water contamination of wells in Southern New Hampshire, include a portion of Litchfield Road, Acorn Drive, Sunflower Lane and Sandybrook Lane.

The DES announced on April 14 preliminary test results for groundwater samples taken at the Saint-Gobain facility were found to contain PFOA concentrations ranging from 280 parts per trillion (ppt) to 5,800 ppt.

The use of PFOA in manufacturing - as in the production of Teflon - can result in releases to air, **continued on page 7**

## Planning OKs Site Plans for F.W. Webb Distribution Center

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The Planning Board has approved the site plan for construction of F.W. Webb's proposed distribution facility off Pettengill Road.

The development features a 785,000-square-foot building with office space and a warehouse that would operate 24 hours a day, serving as the central distribution for the company's 86 Northeast showrooms.

In addition to approving the site plan, the Board granted a waiver to a section of the Gateway Business Ordinance requiring the incorporation of Transportation Demand Management techniques in the operation of

the proposed facility and that the proposed development meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards.

"We do have some traffic with employees and truck trips. But there's no significant impact to local roads with this, despite the size of the building," said Jim Petropulos, president of Haynor Swanson. "Most traffic will be headed towards Everett Turnpike."

Petropulos told the Board at its Wednesday, April 13 meeting that 50 employees will be located at the new distribution facility, but F.W. Webb hopes to eventually increase that number to 200 employees.

Shipping and receiving docks will serve a fleet of about 50 trucks on the property; the trucks will depart from the facility in the early morning hours.

In regard to the waiver from LEED standards, Petropulos said the company manufactures many environmentally friendly products and that although the building won't be LEED certified, it is

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# Property Owner Plans Celebration of Life for Doomed Tree

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Richard Flier plans to hold a celebration of life ceremony on Saturday at 9 a.m. for a red maple tree he must remove from his property.

Flier said he told the Town he would cooperate with its request that he cut the tree down, but asked that the approximately 100-year-old tree be permitted to remain on the State designated Scenic Road due to its historic nature and beauty.

"If you look at our property, and across the street and at Mack's, this section has so much meaning to all the citizens of our town," he said.

However, Town staff and the Planning Board determined the tree could potentially interfere with a motorist's ability to safely pull out from Flier's driveway and said he must cut down the tree before moving into his

new home at 43 Adams Road.

To honor the tree's life and history, Flier has invited local arborist Lee Gilman to offer a presentation at his property, before the tree's life is ended.

"We will keep the tree's gene line going on the property, so when we cut this tree down, we're still keeping it alive," he said. "This tree has given so much to the Town - oxygen, beauty - it's still glorious," he said.

Gilman will take branches from the tree and through propagation, clone the tree and preserve its genetics in new plantings throughout Flier's property.

"We're doing it on a forced time schedule, so we will use a range of techniques to ensure its genetics," Gilman said. "Propagation can be done, but normally it's not done at this time in the life cycle of the tree.

We're working at a stage that's already very dynamic for the plant, right in spring."

Gilman, an award-winning and board certified master arborist, said it will be sad to see the tree come down, "especially on a historic road slated to be preserved for its character.

"But even though the road is relatively straight, with the curve and rise in the road, that affects sight lines," he said. "It's unfortunate, but it's destiny."

Gilman said the take-away message is that the trees were not properly spaced to accommodate future demands on the landscape.

In addition to cloning the tree and continuing its legacy on his property, Flier said he plans to provide residents with firewood from the tree "to have one fire to remember the tree and what we can do in town to protect our trees."

Although the red maple must come down,

Flier was able to save a sugar maple on his property.

The Londonderry Times previously reported the sugar maple was the tree to be removed, but the sugar maple is the tree Flier is nursing back to health after removing a large root to create proper sight distance.

"The red maple is the healthiest of the tree grouping between us and Mack's U-Pick," he said.

Gilman said the red maple has thrived be-

cause the native tree is salt tolerant.

"We ought to think about all these other trees dying here. This whole area was photographed many years ago, and you can see the difference between the health of the trees then and now," Flier said of the remaining trees lining the Town's Scenic Road. "If we don't try to do the right thing for nature, our life here in Londonderry will irreversibly change before our eyes."

## Planning Board Considers Moving Parking Standards to Site Plan

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The Planning Board considered a recommendation in the Town's 2014 Zoning Audit to relocate Parking and Loading Standards from the Zoning Ordinance to

Site Plan Regulations.

Comprehensive Planner John Vogl told the Board at its April 13 meeting the amendment would reduce regulatory impediments to economic development and provide the Planning Board with greater flexibility in set-

ting site-specific standards.

"Londonderry Zoning Ordinance had more amendments than any other in New Hampshire," he said, noting the amendment would reduce the number of parking categories. "We have one of the largest numbers of parking categories in New Hampshire compared with every other town."

Relocating parking and loading standards from the Zoning Ordinance to Site Plan regulations, which would require a two-track process

to amend Zoning Ordinance and Regulations, "makes things easier for applicants, staff and the public," according to Vogl.

"When the Zoning Ordinance was written, there was no such thing as site plan regulations. Now, there's a better document to deal with parking," he said.

Vogl said the next step in the process is to review changes, consolidate parking standards categories and review/update their definitions.

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# Developer Backs Out of Plans for Rezoned Wine Bistro

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Cabonnay Emporium owner Cornelis de Jong has listed his Mohawk Drive property for sale.

Town Manager Kevin Smith confirmed that de Jong won't be moving forward with plans to construct an upscale wine bistro in Londonderry.

"We've had the emporium open there and had a lot of people coming in and out. We have had some people who are disappointed and we are disappointed too. We definitely were excited about the project in Londonderry,"

ry," Cabonnay Media and Marketing Director Kimberly Schuerhoff said. "We suffered some significant delays in the onset of the project in accommodating abutters and going through town approvals. The delays pushed our deadline so far back, we had to capitalize on an opportunity in another location. Our decision has to come down to what's best for the business and allows us to stay on track and meet our deadlines."

In a letter to the Planning Board, de Jong wrote he has decided to move his project in its entirety to Manchester.

"Obviously we're disappointed, but (de Jong) as the property owner had to make the best business decision for his venture," he said. "When you put a lot of time into something like that, it's disappointing to not see it come to fruition."

De Jong did not return requests for comment.

The 2,400 square feet of office space at 6 and 8 Mohawk Drive are listed at \$449,900.

De Jong purchased the properties for \$345,000 in January 2015, according to Town records.

The Town Council voted to re-zone the proper-

ties from Commercial-IV to C-I last year to accommodate the height of the proposed bistro's art gallery.

De Jong promised development of an upscale wine bistro, which he described as a "restful oasis" with art galleries and beautiful gardens.

Some controversy began when condominium owners abutting the proposed bistro took a stand against rezoning the property, saying de Jong could develop the bistro as he wanted by obtaining variances to the Town's Zoning Ordinance.

In addition to fully utilizing the lot in developing the bistro and gardens, de Jong's attorney

said rezoning the parcels would expand potential use of the site.

Abutters expressed serious concerns with the types of uses the properties could attract if rezoned to C-I and sold.

"This is residential use right on top of commercial use. This use would have a substantial adverse effect on the residents of this area," said the condominium association's attorney, Thomas Aylesworth.

But de Jong maintained his commitment to developing the wine bistro, saying in a statement after the rezoning request was granted that the "project remains about

hope, heritage, community, quality and fixing decades of deterioration through beautification."

Councilors John Farrell and Joe Green voted against rezoning the properties.

Future permitted uses for the parcel under the Commercial-I zoning include a fast-food restaurant with a drive-through window, and limited services motor vehicle, retail, professional office, and repair services.

Comprehensive Planner John Vogl noted the property was previously zoned C-IV for only a brief period. Before 2013, the property was zoned C-I.

## Rail Trail Clean-up Set For April 23

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The Londonderry Trailways will hold its annual Rail Trail Clean-Up event on Saturday, April 23, focusing on "Stage 5" of the trail, which runs through the Cohas Marsh area.

Last year's clean-up focused on removing trash from "Stage 3" of the Londonderry Rail Trail, which the Trailways group hopes to officially open this spring.

"It will be the most beautiful portion of our trail," Trailways spokeswoman Pollyann Winslow

said. "But for years people had been dumping trash there. We couldn't open it up until it was cleaned up."

During last year's clean-up event, volunteers removed 600 tires and 300 cubic yards of trash from the 1.4 mile portion of the trail that runs from Liberty Drive, just behind the Irving Gas Station, and heads east toward Derry to the intersection of Route 28 and Seasons Lane.

Winslow said Stage 3 paving is nearly complete - a topcoat will finish the project.

As the Trailways group looks to complete the next stage of paving, Winslow said it's important for the group to move forward with cleanup efforts along the Rail Trail.

Those who wish to participate in the clean-up should meet the Trailways at 527 Mammoth Road, near Wallboard Supply Company. Volunteers plan to work from 8 to 11 a.m. Pick-up trucks are welcomed.

For more information about Trailways and its efforts to pave the Rail Trail, visit [www.londonderrytrailways.org](http://www.londonderrytrailways.org).

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# Editorial

## Finally Here

Spring really is living up to its age-old theme of rebirth this year. It's hard to have negative feelings when the peepers start calling, the leaves start to show, the early flowers are in bloom, the birds are back, baseball is on the radio or TV, and the sky is a brilliant blue.

The only negative that intrudes is the Presidential election campaign and the increasingly ugly remarks by the candidates, but we can't blame that on Mother Nature.

We've had a good run so far this year – a mild and short winter and a spring without floods, and it would be a good bet that many of our readers spent the past week-end in their yards and gardens. We've been so much more fortunate than others across the country, where floods have impacted major cities, snowstorms have been heavy, and schools have been cancelled routinely for bad weather. And it's not just in our country that the weather has been cruel – both Japan and Ecuador suffered major earthquakes and loss of life – while we basked in warm, sunny weather.

In that spirit, it's a good time of year to turn over the proverbial

new leaf, and pursue something you haven't tried before, ranging from a new vegetable or flower to grow to a decision to volunteer in your community by serving on a committee or helping out a non-profit.

Or perhaps learn a new sport, or visit someplace different. Many of us think nothing of traveling far away to see the sights, but there are plenty of places to visit close to home that invite us to learn more about the place we have chosen to live.

Consider the Frost Farm or the Taylor Sawmill in Derry, the buildings at the Londonderry Historical Society, the Rail Trails and Town Conservation lands that open up natural areas that often are literally in our own backyard, the historical museums each of our towns offers that help explain the past.

Look at spring – and its welcoming weather that invites us outdoors – as a doorway to all kinds of things new – as well as an excuse to sit on a lawn chair and relax in the sun. The winter may not have been long but it was cold, and we're more than ready for the warmth of this new season.

## Dog Law

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1998, and the new concerns heard from residents, noting the “scoop the poop prohibition” is a new addition to the existing ordinance.

Comments from residents during the April 18 public hearing focused primarily on distinguishing responsible dog owners from negligent dog owners.

Beulah Himes of 23 King Henry Drive said she would like to see the language of the proposed amendment permit dogs under voice control to walk on the Town's trails off leash.

“Dogs need exercise and mental stimulation. Walking on a leash is not enough,” agreed Louis Nackman of 29 Woodbine Drive, whose wife is a veterinarian.

Nackman noted he and his wife have never had a problem walking their dogs off leash in the Musquash Conservation Area.

“When we come across other people, we grab them, leash them and make sure they're okay as we pass other people,” he said. “Obviously, if you're walking in a public neighborhood or you're at the town fields, where it's crowded, you have to keep them on leads.”

“The leash is one of the tools dog owners have,” said Robert Maxwell of 3 Otterson Road. “I have been around house pets that are not even under control on a leash.”

Sean McNamara of 49 Sherwood Road, who works for UPS and has offered workshops to fellow employees on dog awareness, said the debate “goes to the heart of most families who have dogs.”

McNamara told the Council the ordinance should focus on defining negligent dog ownership.

“Negligent is, ‘I don't know where my dog is, I don't know what he's doing and I don't care.’ That is the crux of this

issue, in my opinion,” he said. “There are a lot of open areas in town and a lot of responsible owners out there. We need to define to people who lack common sense what a negligent dog owner is and put it out to the public on the Town website and at time of registration. I really, truly hope you keep this in consideration. There are a lot of us out there who care about our pets, their exercise and their outside time.”

Hart told the Council a police officer mentioned as they were drafting the amendment that many owners are able to maintain voice control with their dog and said he would look at revising the language to reflect that.

But not all residents who spoke were in favor of dogs being permitted to run off leash.

Lisa Jennings of 28 Woodbine Drive said she has an intense fear of dogs and has trouble enjoying her neighborhood because of the barking and the dogs that run in the neighborhood and into her yard.

While walking on local trails, Jennings said dogs often run up to her, licking or jumping on her, while the owner offers reassurance the dog is friendly.

“I know every dog is nice and won't bite, but that's not the case,” she said. “I hope you respect the people's rights more than those of dogs.”

Hart said Jennings or any other residents having issues with dogs running loose or fouling on their private property should call the police.

And while the police are responsive to such complaints, Hart recommended the Council increase staffing for the Town's animal control program, which has been reduced to one part-time officer.

“If the Council does approve a ‘scoop the poop’ law, we can and will assist with solving the problem. If we're looking at this as a long-term thing, we need to restore

to some degree the animal control program,” he said.

Hart reported the Department responds to about 350 animal-related complaints per year, mostly for dogs, of which about 30 are for bites.

The Council additionally considered calls to install locations around town that offer bags to residents to clean up after their dogs.

Councilor Tom Dolan said the amendment also raises the issue of the Town's lack of a dog park.

“A lot of these issues are coming to a head because we don't have a legal spot (for dogs to run freely). We have been wrestling with a dog park, a large open area for dogs to run off leash and play with other dogs. If we could accelerate that process, it would take some of the pressure off these issues and provide a place for people to let these dogs run free without fear of police violation or a fine,” he said. “It's not a silver bullet. It doesn't fix every issue, but it would certainly provide relief to owners looking for a place to let their dogs run free off the leash.”

In addition to the “scoop the poop” law, some residents called for the Council to prohibit all dogs, except service dogs, from town cemeteries.

Farrell said the Council will work before its next meeting to come up with a plan around the issues of dogs fouling in the cemeteries.

“The answer is definitely not disrespecting someone else's grave,” he said. “I don't know if there is a middle ground, but we need to explore the issue more deeply and come up with some better ideas on what to do.”

The Council continued the public hearing to its May 2 meeting, at which they will revisit the issues raised in the hearing Monday night and work to come to consensus on the amendment to the ordinance.

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# Council OKs Fire Chief's Plan for Acquiring Apparatus

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The Town Council authorized Fire Chief Darren O'Brien to move forward with his plan to refurbish the Department's 2001 aerial tower truck and to lease additional apparatus, including a new tanker to serve high-density housing developments.

O'Brien said at the Council's Monday night meeting that the apparatus plan will provide the Department with three vehicles to address the community's needs for the cost of purchasing one new aerial tower truck, which would cost in the range of

\$1.5 to \$1.7 million.

For the price of the new aerial tower, the Town will completely refurbish the Department's aerial tower for about \$449,000, lease a new ladder truck for around \$900,000 and lease a new tanker for around \$400,000.

O'Brien said the 2,500-gallon tanker will enable the department to respond to a structure fire with sufficient water.

"It would be possible to show up with 5,500 gallons of water," he said, noting the smaller tanker truck will be able to travel into senior housing developments and apartment complexes, such as the new Wallace Farms

development.

"This will also help us get into residential driveways and mitigate chimney fires on the roof where we don't necessarily need a ladder," O'Brien said of the tanker.

"It's a long time coming," Councilor Jim Butler said.

In other business Monday night:

- The Council approved withdrawals from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve fund in the amounts of \$61,161 and \$14,353 for the first annual payments to First Niagra Leasing for vehicles introduced in the Town's FY16 budget.

- The Council ap-

proved the disbursement of \$117,000 from Impact Fees to the School District to be applied against the cost of debt service for high school renovations.

Administrative Support Coordinator Steve Cotton said only \$400 will remain in that account after the withdrawal.

- The Council approved the expenditure of \$6,895 from the Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund for snow and ice removal at the Senior Center, preventive maintenance on the HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) system at North Fire Station and for repairs to the external

condenser unit at Central Fire Station.

- The Council voted to sanction Londonderry Women's Softball, the Londonderry Men's Softball League, the Londonderry Coed Softball Team, the Londonderry Youth Lacrosse Association, Londonderry Youth Football and Spirit, the Londonderry Basketball Club, the Londonderry Athletic and Field Association, the Londonderry Blue Lions, the Londonderry Youth Wrestling Organization, Londonderry Youth Soccer and Londonderry United Youth Travel Soccer.

- The Council scheduled a public hearing for its

May 2 meeting on an amendment to the Town's exemption for solar panels.

Town Manager Kevin Smith said the amendment would allow the Town to provide residents with a tax exemption for the entire value of a solar panel installation.

"As the ordinance stands now, they may receive up to \$5,000 per unit. But many of these installations are \$40,000 to \$60,000," he said.

Smith noted he plans to bring in the Town assessor to talk about how solar panel installations are assessed.

The amendment would also apply to wind installations.

## Planning Board Looks at Regional Commission's Street Program

KAITLYN G. WOODS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Planning Board considered a new project of the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) for 2016 aimed at making more efficient use of existing roadways for all users.

SNHPC Deputy Executive Director Sylvia Von Aulock said their "Complete Streets Pilot Program" will provide three communities in the region with a variety of project and program opportunities, with the potential for projects as substantial as narrowing streets and painting bike

paths to smaller efforts, such as painting pedestrian crossings so they are more visible.

According to Von Aulock, the Complete Streets program, which has been implemented in Concord, improves the safety of all users, encourages economic development and quality of life, provides choices, increases the attractiveness of the community and improves health by engaging walkers and bicyclists.

For example, Concord painted a line to create a shoulder for jogging and biking, which it expanded

twice.

"They have really widened their sidewalks. It's a safety feature for pedestrians," Von Aulock said, noting their goal is to accomplish a pilot project in at least one urban, one suburban and one rural community.

The SNHPC is in the process of considering federal regulations, local allowances and challenges to the various types of communities to participate in Complete Streets.

Member Jim Butler recommended the Board

and SNHPC consider drawings the SNHPC completed for the section of Route 102 (Nashua Road) from the Derry town line, extending down Mammoth Road.

"That would be a great project to revisit," he said.

Aulock said the Town could also participate by implementing policies that further the mission of the Complete Streets program.

"We just want everyone who uses the road to be safe. That's the goal," Aulock said.

The SNHPC is preparing a Complete Streets

toolkit over the next several months, which will include planning and policy guidance and design and engineering standards and regulatory land

use guidance.

If the Town does decide to pursue a Complete Streets Project with the SNHPC, its application is due at the beginning of June.

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# Conservation Says Application for Conditional Use Permit is Incomplete

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application for construction of an additional access at Green Mountain Messenger's property on Harvey Road was complicated when the Conservation Commission advised that pre-existing pavement in the Conservation Overlay District (COD) should be included in the application.

George Fredette of SFC Engineering said the Town's building inspector advised the existing pavement is exempt under the Town's Ordinance; but the Commission said the new application will bring into question any existing pavement in the COD.

"The COD does apply to existing, non-conforming paved area and I think you need to go to the Zoning Board if you want to get relief to leave that there," member Mike Speltz said.

"We can't really recommend the CUP because we don't believe that's what's appropriate at this time," member Deb Lievens said.

The proposal Fredette presented to the Commission at its April 12 meeting is to expand the parking lot and create a circular pattern of traffic around the building.

Based out of Williston, Vt., Green Mountain Messenger is a specialty courier and delivery service that serves Catholic Medical Center, Elliot Health System and Mayo Medical Laboratories.

The parcel, located just south of the Airport Overlay District at 57 Harvey Road, is zoned Industrial-II.

The company has 25 company vehicles that operate from the London-

derry location, including two large box trucks, Fredette told the Commission.

In addition to creating the new access, the proposed improvements will increase the number of parking spaces on the site to 63 to allow for future growth of the company.

The Planning Board considered the conceptual plan at its Dec. 9 meeting but raised concern with construction in the COD.

"I'm interested to see what the Conservation Commission will have to say," Planning Board member Ann Chiampa said.

"A CUP is only valid for certain stated, allowed conditions. Pavement within the buffer is not allowed, unless it's for access to the property," member Eugene Harrington said. "For additional pavement, you would need a variance from the Zoning Board."

Fredette told the Commission that 2,000 square feet of pavement exists in the buffer and the proposed pavement area is 486 square feet.

In a letter to the Commission, Londonderry Fire Marshal Brian Johnson said the additional access would offer an advantage to the Depart-

ment in a fire emergency.

Fredette told the Commission he would consult with the Building Department and amend his application to include the pre-existing pavement within the COD.

The Commission also recommended Fredette remove snow storage from the COD before com-

ing back with his amended application; and Speltz asked Fredette to bring more information supporting the business' need for 63 parking spaces.

Speltz also recommended the applicant work to identify pavement it could remove from the COD.

## Police Seek Help in Locating Two Suspects in March 29 Assault

KAITLYN G. WOODS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Police are asking for the public's help as they work to identify and locate the suspects of an assault last month in Woodland Village.

The two men responsible are described as

being Caucasian, medium to large build, about 6 feet tall and in their early 40s.

According to police, one suspect was wearing blue jeans, construction-style work boots and a white shirt underneath a blue, long-sleeved shirt. He is also described as having short, curly hair and some facial hair.

No additional information was available for the second suspect when the Londonderry Times went to press.

The assault occurred

on the afternoon of Tuesday, March 29 in the Woodland Village properties on Capitol Hill and Constitution Drives.

Police continue to investigate the case and need the public's help to identify and locate the suspects.

Anyone who may know the men described or who has any information concerning the investigation should contact Lead Investigator Det. Garrett Malloy or Det. Sgt. Patrick Cheetham at 432-1118.

## OBITUARY

### Janet Palmer



Janet R. Palmer, 68, of Londonderry died April 12, 2016 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, after a battle with Lymphoma.

She was born Sept. 27, 1947 in Exeter, a daughter of the late Walter and Dorothy (Ellis) Godet.

She was raised in Exeter and was a graduate of Exeter High School.

Mrs. Palmer and her husband were the former owners of Palmer's Market in Hudson, which they operated for 21 years prior to their retirement.

She enjoyed crocheting with a group of friends, and following the horses at Runnymede Farm.

Survivors include her husband of 43 years, Richard Palmer of Londonderry; her son, Stephen Palmer of Goffstown; her daughter and her husband, Erin and Brian Weigler of Londonderry; her granddaughter, Molly Weigler; two sisters, Judith Rogers of Londonderry and Hazel Quigley of Florida; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

After cremation, a celebration of her life is being planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the New Hampshire SPCA, PO Box 196, Stratham, NH or The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at [www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org). The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry is assisting the family. To send a condolence, visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).



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# Disc Golf Enthusiasts Seek Town Land for Course

KAITLYN G. WOODS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Local recreation enthusiasts met with the Conservation Commission last week to discuss installing a disc golf course in the Musquash Conservation area, or on another available property in Londonderry.

Bill Bruce, who owns Breakin Chains Disc Golf Supplies in Hooksett, said disc golf is one of the

fastest growing sports and several Southern New Hampshire communities have invested in their own courses.

"Most of the courses are free and town-run," he said. "If you're looking at increasing monitoring and safety of a property, what better way than to put in a disc golf course? With the disc golf community, everyone wants to help one another."

Disc golf is a game in which athletes test their precision and accuracy by throwing flying discs at targets. Competitors work through the course, trying to complete each target in the fewest number of throws of the disc.

According to Bruce, Manchester invested about \$20,000 in a 70-acre course behind the Brown Avenue Cemetery. It was designed by world cham-

pion disc golfer Eric McCabe.

"It's the biggest and best course in the state," he said. "Manchester wants to bring world class disc golf to the state around the Manchester area."

"Our hope is the municipality will step up and see what a disc golf course operation would look like," said Norma Bruce, Bill's wife and co-owner of Breakin Chains.

Bruce said the minimum amount of land on which they could install a disc golf course is 30 acres, noting they don't need to clear many trees because a wooded landscape provides natural obstacles for athletes on the course.

The Commission recommended Bruce contact the Recreation Department, but members did help brainstorm potential properties in town that could accommodate such

a use.

Member Deb Lievens said, however, that a disc golf course in the Musquash would be "counter to conservation purposes."

"Wildlife management or protection, such as bird nesting in the spring, vernal pools and other animals, would be compromised by this," she said. "Londonderry is one of the best areas for Blanding's turtles. We don't want people out running in the woods. Manchester is perfect because it's a city with parks. We have no parks to speak of."

Lievens additionally noted parking is not available at many conservation areas and that the Commission could not fund such a project.

Member Roger Fillio suggested Bruce consult with the School District to determine if there are any available District proper-

ties on which they could install the course.

"I would suggest looking at some of the school properties because they have adjacent lands that are not fields that have a parking lot, terrain, trails, and roads," member Eugene Harrington said.

"There's a concept in town that unless open space is being used, it's underutilized. But we don't agree with that. Open space has ecosystem services and is doing so many great things it's not getting credit for," Lievens said. "Getting people out onto town properties is always good; the question is how to do it in a way that isn't harmful to the other purpose."

Bruce said they plan to consult with the Recreation Department to determine if there are any town properties that could accommodate the course.

## Water

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water and soil. When PFOA is released to the air, it is readily absorbed to particles and settles to the ground, where the chemical can be transported to and contaminate groundwater.

PFOA, which is very resistant to degradation, was used at the Saint-Gobain facility dating back to at least 2001, according to the DES.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has identified PFOA as an "emerging contaminant."

Earlier this month, the DES announced it would provide bottled water to residents whose wells tested over 100 parts per trillion (ppt) of PFOA.

Residents of Litchfield, Manchester and Merrimack whose wells have tested above 100 ppt of PFOA or are within the one-mile radius of Saint-Gobain are receiving bottled water, which Saint-Gobain has confirmed the company will pay for.

"At the moment we are not expanding bottled water to those folks (in

Londonderry who live in the 1.5-mile testing radius), but we are expediting test results for the private wells in the 1.5 mile radius and if we start to see data with wells testing above 100 ppt, we will likely make a decision whether to expand bottled water to that area," Martin said.

DES officials said they will follow the data, testing outside their investigation area if they find further contamination.

A review of the preliminary soil sampling data found PFOA soil concentrations ranging from non-detect to 30 parts per billion (ppb), well below screening levels developed by the EPA of 16,000 ppb and Vermont's residential soil screening level of 300 ppb.

The map with the expanded testing radius is available on the DES website at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pfoa.htm>, where residents will also find information about PFOA, blood testing, water treatment options and updated water and soil test results.

Martin said there is also a form on the website that residents who live within the 1.5-mile radius may submit to the DES to request their well be tested.

Smith said the Town of Londonderry continues to monitor the DES's ongoing investigation.

"The good news is we've been on top of it for weeks before Londonderry was even involved, so we were able to get out ahead of this," he said.

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# Londonderry Arts Council Sets Dates for Art in Action

KAITLYN G. WOODS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Local artists will share their craft with members of the public at the Londonderry Arts Council's annual Art in Action event.

Held at Mack's Apple Farmstand, 230 Mammoth Road on Saturday, May 14 and Sunday, May 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, the spring show and demonstrations bring the

community together to celebrate art and learn more about what goes into the various artists' works. No admission is charged.

"Not only is it interesting to watch the artists and talk to the artists and get a sense of what the art process entails, but art enriches," said Arts Council member Barbara Scott, who is co-chairing the event with Steve Sullivan. "It is a family day and it's

nice to expose the younger generation to art. They can ask questions and I think that's the most key part of it: not only showing, but explaining why. For example, people think pastel is chalk, but it's actually pigment."

This year's show expands the types of artists participating to include more crafters, such as jewelers, woodworkers, weavers and potters.

Additionally, two-di-

mensional artists specializing in oil, acrylic, pastel, pen and ink, collage and colored pencil will provide live demonstrations.

"It's a huge investment for artists for their materials. This event is just to offer the idea of being exposed to seeing original art as it's being created," Scott said. "Original art will hold its value and last as long as you know how to care for it properly."

## F.W. Webb

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"headed in that direction."

The Board also granted seven waivers to the site plan regulations, notably with regard to landscaping and tree plantings around the property.

Petropulos said 400 trees will be planted throughout the property and a wooded buffer between an abutting neighborhood and the facility will remain untouched.

Finally, the Board granted five Conditional Use Permits - to allow a warehouse use of greater than 250,000 square feet in the Gateway Business District, to allow site lighting fixtures to exceed the maximum

mounting height of 25 feet, to provide a reduction in the number of parking spaces from 931 spaces to 302 automobile spaces, to permit an off-premises sign and to allow a permitted use in the Conservation Overlay District (COD).

Petropulos explained the entrance driveway to the site was designed to avoid impacting the buffer to Horsetrail Brook to the south of the property. To compensate for loss of the buffer, the applicant has committed to restore an approximately 23,000-square-foot area previously disturbed by a gravel operation on the site.

Member Mary Soares asked if it would be pru-

dent to reduce the number of parking spaces required for the facility, considering it could be sold to a new business with a greater demand for parking.

"I would rather see less parking; we just have to keep in mind things turn over," she said.

Petropulos noted the site offers the potential to expand parking in the future. "We could easily add a couple hundred spaces," he said.

Petropulos said no sound systems would be installed.

Additionally, Petropulos said storm water collection and treatment on

the site would improve drainage and reduce the flow of runoff from the site.

Petropulos said studies of other similar F.W. Webb facilities have shown the development will have minimal fiscal impact on the Town. "There is not a large demand for services from Police or Fire, and the facility will bring in about \$1 million per year in taxes," he said.

With construction expected to take about 18 months to complete, F.W. Webb hopes to move into its new distribution center by late December 2017.

## OBITUARY

### Robert Gallagher Jr.



Robert "Bob" Lawrence Gallagher Jr., 59, of Londonderry died at home on April 16, 2016 surrounded by family and friends, after a five-month fight with cancer.

He was born Dec. 25, 1956 in Cambridge, Mass., the first of five children to Mary (Lynch) and Robert Gallagher.

He spent much of his childhood in Malden, Mass., and graduated from Malden High School in 1974. He attended Lowell Technological Institute.

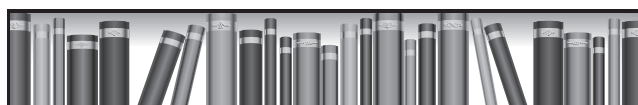
He met Tina, his wife of 35 years, in the summer of 1974. They were married in 1980 and moved to Londonderry in 1986.

He built a career in the information technology industry and worked for electronic and manufacturing companies Wakefield Engineering, Molex and Wakefield-Vette. Over the past 40 years, he also worked part time as a bartender at the Irish American Club of Malden, Mass. He loved his Friday night regulars.

He enjoyed reading, the beach, Disney World and his yearly trips to Aruba.

Survivors include his wife, Tina; children Erin and her husband, Ryan Adamonis, and Brian; his granddaughter, Sofia, and grandson, Mason; his brothers Michael, Dennis and Gary; his sister, Karen, and his nieces and nephews.

Following cremation, calling hours were held Wednesday, April 20 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Peabody Funeral Homes, 290 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, April 21 at 10 a.m. at St. Mark's Church, One South Road, Londonderry. A gathering to celebrate his life will be held thereafter at the Irish American Club, 177 West St., Malden, Mass. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice. To send a condolence or for more information, visit [www.peabodyfuneral-home.com](http://www.peabodyfuneral-home.com).



## Marie's Corner

Recently I participated in a webinar that focused on developing science skills in preschool children. Teachers of science presented the webinar, which was sponsored by the National Science Teacher Association (NSTA).

The presenters convinced me that very young children would develop basic scientific skills, if we adults allow opportunities for the development of these skills.

Basic scientific skills include: Inquiry, Inferring, Measuring, Basic math computations, and Communication skills

The science teachers indicated that young children are primed to develop a love and aptitude for science. Young children are naturally curious, observe everything, and ask endless questions. The presenters were quick to mention that children learn best by doing. Allowing opportunities for children to measure, plant, build, play, and observe their environment.

The teachers also mentioned that, when children ask questions, adults are too ready to provide the answer. Instead, we should be asking, "What do you think?" or "What do you think would happen if...?" or "Why do you think that happened?"... Asking children to explain themselves develops communication skills.

It is spring. This is the perfect time for children to observe their environment and the natural rebirth that comes with the season.

Be talking to you soon,  
*Marie*

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# Local Third Graders' Art Featured in State Fire Safety Calendar

KAITLYN G. WOODS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Several Matthew Thornton Elementary School third graders will see their artwork featured in the Department of Safety's fourth annual safety calendar.

"Once again, Londonderry has done an incredible job, taking six of the 13 winning posters," Londonderry Fire Marshal Brian Johnson said in an email.

According to the Department of Safety, students from schools and towns throughout the State submitted 425 posters for inclusion in the Fire and Life Safety School

Year Calendar for 2016-2017.

"It felt really good," third grader Morgan Laczynski said of learning she was a winner and her work would be included in the calendar.

Thomas Cornett, whose illustration of a home sprinkler system will be featured in the calendar for the month of January, said the purpose of the calendar is to educate the public about fire safety.

Morgan and Thomas said it took them about two days to complete their artwork. The students chose and researched a theme of interest, then drew pictures

illustrating their topics.

While researching her theme of kitchen and cooking safety, Morgan said she learned it's important to keep anything flammable, like paper towels, away from the stove and oven.

Each of Matthew Thornton's student winners were invited to a special event at the New Hampshire Fire Academy in Concord, where they were honored as Junior Marshals and had the opportunity to meet Sparky the Fire Dog, as well as state fire officials.

Laczynski said they were all presented with two trophies, a certificate



Several Matthew Thornton Elementary School third graders are among the students whose artwork is featured in the State Fire Safety Calendar.

and other small prizes.

Students from Matthew Thornton whose artwork will be included in the safety calendar are Cornett, for "Home Fire

Sprinkler Protection," January; Laczynski, for "Kitchen and Cooking Safety," March; Cassidy LeBlanc, for "Home Escape Planning," June; Abby Austen,

for "Fireworks Safety," July; Zachary Mantegari, for "Stop, Drop, Roll," August; and Megan Finley, for "Carbon Monoxide Safety," November.

## Conservation Recommends Wetlands Permit for Pettengill Access

KAITLYN G. WOODS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission voted to recommend approval of a dredge and fill application for the construction of a new road to access commercial properties south of Pettengill Road.

When they were not initially provided a copy of the application for their March 22 review of the proposed South Loop Road, the Commission asked for more time to review the project. Additionally, the Commission

expressed concern they had not seen the agreement with Fish and Game to provide mitigation for wildlife in the area.

The primary functions of the wetlands include wildlife habitat, including threatened and endangered species habitat such as for cottontail, hognose snake and turtles.

"Three weeks ago we asked to see the study to assure ourselves Fish and Game's decision to go forward aligned with our own local concerns," member Mike Speltz said.

"This area was considered in the overall mitigation agreement worked out with Fish and Game. The property owners and the Town negotiated payments for mitigation, and Fish and Game was satisfied rare species impacts have been addressed for Pettengill and North Spur Road," Planning Director Colleen Mailloux said.

The property owners paid in excess of \$40,000 to complete a study of and address impacts to cottontail in the area, as well as over \$100,000 to the Aquatic Resource Mit-

igation Fund, according to a representative for the property owners.

Construction of the proposed South Loop Road would result in a 4,281-square-foot impact to the remnant wetlands located between the recently completed UPS and FedEx projects, according to the application.

"We submitted the

application to the Department of Environmental Services (DES) in February and the comment period to intervene with the DES has passed; but, we're asking the Commission to make a recommendation," Chris Rice of T.F. Moran said. "We have minimized impacts as much as possible."

"I'd encourage you to

look at the wetland impact for this alone and make a determination on this," Mailloux said, noting she plans to work to improve collaboration between members and the Town.

"It's a small impact, it's good for the community and this is where we wanted this going," Lievens said.



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# Students Celebrate Century Mark for Children's Author



North Elementary School third grade students had a birthday party for Berverly Clearly on Tuesday April 12 with activities revolving around some of the things written in her stories. Beverly Cleary was born on April 12, 1916 and has been published since the 1950s. Some of her more popular characters are Ramona, Henry Huggins and his dog Ribsy and Beezus Quimby.

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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Lady Lancers' Lacrosse Crew Begins Campaign at 2-0

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

**W**ins over Merrimack on the road and Hollis/Brookline at home last week enabled the Londonderry High girls' lacrosse squad to begin its 2016 campaign with a 2-0 record.

The Lady Lancers, who went 10-7 last spring, nipped the host Merrimack High Lady Tomahawks by a 11-9 tally Wednesday, April 13, and got their record to 2-0 with an 18-5 hammering of Hollis-Brookline in Londonderry's season-opener two days later.

The LHS squad stepped into the 2016 season with important returning starters in seniors Breda Holland (an attack), Emily Davison (midfielder), Gabby Morris (middle), Sarah

Jackes (defense), and Dominique Breault (attack), and junior defender Sami Lecaroz.

Other varsity returnees include seniors June Cranmer (middle), Hannah McGrath (defender), and Jill McIntire (middle), juniors Kiersten Hoglund (attack), Emily Holland (middle), and Erika Tsetsilas (middle), and sophomores Isabella Bourque (defender) and Caty Derhak (attack).

The team's large list of newcomers includes senior defenders Jackie Luckhardt and Jill Murray, juniors Faye Brown (defense), Hannah Haggerty (defense), and Maddy Sullivan (goalie), sophomores Camille Lamont (attack), Dharma Paradis (goalie), Shannon Frasier (attack), and Meg-

han Jackes (attack), and freshman middle Sarah Duarte.

Coach Bob Slater sees Bishop Guertin of Nashua, Souhegan of Amherst, Bedford, and Exeter as front-runners in Division I, but he has every reason to be pleased with his squad's 2-0 start.

In the two-goal edging of Merrimack during the middle of last week, the Lady Lancers led 7-4 at halftime and managed four more goals to the Lady Tomahawks' five in the second half.

Breault and Derhak each tallied three times for the locals, Davison scored twice, and Breda Holland, Morris, and Tsetsilas each scored once. Morris also dished out two assists. Goalie Paradis contributed

seven saves to the win.

But the Londonderry crew had much less trouble with Hollis/Brookline two days later, racing out to a massive 13-1 lead in the first half on the way to the 18-5 blowout.

Morris paced the Lady Lancers' charge with five goals, the two Holland girls each scored three times, Davison, Breault, and Tsetsilas each tallied twice, and Derhak notched one marker. Keeper Paradis stopped four shots in contributing to the squad's success.

"We have a lot of new players who will need to step up to rebuild our offense and defense as we have put in a new offense and defense," said Slater. "The team mind-set needs to be driven by senior leadership and teamwork."



LHS senior midfielder Emily Davison and the Lady Lancers trounced Hollis-Brookline in their home-opener last week. Photo by Chris Pantazis

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# Londonderry High Baseball Crew Remains Unbeaten

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High baseball team had a great many reasons to be happy with its performances in its first three contests of the 2016 season last week, all of which the Lancers won.

The locals enjoyed a strong start to the campaign by collecting wins over the Spaulding High Red Raiders from Rochester and the Winnacunnet High Warriors of Hampton last week. The locals then took on the arch-rival Pinkerton Academy Astros on that opponent's home diamond over the weekend and squeaked out a slim win that pushed their season record up to 3-0.

The squad's season-opener was also its home-opener against Spaulding at LHS Wednesday, April 13.

The locals received strong pitching work from Nick Musto and plenty of offense and defense in besting the visiting Raiders by a 7-3 tally.

Musto went six innings on the hill, allowing just five hits and one earned run while walking three batters and striking out

seven.

The visitors nabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, but the Lancers responded for two in the latter half of the first and single markers in the third and the fourth to go up 4-1.

The hosts drove their lead up to 7-1 in the bottom of the sixth, and Spaulding's comeback attempt in the top of the seventh yielded just two runs to get to the final 7-3 score.

The victors got two hits apiece from Jimmy Zimolka, Jonny Meskel, Tim McEacharn, and Cam Fennell, with Zimolka driving in two runs and McEacharn and Fennell tallying one RBI each. Meskell's two hits were both doubles.

Longtime LHS coach Brent Demas' dudes then made the drive to the seacoast last Friday, April 15 to take on the Winnacunnet Warriors. They returned home with an 11-1 win.

The Lancers smacked out 10 hits and never lost the lead after grabbing a 2-0 advantage in the top of the first.

The score stood at 2-1 after the hosts touched



Senior LHS pitcher Noah Tavano had his pitches working during his squad's 5-3 defeat of Pinkerton last weekend. Photo by Chris Paul

up LHS starting pitcher Nick Salcito for a marker in the latter half of the third. But Londonderry busted the contest wide open by tallying seven runs in the top of the sixth.

Salcito pitched five strong innings, allowing just one hit while striking out nine batters and walking two.

Winnacunnet helped the LHS cause by commit-

ting six errors in the field, but the locals wound up with plenty of reasons to be pleased with their own work in making their 2016 record 2-0.

The Lancers advanced to 3-0 with a 5-3 edging of Pinkerton in Derry last Saturday, April 16, which featured some superb pitching from Noah Tavano, good defense, and just enough offense.

Lefty hurler Tavano went the distance in the victory, striking out eight batters, walking just a pair, and holding the 1-2 Astros to six hits.

Londonderry busted a scoreless tie in the top half of the third inning by scoring two runs, thanks to a two-run double from Meskell.

It then became a 3-0 game in the top of the fourth when Nate Sullivan rapped a single that plated Troy Nielsen.

Pinkerton cut its deficit to 3-2 by scoring twice on two hits in the latter half of the fourth, and the hosts knotted the score at 3-3 in the bottom of the sixth, thanks to two

more safeties.

Londonderry bagged the winning runs in the top of the seventh, manufacturing two markers via a hit-by-pitch, a bunt single, a sacrifice bunt, a fielder's choice, and an RBI single by McEacharn.

Pitcher Tavano then put the final touches on the victory by snuffing out Pinkerton's comeback hopes by putting the hosts down, facing just four batters.

"We told Noah that he had to throw his off-speed pitches for strikes, and he did," said Demas. "It was a very good performance, and I was really, really happy with Noah Tavano today."

The winning side collected eight hits in the win, with Meskell and Sullivan each bashing a single and a double.

And the local crew kept its record unblemished on Monday, April 18 by defeating the Trinity High Pioneers by a 12-9 tally at LHS.

The centerpiece of the fourth Londonderry victory was a huge, eight-run third inning that put the Manchester team on its heels.

Sullivan drove in three runs for the victorious locals while Meskell managed to drive in two of them as the local hardball crew stayed unbeaten.



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# LHS Softball Crew Starts Slow, Then Hits Higher Gear

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After starting its 2016 season with a shutout loss on the road, the Londonderry High softball team outscored its next two opponents by a combined tally of 23-3 in going 2-1 overall in its first three contests of the new season last week.

The Lancers dropped a 4-0 decision to the Spaulding High Lady Red Raiders in Rochester on Wednesday, April 13. But neither the Winnacunnet High nor the Pinkerton Academy squads seemed to have much of a chance against the LHS crew in the squad's next two battles.

In the season-opening

defeat, the Lancers only managed a total of three hits while watching Spaulding plate single runs in the bottom halves of the first and second innings and two markers in the bottom of the third en route to its 4-0 shutout win.

But it was an entirely different story for the LHS contingent in its home-opener against Winnacunnet of Hampton on Friday, April 15, with the Lancers pounding its way to a 9-0 victory behind pitcher and slugger Ilana Brown.

Standing in for ailing ace hurler Andi Nelson, sophomore Brown pitched a four-hitter, striking out a dozen Lady Warriors and contributing two triples and three runs

batted in to the cause.

The Lancers bashed out 14 hits in the victory, with Liz Niven smacking three and driving in a run and Cassidy Raza and Katrina Rivard drilling two safeties apiece and each also driving in a run.

And the LHS bunch was even more prolific in defeating the rival Pinkerton Academy Lady Astros by a 14-2 tally in Derry Saturday, April 16.

The Lancers got 18 hits and raced to victory by plating five runs in the second, three in the third, two more in the fourth, one in the fifth, and another three in the seventh.

Brown held Pinkerton to a paltry two hits while getting stellar support

from her own offense.

Raza, Anna Maggio, Nelson, and Niven all smacked multiple hits as the Lady Lancers rolled.

Then this past Monday the Londonderry bunch took aim at moving its early-season record to 3-1 when it traveled to the state capital to take on the host Concord High Crimson Tide.

And the Lady Lancers gave their coach Wayne MacDougall a birthday present that afternoon, upping their season record to 3-1 with a 3-1 victory over the Concord crew.

The locals plated one run in the top of the first inning and two more in the second to claim the lead, which they'd never



Londonderry softball player Rachel Simkevich slides safely into home during her team's drubbing of Pinkerton last week. Photo by Chris Paul

relinquish.

Londonderry smacked out seven hits, with Brown rapping two of

those and also doing strong work in the pitcher's circle again.

## Lancer Boys' Tennis Crew Notches First Win of New Season

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High boys' tennis team keeps facing its 2016 challenges and developing for coach Janice Norwesh, enjoying successes as they come.

In the 1-8 match loss to the Bishop Guertin Cardinals in Nashua Wednesday, April 13, the winless Lancers claimed their first individual victory of the campaign when senior Gage Johnson stepped into the

third singles slot and rebounded from a 1-6 deficit to win 9-7.

Additionally, top singles competitor Denis Geiger played his best match to date but fell by a 5-8 score to BG's Brian Xiao.

In doubles play, freshmen Josh Galluzzo and Cam Ness had a great showing in their first varsity pairing and just fell short of victory (6-8) as Londonderry dropped the 1-8 match decision.

Back on their own

home courts against Winnacunnet of Hampton the next day, the Lancers took a shutout loss on the chin from the visiting Warriors, but on Friday, April 15, at home they received singles victories from Johnson and sophomore Quentin Caruso.

The new doubles tan-

dem of Sean Enright and Ryan Leo showed plenty but ended up absorbing a 5-7 defeat.

"Gage Johnson really showed some great tennis smarts, coming to the net and ending points with authority," said Norwesh.

The Lancers snagged

their first victory of the young campaign by besting the visiting Salem High Blue Devils 6-3, on Monday, April 18.

The hosts already had the match won at the conclusion of singles thanks to victories from Leo (8-4), Dan Pleva (9-7), Johnson (8-3), Luc Velie (8-4),

and Enright (8-4). And the doubles tandem of Pleva and Enright snared its side its sixth win of the day.

"We had some great matches in doubles, with Sean and Ryan putting an exclamation point on our win with an 8-6 victory," said Norwesh.

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# LHS Tracksters Take a Tight Split in the State Capital

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School's girls' and boys' track and field squads both faced tight decisions in their opening meets of the 2016 season at Concord's Memorial Field track Tuesday, April 12.

The Lady Lancers bested the host Concord High Crimson Tide by less than a point in bagging a 63.25-62.75 win, but the Lancer guys lost a slim 73-69 decision to the Tide males that afternoon.

## BOYS

The Lancers were just nipped for the team win

by Concord despite some strong individual efforts that included multiple victories from Derek Davies and Trevor Guay.

Davies won the pole vault (11'6") and the triple jump (38'6"), while Guay was tops in the 110-meter hurdles (16.0) and the 400 (52.9).

Other wins were delivered by Kyle Foden in the shot put (42'3"), Josh Wasserman in the 3200-meter run (10 minutes, 25.9 seconds), and the team's 4x400 quartet (3:42.8).

## GIRLS

Talented and seasoned veterans Yorgelis Ortiz

and Jordan Dufresne each won two events, with Ortiz proving unbeatable in the 200-meter dash (26.90 seconds) and the high jump (5 feet) and Dufresne ending up tops

in the pole vault (10') and the triple jump (32'5").

The Lady Lancers swept all three scoring positions in the 200 with Ortiz first, Ellie Good-speed second, and Jess

Brien third. The locals also managed that three-spot sweep in the long jump, thanks to the performances of winner Andrea Wooldridge (15'5"), Kaylie Longua in second,

and Kate Balcom in third. Balcom, Brien, Good-speed, and Longua also teamed up for a victory in the 4x100 relay with a time of 53.60.

## Lancer Spikers Maul Mascenic, Hit 1-1

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After giving the powerful Salem High Blue Devils a real battle in its season-opener before falling by a 3-1 score, the youthful Londonderry High boys' volleyball squad dusted itself off and put forth an excellent effort in winning its

second match of the campaign.

Playing in their home-opener Wednesday, April 13, coach John Vaughn's Lancers mauled the visiting Mascenic Regional squad from New Ipswich by a 3-0 tally to even their 2016 record at 1-1.

The hosts drubbed their opponent by a 25-12

tally in game one and by a 25-14 score in the second contest before being pushed harder by the winless Vikings in what wound up being a 25-22 Lancer win in game three.

The victorious locals received 17 assists and five service aces from Mike Vivian, 11 digs from Ryan Crowley, eight kills,

five aces, and two blocks from Nick Anderson, seven kills from Riley Treanor, and five digs from Scott Lynch.

By the time the Londonderry crew returns to action at Goffstown High School this coming Friday afternoon, April 22, the Lancers will have had a break of eight days.

## Athletes of the Week

For the Week of April 11



**Ilana Brown,  
Sophomore, Softball**

This skilled young pitcher sat at a perfect 3-0 after three hurling efforts, with three complete games. In 24 innings, Brown struck out 31, walked just two, and allowed three earned runs.



**Noah Tavano,  
Senior, Baseball**

This wily veteran hurler snagged a complete game win over Pinkerton, allowing six hits and three runs (two earned) with eight strikeouts and two walks.

## Laxmen Snag First 2016 Win in the Queen City

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A seven-point performance from Max Hastings helped to pace the Londonderry High boys' lacrosse squad to its first win of the 2016 campaign in Manchester

last Saturday, April 16.

Hastings netted six goals and assisted on one other in the 1-1 Lancers' 13-5 throttling of the winless Manchester Central Little Green that day.

The victorious locals also received a goal and

two helpers from Dave Wiedenfeld and Casey Park, and Cam Jacobs contributed a couple of goals to the successful Londonderry effort.

The LHS crew then pushed its season record above the .500 mark with

a home match win against the Dover High Green Wave on Monday, April 18.

The local laxmen started this week in positive fashion by handing the visiting Dover contingent a 12-9 defeat.

## LHS Lady Lancer Racketeers See Record Slide

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

There's plenty of fight in the 2016 Londonderry High girls' tennis team. But after playing its first handful of 2016 matches, the LHS contingent was

still in search of its first team victory.

The Lady Lancers were upended by the Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals of Nashua, the Winnacunnet High Lady Warriors from Hampton, and the Merrimack High Lady Tomahawks last week in seeing their early-season record slip to 0-5.

In the 6-3 defeat at the hands of the Guertin group in Londonderry last Wednesday, April 13, the hosts received singles victories from Samantha

Court (8-2 score) and Yuly Cabeza (8-4) and a doubles win from the tandem of Cabeza and Mary Nicoli (8-6). But the LHS side fell by a 6-3 count.

Despite their efforts, the locals didn't manage a win in singles or doubles action against Winnacunnet's young women in a 9-0 shutout on the seacoast the next afternoon, but the LHS squad gave Merrimack a battle on the road Friday, April 15 before a 7-2 match loss.

The Lancers' two wins

were by singles competitors Sarah Depasquale (9-7) and Nicoli (8-2), and Court (7-9 loss) and Cabeza (6-8 defeat) also took their opponents deep into singles matches before falling.

The Londonderry bunch then stepped into this week facing a short Monday road trip to Salem High School.

The local racketeers took a 1-8 match loss on the chin from the Salem squad, with Kathryn Dwyer claiming the lone LHS victory in singles.

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# Etz Hayim Synagogue Hosts Interfaith Model Seder

PENNY WILLIAMS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Guests at the Interfaith model Seder presented by Etz Hayim Synagogue in Derry were guided through the commemoration of the Exodus from Egypt, as each part of the service was explained by Rabbi Peter Levy and his wife, Amy Levy.

The guests used a "family participation" Haggadah called "A Different Night."

Guests were drawn from local churches, many of whom are partners in the Community Free Meals Network. The clergy in attendance included: Father Phil Pacheco, Father Joe Powell, and Brother Roberto Serrano, all from St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry; Pastor Nory Vedan Leachon from St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Derry; Randee Rae Martin from First Church of Christian Science in Derry; and, the Reverend Deborah Roof from First Parish Congregational Church in East Derry.

"Almost 50 people gathered on Sunday, April 10, at Etz Hayim Synagogue for a model Seder, so that members of the greater interfaith community of Derry could experience this awesome ritual that the Jewish people have been celebrating for over 2,000 years," said Rabbi Levy. "It commemorates the night before the Exodus from Egyptian slavery, as the Israelite people gathered together to prepare for their release from Pharaoh's rule. The story of the 10 plagues inflicted on the Egyptians is retold, along with songs and prayers commemorating this unique happening."

He said the model Seder was scheduled so as to precede the Passover holiday, which begins Friday evening, April 22 this year. On Saturday evening, April 23, Etz Hayim will celebrate the second night of Passover with a community Seder.

Rabbi Levy and his wife were assisted in preparing for and presenting the model Seder by Etz

Hayim congregants Bruce Wechsler, Jay Madnick, and Steve Soreff.

The Seder experience began with Rabbi Levy's offering a blessing and teaching the group to sing the welcome and blessing in Hebrew, and his wife lit the candles. The rabbi explained that such a Seder would take place in Jewish homes and synagogues and would also include a ceremonial meal.

The rabbi noted that each of the 15 steps in the Seder service reflect the symbolic remembrance of the Exodus from Egypt. The Seder is the retelling of the story of the Exodus, and as part of the story, a finger is dipped in wine 10 times, with the spots of wine put on the plate to symbolize the 10 plagues.

Rabbi Levy and his wife explained the symbolism of the items on the Seder plate, and the four cups of wine that are part of the service. A youngster who was part of the group was asked to open the doors in the tradition that symbolically welcomes Elijah and others to come

in, as the Jews await the coming of the Messiah.

Rabbi Levy said, "We all share a lot of history. We are all in this together. We are a community." He said part of the Seder is to increase awareness that the Messianic time won't come until everyone comes together. In raising the fourth cup of wine, he repeated the traditional, "this year we are here, this year we are slaves, we are looking forward to next year's Seder in Jerusalem."

"May we go forward hand in hand for a future of peace and freedom," he concluded.

For information about the synagogue's community Seder, visit [etzhayim.org](http://etzhayim.org) or call 432-0004.



Rabbi Peter Levy and his wife, Amy Levy, take part in leading the Interfaith Model Seder presented by Etz Hayim Synagogue. Photo by Penny Williams

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- physical education and creative art classes
- language arts/literacy/writing block

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Space is limited. Register early!



**For more info, contact Stacy Neville, Child Care Director at 603.437.9622 or email at [sneville@graniteymca.org](mailto:sneville@graniteymca.org).**



# AROUND TOWN

**Around Town Policy:** This section is meant to be used to announce free events to the communities. If your group or non-profit is receiving money for what they are publicizing, there will be a charge of \$40.00/week per paper. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held to 100 words maximum; anything over will incur a charge of \$40.00/week for up to another 50 words. All free announcements in the Around Town/Calendar section can run a maximum of 3 weeks. Deadline for submissions is Monday at 5 p.m.

**Additionally:** We will run the full versions of any calendar items online free of charge at [www.nutpub.net](http://www.nutpub.net). Please send items to [calendar@nutpub.net](mailto:calendar@nutpub.net).

## Kendall Pond Walk

The Londonderry Conservation Commission will lead a guided walk of the Kendall Pond Conservation area on April 23 at 10 a.m. The walk begins at the parking lot on South Road and is about a one-hour easy walk. All ages and well-behaved dogs are welcome.

## Beautify Londonderry

Beautify Londonderry begins April 23 and 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.org](http://beautifylondonderry@londonderry.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 Jim Cates Pond 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](mailto: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.

## Children's Programs

The Children's Room at Leach Library will be offering the following programs as part of Spring Session 2: Craft Time; Shake, Move & Read; and Toddler Time. Spring Session 2 will run May 4 through May 26. Advance registration is required and begins at 9 a.m. Monday, April 25.

## 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 register, 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 registra-

# Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

## Thursday, April 14

**8:03 a.m.** Alden Fielder, 18, Fairway Road, Londonderry turned himself in on warrant for Reckless Conduct: Place Another in Danger. Bail set at \$500 personal recognizance, with Derry Circuit Court date of May 31.

**10:41 a.m.** David Michael Doherty, 34, James Street, Derry turned himself in on warrant for Criminal Mischief (vandalism). Bail set at \$2,500 personal recognizance, with Derry Circuit Court date of May 31.

**12:38 p.m.** Caller on Adams Road reported people possibly living in woods there.

**6:47 p.m.** Caller reported bag of pills from pharmacy taken from shopping

cart at CVS Pharmacy, Mammoth Road.

## Saturday, April 16

**4:43 p.m.** Lindsay Marie Stoker, 31, 1 Wyandot Circle, Londonderry arrested for Criminal Trespass. She was released on \$750 personal recognizance bail, with Derry District Court date of June 6. Anthony Christopher Baptista, 23, 1 Wyandot Circle, Londonderry arrested for Domestic Violence Simple Assault and one count of Simple Assault. He was released on \$750 personal recognizance bail and given an April 18 Derry District Court date.

**10:17 p.m.** Structure fire reported on Burton Drive. Turned out to be illegal burn on Harvey Road.

**10:19 p.m.** Anthony Christopher Baptista, 23, 1 Wyandot Circle, Londonderry arrested for Stalking, Default or Breach of Bail Conditions and Criminal Mischief (vandalism). He was held without bail and transported to the Rockingham County House of Corrections, with an April 18 Derry District Court date. Lindsay Marie Stoker, 31, 1 Wyandot Circle, Londonderry arrested for Default or Breach of Bail Conditions and Criminal Trespass. She was held on \$790 bail and transported to the Rockingham County Houses of Corrections, with Derry District Court date of April 18.

tion 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](mailto:cyoung@rockingham-service-link.com).

## Perkins Road Detour

On Monday, April 25, American Excavating, Inc. will be connecting into the water system on Perkins Road just south of Vista Ridge Drive. The road will be closed to through traffic. Drivers should follow the posted detours for an alternate route. For questions, contact the Department of Public Works at 432-1100, ext. 193.

## 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.

## 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.

## Legion Bingo

American Legion Post 27 plays bingo with patients at

the Veterans Administration Hospital in Manchester from 7 to 8:30 p.m. April 25. The Post will serve pizza and diet soda as well as providing \$150 in prize money. Anyone interested in helping out can sign up at the Post.

## Fishing in New Hampshire

On Thursday, April 21 at 7 p.m., the Leach Library will host "Four Centuries of Fishing in New Hampshire: Yankee Character, Yankee Priorities" by Jack Noon. He is an historian and author and will discuss the history of fishing in New Hampshire. The free program for adults 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.

## Rail Trail Work Day

Londonderry Trailways hosts a Rail Trail work day on Saturday, April 23 from 8 to 11 a.m. The clean-up will be of Phase 5 of the Rail Trail, a section not yet open to the public and running through the Cohas Marsh. Volunteers are asked to meet at the trail next to Wallboard Supply Company at 527 Mammoth Road in north Londonderry. Hip waders will be useful but there will also be dry land clean-up.

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*An open invitation to the residents of Londonderry to Celebrate the life of a 150-Year-Old Red Maple Tree that has been Ordered to be removed by the Powers That Be.*

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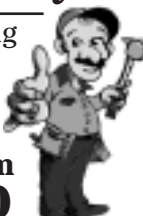


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## Around Town

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### 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.

### Drop Off Center

The Londonderry Drop Off Center open now through Nov. 19, Saturdays only, weather permitting, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pay-

ment is by check only; no cash is accepted. For more information, visit: [LondonderryNH.org](http://LondonderryNH.org) or call 432-1100, ext. 193.

### Crafters Wanted

Londonderry Senior Citizens, Inc. (LSCI) will hold a Summer Arts and Crafts Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 25 at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Road. Space is available to local artisans. Funds raised from the fair will be used to purchase equipment and materials for the Senior Center. Eight-foot spaces inside or 10X10 outdoor spaces are available at \$35 plus a craft or gift item to be raffled by LSCI. Crafters must provide a table and chairs. Applications and fees are due by May 6. For more information, call Bonnie Ritvo at 432-8554 or email [Serior-Center@LondonderryNH.org](mailto:Serior-Center@LondonderryNH.org).

### Coed Softball

Londonderry Coed Softball is looking for new players to join an existing team or start their own team. Play takes place Thursday

evenings and a few Sunday afternoons. All skill levels are welcome. Contact Michael Costello at [Ltowncoed@gmail.com](mailto:Ltowncoed@gmail.com) for questions or to join.

### Free Meals

The free Community Meals Program offers the following meals, with no residency requirement: Saturday, April 16, 5 to 6:30 p.m., St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry; Sunday, April 17, 5 to 6:15 p.m., Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry; Thursday, April 21, 5 to 6:30 p.m., West Running Brook Middle School, 1 West Running Brook Lane, Derry; and Mondays through Fridays, 4:30 p.m., Sonshine Soup Kitchen, First Baptist Church, 2 Crystal Ave., Derry. Sunday, April 24, 9 to 10 a.m., Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Road, Derry, and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., St. Jude Parish

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Gov. Maggie Hassan joined the New Hampshire Food Bank at the Londonderry Market Basket to kick off the 2016 Nothing Campaign to fight hunger.

Hassan purchased the first \$5 can, which will provide 10 meals to New Hampshire residents in need.

"We have an ongoing problem in New Hampshire with food insecurity. For many of our citizens, every paycheck brings a choice. A choice about whether to spend it on medical care, or paying rent, or heating their home, or buying food," Hassan said at the April 14 event.

According to Mel Gosselin, executive director for the New Hampshire Food Bank, one in nine people in New Hampshire is living in poverty.

"So many people go to bed without a meal - 42,000 and growing, and

that's unacceptable. But together we can solve this issue," she said.

In the past seven years, the New Hampshire Food Bank has grown from serving 2.5 million pounds of meals to over 12 million pounds last year, according to Gosselin.

"It's a bittersweet occasion for us because we try to put ourselves out of business, but that number continues to grow," she said of launching the annual fundraising campaign, for which Citizens Bank is the sole underwriter.

Since 2013, the Nothing Campaign has raised more than \$347,000 to support the New Hampshire Food Bank's statewide efforts to address hunger.

Through the months of April and May, residents may purchase cans of "Nothing" at local grocery stores to represent the reality that more than 143,200 people in the Granite State have nothing to eat.

For every \$1 donation, the New Hampshire Food Bank is able to produce two nutritious meals for food pantries across the state, according to Gosselin.

Last year's Nothing Campaign raised more than \$114,340 for the Food Bank.

"This is our fourth year of the campaign and we are super excited. The first year we weren't sure, because it's so unique; but people really embraced it. It represents so much. It represents the meal that isn't on the plates of others," Gosselin said.

In addition to providing food for many people who would otherwise go hungry, Hassan noted the Food Bank "helps empower people to become self-sufficient, self-sustaining citizens" through, for example, Food Bank cooking classes and chef training programs.

Other Food Bank programs include a nutrition incentives program that doubles Food Stamp benefits at farmers markets, and statewide outreach efforts connecting those in need with critical resources.

The Food Bank's "Nothing" cans are being sold at 69 grocery stores across the state through May 30, including all New Hampshire Hannaford, Harvest Market and Market Basket locations.



New Hampshire Gov. Maggie Hassan unloads boxes filled with "cans of nothing," kicking off the New Hampshire Food Bank's annual "Nothing Campaign" at Market Basket in Londonderry. Photo by Kaitlyn Woods

Participants are encouraged to purchase cans, fill them with donations and return the cans to the New Hampshire Food Bank.

"Just by buying this simple can of nothing, that \$5 can, and if you like, filling that can with donations, we can really help the Food Bank grow its distribution efforts, grow

its outreach and make sure that every child and every family and every adult in New Hampshire, though they may have many other challenges ahead, knows where their next meal is going to come from," Hassan said.

The New Hampshire Food Bank provides food to local food pantries throughout the State, including the

Sonshine Soup Kitchen in Derry and the St. Jude Parish Food Pantry.

"We can go in and purchase what we need at a very discounted price," said Kay Doyle of St. Jude's Food Pantry.

To learn more about the Nothing Campaign or to make a donation online, visit [nhfoodbank.org/nothing](http://nhfoodbank.org/nothing).

## Around Town

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Community, 435 Mammoth Road Londonderry; Friday, April 29, 5 to 6:30 p.m., First Parish Church, East Derry Road; and Mondays through Fridays, 4:30 p.m., Sonshine 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 science, or a related field. Information on requirements and applications are available through the guidance offices at Pinkerton Academy and Londonderry High School and at [www.derrygardenclub.org/2016.html](http://www.derrygardenclub.org/2016.html). Applications must be received by May 1.

## ABANDONED VEHICLE OFFERED FOR SALE

4/28/2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Auto Auction of New England, Londonderry, NH (Dealers only)

2005 Subaru Outback Wagon



## TOWN OF LONDONDERRY PLANNING BOARD

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 4 at 7:00 P.M. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH to consider the following:

### NEW PLANS

A. Application Acceptance and Public Hearing for formal review of a subdivision plan to convert an existing duplex building to a condominium at 7 Cohas Terrace (Map 18, Lot 19, Zoned AR-1) - Grand Flyt Asset Management, LLC (Owner) and Michelle M. Flynn (Applicant).

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