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# Chamber, schools may be in business

## Venture to involve students from all four Lynn high schools

**LYNN**

By DAN BAER  
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High school students with an eye on a career in business may soon have an opportunity to gain some valued experience before graduation thanks to a new initiative brought forth by

the Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce. Chamber Executive Director Leslie Gould told the School Committee Thursday that she is working on a state grant along with members of the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) and School Committee member Vincent Spirito that would bring money to the

chamber for a high school student business initiative. Plans for the program are still in the starting blocks, but Gould described the basic idea of the initiative to the committee as a way for students interested in business or who may not be headed to college to get some hands on experience and training in the real world.

"The grant money would be to train students from St. Mary's, Lynn Classical, Lynn English and Lynn Tech to run a business," she told the committee. "We haven't determined the rules yet, the program is still in its infancy and still needs a lot of time and thought but I am really excited. I think it is exactly what a chamber is



Gould



Spirito

designed to do." If instituted, the program would be offered to 16 seniors from all four high schools who are dedicated to learning the

ins-and-outs of running a business. The students would have to undertake a difficult application and interview process and only the most dedicated students would be chosen. The idea is for the students to learn the basics of running a business and eventually brainstorm ideas and open a real, functioning entity within the city. Students would be

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# This good deed one for the books

## Marblehead Girl Scouts donate to Callahan School

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Despite not having a library to call their own, students from the Devereux School in Marblehead donated hundreds of books to students at the Callahan Elementary School Thursday, a much-needed addition to the school's aging literature collection.

The donation was organized by Devereux students in Girl Scout Troop 1141 based in Marblehead, after Troop Leader Susan Dobscha found an advertisement on the Freecycle Network, a Web site created to promote recycling through the trade of used goods.

Callahan PTO member Stacey Paro had posted the advertisement looking for used books, specifically for



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Members of the Marblehead Troop 1141 present books to students at the Callahan School Thursday in Lynn.

early readers in grades 1 and 2, for the school's depleted library.

Dobscha presented the idea of a book drive to her

troop and said the girls took it from there.

"The girls organized this from start to finish," she said. "Aside from myself

interacting with Stacey on the Internet to set up dates and things, the girls did everything. They organized the drive, set their goals and

deadlines and decorated the boxes."

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# Local banks healthy and ready to lend

**LYNN**

By THOR JOURGENSEN  
THE DAILY ITEM

Don't say the word "bailout" to banker Arthur Horgan or other local small bank executives who say they managed customers' finances prudently while their bigger brethren got into financial trouble.

"I hate the term," said the Equitable Cooperative Bank president.

For that matter, don't use the word around Bruce Spitzer, spokesman for the Massachusetts Bankers Association, who said publicity about major financial institutions getting tossed a federal life preserver has tainted all banks.

"No bank in Massachusetts has received bailout money," Spitzer said Thursday, quickly adding that 12 of Mass Bankers' 200 members received Capital Purchase Program money they plan to pay

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The Friendly Knights of St. Patrick's Irishman Of The Year Dan Dill, center, is joined by (from left) committee members Rick Wood, Jack Barry, Mayor Edward Clancy and Essex District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett Thursday at Old Tyme Italian Cuisine in Lynn.

# Friendly Knights honor Lynn's top Irishman

**LYNN**

By ROBIN KAMINSKI  
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Irish eyes were smiling at Daniel Dill Thursday as the Friendly Knights of St. Patrick honored him at its annual event.

Mayor Edward J. Clancy Jr. presented

Dill, a Lynn public schools psychologist, with a citation for Irishman Of The Year while guests noshed on corned beef and cabbage sandwiches at Old Tyme Italian Cuisine at 612 Boston St.

"I've known Dan my entire life. He grew up right around the corner from me with his three brothers who all turned out to be outstanding men," he said. "Dan is always

there when you need him and the Dills are really foundation people of the Lynn community."

Dill, a coach, school psychologist, former teacher and participant in the Friendly Knights, is "well deserving" of the award according to Clancy.

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## Stretch on utility bills may help Lynners

**LYNN**

By DAVID LISCIO  
THE DAILY ITEM

Massachusetts Secretary of State William F. Galvin is asking utility companies to extend until April 15 the shutoff deadline for low-income gas and electric customers whose bills are in arrears.

The combination of a harsh winter, rising fuel costs, rampant unemployment and a residential mortgage foreclosure crisis is creating a difficult situation for many residents.

The state's financial hardship moratorium prohibits utilities from cutting off gas and electric services used for home heating until the cold season has ended.

In Lynn, thousands of residents dependent on home heating fuel subsidies are in arrears on payment. Many rely on organizations such as Lynn Economic Opportunity (LEO) to ensure the utility companies abide by the moratorium.

Massachusetts law forbids gas and electric utilities from shutting off service to customers in residential buildings for failure to pay in the period between Nov. 15 and March 15, where the delinquency is caused by financial hardship.

Galvin requested Thursday that public utilities extend the moratorium due to the severity of the winter and the state's growing rate of unemployment.

"This protection period should be extended this year not only because of the severity of the winter but because of the high number of unemployed at this time," said Galvin. "Also, this problem may be intensified for tenants in buildings that are in foreclosure."

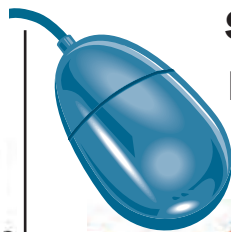
A co-sponsor of legislation that eventually became the 1979 law, Galvin noted that if utility companies do not agree to the extension, he may seek to extend the time by changing the law, according to spokesman Brian McNiff.

Darlene Gallant, the LEO community services director

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