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Conservation Commissioners Get Musquash Target Shooting Update

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Conservation Commissioner Mike Considine, who has served on the Musquash Task Force, updated the Commission on the group's final recommendations related to target shooting in the Musquash Conservation Area.

"The Task Force voted 6-3 to ban target shooting, and to identify a single location managed by a group that's open for a particular period of time for target shooting with smaller caliber rounds. I recommended an area like the Town Recycling Center," Considine said. "We continued to talk and there was a recommenda-

tion to double the safe distance for shooting to 600 feet and limit the caliber of shooting rounds to those consistent with hunting in southern New Hampshire, and to permit shooting out there only during deer and turkey hunting season. That passed with a vote of 4-3."

Task Force members Dan Watson and Dana Coons argued that irresponsible shooting will be addressed by restricting shooting to hunting season, when recreationists expect guns to be in the Musquash; further restricting target shooting to those with a Fish and Game hunting license (which requires comple-

tion of safety training); and requiring target shooters to check in at the police station, providing identification and information about where they will be shooting.

"Irresponsible shooters aren't going to go to the police station," Coons said.

Considine, who is in favor of a ban on target shooting, told the Commission he is not in favor of the recommendation to place various limitations on target shooting in the Musquash and provide additional police presence in the conservation area to control unsafe target shooting because he doesn't think it will ad-

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Hazard Mitigation Committee Looks At Fire Access Need in Musquash

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Hazard Mitigation Committee discussed adding to a list of projects included in the Hazard Mitigation Plan access for the Fire Department into the Musquash Conservation Area and a radio propagation analysis to locate radio signal "dead zones."

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission is assisting the Town with updating its Hazard Mitigation Plan, developed before disasters occur in an effort to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property.

Mitigation includes

not only avoiding the development of vulnerable sections of the community, but also making existing development in hazard-prone areas safer. For example, a community could identify areas that are susceptible to damage from natural disasters and take steps to make those areas less vulnerable. It could also steer growth to less risky areas, according to a press release.

New Hampshire is subject to many types of natural disasters, such as floods, hurricanes, nor'easters, winter storms, earthquakes, tornadoes and wildfires.

"It's a requirement of FEMA (Federal Emergency

Management Agency) to get pre-disaster funding to mitigate hazardous events," said Gerald Coogan, a planning and development consultant working with the committee. "It's a federal requirement to complete the Hazard Mitigation Plan every five years."

Members of the committee discussed during their April 30 meeting the

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Tidying The Town

Beautify Londonderry volunteers were around local roadsides over the weekend to pick up winter's trash. Anna Clair Little and her dad, Craig Little, were busy filling bags of trash along Stonehenge Road on Saturday morning with their local church. More crews will be out next weekend.

Photo by Chris Paul

Council Denies Motion for Rehearing on Mohawk Drive Re-zoning

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council voted 5-0 to deny a re-hearing of its decision to re-zone the properties at 6 and 8 Mohawk Drive.

The Council re-zoned the properties, on which

Riverview owner Cornelius de Jong plans to develop gardens and an upscale wine bistro, from Commercial-IV to C-I following an April 6 public hearing.

Attorneys for Kendallwood Townhouse Condominium Association, the

organization of unit owners representing the interests of the Kendallwood Townhouse Condominium, an abutter to the re-zoned properties, argued the zoning change is unreasonable and unlawful.

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Nutfield Publishing Among Honorees at VFW Loyalty Day

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Dotty Mattson held a clipboard as she looked out over the standing-room-only crowd in the meeting room at the Derry Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1617. Despite a seasonably warm Sunday afternoon, the room was filled with people awaiting the annual Loyalty Day ceremony, in which the post honors those who support freedom's cause. Mattson rattled off a list of dignitaries and then said with a smile, "If I missed anyone, you were late."

Those who gave all gave

back to their community Sunday, May 3, with an afternoon reception at the post on Railroad Avenue. The honorees ran the gamut from middle-schoolers to grizzled veterans and included Nutfield Publishing, publishers of the Nutfield News, which was honored with the Commander's Community Award.

Chaplain Carleton Morrison set the tone when he gave the invocation, asking people to rise above "petty political concerns" or "self-absorption that would cloud our judgment."

Town Council Chairman Tom Cardon read a proclamation from the Council commending all the men and

women who have "given of themselves" with their dedication, commitment, loyalty and patriotism.

"The VFW embodies all the positive things that are being done in America," Cardon said. He was accompanied by Councilors David Fischer, Mark Osborne, Joshua Bourdon and Richard Tripp, who is also a member of the post.

Phyllis Katsakiores, a Town Councilor and Republican state representative, brought greetings from the New Hampshire Senate.

Mattson introduced the people who make the town run, including Police Chief Ed Garone, Fire Chief Michael Gagnon, recently retired Fire Chief George Klauber, and Superintendent of Schools Laura Nelson. "Without them, this town would not exist," Mattson said.

She recognized state VFW dignitaries including Craig Locke, District Trustee; George Slocum, District Quartermaster; Chris Pierce, District Commander; and Kim Copson, District President.

She also recognized State Reps Katherine Prudhomme-O'Brien, R-Derry; John Potucek, R-Derry; and Alfred Baldasaro, R-Londonderry and Orville "Bud" Fitch, a representative of U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-NH. Baldasaro read a commendation letter from the office of U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-NH.

Fire Chief Gagnon introduced the VFW's Firefighter/Paramedic of the Year,



State Rep. Al Baldasaro, R-Londonderry, presents the Commander's Community Award to Nutfield Publishing, with publisher Deb Paul, center, and reporter Kathleen D. Bailey accepting plaques and American flags.

Firefighter James Hoffman, who donned an ice rescue suit to save two young boys this past November. Hoffman himself sustained injuries, but his boss said, "He never let go."

"He embodies everything that's good about this department," Gagnon said.

Chief Garone introduced the VFW's choice for Policeman of the Year, Officer Peter Houlis. Garone said Houlis is an Army veteran, serving in the military police, and they've never been able to break him of the habit of saying "Yes, sir." "We told him, 'You don't have to call everyone 'sir,' and he said, 'Yes, sir,'" Garone said.

Houlis served on the front lines in Derry, was a Field Training Officer and was eventually appointed School Resource Officer (SRO) for Derry's two middle schools. He traded up to being SRO for Pinkerton Academy and will be able to follow the same students for four years,

Garone said, giving them a sense of continuity.

Houlis was the first person on the scene at the Hood Pond ice disaster, and "kept them calm" until Hoffman and the firefighters arrived, Garone added.

Nutfield Publishing received the Commander's Community Award for its service to veterans' issues, and Publisher Debra Paul and reporter Kathleen Bailey accepted the award.

Diane Cassell of The Upper Room, who works with Community Service Learning Opportunities, was the Senior Volunteer of the Year.

The post also honored the following teachers: Ginny Legare, music teacher at East Derry Memorial Elementary School, Elementary Teacher of the Year; Laura Powers, special education facilitator at the middle schools, Middle School Teacher of the Year; and Beth Hudson, American Sign Language teacher at

Pinkerton, High School Teacher of the Year.

John Trout and his daughter Christine were honored as Buddy Poppy Distributors of the Year for their work in selling the paper flowers that raise funds for veterans. Chris Trout was also honored with the Ladies Auxiliary Award.

A complete list of the local honorees follows:

Firefighter/Paramedic of the Year, James Hoffman;

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Peter Houlis;

Community Senior Volunteer, Diane Casale;

Elementary Teacher of the Year, Ginny Legare;

Middle School Teacher of the Year, Laura Powers;

High School Teacher of the Year, Beth Hudson;

Buddy Poppy Distributor of the Year, David Trow;

Mattson introduced the winners of the department's two essay contests, Voice of Democracy for high school and Patriot's Pen for middle

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Londonderry High School student Monica Maney won first place at the local level Voice of Democracy competition. Photos by Chris Paul



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After Tough Winter, Public Works Running Over Budget for Snow Removal

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

After being hit with 121 inches of snow this past winter, most of which fell in February, the Public Works Department's budget was spared by a substantial drop in gas prices.

As of April 22, the Department had used 24,000 gallons of fuel, according to Public Works Director Janusz Czyzowski.

"It varies from year to year. Obviously, we are going to go close to 30,000 by the end of the year because we're using the

trucks now for other work," he said. "The price is \$2.20 per gallon. If it were around what it was last year (\$3.12 to \$4.02 per gallon), we would be way over in fuel. We're only 28 percent over in fuel, but it would be much more if fuel prices hadn't dropped. That really saved us."

The Department generally budgets for 22 storms - this year it responded to 29 storm events, compared with 36 snow events last year. However, the Town saw 121 inches of snow this year, compared with 95

inches in FY14, according to Czyzowski.

The total snow removal budget for FY15 is \$453,555; and so far, \$439,287, or 97 percent of the budget, is expended.

"Winter started pretty strong on Thanksgiving, then we got a break for a couple months. But that didn't last long, and through February, we got heavy snow everywhere," Czyzowski said, noting that many of this past winter's snow events happened during the week-end, contributing to the significant over-expenditure of snow overtime

salaries.

Snow overtime salaries were budgeted at \$84,555 and are expended at \$162,332, or 192 percent over budget; part-time salaries are almost double what was budgeted for the line item, with \$18,420 expended of the \$10,000 budgeted.

Czyzowski plans to reallocate money in FY16, having taken \$25,000 from snow removal services and putting it into part-time salaries.

The hourly rate for part-time services is about \$24 per hour, compared with about \$72 per

hour for full-time services.

"On average, when I look back five years at what we spend for overtime, on average it's \$115,000. I had \$84,555 in the budget, so that's not enough. I had asked for more and I didn't get more," he said. "For FY16, I will get \$103,000, so we're slightly increasing that. But we spend \$115,000 on average, so giving me \$85,000 I will be in the hole right away. Let's put the money where it really belongs."

Czyzowski also held off on purchasing more

sand in FY15, pulling from the Town's stockpile to survive the winter. Although the shed is running low, the Department will not purchase more sand until FY16 due to the spending freeze and having considered the overages for the cost of overtime and part-time salaries, as well as gasoline supplies.

"I think if we don't get a heavier winter than this year, we will be okay. Even though we're starting with a little less in the shed, we should be all right," he said.

Transit Service Hires Full-Time Director, Moves to Salem

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The Greater Derry Cooperative Alliance for Regional Transportation (CART) has welcomed Mark Nelson as its new full-time director.

Anette Stoller, who served as the executive director in a part-time capacity, handed the torch to Nelson when she and CART's Board of Directors agreed the organization was in need of a full-time director, according to Nelson.

Most recently, Nelson worked as the director for the Division of Parking and Transportation in Portsmouth. He has more than 20 years of experience in government, non-profits and industry in

leadership and management positions.

After only five months in his new role with CART, Nelson is in the process of facilitating another big change for the non-profit - the regional transportation service is re-locating its headquarters from Londonderry to a space in Salem's Town Hall.

"Economically, it's a really good decision," said Nelson, who is beginning to make his rounds in the community, meeting with the towns that CART serves and brainstorming ways to improve services.

Nelson has been communicating with Londonderry Senior Center Director Catherine Blash and plans to speak to the seniors at an upcoming



Mark Nelson

breakfast. He additionally plans to meet with the Town's Elder Affairs Committee.

He is also working to

revamp CART's website and clarify the services offered through outreach and other resources, such as brochures for the Senior Center. And Nelson is investigating the need for updated vehicles.

CART offers two main services: a shuttle service through Rockingham Nutrition that takes seniors to the senior center for the nutrition program and other activities; and curbside service that is available to any resident of the five service towns. CART also provides a fixed-

route shopping shuttle in Salem and has contracted for half-fare taxi rides for the elderly, disabled and those traveling to medical appointments and employment.

CART serves Londonderry, Derry, Chester, Hampstead and Salem.

"I'd like to see what we can do to expand some of the services, and there are towns that used to utilize CART that don't now," he said. "We need to do a better job of making the

economic case to be providing this service."

Additionally, Nelson said he would like to see better communication between dispatch and patrons.

"We need to make sure dispatch gives more information to help them," said Nelson, explaining he would like to see dispatch assist patrons that CART is unable to serve with finding alternative transportation.

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Editorial

Let's Think Ahead

We've been reporting for months on the potential – and now the definite – closure of Sandown Central School and its pending consolidation with that town's other elementary school, Sandown North.

While it's a topic that has been raised in years past within the Timberlane Regional School District, it came to the forefront almost as an afterthought this year. Now a committee is addressing consolidation issues, and when school opens for the new academic year, all Sandown elementary students should be at North.

As school enrollment continues downward, Sandown will be far from the last place consolidation is considered. The Derry Cooperative School District has convened a School Facilities Committee to look at the impact of declining enrollment, effective use of its school buildings and what options are available, including whether to redistrict and close one of its five elementary schools. The district is to be commended for taking this approach, so that it does not hit the patrons without warning if a school closure is the logical outcome.

Londonderry would do well to consider its options as well. With three elementary schools – not counting Moose Hill, which serves Kindergarten only – a continuing decline in enrollment could well bring into question whether a different use of the buildings is required.

And Hampstead, where a warrant

article to construct additional classrooms at Hampstead Central School, the town's only public elementary school, has gone down to resounding defeat the past two years – and although the school board said it will seek the money yet again this coming March – reconfiguration of the current classrooms to keep students out of portables should be carefully examined as an alternative as student population continues to decline.

We know any decision in any school district to close or consolidate will be unpopular but school boards must face the fact that with declining enrollment and not a lot of young families moving in, the schools built to address the influx of residents when Interstate 93 opened are harder to fill. And there's no guarantee that the expansion of I-93 will mean a population boost. The commuter lifestyle may well no longer be the lifestyle of choice for today's families.

Something has to give. Concord continues to downshift more and more costs to local towns each legislative session, even while legislators pat themselves on the back for “no new taxes.” The casino bill was a chance to bring in revenue; with its defeat, that revenue will go to other states instead.

Local school budgets make up most of our tax rate. So let's plan ahead. As taxes show no sign of declining and enrollments show no sign of increasing, it's time to consider the schools themselves.

Letters

Good Samaritan

To the editor:

April Fool's Day – no joke! My routine every Wednesday morning is to wait for the bus to take me to the market. On this particular day they were running late. So an hour and fifteen minutes later, I was on my way.

The return trip was also behind schedule. After waiting an hour, I was urged by Shannon McDougal and her mom to let them drive me home. I don't like to impose on people, but after standing there for an hour, this senior citizen was only too happy for the offer.

Not only did they take me home, but brought all of my groceries into my kitchen. These people are on the top of my “Good Samaritan” list. Thank you again!

Marion Guilbert
Londonderry

Praise for Londonderry Times

To the editor:

I started advertising in the Londonderry Times back in 2000 when I started a home/commercial cleaning business. Within the first three months of advertising 1st cleaning, I gained over 10 customers, who continued cleaning on a regular basis.

As I was new to having a business, the owner, Deb Paul, and her husband, Chris, were very helpful and offered advice on what ad they felt would generate revenue and highlight my services. For instance, they recommended running an ad that also consisted of a coupon offering money off a cleaning, which

made a huge difference. They also helped in the design and knew exactly where to place my ad so that it was “eye-catching” to viewers.

I have continued running ads for the past several years, and always have found the Londonderry Times newspaper most effective in obtaining business. This is a local paper, which is widely read by folks around town on a weekly basis because it's informative “easy reading,” unlike a large paper where ads can easily get lost. Due to these factors, not only have I gained revenue, but having people consistently see my ad in the paper has helped build reputation, a sense of trustworthiness and credibility to my business.

Gina Federico
Londonderry

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LHS Student's Soccer Video Competes for Trip to Germany

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School sophomore Liam Bargerhuff is a finalist in the Goethe-Institut's FC Bayern Munich soccer team video contest for a chance to win a weeklong trip to Germany to meet the team.

The trip would include the chance to attend a team practice and a game, according to Bargerhuff, a member of the soccer team who has been studying German since his freshman year.

The video contest, part of the Goethe-Institut's Step into German program, was opened to all middle and high school students in North America. Bargerhuff's video was selected among the top 20, and is now competing

to move on to the final round of competition, where an FC Bayern player will select the top video.

The top 20 videos are posted online at <http://fc-bayrn.us/StepintoGermanFCB>, and voters will choose the top five videos to move on to the final round.

Votes will be accepted until Friday, May 8.

Bargerhuff's video, ‘Lahm or Liam,’ which he created with the assistance of his friend Nalen Diaslarrobino, shares his passion for the sport and the FC Bayern Munich soccer team.

“I have loved FCB since I began playing the game,” he said in his video.

Bargerhuff's favorite player is Philipp Lahm,

with whom he shares a similar name. His teammates even call him Lahm.

“It would mean the world to me to meet these players in person,” he said.

In addition to meeting players on his favorite team, Bargerhuff, who is of German heritage and has an appreciation for German architecture, said the trip would offer him an opportunity to practice the language and immerse himself in the culture.

Those who wish to help Bargerhuff win a spot to the final round may vote for his video once each day until Friday. To vote online, visit <http://fc-bayrn.us/StepintoGermanFCB>.

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Conservation Approves Memorandum for Habitat Management with Fish & Game

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission voted 7-0 to recommend the Town Manager approve a memorandum of understanding with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department for habitat management of town-owned parcels to enhance rare and endangered species.

Based on the agreement recommended Tuesday night, April 28, the Town would allow Fish and Game unrestricted access to town-owned parcels to monitor endangered wildlife and would provide sup-

port for the project.

A draft of the memorandum was presented at the Commission's March 24 meeting, at which Commissioner Mike Speltz asked that language be added to the memorandum stating the Commission will work with Fish and Game to secure funding for the projects and implement a plan, but that the Town will not be responsible for funding any projects with town resources.

The revised memorandum, as accepted, states "the Town is not obligated to provide funding from municipal resources."

Speltz told the Commission the memorandum also features additional language that says Fish and Game will provide for management of habitat and request approval for any substantial improvements; and the Town will inform Fish and Game if activities on conservation parcels may impact their habitat management efforts.

"If they think we're doing something that is going to mess up their work, they can let us know; and we can let them know if their work will interfere with our

activities," Speltz said.

With three properties Fish and Game is considering for habitat management located behind the schools in the center of town, Speltz told the Commission he is trying to arrange a meeting between Fish and Game and the Londonderry School District.

"They have agreed to add a signature box (to the memorandum of understanding) for the School District," he said, noting the memorandum of agreement still must be reviewed by the Town Attorney, as well as the School District and the

School District's attorney.

Fish and Game's attorney has approved the memorandum.

Additionally, Speltz said the Commission will have a chance to provide input after Fish and Game determines where it plans to complete habitat work within conservation properties identified for the project.

Member Mike Considine expressed concern that areas identified in the Musquash for clearing to create habitat for New England cottontail will become target shooting ranges by opening up

more land.

"Fish and Game shares with us a responsibility to monitor target shooting," Speltz said.

"I'm not sure there's much they can do about what's going on there right now," Considine said.

"This doesn't commit us to a time frame, only to the concept of doing it," Speltz said of the memorandum.

Several members agreed that whether or not the clearing can be completed this fall will likely be dependent upon the town's managing target shooting in the Musquash.

Hazard

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threat of floods and wildfires in Londonderry.

Fire Chief Darren O'Brien said creating an access road to a central location in the Musquash would not only make it easier for the Fire Department to bring a wildfire under control, but also to treat someone having a medical emergency on one of the trails.

"Out in the Musquash, if we have someone hurt, with just walking paths out there, it's all by foot. We have 15 miles of trails out there," he said, recommending the installation of a 10-foot-wide, managed pathway. "If we had something we could use to get equipment out there, we could get to a center point where we could work from. Right now, our center point is the end of Hickory Hill Drive, and then it's all on foot."

"We need something wider to get equipment out there," said member Al Sypek, former fire chief for the Town. "There are more hikers having a medical issue or breaking a limb or spraining an ankle than wildfires. But wildfires start when you introduce people to the woods. The potential is there. In the early 1980s we had a 102-acre fire in the Musquash and we had

to dig our own fire ponds out there. We were out there for days."

Moving forward, Cogan directed the Committee to continue brain-

storming projects they think should be added to the mitigation plan.

The committee's last meeting is scheduled for May 28 at 9:30 a.m., and

the public is invited to attend.

The Town is to send a letter to abutting towns notifying them the committee is working on the

plan, and will ultimately send them a draft of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The committee hopes to have the draft plan completed by early July

to submit to Homeland Security.

Once the plan is approved by FEMA, it will be presented to the Town Council for adoption.

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Conservation Wants Land Steward Hired to Monitor Easements

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission discussed hiring a part-time employee or contractor to conduct monitoring of conservation properties around town.

Members agreed the expense should be the responsibility of the Town, rather than the Commission.

"The person could have recreational duties as well as Musquash

duties," member Mike Speltz said at the Tuesday, April 28 meeting.

Property monitoring includes walking the boundaries of the site, making sure abutters aren't encroaching, and ensuring there aren't any activities on the property that aren't permitted - such as dumping tires, according to Chairman Marge Badois.

Member Deb Lievens said there are "baselines," records of what the land

subject to a conservation easement looks like at the time of the donation, on all conservation easements purchased in the last eight years; but many of the properties predate baselines.

The Commission hired a graduate student to conduct baselines on conservation easements in the Town, and Conservation Ecologist Chris Kane conducted some for the Town as well, according to Lie-

vens, noting there is a three-page list, with about 40 properties per page (some very small properties) that need to be monitored.

Lievens said the larger properties take about a day-and-a-half to monitor, while the smaller ones take about a day. She noted they will need to determine the number of hours it will take to monitor all the properties.

Speltz said in addition to monitoring the proper-

ties, a dedicated land steward would help ensure relationships with the property owners are maintained.

"It does become like a full-time job," Lievens said.

Members agreed it would be advantageous to contract the work out rather than to hire someone as a town employee to avoid the additional cost of benefits.

"We need to ask for a

larger budget to support this. We can't keep paying for this out of the Land Use Change Tax," Lievens said.

"I think the next step is to sit down with (Town Manager Kevin Smith) and discuss how we want to handle this. We should make a list of the tasks, what's the content, then figure out what duties should be contracted and if someone needs to be hired," he said.

Police Chief Responds to National Tension Between Police, Communities

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council said at its May 4 meeting that the Town of Londonderry will officially recognize National Police Week, celebrated from May 10 to May 16.

The proclamation comes at a time when tension between police and the communities they serve is high throughout the country.

"This was a time, until last year, we introduced our employee of the year and officer of the year and presented medals of valor and other achievements," Police Chief Bill Hart told the Council Monday night. "This year, in 2014 and 2015, police have seen challenges we really haven't seen in past years. I felt it was incumbent I talk about those things."

Hart said recent ev-

ents in Ferguson, North Charleston and Baltimore seem to differentiate police from community members.

But Hart said it's important communities remember police officers "are you."

"Our children attend the same schools as your children, we attend the same churches and go to the same soccer games," he said. "Our interests as policemen and women when we go home are identical to yours - to be safe in our homes and

ensure a secure future for our children."

Hart emphasized that police departments operate best when the interests of the organizations and the community they serve are well aligned.

"Policing works best when we as policemen and women treat everyone fairly, always," he said, noting officers should never forget that those they arrest are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

"We must remember everyone we encounter

has had a bad day, or is about to have one. We must treat everyone we come in contact with with respect and decency, always," he said.

Hart said the Londonderry Police department employs 61 officers who responded to over 25,000 calls for service last year.

Of those 25,042 calls, the department investigated 14 complaints against officer conduct. Of those 14 complaints, only three resulted in the officer being found at fault for his or her behavior, he said, noting the Department has worked hard to earn the trust of the community through hiring procedures, ongoing training for all employees and strong, well-trained supervision.

"That trust can be broken in one instant," he said. "We are hopeful you, our community, will bring your concerns to us. Some

will be defensive responses to legitimate actions of police. Others will deeply concern us. We, your public servants, will learn from the complaints you make against us."

Hart noted that although it's important to remember police officers have the same interests as all members of the community, their job is in some ways very different - every day they must put on a bullet-proof vest and tackle issues like drugs, theft and violent crime.

"In Londonderry, I urge all citizens to honor members of the Police Department during National Police Week for their diligence to keep them and all visitors to Londonderry safe," he said.

"We appreciate what you do," Councilor Jim Butler said. "Sometimes, it is a thankless job."

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Drop-off Center to Accept Fluorescent Bulbs from Small Businesses

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council voted 5-0 Monday night to amend the Town Code related to solid waste and recycling to include fees for collecting limited quantities of mercury-containing light bulbs from small businesses.

The Solid Waste and Environment Committee conducted an informal survey along Route 102 (Nashua Road) and found larger businesses are using

professional maintenance and management companies for proper mercury light bulb disposal, but smaller businesses find contracting with the management companies to be cost prohibitive, Public Works Director Janusz Czyzowski told the Council.

"Not knowingly, they are probably contaminating the environment by dumping the bulbs in Dumpsters," he said, noting the practical solution to the problem is letting small businesses in Lon-

donderry dispose of mercury light bulbs at the Town's drop-off center.

Local small businesses would be limited to 10 fluorescent bulbs per drop-off, and would be charged a fee of 25 cents per linear-foot, or 50 cents per compact bulb.

Czyzowski said the cost of collecting fluorescent bulbs from small businesses at the drop-off center would be subsidized by the fees collected.

"This doesn't cost us any money, we're already

there collecting from residents. And we won't be overwhelmed because we're only collecting 10 bulbs at a time," he said.

The Town plans to notify small businesses of the change and promote the new service to prevent any future improper disposal of mercury containing bulbs.

In other business Monday night:

• Town Manager Kevin Smith said the Merrimack Reliability Project team conducted door-to-door

outreach to neighbors of the proposed electricity transmission line project between Wiley Hill Road and the Hudson town line, where significant clearing will occur.

Last week, the team visited neighbors on Severance Drive, Elwood Road, Cedar Lane, Jason Drive and Shadow Ridge Road, leaving letters inviting neighbors they were unable to speak with to an informational Open House with National Grid and Eversource employees that was to be held

on May 6 at Matthew Thornton Elementary School, after the Londonderry Times went to press.

• The Council voted 5-0 to approve the expenditure of \$1,182 from the Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund for winter maintenance at the Town Hall; repair of a fire alarm at the Town Hall; repair of an automated external defibrillator at the Town Hall; repair of a rear fire exit door at the Town Hall and repairs to a wall at the Senior Center.

Impact Study for Proposed Pipeline Terminated Over Terms

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The New Hampshire Center for Public Policy Studies announced last week that its contract with Kinder Morgan for a study of a proposed pipeline through Southern New Hampshire, including Londonderry, was terminated due to disagreement over the terms.

The Center announced in February that it would examine the economic, social and other impacts of a proposed natural gas pipeline to run through Southern New Hampshire.

Recognizing the funding source for the project may have called into ques-

tion the Center's objectivity in carrying it out, the Center's terms of engagement with Kinder Morgan made clear the Center would complete the analysis as an independent, nonpartisan organization, according to the Center's Policy Blog NH.

"As conversations about various energy questions in New Hampshire demonstrate, policymakers - local, state and federal - are increasingly faced with the task of sorting through the pros and cons of these types of projects. Too often, they have little guidance about the quality of data, research and opinion presented by the contend-

ing parties," the Center wrote. "We continue to believe that infusing these conversations with unbiased information is critical. That is why the Center's board agreed to take on what was sure to be a controversial project like an analysis of the Kinder Morgan pipeline. Our Board concluded that there was an important role for the Center's experience, credibility and objectivity in informing the policy-making process surrounding the project."

The Center began working on the analysis shortly after the contract was announced, and a report on the proposed

pipeline was to be completed and released to the public in June.

"The study did not move forward by mutual consent," said Kinder Morgan Corporate Communi-

cations Director Richard Wheatley, noting he could not elaborate on the details of the contract's termination due to an agreement with the Center.

Wheatley said Kinder

Morgan will be pursuing other study options, and that losing the contract with the Center won't affect the company's timeline for the project.

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- PROVIDER ON CALL - MOSQUITO BITES

There's no doubt about it, mosquitoes and mosquito bites are annoying. What's worse, mosquito bites sometimes transmit serious diseases, such as West Nile virus, malaria and dengue fever. Although your risk of getting diseases from mosquito bites is low, your risk of being bothered by mosquito bites is high. In fact, mosquitoes may be so annoying that they interfere with your enjoyment of time spent outdoors. Although mosquitoes are most prevalent at dawn and dusk, it's not always possible or desirable to stay indoors during those periods because they're often peak times for fun activities.

Mosquito bites are caused by the bite of a female mosquito. The female mosquito feeds off your blood by piercing your skin with her mouth (proboscis). While sucking your blood, she also deposits some of her saliva into your skin. This saliva contains proteins that remain in your skin. Your body's immune system may then react to those proteins, resulting in the characteristic itching and bump. Mosquitoes select their victims by evaluating scent, exhaled carbon dioxide and the chemicals in an individual's sweat. A few factors may put you at greater risk of getting bitten. Mosquitoes are more likely to bite men, people with type O blood or overweight individuals. In addition, mosquitoes are attracted to heat. Wearing dark colors, which absorb heat, may attract mosquitoes.

Typical signs and symptoms of mosquito bites include soft, initially pale bumps on your skin that can become red and itching. The bump that results from a bite can appear immediately or may take up to two days to appear. Rarely, you may have a serious reaction to mosquito bites, which results in swelling in the throat, significant hives and wheezing. This life-threatening condition (anaphylaxis) requires immediate medical attention. Mosquitoes can transmit serious diseases such as West Nile virus, malaria, yellow fever and dengue fever. Signs and symptoms of a more serious infection may include fever, severe headache, body aches, nausea, vomiting, swollen glands, rash, lethargy, confusion, sensitivity to light or jaundice.

You can take steps to keep pesky mosquitoes at bay, no matter what time of day it is. Eliminate standing water, especially after rains, and you can reduce the mosquito

population around your home and yard. Other methods of controlling mosquitoes are popular, but their effectiveness is unproven. These methods include electronic insect control systems, better known as bug zappers; citronella-scented candles; replacing outdoor lights with yellow bug lights or attracting birds and mammals that feed on mosquitoes, such as purple martins and bats.

And if you get mosquito bites, there are treatments to ease your itch. When used properly, repellents are safe for kids and adults alike. Pesticides like DEET or Picaridin and plant based chemicals such as oil of lemon eucalyptus or oil of geranium will offer varying levels of protection. Check the labels of insect repellent products to see which chemicals or other ingredients they contain. And be sure to follow the product's application guidelines.

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All But One Local State Rep Votes for 'Constitutional Carry'

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The New Hampshire House voted 212-150 to adopt legislation that repeals the license requirement for carrying a concealed pistol or revolver.

The Senate approved SB 116, commonly referred to as "Constitutional Carry," with a vote of 14-9, but Gov. Maggie Hassan said she plans to veto the bill.

"Our permitting system gives an important oversight role to local law enforcement, while allowing for appeals through appropriate channels. In his book 'Live Free or

Die,' Republican Gov. Mel Thomson said that the current permitting process for concealed carry is 'a sensible handgun law that leaves the issuance of handgun permits to the discretion of (local law enforcement),' Hassan said in a press release. "That is as true today as it was then. By passing Senate Bill 116, the legislature would be taking a step away from our tradition of common sense gun laws, and I intend to veto this measure if it passes."

Londonderry State Reps. Al Baldasaro, Bob Introne, David Lundgren, Sherman Packard, Daniel Tamburello and Doug Thomas all

voted in favor of SB 116, as did State Senator Sharon Carson. All are Republicans.

"It's a no-brainer," said Baldasaro. "Law-abiding citizens who purchase a weapon at a gun store do a background check. If you read the State Constitution - Article 2-a - nowhere does it say you need to ask the Police Chief to carry a weapon."

Baldasaro noted that Vermont, which has been regarded as the safest state in the nation, has been a Constitutional Carry state for over 200 years. Other Constitutional Carry states are Alaska, Arizona and Wyoming.

"The way the law is written, if someone has an open carry on their side and gets in their car and the gun is still loaded, they become a criminal. If it's cold outside, and you put a coat on that covers your gun, you broke the law," Baldasaro said. "SB 116 protects law-abiding citizens. Every individual in New Hampshire has the right to protect themselves, their family and their State."

State Rep. Betsy McKinney, the only Londonderry Representative to vote against SB 116, said she opposed the legislation because New Hampshire

Police were not in favor of the bill. She too is a Republican.

"I don't want to make things any harder for them than they already are," she said.

McKinney said she supports Second Amendment rights, and for a time carried a permitted weapon herself.

"Right now, anyone can carry a gun tucked into their belt, as long as it's visible," she said. "The law we have now has been in effect for 90-plus-years, and its fine the way it is."

"New Hampshire's current concealed carry permitting law has worked

well for nearly a century - ensuring the Second Amendment rights of our citizens while helping to keep the Granite State one of the safest states in the nation," said Hassan, a Democrat. "Law enforcement, as well as citizens across New Hampshire, have strong public safety concerns about allowing people to carry concealed guns without a license and oppose removing the protections that the licensing process offers to help ensure that potentially dangerous individuals are not allowed to carry hidden weapons."

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Manchester Brothers Arrested for Local Burglary Spree

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Police arrested Jeffrey and Robert Tenney, both of Manchester, on additional charges related to a multi-jurisdictional burglary spree.

Robert Tenney, 28, was originally arrested on April 3; Jeffrey Tenney, 26, had been on the run since his original arrest on March 31, according to Londonderry Police Det. Chris Olson.

Thanks to a tip from a

vigilant resident, Londonderry Police discovered late last month the men were connected with the burglary spree that spanned several months.

The discovery led police to their suspects, and a series of search warrants resulted in the location of property stolen from victims in multiple jurisdictions.

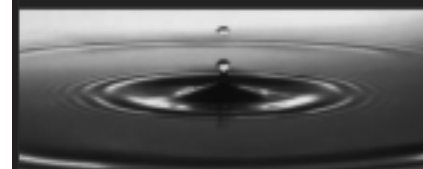
Police again arrested Robert Tenney on April 30 for three counts of burglary, theft, two counts of conspiracy to commit and

criminal liability for conduct of another in connection with burglaries at High Range Road, Sherwood Road and Coventry Road.

Jeffrey Tenney was arrested in Manchester on Valley Street later that day for Burglary and Theft related to the burglaries in Londonderry.

Both men refused the services of a bail commissioner and were scheduled to appear in Derry District Court on April 30.

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Conservation Commission Visits Managed Young Forest Habitat in Musquash

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission conducted a field tour of young forest habitat in the Musquash Conservation Area last weekend, which included monitoring of a clear cut that is growing into a suitable home for the state-endangered New England Cottontail Rabbit.

"This looks very different now than it did last year," University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Field Specialist Emma Carcagno said of the habitat, which was cleared in the Musquash in 2013. "I'd encourage you to come back out mid-summer to see the difference once lush, green vegetation comes in."

Wildlife Outreach Coordinator

Haley Andreozzi said it's impressive to see a cut that is the actual size cottontail require for a sustained population and breeding.

"It's impressive to see," she said of the 25-acre cut.

With fewer than 100 New England Cottontail Rabbits in New Hampshire, the State has committed to creating 1,200 acres of rabbit habitat in the southern part of New Hampshire. With the habitat cleared in locations along the power lines, by which the bunnies travel, Carcagno explained they hope to see the populations expand.

Carcagno said the large forest openings can look messy at first, with tree stumps and ground-up wood strewn across

the cleared land; but the young growth in the years following a clearing creates a perfect habitat not only for rabbits, but also for many other species of wildlife in the forest, including various species of birds.

Conservation Commissioners from Londonderry and neighboring towns who participated in the walk said they have encountered opposition to clearings.

Several attendees said they have heard concerns from members of the public that the clearings are unnatural.

Carcagno said as a result of development, humans suppress many natural processes - such as flooding and fires - that create the young forest and shrubland habitat

issue.

In other business at the Tuesday, April 28 Conservation Commission meeting:

- The Commission sent a letter to Londonderry Trailways last week confirming it will commit \$100,000 toward the construction of Phase III of the Londonderry Rail Trail project, contingent on Londonderry Trailways obtaining the balance of funding for Phase III by Aug. 1, 2016.

"The Commission believes that, as the Rail Trail grows to connect an ever greater proportion of the Town to its natural resources and recreational opportunities, it will advance our mission of monitoring, protecting and managing those same natural resources to make them accessible to the residents of Londonderry," the letter said.



Emma Carcagno of UNH Cooperative Extension points out a bunny track under the power lines in the Musquash during a field tour of young forest habitat.

Photo by Kaitlyn G. Woods

used by more than 100 species of wildlife in New Hampshire.

"Beavers also had a much larger impact on the landscape than they're allowed to have now," Andreozzi noted.

Additionally, development takes off the market much habitat that bunnies and other wildlife species could occupy.

"I hear people say,

'why create this habitat, it seems unnatural.' Well, so does the parking lot," said Carcagno, noting the importance of providing education to the public so people understand the purpose of the clearings.

Lievens noted it would be beneficial for those who are concerned about the clearings to visit a managed property.

Andreozzi said it's a

slow process for the habitat to grow into the ideal condition for cottontail, but in the meantime the clearing is serving as critical habitat for birds and other wildlife.

"While we're waiting for it to be great for the cottontail, it's already great for many of these other species and native insects," she said.

Musquash

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dress the safety issue.

"I pointed out that three years ago (Geographic Information System Manager) John Vogl went out to look for a safe location and he came back and told the Town Council there really just wasn't a safe place to shoot out there," he said, noting since the Task Force workshop in October, the number of locations he has confirmed where target shooting is occurring has increased from 21 to 30 locations. "Two weekends ago I was in the Musquash and people were shooting at the Betty Mack trail. They said they had come from Danville, because recently that Town implemented a ban on target shooting. I saw them out there again with a bigger group."

Commissioner Deb Lievens said with target shooting in the Musquash as it is now, the Commission must inform police any time they plan to host an activity in the conservation area.

Other Commissioners have expressed concern over target shooters using trees as targets. Commissioner Mike Speltz said there are many trees in the Musquash that are riddled with bullet holes.

Using a tree for shooting targets can be dangerous for those in the vicinity of the tree, and can ultimately kill the tree.

Police Chief Bill Hart, who served as chairman of the Task Force, will put together and present the group's recommendations at an upcoming Town Council meeting, which will serve as an additional opportunity for the public to offer their input on the

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'Hillary for New Hampshire' Supporters Discuss Campaign

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Looking toward the New Hampshire primary, Londonderry Democrats gathered for an open house to discuss the grassroots campaign mobilizing behind Democratic Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.

"Hillary for New Hamp-

shire" supporters and volunteers hosted the grassroots event with New Hampshire Executive Councilor Chris Pappas, who represents Londonderry, to build on Clinton's first campaign trip to New Hampshire the previous week.

Pappas told attendees that Clinton is interested in learning as much from

constituents in the Granite State as they are to hear from her, and that her campaign will be a grassroots effort in New Hampshire.

"That's what I hope to see from the campaign," he said during the April 29 event, which was held at the home of Tim and Tammy Siekmann in Londonderry. "I think the focus is going to be on building this effort from the bottom up, community by community. We know how to do this in New Hampshire. I think candidates come out of New Hampshire stronger for the experience they go through when they talk directly to New Hampshire voters."

In addition to discussing how the grassroots campaign plans to organize, Pappas spoke to attendees' motivations for supporting Clinton.

"I think we all know

that there are folks in the middle rungs of the economic ladder in this country that just can't climb to that next step. That this country works very well for many people at the top - for the big corporations - but it doesn't often work for the rest of us. That's what's driving Hillary in this campaign, and that's what I think motivates all of us to come to a house party like this," he said. "As we go forward through this process, and as she hears us and we hear her, I think we're going to be able to move forward very strongly and make sure this country stays on the right path."

Christie Gidumal, who signed up to support Clinton's campaign online, said women's issues and access to health care are her top concerns.

"If (Clinton) is elected President, little girls will

see they really can do whatever they want," she said. "I think she has a strong resume because she's been working throughout her career for women and families - she's done that as First Lady and as U.S. Senator, and on the world stage representing our country. I think she brings core values that align with where Democrats are and she is uniquely qualified to make sure we open the doors of economic opportunity to more people."

Pappas said he thinks Clinton's experience representing the country on the international stage is a huge asset, but expects the focus of her campaign will be on preserving opportunity for all members of society.

"She came in as Secretary of State after the Bush administration, when America's standing in the world was at its lowest

point ever," he said. "But I think when you look at what people are going to be looking for in a candidate, it's to make sure the opportunities are there for more people in this country so that people can raise their kids and know they can get ahead, and that's where Hillary's focus will be in this campaign," he said.

When asked about the scrutiny Clinton has come under and criticism from Republican candidates advocating lower taxes, Pappas said there are a number of people on the other side who have targeted Clinton and who are mentioning her in their speeches.

"I think at the end of the day she's going to have a steady focus on where this country needs to go and the progress that needs to continue," he said.



Executive Councilor Chris Pappas speaks at a campaign event for Democratic Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton in Londonderry.

Photo by Kaitlyn G. Woods

Loyalty

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school.

Voice of Democracy Award, Local Level, first, Monica C. Maney; second, Robert H. Daneau; third, Regan P. Cowin.

Patriots Pen, Local Level, first, Lukas Reimer; second, Kayleigh Schroeder; third, Benjamin Auger; Runners-up, Isabelle Lim-peris, Aleksan-

dra Carney, Nina Paradzick, Hannah Way, Haylee Coupal.

Scout of Year, David Moser, Troop 98, Derry, for his work at installing a chain link fence around Pinkerton Academy's practice field.

Commander's Community Award, Nutfield Publishing.

Commander's Community Award, Troop 98 Missile Restoration Team.

Commander's Special

Award, Veterans Administration Bingo team, Bill Lane, Tony Bruno, Richard Tripp, Maureen Donovan, Cathy-Jo Girgus, Michelle Dupuis, Lucy Fayle, Christine Fayle.

The volunteers go to the Manchester Veterans Administration Hospital to play Bingo with the residents. Speaking for his comrades, member Tony Bruno said, "There are a lot of veterans out there and we're better off than some of them. It's the least we can do."

Commander's Appreciation Award, Former Fire Chief George Klauber for his service to the community.

Paraphrasing the African proverb, Klauber said, "It takes a community to make Derry what it is."

The Women's Auxiliary Award, Christine Trow.

Men's Auxiliary Award, Danny Boyce, Keith Starosciak.

Kathleen Berry of Coe-Brown Academy was District 7 Teacher of the Year and Michael Grimm was District 7 Boy Scout of the Year.

The awards came back home again as Boy Scout Troop 98 received the Commander's Special Award for its work in refurbishing the space missile outside the post.

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North Music Students Measure Sounds Throughout School

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

North Elementary School music students completed a unique project recently, measuring sounds in different areas of the school with decibel meters.

"They recorded a lot of voices, sneakers squeaking on the floor, high heels and even someone crying. The students will take all their findings and make a decibel map of the school," music teacher Nancy LaPorte said.

Students found the noisiest spaces in their school were the gym and the music room, while the quietest space was the front office.

"It was cool to find out which areas are louder and quieter. I didn't even know that some of the areas were louder areas of the school," fifth grader Katie Gregoire said.

"I was surprised by the results. We expected the cafeteria would be the noisiest," said LaPorte, who was amused to learn her classroom ranked second.

The project was inspired by the students' work with Musician-in-Residence Mike Alberici, who taught LaPorte's classes how to bring different sounds into focus with the decibel meters, how to improve their listening skills and how dif-

ferent sounds are harmful to their hearing.

The school purchased decibel meters for the music classes to use, and the kids loved them, said LaPorte, who is using the devices to teach her students about dynamics (the volume of a sound or note). "I had them looking for sounds in all different dynamics - they were flushing toilets, running water in the bathrooms and isolating sounds near the cafeteria," she said.

In addition to studying dynamics, LaPorte said the exercise taught students that they need to be looking to listen, an important skill for young people to learn.



Fifth graders Katie Gregoire and Caitlin Henderson measure sounds around North School using a decibel meter. Photo by Kaitlyn G. Woods



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Shaheen Visits Bosch to Celebrate Passage of Energy Efficiency Bill

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The day after President Barack Obama signed her bipartisan energy efficiency legislation into law, U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen, D-NH visited Bosch Thermotechnology Corporation in Londonderry to thank the company for supporting her bill.

Shaheen toured the facility, then planted a white birch, the New Hampshire state tree, in a tree-planting ceremony honoring her visit and her efforts to pass the Energy Efficiency Improvement Act of 2015.

The Energy Efficiency Improvement Act includes three provisions the Congressional Budget Office has scored to be budget neutral: Title I establishes a voluntary, market-driven approach

to aligning the interests of commercial building owners and their tenants to reduce energy consumption; Title II exempts certain electric resistance water heaters used for demand response from pending Department of Energy regulation; and Title III requires that federally-leased buildings without Energy Star labels benchmark and disclose their energy usage data, where practical.

"Energy efficiency is the cheapest, fastest way to deal with our energy needs," Shaheen said.

In addition to creating jobs, energy efficiency saves consumers money, reduces pollution, and is important to national security, according to Shaheen.

"It's a win-win-win, and it's also a place where we can get some agreement

in Congress to move forward in a bipartisan way, and I think that's the other thing that's really exciting about it," she said of the legislation.

During the tree planting ceremony, Shaheen thanked Bosch employees not only for the company's support of her energy efficiency bill, but also for developing energy efficient appliances and products that make vehicles more efficient.

"They have really helped reduce our energy footprint. Since the early '70s, we have reduced our energy consumption by about 60 percent because of efficiency, because of companies like Bosch," she said.

"Bosch is a long lasting, environmentally friendly company, and we have been developing technology not only for our com-



Bosch Incoming Regional President Vitor Gregorio and U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen, D-NH plant a white birch, the New Hampshire state tree, at Bosch Thermotechnology Corporation in Londonderry last week. Photo by Chris Paul

pany, but also developing in diesel and gasoline - clean solutions for our cars," said Bosch Incoming Regional President Vitor Gregorio, who was excited to meet with Shaheen on his first day on the job. "Bosch adapted the lithium ion battery - the cleanest technology - to a power tool."

"We have a great number of companies in New Hampshire that are really contributing to how we

better use energy, and this is something everyone can agree on. It's not controversial. Whether you support oil and gas or wind and solar, efficiency is something we can all benefit from; so, I was thrilled that we got a first step on a downpayment of efficiency done with the President signing our Energy Efficiency Act," she said. "Everybody agreed if we could save energy, efficiency is something every-

one benefits from."

Shaheen thanked Bosch for its support for her legislation, saying, "The work you're doing is absolutely critical. Bosch has been a leader and I thank you for your support for our legislation, and for all your efforts in Congress to help us move this issue forward in a way that provides more choices and reduced energy consumptions for consumers."

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Derry's Holly Blanchard Wins Miss New Hampshire

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Holly Blanchard received her crown on a stage that she knew well.

Blanchard, 23, was crowned Miss New Hampshire on Saturday night during the pageant at the Stockbridge Theatre. It's a fitting venue for a woman who went all the way through Derry schools and received her first impetus toward pageants from a Derry teacher.

Jaycie Greenberg of Windham, Miss Londonderry, was chosen as second runner-up.

Blanchard was 13 and in seventh grade at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School when her science teacher read an article about the Miss Outstanding Teen competition, a "feeder" pageant for Miss New Hampshire. "She reached out to me," Blanchard said. The teacher had a ready audience: Blanchard had been watching Miss New Hampshire and Miss America since her elementary days at Derry Village School.

Blanchard began competing in the teen pageant, and stayed on for five years. While she didn't win the title, she polished her performing and interview skills. "I fell in love with the program," she said. "I wanted to be a role model for younger children."

She was never a "Toddler in a Tiara," noting that she made her own decision to take part in pageants when she was old enough to decide. "I was never forced to do this," she said.

She found joy in competing and becoming the best she could be, and her titles mirrored that. She won Miss Souhegan Valley as a high school junior; Miss Granite State, which brought her into the Top 10 for Miss New Hampshire; Miss Lakes Region, which brought her the talent award and another top-10 finish; and last year, as Miss Greater Plaistow, placed in the top five and brought home the overall talent award.

It was a sign to Blanchard that she should compete one more time and try for the title.

"I knew it wasn't a given," she said. "I gave it everything I had."

As Miss Rockingham County, she won the state title Saturday night.

Blanchard said the scholarship funds were a big draw for her. She knew she wanted to go to college out of state and her choice, the University of Connecticut, was "pricey." Through the scholarships, she knocked down her tuition by about \$40,000.

Though there are "tons of pageants" around, Blanchard said she chose to concentrate on competi-

tions that are preliminary events to Miss New Hampshire. She likes the emphasis on scholarship funds and being a well-rounded person, noting, "It's not just about beauty."

When people say, "So you do beauty pageants," she responds, "No, I do scholarship pageants. Beauty is just one component."

She has not seen the cutthroat desire to win portrayed by legend, lore and Hollywood. "Some of my best friends came out of pageants," she said, adding that it's a matter of maturity, according to Blanchard. "Girls compete against one another, women empower one another."

She graduated from Pinkerton Academy in 2010 and pursued a major in Communications and minor in Sociology at UConn. She now works full time at Make-A-Wish of New Hampshire, as director of youth programs.

It's a dream job for Blanchard, who has been aware of the need for youth volunteers since her own childhood. At Hood she found it easy to accumulate her community service hours, but worried about her friends who didn't know what to do.

"My platform is 'Charity from the Heart: Giving Time to Make A Difference,'" she said. In her work as Miss New Hampshire and her day gig,

those ideals dovetail.

Her talent for pageants is a combination of dance and baton twirling. She studied for several years with the Red Star Twirlers in Derry and now is an instructor with AmeriKids in Auburn. "I have been twirling for 19 years," she said.

She's also worked at Moo's Ice Cream in Derry and her hobbies, when she finds the time, are reading and cooking. She'll be looking for healthy recipes this summer, so she can be her absolute best for Miss America in the fall.

The Miss America pageant is Sept. 13 in Atlantic City.

Blanchard is the daughter of Helen and David Blanchard and has one sister, Breana, 21. Breana is an avid equestrienne, Blanchard said, and does not do pageants. "She told me, 'I won't do it unless they let me bring the horse onstage,'" Blanchard said with a chuckle.



Derry's own Holly Blanchard was crowned by last year's winner, Megan Cooley at the Stockbridge Theatre on Saturday night.
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Capping Off Science Week



On Friday, April 24, Matthew Thornton Elementary School welcomed Londonderry graduate and University of New Hampshire junior Matthew Mayer, a mentor for the River Cats FIRST Robotics team and coach of EPIC Bots of the First LEGO League. He discussed the use of mathematics in robot programming with fifth grade math students from all three Londonderry elementary schools, who gathered at Matthew Thornton for the presentation. Students worked on two projects: to package a potato chip to ship through the mail, and to program a robot to travel in a circle. The program is part of the Londonderry School District's increased focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).
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Laxmen Win One Back From Pinkerton, Lose to No. 1

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After posting a sub-par record of 2-3 in its first five matches of the 2015 campaign, the Londonderry High boys' lacrosse squad bested a pair of opponents last week - including the rival Pinkerton Academy Astros - in getting over the .500 mark.

The Lancers ended their two-game losing skid and the Exeter High Blue Hawks' three-game winning streak by besting that opponent by a 10-3 tally Tuesday, April 28.

The victory evened Londonderry's season record at 3-3 and made the Blue Hawks 5-3 on the campaign.

Senior midfielder John Derhak and junior attack Dave Wiedenfeld each potted three goals for the victors, and senior attack Devin Brunet contributed two tallies to the successful LHS effort.

Lancers' senior goalie

Chris Rowan made 10 saves his contribution to the lopsided win, and senior long stick midfielder Scott Beedham picked up five ground balls.

And while that victory was pleasing for the Lancers, it suffered in comparison to the LHS crew's intense and emotional 11-9 edging of the rival Pinkerton Astros at Londonderry High Saturday, May 2.

The hosts entered that battle aiming to gain some revenge for the disappointing 12-6 loss they were dealt by the academy bunch the previous Saturday, April 25.

In the rematch, the rival squads battled it out in a contest worthy of the lengthy and intense rivalry between teams from Pinkerton and LHS, with the host Lancers claiming the hard-fought win late.

The hosts showed their intentions of winning over their rival as soon as the contest be-

gan, with LHS potting the first three goals of the match during the opening seven minutes of play.

Those scores were collected by Lewis Carroll, Brunet, and Wiedenfeld.

Pinkerton trimmed that lead down to a single goal with consecutive goals in a span of less than a minute, but the Lancers went up 4-2 on a John Derhak tally with just 3.3 seconds remaining in the opening period.

Each side got two goals during the second quarter, and the LHS crew stepped into halftime carrying a 6-4 advantage. The hosts' two second-period scores came from Shayne Holland and Derhak.

The Astros came flying out of the halftime break looking as if they had every intention of taking over this match. They netted three consecutive goals in the first two minutes of the third period in grabbing a 7-6 lead.

Londonderry evened

it at 7-7 with 7:53 to go in the period on a goal by Sean Snyder, but the Astros regained the upper hand 33 seconds later.

The Lancers responded with the tying tally with 2:19 to go in the third on Derhak's third marker of the day. They regained the upper hand at 9-8 on a score by Wiedenfeld with just 8.5 seconds showing on the clock.

Only three goals were netted in the intense fourth quarter, with Pinkerton tying the score at 9-9 two minutes in, but Londonderry potting the winning goal with 6:27 to go on a shot by Wiedenfeld and an insurance marker on an open-net goal by Carroll with just two minutes left to snare the 11-9 victory.

Derhak finished with four points on three goals and an assist, Wiedenfeld notched four points on two goals and two assists, Carroll and Snyder were each good for two goals and a helper, and Holland and Brunet each bagged their single tallies.

Also vital to the Lan-



Mike Wiedenfeld and the Londonderry High boys' lacrosse squad put forth a gutsy performance in edging the rival Pinkerton Academy Astros at LHS.

cers' success were goalie Rowan's eight big saves.

"We're in the middle of a tough, murderous row on our schedule, and beating a tough opponent like Pinkerton will give us the push we need to go on strong," said coach Sean LeBlanc.

Things then got even tougher for the Lancers

Monday, May 4, when they played host to the 7-0 Souhegan High Sabers of Amherst.

Their opponent showed why they are undefeated, as they handed the Lancers an 11-6 loss to move to 8-0 in tough Division I while Londonderry slipped back to the .500 mark at 4-4.



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LHS Grad Bolduc's Blast Helps College Team to Title Repeat

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During her four years as a Londonderry High School athlete,

Lindsey Bolduc proved herself to be not only an excellent softball player, basketball player, and soccer goalie, but a young

woman with superb overall athleticism and the kind of intensity and aggressiveness required to run through whatever wall needed to be busted down at any moment.

However, following a frustrating freshman year on the Southern New Hampshire University women's softball team three years ago, Bolduc was so disillusioned that she contemplated transferring to another school.

The LHS grad changed her mind, and both she and the SNHU softball squad are pleased she did, as Bolduc has helped lead the Lady Penmen to consecutive Northeast-10 Conference championships each of the last two springs.

The former LHS all-state shortstop - who is the starting second baseman for the Southern New Hampshire University squad - blasted a two-run homer and drove in a total of three runs in her

college squad's 6-0 hammering of the Adelphi University women in the 2015 Northeast-10 title contest in Manchester last Saturday, May 2.

That impressive, lopsided win left Bolduc and her SNHU teammates waiting to see who they'd play in the upcoming NCAA championships.

"We're extremely excited about the repeat," she said. "We knew this group of individuals has extreme talent, and we're so happy to win again. We feel as if we have a great chance of making it far this year."

Bolduc, who has a dual concentration in forensic psychology and child and adolescent development at SNHU, has been a stalwart for the Lady Penmen throughout the 2015 campaign.

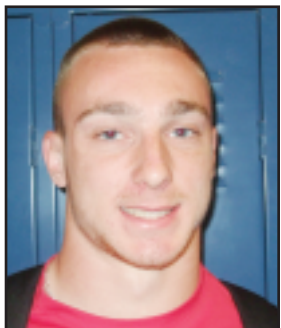
She has played in every one of the 31-6 team's 37 games, leading it in runs batted in (34) and bases on balls (15)



Former Londonderry High multi-sport standout Lindsey Bolduc takes a swing at a pitch during the Southern New Hampshire University women's softball squad's 2015 Northeast-10 championship win last weekend. Photo courtesy of Gil Talbot

Athlete of the Week

For the Week of April 27



**Eric Fairweather,
Senior, Boys' Track
and Field**

This multi-sport star set a personal record in the high jump (six feet) at the Nashua North Invitational and another in the 110 hurdles (15.74 seconds) at the Black Bear Invitational.



**Devyn Enwright,
Sophomore, Girls'
Track and Field**

This skilled 10th grader improved on her top javelin throw by a whopping 15 feet and also raced a leg of the 4x800 relay team at the Black Bear Invitational.



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and placing second in home runs (7) and stolen bases (3) while also tallying an excellent .307 batting average, a .570 slugging percentage, 24 runs scored, and nine doubles.

"I'm very happy with my decision, and I'm glad I stuck it out," she said.

Bolduc showed SNHU veteran coach Deb Robitaille and her teammates what kind of work she could get done on a softball field during her exceptional sophomore season last spring, helping the Lady Penmen to the 2014 NE-10 conference crown.

The ex-Lancer played in 46 games at second base and ended up being a Northeast-10 Conference First-Team All-Star selection.

She led her team in RBI with 37, bashed 45 hits including a team-best 12 doubles, and thumped seven homers for a .315 batting average. Bolduc also tallied 25 runs scored and drew 19 walks.

The local woman recorded a career-best seven RBI in a 17-1 win over Lake Erie last March, going 3-4 at the plate with two doubles and a homer, and she also scored two runs.

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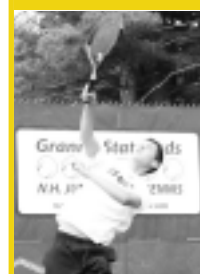
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Lady Lancer Lax Squad Ends Skid, Moves Mark to 5-3

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High girls' lacrosse team put an end to a pesky losing streak last week by pummeling both Merrimack and Nashua South, improving its 2015 record to 5-3 in the process.

The Lady Lancers busted their three-game losing skid with a 16-8 mauling of the Merrimack

High Lady Tomahawks at LHS Tuesday, April 28.

The hosts scored a lucky 13 goals while holding the 2-2 Lady Tomahawks to just two scores during the first half of the match. And a Merrimack comeback seemed to be out of the question at that point and proved to be so.

Noelle Lambert bagged six big points for the victorious locals by net-

ting three goals and dishing out three assists. Her fellow senior Sarah Bell scored five goals, Breda Holland collected four goals and set up one, Gabby Morris scored three times, Chelsea Lewis was good for one goal, and Dominique Breault and June Cranmer each registered one assist.

Three days later, the

host Lady Lancers began the month of May in the best way by slamming the struggling Nashua South Lady Purple Panthers (1-6 record) by an 18-0 margin.

Veteran coach Bob Slater's Londonderry side netted 14 first-half goals and then potted four more unanswered markers during the second half.

Holland led the potent LHS attack by netting five goals, Bell was good for four points on two goals and two assists, Lambert collected a goal and two helpers, Hannah McGrath registered a goal and an assist, Lewis, Emily Davidson, and Jill McIntyre each claimed two goals, and Breault, Cranmer, and Morris each netted single goals for the victorious locals.

Neither of the Lady Lancers' goalies - Michaela Kewley and Elise Isaak - saw much of the



Breda Holland has stepped up and become one of the LHS girls' lacrosse squad's top offensive weapons this spring, and she potted four goals in one match and five in another last week as the Lady Lancers disposed of two opponents.

ball in the blowout, with combining on the shutout each making one save in win.

Lady Lancer Tracksters Get Ninth at Black Bear Event

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Yorgelis Ortiz and Jordan Dufresne both claimed multiple top-six performances in helping their Londonderry High girls' track and field squad to a ninth-place group finish at the 2015 Black Bear Invitational at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy last Saturday, May 2.

Dufresne ended up second in the pole vault (an effort of nine feet, six

inches) and fourth in the triple jump (33'3 1/2"), and Ortiz claimed fourth places in both the 200-meter dash (26.64 seconds) and the high jump (tied at 4'10").

Rachel Larkin bagged a fourth place in the pole vault - just two spots behind teammate Dufresne - with a performance of 8'.

The Lady Lancers also enjoyed success in the 4x800-meter relay, with the quartet of Devyn Enwright, Kalin Gregoire,

Courtney Guay, and Bella Ziolk finishing fifth overall (10:39.19), and in the 4x100 relay with the team of Jessica Brien, Kaylie Longua, Ortiz, and Andrea Wooldridge ending up sixth overall (52.37).

The host Coe-Brown girls won their tournament's title handily by tallying 138 points, with Bedford a distant second with 84. Londonderry's point total of 25 left the locals just a few points out of the top seven.

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Graduating LHS Wrestling Star Lemieux Receives Big Award

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

His exceptional high school wrestling career may officially be over, but Londonderry High School senior Jean-Luc Lemieux is still garnering honors for his accomplishments on area mats over the last four years.

The Lancer star, who competed at Londonderry High during his junior and senior years after two excellent seasons on the rival Pinkerton Academy wrestling squad, was

named the New Hampshire recipient of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum's Dave Schultz High School Excellence Award for 2015.

Originally created in honor of Olympic and world wrestling champion Schultz, the high school award is based on excellence in wrestling, scholastic achievement, citizenship, and community service.

State winners for the Schultz award have been selected in each of the states that sponsor high

school championships. There are 49 total state winners, while select girl wrestlers in seven states receive the Tricia Saunders award for female standouts.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Schultz award.

"These student-athletes are role-models who influence young people in a very meaningful way," Smith said. Lee Roy Smith, executive director of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, "We are not surprised to find that these

winners represent diverse socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds, reinforcing why the sport of wrestling is by nature and design a sport for all."

Lemieux won four consecutive Division I championships and enjoyed his best of four great high school campaigns during his junior season when he went undefeated. As a senior, Lemieux helped his Lancers unseat the Timberlane Regional Owls from Plaistow as the longtime D-I state champs.



Londonderry High School wrestling star Jean-Luc Lemieux was recently named the New Hampshire recipient of a prestigious national award.

LHS Baseball Squad Outscores Three Opponents 40-3

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The defending Division I champion Londonderry High baseball squad made hay while the sun shone on them last week, besting a pair of scuffling opponents to push their 2015 record over the .500 mark to 5-4.

The Lancers stopped their own short, two-game losing streak Wednesday, April 29 with a 9-0 blanking of the Trinity

High Pioneers in Manchester. The 2-5 Queen City contingent suffered its fifth consecutive loss in that game.

Lefty pitcher Noah Tavano continued to throw the ball well by hurling a complete-game shutout at the Manchester opponent. He held the Pioneers to four hits and one walk while striking out three batters.

The Londonderry offense had four hitters bash out multiple hits, with

Mike Ryan smacking three and driving in two runs, Cam Fennell and Geoff Kayo both collecting two hits and two RBI, and Jimmy Zimolka knocking two hits and driving in one teammate.

"It was nice to get back on track. Now we need to build off today," said LHS coach Brent Demas.

And in their 7-3 road victory over the Merrimack High Tomahawks last Friday, May 1, the Lancers handed that 2-6

host its fourth consecutive defeat while Londonderry itself slid up over the .500 mark.

Senior pitching standout Ryan went five strong innings, allowing just two hits in holding Merrimack at bay through most of the game. Relief hurlers Matt Ross and Colby Joncas then came in and helped put the final touches on the victory.

Offensively, youngster Jimmy Zimolka collected four hits and paced the

aggressive Lancer attack. Geoff Kayo contributed three hits and drove in three runs.

"It was a great effort, and the players responded to the coaches' challenge put before them. Great work," said Demas.

The LHS hardball crew then went to town on the struggling Nashua South squad in Londonderry this past Monday afternoon, handing that opponent a 24-0 defeat.

The local squad's third

consecutive win featured a potent attack led by Mike Ryan and his huge 4-5 day, which included the titanic tally of seven runs batted in.

Kayo contributed two hits and four RBI, and other Lancers producing two hits were Brody Dupuis (with three RBI), Jonny Meskell, Fred Mackay-Wright, and Fennell.

The victors also received great pitching work from Nick Musto.

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Lady Lancer Softball Squad Starts Week with Blowout

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High softball squad has seen a bunch of peaks and valleys in its campaign thus far this spring.

After winning their season-opening contest against the Pinkerton Academy Lady Astros, the team lost three consecutive games and then won four in a row. But as it looked to push its winning streak forward, one awful inning left the Lady Lancers with a frustrating loss.

The local squad bagged its fourth consecutive

victory and bounced its season record up to a solid 5-3 Thursday, April 30, with a 9-0 crushing of the Concord High Crimson Tide at LHS that featured a Herculean individual performance from Melissa Sprague.

Not only did Sprague toss a beautiful, three-hit shutout with nine strikeouts in her pitching role for her squad, she also equaled Concord's entire hitting output all by herself in bashing three safeties and driving in five of her team's nine runs.

The victorious hosts smacked out nine hits, with freshman Lauren

Misiaszek knocking two and driving in two runs and four other players tallying singles.

Sprague advanced her personal 2015 pitching mark to 3-1 with her excellent effort in the circle.

And the Londonderry crew appeared poised to bag consecutive win number five against a scuffling Merrimack High contingent that entered last Friday's game at LHS having lost three of its last four games and sporting a sub-par record of 3-5.

But the Lady Tomahawks put forth a comeback late and headed home with a 9-3 victory.

Lancer freshman pitcher Maryellen Leach struggled with the strike zone some, but she headed into the top half of the seventh inning seeking to preserve her squad's decent 3-1 lead.

Merrimack plated the first run of the day in the top half of the first inning, but the visitors wouldn't score again for quite some time.

The Lady Lancers answered their opponent's early marker with two runs on two hits in the bottom of the first, with

Val Shay hammering a leadoff triple and then scoring on a fielder's choice by Sprague, and Justine McElman sprinting home on a single by Liz DeVoss.

That was it on the scoring until the bottom half of the sixth - with Merrimack leaving seven runners stranded on bases in the second through fifth frames - as Londonderry nudged its lead up to 3-1 with one more run on three hits.

The one LHS marker got home, thanks to an RBI double off the bat of Katrina Rivard.

But the top half of the seventh inning wound up being an utter nightmare for the LHS girls, who watched their opponents plate eight runs on six hits and six bases on balls.

Lady Lancers' pitcher Leach and her catcher, Rachel Simkevich, both left the game with minor injuries before the inning was over, and when it had been completed the hosts found themselves facing a 9-3 deficit.

The Lancer girls mashed out two more hits in the bottom half of the



Versatile freshman Maryellen Leach and the LHS softball squad had their ups and downs recently, seeing a game slip away late to pesky Merrimack before hammering Nashua South.

seventh frame, but 9-3 times in the first, five was where the score remained.

Both sides smacked out nine total hits, with the Lady Lancers receiving two apiece from Shay and Rivard in a losing effort.

But the Lady Lancers rid themselves of any lingering feelings of frustration this past Monday afternoon with a 25-0 pummeling of the winless Nashua South Purple Panthers in the Gate City.

As one might guess, the game only went five innings, with now 6-4 Londonderry scoring five

more times in the second, and 12 times in the third inning en route to the blowout.

South pitching surrendered an astounding 18 walks, and freshman Leach bounced back from the arm trouble that hastened her exit from the Merrimack game by smacking five hits and driving in six runs.

The LHS side banged out 18 hits, with Sprague smacking four of them (with two RBI) and Andi Nelson, Lauren Misiaszek, and Summer Vose each tallying two.

Athlete of the Week

For the Week of April 20



**Maryellen Leach,
Freshman, Softball**

This skilled newcomer earned a win by pitching a complete game in her first varsity start against Pinkerton. And in that same game she went 2-for-4 at the plate, smashing a grand-slam homer.



**Brody Dupuis,
Sophomore, Baseball**

Dupuis has started out the 2015 hardball campaign just bashing the ball, and he went a great 7-10 with two RBI and two runs scored during the span in question. He has been a consistent source of offense for LHS all season.

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Red Wings' Hardball Squad Swipes War at the Shore Crown

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Red Wings' 11-U baseball team came up huge at the War at the Shore Tournament in East Lyme, Conn., recently, coming home from that event with a title in its possession.

The locals snared a 10-0 victory over the Long Island Devils of Uniondale, N.Y. in the title game to put the final touches on their success.

The Red Wings avenged a 1-0 loss to the Devils in the opening game of the tournament with the decisive win in the finals.

The locals were held to four hits in the opener, but they exploded for 10 hits and 10 runs in the title battle. The tournament champs finished with a 3-1 record overall at the event, taking three

straight decisions after the tough opening loss.

"Our bats woke up in the championship game," said Londonderry manager Pete Griffin. "We didn't make a lot of solid contact early in the tournament, but as the tournament progressed we started to hit."

The Londonderry crew jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first inning of the title tilt and never looked back. Jack Marshall, Jake Holdsworth, and Justin Dickson each walked and scored in the opening frame, but it was Braeden Griffin who delivered the big blow with a two-run triple to make it 4-0 game. He then scored the fifth run on a productive RBI ground-out by Ryan Killelea.

Owen MacDonnell delivered the next big smack with a two-run double in

the third to make the score a lopsided 7-0.

MacDonnell (2-for-2, a walk, a run, two RBI), Griffin (1-2, walk, two runs, two RBI), Brandon Fish (3-4, one run scored) and Dickson (1-1, two walks, two runs) paced the offense for the Red Wings.

On the mound, Killelea (three innings pitched, five hits, one walk, no runs) stood out in the early part of the final, while Fish, Griffin and MacDonnell each tossed a scoreless inning to complete the shutout performance.

The Red Wings had reached the final with a nail-biter of a 5-4 semifinal-round victory over the Western Maine Mountaineers of Lewiston.

The Londonderry crew trailed 2-1 in the second and 4-3 in the fifth, but it battled back with single runs in the fifth and sixth frames to earn a trip to the championship game.

Evan Beals plated Dickson with the winning run on an RBI ground-out in the walk-off win. Marshall and Josh MacDonald were solid on the mound for the local nine.

"We did not play well defensively in that one,"



The Londonderry Red Wings' 11-U baseball team came up huge at the War at the Shore Tournament in East Lyme, Conn. recently.

said Griffin, noting that three of the four runs allowed were unearned. "We battled, which is a good sign, but it was not a clean game. We were fortunate to come out on top."

Earlier, the Londonderry club had defeated Maine Lightning of Bangor by a 7-3 count, smacking out eight hits, with Marshall tallying two of them and scoring three times,

and James Griffin contributing one safety. Gavin Parent, who was unable to play in the field or bat due to a broken wrist, contributed as a pinch-runner on several occasions.

MacDonnell provided the best pitching performance of the tourney for Londonderry in the 1-0 opening-day loss to Long Island, whiffing eight batters in just three innings

or work.

"He looked real strong," said the manager. "We had all the boys on a pitch count, but he looked like he could throw all day."

Griffin is assisted by Jason Parent, George MacDonnell, and Tom Killelea, as well as team coordinator Jennifer Marshall. The coaching staff and much of the team have been together for four years.



Helping the Earth The Mall of New Hampshire in Manchester invited area children to "go green" at the mall's Little Planet Helpers event April 25. Kids learned ways to keep the environment clean and healthy while taking part in crafts, coloring Earth Day crowns, and planting seeds to take home to watch them grow. Olivia Carpino, 3, and Joseph Carpino, 4, of Londonderry color their Earth Day crowns at the event. *Courtesy photo*

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LHS Senior Holds Benefit Concert May 12 for MS

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Culminating a year-long senior project to honor her mother and serve the community, Beckie Walker will host a benefit concert for Multiple Sclerosis (MS) research.

Wanting to do something for her mom, Laura Walker, who was diagnosed with MS in June of 1998, Walker decided to focus her project on studying the history of the inflammatory disease.

"I found it so interesting," said Walker of the

research she completed on the neurology behind MS, and whose project inspired her to study Biochemistry and Neuroscience at Syracuse University.

While she has always gravitated toward the sciences, Walker also has a passion for the arts - she has served as a stage manager for the school's drama productions and is a Drum Major in the school band.

To raise money for the National MS Society, Walker has organized the "LHS Beats MS Benefit Con-



Beckie Walker is shown with her mother, Laura, who inspired her senior project on Multiple Sclerosis, which will culminate with a benefit concert for the National MS Society on May 12.

cert," which will feature a variety of student acts on May 12 at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

"I sent out letters to people who have performed in the Prism Concert. It's another chance for them to perform," she said, noting she wants the event to have a coffee house atmosphere.

Admission is \$5 and all members of the public are welcome to attend. Walker plans to donate all proceeds to the National MS Society.

"There are a lot of dif-

ferent places I could have chosen to donate the money to, but I used their site a lot for information when I was writing my research paper and they are very knowledgeable. With all the history and progress they have made and will make, I feel the money will go to a good organization," she said.

Walker said her mother gets emotional when she tells people about her daughter's year-long project, and that, of course, "she's very proud."

Mohawk

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cil dated April 29, Attorney Thomas Aylesworth argues, "no sound reason exists for the zoning change.

"Riverview could develop this use under a C-IV zone by applying for and obtaining a Conditional Use Permit from the Londonderry Planning Board. It is unreasonable to allow Riverview to develop the subject property as a C-I zone because the needs of and impacts to the neighborhood were not considered," he wrote.

Ayelsworth argues the zoning change relieves Riverview of the 30-foot height limitation under a C-IV zone, allowing de-

Jong, by right, to construct a building up to 50 feet tall.

"Evidence was presented that the additional building height allowed by the zoning change will substantially interfere with the Condominium residents' privacy interests, as (bistro) patrons will have a line of sight directly into the second-story bedroom windows of certain Condominium units," he wrote.

Formal plans for the bistro have yet to be considered by the Zoning and Planning Boards.

De Jong told the Council at the public hearing that the property must be re-zoned to accommodate the height of the bistro's art gallery, noting the office building already located on the site was developed

under C-I zoning.

"To actualize the full use of the concept with the gallery and the atrium is only possible in C-I. If zoned C-IV, the properties cannot accommodate the atrium concept, the gallery or the office space," de Jong said. "I want to reiterate, this is not a restaurant. It's a quiet, restful wine house."

But Ayelsworth argues in his letter the zoning change is unlawful "because it is spot zoning," saying there was no inquiry or discussion by the Council concerning a public need, compelling reason, or whether the change is in accordance with a comprehensive plan.

"Members of the Town Council indicated that they did not believe that

changing the subject property back to its prior C-I zone designation could constitute spot zoning, and that the Condominium unit owners had no reasonable expectation of a C-IV zone because many of them purchased their units when the subject property was designated a C-I zone," he wrote. "But the law does not recognize any such exceptions to spot zoning. The prior zoning of the subject property is irrelevant in the absence of a finding of a public need, compelling reason and that the change is in accordance with a comprehensive plan."

De Jong has maintained he is willing to work with abutters to address their concerns, but told the Council at the

public hearing in April "it has been an arduous process."

De Jong said he received an email from Aylesworth saying Harvard Management is not willing to negotiate, but is interested in over \$50,000 for renovations to their building.

"This has been a very aggressive stand against us," he said. "Everything on this building so far has been me showing up saying, 'let's fix what has been a failed lot.' We're spending virtually thousands of dollars for gardens unheard of for a commercial property. It's incredibly disheartening to find myself in these circumstances where I have stood up and said let's do something nice and we have gotten this incredi-

bly negative response," he said.

Town Attorney Mike Ramsdell informed the Council that he does not agree that its decision was unlawful or unreasonable by spot zoning, Chairman John Farrell said.

Councilor Joe Green said although he thinks it would be possible for Riverview to develop the lot as proposed without the zoning change, he also thinks the Council "acted according to the law" when it unanimously voted to re-zone the Mohawk Drive properties, and said its decision should stand.

Councilor Tom Dolan agreed that "a re-hearing would be without good cause."

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Red Star Twirlers Continue Winning Ways, Championship Nears



Members of the New Hampshire State Champion Red Star Twirlers are, front, Gwenn and Jayden Vincent, Alexis Crocker, Caitlyn Gilroy, Tabitha Flattes, Jillian Wilwerth, Tiana Barton, and Emma Campbell; second row, Mikhala Bornstein, Kiley Collins, Madelyn Modebeck, and Olivia Bollhorst; third row, Emily Cowette, Morgan Torre, Danielle Cherry, Emily Peaselee, Haily Leipold, Isabella Bolduc, and Chloe Desjardins; and back row, Madison Crocker, Caitlin Pinkham, Jenna Maheu, Libby Trembley and Madison Miller; Patricia Calder and Allie Nault. Courtesy photo

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Red Star Twirlers are off to another great year, founder and director Gina Hutchinson said, noting this year's team is smaller but its achievements continue to roll in.

She said local team members Emily Cowette of Londonderry and Isabella Bolduc of Derry won several awards at Pennsylvania State University, then came back to New Hampshire to win all the advanced titles in their age groups.

Hutchinson added that Derry native Alyssa McLaughlin, who led the

University of Connecticut Husky Band, heads to St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands for Memorial Day to twirl in festival parade. McLaughlin is on track to become a twirling judge in the next few months, Hutchinson said. Hutchinson has been a judge for decades, and has traveled throughout the country, as well as overseas, to judge competitions.

At the recent New Hampshire State Championships, held at Merrimack High School, Red Star teams won all nine of the divisions they entered. They are now gearing up for May 16,

when twirlers from all over the East Coast will come to Derry to compete in the Northern New England Team Championships and Miss Majorette of New Hampshire at West Running Brook Middle School. Coaches KeriAnn Lynch, Ashley Tiller and Hutchinson are hoping this is a good practice for the National Championships at the University of Notre Dame in July.

For information about the Red Star Twirlers, classes and summer programs, call 432-9116 or email at theredstar-s@yahoo.com.

Hyla Brook Reading Series Opens May 21 at Frost Farm

PENNY WILLIAMS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The 2015 Frost Farm Hyla Brook Reading Series opens with Chicago-based poet Jacquelyn Pope on May 21 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and with Hyla Brook poet Kyle Potvin reading her work as well.

"The opening event launches this year's exceptional series of nationally acclaimed poets reading in the intimate setting of Robert Frost's barn," Potvin said.

The season also features appearances by poets Joshua Mehigan,

Angela Alaimo O'Donnell, Maggie Dietz and Bill Coyle, and is held at the Frost Farm, 122 Rockingham Road (Route 28) in Derry. The programs are free, and an open microphone follows the readings, with all audience members invited to share their work.

Potvin said the June reading will highlight the winner of the annual Frost Farm Prize for metrical poetry, and is the kickoff event for the inaugural Poetry at the Frost Farm: Writing in Meter and Form Conference that will be held June 12-14. The Frost

Farm Prize for metrical poetry is sponsored by the Trustees of the Robert Frost Farm and the Hyla Brook Poets, and will be judged by award-winning poet Joshua Mehigan.

Angela Alaimo O'Donnell will be the featured reader Thursday, July 9, Potvin said. She is a writer and a professor at Fordham University and serves as Associate Director of Fordham's Curran Center for American Catholic Studies.

On Thursday, Aug. 13, Maggie Dietz is the featured reader. And on

Thursday, Sept. 10, Bill Coyle will be featured reader.

Starting in May, the Hyla Brook Poets' monthly writing workshop will

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Hyla Brook Readings

The Robert Frost Farm's 2015 Hyla Brook Reading Series season opens Thursday, May 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Frost Farm barn, 122 Rockingham Road (Route 28) Derry with poet Jacquelyn Pope of Chicago. Hyla Brook Poet Kyle Potvin will also read at the free event. An Open Mic follows the readings; all audience

members are invited to share their work. For further information, email Robert Crawford at bobik9@aol.com, or visit www.frostfarm-poetry.org/readingseries or facebook.com/HylaBrookPoets or twitter.com/HylaBrookPoets.

Hyla Brook Poets

The Hyla Brook Poets' monthly writing workshop meets on the third Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Robert Frost Farm, 122 Rockingham Road (Route 28), Derry. For further information, email Robert Crawford at bobik9@aol.com, or visit www.frostfarm-poetry.org/readingseries or facebook.com/HylaBrookPoets or twitter.com/HylaBrookPoets.

Plant Sale

The Londonderry Grange

holds its annual Plant Sale and Garden Expo on May 9 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Grange Hall, 260 Mammoth Road, at the corner of Pillsbury Road. This year's event will feature annuals, vegetable plants and herbs for sale, as well as locally made crafts and activities for the kids.

Apple Country Craft Fair

The Apple Country Craft Fair takes place Saturday, May 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Londonderry. More than 50 juried crafters from New England will display their creations, along with St. Peter's Bistro and Bakery, food truck, and crafter raffle. For more information, visit: www.stpeter-slondonderry.org.

Legion Meeting

American Legion Post 27 holds its monthly general meeting May 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Post, 6 Sargent Road. For more information, visit <http://www.alpost27.com> or the Greeley Parmenter Harrington Facebook page.

Bingo

American Legion Post 27 will play bingo with patients at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Manchester from 7 to 8:30 p.m. May 25.

Donations are appreciated, or stop by and help. The Post will serve pizza and diet soda as well as providing \$150 in prize money.

Memorial Day Parade

The Memorial Day parade in Londonderry takes place at 10 a.m. May 25. All veterans who would like to march can meet at the Londonderry High School driveway by 9:45 a.m. After the parade, American Legion Post 27 will have a cookout at the Post, 6 Sargent Road. For more information, visit <http://www.alpost27.com> or the Greeley Parmenter Harrington Facebook page.

Spring Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring its annual American Red Cross Spring Blood Drive on Friday, May 22, from 1 to 7 p.m. at Saint Jude's Church. Donors are needed with all blood types, as supplies are usually low following the winter. To save time, pre-register online at redcrossblood.org, or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS. Walk-ins are always welcome. For more information, contact Brian Warner at bmwarner@gmail.com or 434-4043.

Caregivers' Open House

Community Caregivers of Greater Derry, a nonprofit volunteer group providing free in-home and transportation services to elderly and disabled, celebrates its grand opening at 1 B Commons Drive, Unit 10, Londonderry from 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 13. Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce will do a ribbon cutting at 5:15 p.m. Tours of the office and Loaner's Closet are offered. Holly's Kona Ice Truck will provide free servings cour-

tesy of Fresenius Medical Care, with beverages by Brennan Food Vending Services and food and luau décor by Orchard Christian Fellowship. For details or to donate a raffle, contact 432-0877 or office@comcare-givers.org.

Lions' Yard Sale

The Londonderry Lions Club Yard Sale is Saturday, May 16, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lions Hall on Mammoth Road (Route 128). Donations of goods can be made starting Friday, May 2 through Friday, May 15 at the Londonderry Lions Shelter. No large kitchen appliances, couches, skis, air conditioners, computers or TVs can be accepted. People may sell their own items by renting spaces. Call Tom at 548-5011 for details. All proceeds from donated goods and rented spaces benefit Londonderry Lions' local charities, including eye care.

Plant Sale

The Derry Garden Club holds its annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 16, rain or shine at the Masonic Temple on East Broadway (Route 102), next to the Derry Public Library in Derry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The club will be sending diggers to homes to gather perennials for the sale. Anyone with areas to be thinned or dug up may call Wanda at 434-6681. The club is a member of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs and the National Garden Clubs.

Senior Center Art

Art classes are scheduled at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Road in Londonderry. Pre-registration is required, with payment at sign-up. Classes include: ceramics Mondays, 12:30 to 2 p.m.; jewelry making Thursdays, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.; decorative metal art Friday, May 8, 12:30 to 2 p.m.; Paint Afternoon Thursday, May 14,

12:30 to 2 p.m.; wooden crafts Friday, May 15, 12:30 to 2 p.m.; nature crafts Thursday, May 28, 12:30 to 2 p.m.; and "Build Your Own Plant Press" Friday, May 29, 12:30 to 2 p.m. For most classes, no experience is required. For details, call 432-8554 or visit www.londonderrynh.org/Pages/LondonderryNH_Senior/index.

Harmonica Saints

On Thursday, May 14, at 7 p.m., the Leach Library will host a free evening of songs by the Harmonica Saints in the lower-level meeting room. Based at the Nashua Senior Center, the 12-member group has been playing together for 10 years, and features harmonica players, vocalists and musicians playing accordion, ukulele, and a carpenter's saw. Each musical piece includes a brief story or explanation. Audience participation is encouraged. Light refreshments will be served.

Wine Tasting, Auction

YMCA of Greater Londonderry holds its annual Wine Tasting and Auction from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 7, at the Executive Court, 1199 South Mammoth Road, Manchester. Cost is \$25 per ticket. For tickets, contact Sara McCarthy at 782-2803 or smccarthy@graniteymca.org, or visit: www.graniteymca.org.

Flower and Bake Sale

First Parish Congregational Church, UCC hosts a flower and homemade bake sale Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church, 47 East Derry Road, East Derry. For more information, call 434-0628 or email officemgr@fpc-ucc.org.

Animal Athletes

Come to the Leach Library on Monday, May 11, from 4 to 5 p.m. to discover the world of animal athletes. Live animals present may

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TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

The Zoning Board of Adjustment for the Town of Londonderry, NH will meet Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Road. Please note: the Board reserves the right to continue presentations, deliberations, and/or discussion to June 4, 2015 if the need arises.

Minutes 7:00 P.M.

Case No. 8/20/2014-2 (Continued) 7:01 P.M.
Robert Casey requests a relief of administrative decision in accordance with the provisions of RSA 676:5. 26 Pine Street, 3-70, AR-I.

Case No. 3/18/2015-1 (Continued) 7:05 P.M.
Riverview, LLC requests a variance to allow a structure to encroach into the 50-foot landscape buffer as required by Section 2.4.3.B.2 [Formerly Section 2.4.3.2.2]. 6 Mohawk Drive, 6-38, C-I

Case No. 3/18/2015-2 (Continued) 7:05 P.M.
Riverview, LLC requests a variance to allow parking to encroach into the 50-foot landscape buffer as required by Section 2.4.3.B.2 [Formerly Section 2.4.3.2.2]. 6 Mohawk Drive, 6-38, C-I

Case No. 5/20/2015-1 7:10 P.M.
Richard A. Brownell requests a special exception to allow an off-premise sign in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.11.6.C.6 [Formerly Section 3.11.6.3.6]. 5 Nashua Road, 10-128, C-II

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include a Wallaby, tree frog and Great Horned Owl. Advance registration is required. To register, call 432-1127 or come by the Children's Room.

Book Week Raffle

Starting Monday, May 4, through closing on Saturday, May 9, during Children's Book Week, for each

book checked out of the Children's Room at the Leach Library that week, children will earn a raffle ticket for a chance to win a book bag. Stop by the display case in the Children's Room to see what the book bag looks like.

Beach Party

The Leach Library hosts a "Beach Party" on Monday, May 18, from 4 to 5 p.m., featuring stories of tide pools

and play in the sand. All participants will leave with a monkey beach ball. Advance registration is required and begins at 9 a.m. Monday, May 11. To register, call 432-1127 or come by the Children's Room.

Swan Trivia

The Leach Library Children's Room will host a swan trivia contest throughout the month of May. Participants are welcome to

stop by and try their hand at answering a question about swans. All the correct answers will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a hand-painted stone featuring a mother swan and her babies, created by local artist Tom Abruzese.

Toy Swap and Sale

Londonderry Women's Club's 13th annual Toy Swap and Sale takes place from 9:30 a.m. to noon Sat-

urday, May 16, at the Matthew Thornton School gym. It is a consignment sale, with the price set by the owner, who receives two-thirds of the sale price. The Londonderry Women's Club keeps one-third. Proceeds will benefit Moore Mart, which sends supplies to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. Registration forms are at Leach Library. Children's items in good condition may be sold,

including bassinets, strollers, sporting goods, Halloween costumes, games, books and wooden puzzles. Stuffed animals, cribs, car seats and clothing cannot be accepted.

Lions' Concert

The Londonderry Lions Club Valentine's Day Concert, cancelled because of snow, is rescheduled to Saturday, May 9, from 7 to 11

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p.m. at the Lions Hall, Mammoth Road. Bobby and the Sharptones will play classic rock and roll from the '50s through '80s. The concert benefits Londonderry High School scholarships, local sight and hearing, and Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. Tickets purchased for the February concert will be accepted. Cost is \$20 per person, \$35 per couple, and includes popcorn, chips, pastries and coffee. Soda and water can be purchased. Alcoholic beverages can be brought. For tickets,

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Eckankar Worship

An Eckankar Worship Service is offered Sunday,

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A free Community HU Chant is offered Thursday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. and continuing on the third Thursday of each month at the Holiday Inn, 2280 Brown Ave., Manchester. For more information, call 800-713-8944 or visit www.eckankar-nh.org.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday, April 27

11:15 a.m. Theft of construction equipment at Manter Mill Road and Snowberry Hollow.

2:14 p.m. Anthony Christopher Baptista, 23, Wyandot Circle, Londonderry turned himself in on warrant for Criminal Trespass and Simple Assault. Bail set at \$1,000 personal recognizance, with Derry Circuit Court date of June 9.

5:41 p.m. Brian Finnigan, 24, Pillsbury Road, Londonderry turned himself in on warrant for Criminal Assault (vandalism) and Simple Assault. Bail set at \$1,500 personal recognizance with Derry Circuit Court date of June 9.

Wednesday, April 29

7:38 a.m. Mailbox destroyed last night on Royal Lane.

10:38 a.m. Robert C. Tenney, 28, Country Club Drive, Manchester arrested for Theft: All Other, Criminal Liability for Con-

duct of Another, two counts of Conspiracy to Commit, and three counts of Burglary. Subject refused services of bail commissioner and was given a Derry Circuit Court date of My 26.

12:34 p.m. Ryan Matthew O'Donnell, 33, Birch Street, Derry arrested for Resisting Arrest or Detention and a warrant. He refused services of bail commissioner and received a Derry Circuit Court date of April 30.

12:51 p.m. Jeffrey A. Tenney, 26, Country Club Drive, Manchester arrested on warrant for Burglary and Theft: All Other. He refused services of bail commissioner and received an April 30 court date at Derry Circuit Court.

3:47 p.m. Theft of jewelry reported on Windsor Boulevard.

4:22 p.m. Caller on Rossini Road reported loud bang and power out.

5:22 p.m. Karen A. Bourque, 49, Constitution

Drive, Londonderry turned herself in on warrant for Criminal Mischief (vandalism). Bail set at \$1,000 personal recognizance, with Derry Circuit Court date of April 30.

7:22 p.m. Bryan David Finley, 43, Hall Road, Londonderry turned himself in on warrant for Disorderly Conduct and three counts of Criminal Threatening (intimidation, etc.). Subject refused services of bail commissioner and was given a Derry Circuit Court date of April 30.

Thursday, April 30

5:40 p.m. Criminal mischief to motor vehicle on Wiley Hill Road.

7 p.m. Elena Agrella, 17, Elwood Road, Londonderry turned herself in on warrant for Simple Assault. Bail set at \$1,000 personal recognizance with Derry Circuit Court date of June 16.

Saturday, May 2

5:54 p.m. Report of gunshots on power lines off Page Road.



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Kidney Disease

Monday, May 11 / Nephrologist, Ana Stankovic, MD, FACP, FASN, FASH

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Breast Health & Benign Breast Disease

Thursday, May 14 / Breast Surgeon, Julie O'Brien, MD

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Stroke Awareness: Risk, Prevention & Warning Signs

Wednesday, May 20 / Neurologist, Jeffery Rind, MD

Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the U.S. and the leading cause of adult disability. Can you recognize a stroke? Do you know the sudden warning signs and symptoms? In recognition of National Stroke Awareness month in May, Dr. Rind will discuss the different types of stroke, warning signs, risk factors and prevention.





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