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Race Rundown

New Hampshire musher Gail Guertin brought the Iditarod to life for Matthew Thornton Elementary School fourth graders during a visit last week with her Siberian Huskies. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Londonderry Man Found Guilty in Shooting of Wife

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A federal jury found Gregory Owens of Londonderry guilty of crossing state lines to shoot his wife in Maine.

The jury convicted Owens, 59, of interstate domestic violence and discharge of a firearm during and in relation to crime of violence charges

related to a home invasion in Saco, Maine on Dec. 18, 2014.

According to court documents, Owens shot his wife, Rachel, and the homeowner with a 9mm pistol.

Owens staged the home invasion shortly after a Wisconsin woman with whom he was having an affair threatened to publicly reveal their relationship unless he ended his marriage.

Rachel Owens, who was shot in the back of the head three times while she was sleeping, and homeowner Steven Chabot survived, but each had to undergo surgeries and extensive care.

Chabot's wife hid during the home invasion and was not injured.

Owens testified he was not guilty of the charges.

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Town Manager Says Revenues Up and Economy Healthy

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town's revenues are trending higher than anticipated, Town Manager Kevin Smith reported at the Town Council's Monday meeting.

As of Jan. 1, the Town has seen \$1.2 million more in revenues than last year, according to Smith.

"Because of that, we jumped up the revenues expectation for FY16, so to see we're still running almost 7 percent higher than we anticipated is pretty extraordinary at

this point," he said.

The Town is seeing the greatest impact in motor vehicle permit revenues and building permits, which have already brought in about 96 percent of the projected revenues.

On the expenditures side, Smith said the budget is running a bit over because payments are front-loaded and flatten out at the end of the fiscal year.

Where expenditures are projected to be at 58.3 percent by January, the Town's expenditures as of Jan. 1 were at 61.2 per-

cent, compared with 62.2 percent at this time last year.

Smith noted both the Police and Fire Departments are running under budget.

"There are no surprises on the expenditure side," Smith said. "The economy is healthy in Londonderry and things are running pretty well right now."

In other business at Monday night's meeting:

- The Town Council voted 5-0 to expend \$19,027 from the Expendable Maintenance Trust

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Cost Analysis Asked for Town Mosquito Spraying in Wake of Zika

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Town Council Chairman John Farrell called for the Town to investigate the costs associated with a town-wide spray program as the number of confirmed cases of the Zika virus among U.S. travelers continues to rise.

According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there have been 82 travel-associated Zika virus cases reported in the U.S. as of Feb. 17; and

on Feb. 22, the Washington State Department of Health confirmed a Mason County man in his 20s, who had recently traveled to the South Pacific, tested positive for Zika.

"In understanding there's a lot we don't know and that it can spread from person to person and from mosquito bites, I would like to see if we can understand the costs of a town-wide spraying program and work with the State to see if they have a plan by our

March 7 meeting," Farrell said.

While the Zika virus is not considered life-threatening, it has been linked to birth defects if contracted by pregnant women.

On Jan. 29, Gov. Maggie Hassan announced she and public health and emergency management officials in New Hampshire are taking steps to prepare for the Zika virus,

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Iditarod Comes Alive for Matthew Thornton Students

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

New Hampshire musher Gail Guertin brought the Iditarod Great Sled Race to life for Matthew Thornton Elementary School fourth graders during a visit with her Siberian Huskies.

Guertin, who owns Howling Hill Siberian Huskies of Sutton and is one of about 100 mushers in the state, gave a presentation about the breed and the race that included a demonstration with her sled and lines.

Librarian Penny Webster said she invited Guertin to visit after learning her students wanted to study the Iditarod in their classes.

"How great to have live dogs and a real musher," she said.

Guertin, who frequently visits local schools and plans to give a presentation at North Elementary School, said children love learning about the Iditarod.

"First, they love to learn about the dogs," she said, noting her program offers a hands-on learning

opportunity. "In New Hampshire, there are still a lot of people who haven't heard about the sport, or haven't even heard about Iditarod."

Guertin, who runs with her dogs on the Northern Rail Trail and at Bear Brook State Park, told the students about how she trains and feeds her own dogs, as well as what the diet and training are for dogs that compete in the Iditarod race.

"I liked learning about the dogs and how to take care of them," fourth grader Eleni Kotsakis said.



Gail Guertin visited with Matthew Thornton Elementary School fourth graders last week with her Siberian Huskies to inform students about the Iditarod.

School District's Dining Service Passes Audit with Flying Colors

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School District passed an audit of its Dining Services program "with flying colors," according to Business Administrator Peter Curro.

Representatives from the United States Department of Agriculture and the New Hampshire Department of Education

visited the District for two-and-a-half days to complete the audit, which Curro told the School Board at its Feb. 16 meeting was unrelated to the District's decision to leave the Federal Meals program.

Member John Laferriere asked if the District would be audited again if the program at the high school is successful and

the Board decides to pull the middle school from the Federal Meals program.

"We knew a year ago we were up for an audit. This happened to be coincidentally at the time we moved the high school out," Curro said. "Nothing would roadblock us if we wanted to move the program down to the other schools."

Curro said the representatives requested Dining Service Director Amanda Venezia make some minor adjustments, but by and large they were satisfied with the operation of the program, including the segregation of federal foods for the

elementary and middle schools and reporting requirements.

Additionally, the representatives requested work on the District's wellness program and inventory paperwork.

Venezia has already submitted a correction

plan, and new software included as part of the District's budget addresses the agencies' reporting requests, according to Curro.

"None of the corrective actions involve a financial impact," he said.

Revenues

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Fund to replace a sign and flag pole lights at South Fire Station (\$1,164); to replace exhaust fans at the South Fire Station (\$1,254); to replace HVAC (heating, ventilation and

air conditioning) controls at the Police Station (\$9,950); for light repairs at North Fire Station (\$1,984); to repair the rear entry tile area at North Fire Station (\$1,175); and for the creation of a five-year retro-commissioning to check performance of

the HVAC system at North Fire Station (\$3,500).

The Council approved a request to relieve recently appointed Planning Board member Suzanne Brunelle of her full-time position and reappoint her as an alternate member of the Board.

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Annual Police Report Shows Low Use of Force, Complaints

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Police Department's annual report to the Town Manager revealed a low number of incidents involving use of force or resulting in a complaint against an officer, Chief Bill Hart told the Town Council on Monday

night.

Of the 23,833 incidents for which the Department provided service to the community in 2015, 1.9 percent involved use of force and .04 percent generated a complaint, internal affairs or administrative review.

Of the 10 employee

complaints, half were sustained, while three others were either not sustained or found not to have occurred. In one case, an employee resigned prior to completion of the investigation into a complaint filed on Aug. 2, 2015.

The 10 complaints filed against 60 officers working a normal 40-hour work week last year represents a decrease from 2014, where the Department saw 14 complaints for 2,080 hours of police work.

"Our numbers are very low compared to most departments in New Hampshire, and New Hampshire's numbers with regard to this are lower than the national average," Hart

told the Council Feb. 22.

Hart noted 70 percent of the suspects involved in the 17 calls for service requiring the officer to use force or display a firearm to gain compliance were under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

The use of force incidents represents a small increase over 2014, in which there were 13 calls for service that required an officer to use some sort of force, according to Hart.

A total of six suspects and four Londonderry Police Officers sustained minor injuries as a result of force used in 2015.

Hart attributed the Department's low number of complaints and inci-

dents involving use of force to its "multi-tenet approach to professionalism," which features a lengthy hiring process, high-quality training opportunities for personal and professional development and proper supervision at all levels of the organization to ensure quality services are delivered to the community.

"We view the Londonderry Police Officer as being different than anywhere else. Our objective is to gain compliance with our brain and mouth well before we have to use force," Hart said.

"I think Town staff and this board and the community have a high regard

for the police and I attribute that to your professionalism and how you conduct yourselves," Councilor Tom Dolan said. "I think you've earned that."

"I think it's a dynamic relationship," Hart responded. "We have worked really hard to make sure we stay trustworthy."

Moving forward, Hart said the Department will be shifting its focus to the development of a strategic plan addressing the fundamental changes the community will undergo as a result of the increase in commercial and residential development expected to come online in the next decade.

OBITUARY

Mary Jane Case



Mary Jane M. Case, 79, of Londonderry died Feb. 21, 2016 at Villa Crest Nursing Care of Manchester after a year-long battle with cancer.

Mrs. Case was born March 28, 1936 in Derry and was a daughter of the late Edward and Cecile (Fortin) Ivon.

She was educated in Londonderry and had been a resident of the town since 1945.

She took pride in her home, enjoying interior decoration, refinishing and upholstering furniture. She was an excellent seamstress and cook. She loved traveling in her motorhome, visiting all 48 contiguous states and 10 Canadian provinces. Her other hobbies included quilting, crocheting, counted-cross stitch, painting and reading.

Survivors include her four children, Michael Case of Haverhill, Mass., and Gerald Case and his wife, Kathy, Thomas Case and his wife, Linda, and daughter, Debra (Case) Donovan, all of Londonderry; 10 grandchildren, including Megan Donovan, and 16 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Charles W. Case, in 2015 and by her brother, Robert O. Ivon Sr.

Calling hours will be Thursday, Feb. 25 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. A Liturgy of Christian Burial will be held Friday, Feb. 26, at 10 a.m. at St. Mark Parish, 1 South Road in Londonderry, and will conclude with burial at Holy Cross Cemetery of Londonderry. Contributions in her honor may be sent to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute at www.pmc.org/pd0156. Donations are tax deductible and 100 percent goes to Dana-Farber. For more information or to send a condolence, visit www.peabody-funeralhomes.com.

Mosquito

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working with the CDC to enhance the State Public Health Laboratories' testing capabilities, protocols and certifications for Zika and coordinating with medical providers and infectious disease clinicians across the State.

Additionally, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has launched a Zika website for public access to resources and information about the virus.

Because there aren't any treatments or vaccines for Zika, prevention efforts are focused on preventing mosquito bites - avoiding travel to affected areas, using repellents

containing DEET, and wearing long sleeves and pants, according to the DHHS.

There have been three proven cases where the Zika virus passed through sexual contact.

Approximately 80 percent of people who are infected with the Zika virus do not develop symptoms. In those who do become ill, the disease is usually mild and lasts from several days to a week. The symptoms of Zika virus infection include fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes).

"We encourage people to be aware of the travel advisories issued by the CDC and consult their healthcare providers be-

fore and after any travel to affected tropical areas, especially if the person traveling is pregnant or attempting to become pregnant," State Epidemiologist Dr. Benjamin Chan said in a press release. "There is no risk of contracting the Zika virus in New Hampshire and we will continue to monitor the situation nationally and globally in order to keep residents and healthcare providers informed."

Farrell said "Londonderry has always done a great job of leading rather than following," and he

"would like to see if we can understand the steps to take now before the winter ends."

"I'm looking to get out in front of this and lead in New Hampshire on behalf of the residents of Londonderry," he said.

In addition to gathering information about the cost of town-wide spraying, Farrell asked the Town to make information about the Zika virus available on the Town's website.

To visit the State's Zika website, go to www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/zika/index.htm.

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Editorial

Prepare for the Election

The March 8 election is almost here. For a say over how high your taxes will rise and how that money will be spent, vote on the people making the decisions, and on the warrant articles making up that bill.

We'd love to see the high turnout of the recent Presidential Primary repeated March 8, because we'd love it if the people who gripe all year as they struggle to pay their tax bill finally decide to make their views known.

Sadly, some of our local elections attracted no candidates or only one this year. Guess that means people are delighted with how things are going in their town and school district. We know there's been disgruntlement, to say the least, in the Hampstead School District, yet the incumbent is running unopposed. It's hard to comprehend why complaints are levied throughout the year but come election time, no one is willing to mount a challenge.

In Derry, on the other hand, a controversial series of primarily public safety budget cuts last year by the Town Council – overturned in a special election – has brought in a wide field of candidates for three open Council seats. Voters: you get to choose.

If you don't understand what you're being asked to approve, you still have time to get the answer. The right to vote carries with it the responsibility of understanding the issues. We think tax requests should be handled the way we handle our checkbooks – can we afford it? Is it a want or a need? Is it something we can postpone, or will that cost more later?

How about a union contract? If it covers one year, its costs should be clear. But most are for multiple years. Find out the price for each year – you won't be asked to vote on it in future years, but the cost goes into your tax bill. And if it's a bond, learn how much interest is added to the bottom line.

We let ourselves and our neighbors down when we ignore the election, only to find ourselves taxed out of our homes and represented by people who embarrass or upset us. The mirror is a great place to look for an answer to why taxes are so high.

In a state with just about the best opportunity for residents to self-govern, we see turnouts at local elections hovering around 10 percent. Please, no excuses this year. For your own good and the good of the community, go to the polls March 8.

Letters

Yes on Article 8

To the editor:

For years, the Town of Londonderry has successfully attracted many 55 and older residents. Many of us who moved here when our children were young have stayed after the kids have grown and left the area.

This special population pays taxes, votes, and contributes to town life by serving on committees and boards and various local organizations. Many seniors are looking for a place to sit down and visit, make friends, try new activities, or share a meal instead of always eating alone. This is why we have a Senior Center in Londonderry.

The Center is full of activity, five days a week. The problem is there are more seniors and activities than the current space can adequately handle. Some days there are folks knitting at one table, playing cards at another, a group chatting over coffee, while tables are set for lunch that day, a receptionist answers the phone and questions...and this is all in the first room.

The larger room has all sorts of activities, from exercise and stretching to bingo, to Wii games, mahjongg, cribbage, and line dancing – each which quickly switch as needed. The very small kitchen and two small bathrooms are inadequate for a facility with so many visitors, especially with mobility issues.

Warrant Article 8 provides for a way to expand the Londonderry Senior

Center without impacting taxes! The money for the expansion will come from the end of the year fund balance. Londonderry Seniors need your help getting the space to handle programming for this growing population.

Please vote Yes on Article #8 – Senior Center Expansion.

And stop in for a visit...maybe there is something for you!

Jan McLaughlin
Londonderry

Patton for Budget Committee

To the editor:

Vote March 8 for Christine Patton to serve as member of the Londonderry Budget Committee.

Ms. Patton has proven herself as a leader on the Londonderry Old Home Day Parade Committee for three years. Christine attended Southern New Hampshire University and Manchester Community College, earning a Bachelor's in Science in Business Studies. She has been a resident of New Hampshire for 15 years. She has an adult son and two daughters.

I've known Christine for 15 years. I have such high confidence in her skills and abilities that I asked her to be my wife in 2012, and we are happily married.

I recommend that you vote for Christine Patton to be a member of the Londonderry Budget Committee to represent Londonderry residents.

Mark Patton
Londonderry

Moskowitz for Budget Committee

To the editor:

I am Don Moskowitz and am running for a seat on the Budget Committee.

I worked in the corporate world for 40 years, including 17 years as president and treasurer of a small corporation, and 23 years in a number of management positions involving the preparation and monitoring of multi-million dollar budgets. My career included positions of division manager; manager, program management office; senior program manager; supervisor, operations research; financial analyst; cost analyst; and industrial engineer. I am a past member of the American Institute of Industrial Engineers and the American Management Association.

I have served in various civic positions within the Town of Londonderry, and have actively supported charitable organizations in southern New Hampshire.

I served the American Legion, Department of New Hampshire as Department (State) Treasurer, Chairman of the Finance Committee and Chairman of the Trustees of the Trust Fund. I am also a past Commander of Post 27, Londonderry and a U.S. Navy veteran.

I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Science from The Pennsylvania State University and an MBA from Babson College.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry

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Election Letters The Londonderry Times will not be accepting Letters to the Editor pertaining to the March 8 Election for its March 3 edition, other than to correct inaccuracies in previous letters. It is the paper's policy that running election letters that week would not give candidates time to correct inaccuracies. The last edition for election letters will be Feb. 25, and the deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22.

Three Seek Two Open Seats on Londonderry Town Council

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Running for two, three-year open positions on the Town Council in the March 8 election are incumbents Tom Dolan and John Farrell, and Edward Combes. Each candidate was asked: "Do you think it's appropriate to use taxpayer money to facilitate private development projects that grow the tax base?"

Edward "Ted" Combes
Age: 29

Occupation: Business Development

Years in Londonderry: 25
Elected experience: Budget Committee, three years (chairman two years), Master Plan Implementation Committee and Planning Board.

Answer: "Tax Incre-

ment Finance (TIF) Districts are a double-edged sword. Certainly, there are members in the public who are against putting money aside for roads and private developers; but still, it's hard to argue with the development we've been able to get out of Pettengill Road and it could be an example for the rest of the state. And we did not have to wait long for construction to come to that area, or for the developments to come online.

"There are some who believe if you build it, they will come; while others believe if you own the land you should do everything with it, even if it will become a public road at some point.

"I like both sides of the argument, but in this situation we had with Pettengill, it has shown it has

worked."

Tom Dolan

Age: 60

Years in Londonderry: 30 years

Occupation: Engineering Director

Elected Experience: Town Councilor (four terms), Budget Committee

Answer: "If we do it carefully, we can benefit the Town.

"The Pettengill Road development costed out to around \$12 to \$13 million, and that would have been a tremendous burden on local taxpayers.

"Some folks say developers will eventually come and when the time is right, they'll pay for the development. The way I look at it, it's more than just a simple math equation.

"If we're looking to get for a particular development \$1 million in tax rev-

enue for the community, we can, in one scenario, do nothing and just wait and see if that happens five years from now; or, in the most recent case, we found a way to get that \$13 million development done for an exposure to the taxpayers of only \$250,000. We created a development agreement where other people had skin in the game and reduced the exposure of the taxpayers. We can wait and do nothing and get that \$1 million in tax revenue from that first development in five years, or we can spend \$250,000 now and get that tax revenue next year for \$1 million. By spending \$250,000, we have \$5 million by year five. Not spending \$250,000 would have cost us \$4 million in lost revenue.

"It's really an accelerator; it accelerates rev-

enue for the taxpayers using these formulas and using these economic tools that the State has put in place for us. In the end, the residential taxpayers get a benefit much faster than they would otherwise. Now we have had the tax rate go down for two years in a row, which is directly attributed to the development up and around Pettengill Road."

John Farrell

Age: 55

Occupation: Software sales

Years in Londonderry: 23

Elected experience: Town Council, two terms; Planning Board, 11 years

Answer: "The money from the Tax Increment Finance District was not used for private development; it was actually used for public improvement that's beneficial to the town.

"The Pettengill TIF was a \$250,000 invest-

ment for a \$1.8 million return in one year, which equates to \$36 million in 20 years. Instead of losing that opportunity, we had a tightly managed TIF that provided a great tax benefit to the Town, including lowering taxes; but more importantly, the tax money spent was to repay the developer only for public improvements that were beneficial to the Town.

"We put no money upfront and only if we agree by contract that this is a good beneficial improvement for the Town would we move forward with it.

"If you look at the other TIFs around the State, they open TIFs and leave them open for years. We give a start and finish date so the taxpayers get the benefit as soon as possible and the TIFs are tightly managed."

Letters

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Ganem for School Board

To the editor:

Please vote for Jenn Ganem on Tuesday, March 8 for the vacant school board position.

Jenn is a wife and mother with kids in the Londonderry schools. I've worked with her on school-related issues for over five years. I've seen how committed she is to make sure our schools keep meeting the high educational standards

and quality that Londonderry is known for.

Our great schools not only provide an amazing foundation for our children (and therefore the next generation of our society), but they also draw families here, which positively affects property (and therefore, resale) values.

Jenn is open-minded and listens, and is a great problem solver and would be a great person to have on the school board, working with both the district administration and the public.

Hopefully by now,

those of you reading this have also read previous weeks' letters to the editor, but here's a quick recap: Jenn has worked with kids and families for over 20 years as a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner while also teaching science at SNHU and nursing at Rivier University for 10 years.

Jenn has a lot of valuable experience to bring to the town. Please give her a chance to help us protect our children's future. She has my vote on March 8 and I hope yours as well.

Greg DePasse
Londonderry

Neighbor Arrested in Cote Lane Burglaries

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Police helped return valuable items stolen in burglaries over the summer to a local homeowner.

While investigating two separate burglaries at 3 Cote Lane in August and September of 2015,

Police linked the sale of a flat screen television and laptop computer reported stolen in those burglaries to Kyle Brooks, also of Cote Lane.

Brooks was charged with two counts of Burglary for allegedly stealing the valuables from his neighbor, according to Det. Chris Olson.

He allegedly sold the laptop computer to a pawn shop in Goffstown and privately sold the television at a local gym, Olson said.

Brooks was released on \$7,500 Personal Recognizance bail and is scheduled to be arraigned in Derry's 10th Circuit Court on April 5.

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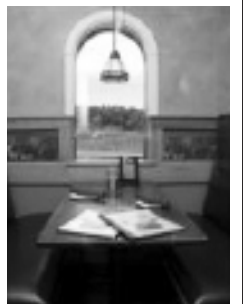
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Zoning Board Grants Shell Station Variance for LED Pricing Sign

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) approved a variance for an existing sign at the Shell Station on Nashua Road (Route 102) to display electronic LED changeable copy.

After continuing the hearing at their Jan. 20 meeting, the Board sought legal counsel related to whether a hardship for the property owner exists.

Noting gas stations are legally mandated in New Hampshire to post their gas prices, Chairman Jim Smith said at last week's meeting that "unnecessary hardship

means owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area."

"In reading counsel's opinion on this, he expanded hardship to allow a special condition not just for land, but for the use of land," member Jacqueline Benard said. "Because it's a gas station and they are required to post the prices, I think that gets you into that realm of hardship, so I am inclined to think they have met the criteria."

"I think part of what we're looking at is the people who sell fuels by State law are mandated to

post their prices and for other types of businesses, the sign is more to identify them rather than to meet State law or requirement," Smith agreed. "You could possibly make the argument that makes it a special condition of this particular property in that they have to post their prices where other businesses don't have to list the prices. In that way they are a little bit different than other properties."

But member Neil Dunn, who voted against granting the variance, said the gas station's sign featuring manually changed prices satisfies the State

requirement for posting prices.

"They are currently posting prices to stay within the terms of the law," he said. "It gets back to the Town saying we don't want LED. There are other ways to post the pricing. They are really changing the sign to a different look, a better look, but I think the LED thing is the biggest issue."

Mark Gross of MHF Design Consultants, who represented the applicant, argued that granting the variance is in the public interest because allowing LED, changeable pricing would provide a reliable visual display of pricing the public will be able to see, and it would

enable the business to keep up with changing technology being used in other communities.

"I'm looking at this as the design of these types of signs, which are being used quite a bit. I'm not so sure why LED to Neil is so objectionable. It's still just a light," Smith said.

"One could argue there are all kinds of signs all over the State being used and that's not the point. The point is we try to codify our ordinances and limit this because we want to maintain the character and the rural look of the Town," Dunn said. "I look at the argument and fact we try to codify and limit them and I'm not seeing a strong

argument when they talk about the natural progression of technology; you could argue the flashing moving ones are part of that progression of technology."

"When I think of the hardship factor and re-read the intent of the Ordinance, it does hit upon those points and the hardship factor for them having to display their pricing. I can see where it does fit and I am driven to believe the hardship factor does meet the standing ordinance," Benard said.

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Bomb Squad Called to Suspicious Device Hanging on Stop Sign

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Police were called to the intersection of Cross Road and Apple Blossom Drive Monday morning after receiving a report of an explosive device hanging from a stop sign.

The 911 caller reported he also found another suspicious device a short distance from the stop sign, which turned out to

be a cell phone attached to a battery with wires coming out of it, according to Det. Chris Olson.

The State Police Bomb Squad and Londonderry Fire Battalion Chief also responded around 8 a.m. and determined the potentially explosive device was just fireworks that had been wrapped up.

The fireworks did not explode and no one was

injured.

"The cell phone was determined to be safe and during a canvass of the neighborhood, police were able to identify several potential suspects," Olson said. "It looks like it was just juvenile activity. It does not appear they were going to explode the device. It's unknown if any charges will be presented against them."

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First Semester Disciplinary Incidents Down at LHS, LMS

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School Assistant Principal Katie Sullivan said she is pleased to report the number of first semester disciplinary incidents decreased this year.

The high school saw a total of 187 incidents in the first semester, compared with 190 incidents in the same period last year.

"The number of incidents continues to decrease. In the past five years, they have decreased by 405 incidents," Sullivan told the School Board at its Feb. 16 meeting. "A

total of 93 percent of our students at Londonderry High School did not have a disciplinary incident during semester one."

Additionally, Sullivan noted six "frequent fliers," students with five or more infractions, were responsible for 22 percent of the discipline totals.

"Our frequent fliers are all ninth graders. There is a transition period for students and hopefully when I come back in the spring, there will be zero."

Sullivan said they are also hoping to continue decreasing the relatively small number of students

caught cutting class, and noted that incidents involving the misuse of electronics are down 67 percent this year.

"It has been three to four years with the new 'bring your own device' policy and I think students and teachers have adapted," she said.

Sullivan noted students are held accountable when they make mistakes and administration capitalizes on the opportunity to turn them into life lessons, working with students, parents and teachers to address violations of school policies.

"We don't just hand

consequences out, we make it a learning process for them," she said, noting programs like "Life of a Lancer" and the system of dividing students and staff into the "house" office system has helped administration get to know students.

"New kids that come in call us weird and corny," she said. "We have such a different vibe in our building, a lot of kids who come with big files actually turn around very quickly. We are very family-oriented and they're not used to administration taking notice of their little behaviors and

getting to know them. But we often hear they like it."

Addressing the school's eight incidents involving drug possession/use/transfer, all of which involved internal possession of drugs, Sullivan told the Board it's school staff's attention to students' "little behaviors" that has helped ensure those students get the help they need.

"Our students know they can't get away with it because we know our kids, and if they are acting funny will call them up on it," she said. "Students will make mistakes. We have a re-entry meeting and a great program with steps in place for those kids. It's a team effort between the school and parents."

"I appreciate the fact you are always looking for the little things," Chairman Steve Young said.

Board member Nancy Hendricks said she was pleased to see for two consecutive years zero incidents of harassment and bullying.

"I think you guys are doing a great job, and we're looking at some relatively small numbers. Kudos to the staff," board member John Laferriere said.

In addition to the high school conduct report, the Board considered Londonderry Middle School's conduct report for the first semester.

Assistant Principal Donna Dyer said 92 percent of students at the middle school did not have a disciplinary incident during the first semester, meaning the school saw only 79 students for a disciplinary concern.

The school addressed a total of 114 incidents in the first semester this year, compared with 137 incidents for the same period last year.

Dyer attributed the decline in part to the school's efforts to teach students about perseverance and ownership.

Dyer reported the number of disciplinary incidents involving disrespect has decreased and the school saw no incidents involving alcohol, tobacco or drug use.

"The teachers are always out there," she said.

Misuse of electronics has gone up at the middle school, which Dyer said is in part due to students forgetting to turn off devices before class.

It's a transition for them," she said of the "bring your own device" program. "They're getting this extra freedom. The sixth graders are the highest offenders. It's a new privilege."

The schools will again present conduct reports covering the second semester in the spring.

Engineering Studies for Proposed Senior Housing on Sanborn Road are Complete

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Senior Center Director Cathy Blash said last week that developer Steven Lewis is confident his affordable senior housing project on the Sanborn Road

brownfield site will be successful in obtaining the necessary tax credits.

"He did the engineering studies. There's nothing he can see that would stand in the way," she said at the Senior Resource Committee's Feb.

16 meeting.

Lewis is proposing the construction of three, 36- to 40-unit affordable housing apartment buildings, to be constructed on the lot in a campus style, with a community garden, a playground where tenants' visiting grandchildren may play and extensive trails that would provide connectivity to the Londonderry Rail Trail, which abuts the site.

Lewis' application to the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority must be submitted by April.

"That's the first step in the process," Blash said. "(Lewis) seems confident he should be able to get the tax credits. He has done this before."

Blash told the Committee that although there's nothing more the group can do to help with the project, she plans to observe Lewis as he moves through the application process to gain a better understanding of what is required to obtain the tax credits for an affordable senior housing project.

The closing date for the Town's agreement to sell 30 Sanborn Road to Lewis for \$10 is July 31.

Lewis must complete substantial construction of the housing project within 21 months of the closing date, per the agreement, or the Town has the option of purchasing the property back.

Shooting

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Rachel Owens and Steven and Carol Chabot testified during the trial, as did Betsy Wandtke, the woman with whom Owens was having an affair.

The prosecution presented DNA evidence from a broken window at the rear garage door at the Chabots' 25 Hillview Ave., home that matched DNA evidence police collected from Owens, as well as footprints lifted

outside the Chabot home that matched boots police found in Owens' vehicle.

Owens faces up to 20 years in prison and/or a fine up to \$250,000 for the Interstate Domestic Violence charge and up to life in prison and a \$250,000 fine for the firearm charge, a Class A felony.

A Pre-sentence Conference has been set for May 20 before Judge Nancy Torresen of the U.S. District Court in Maine. Owens is to be sentenced on June 14 in Portland, Maine.

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Katie Sullivan Named One of State's 20 Outstanding Women

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School Assistant Principal Katie Sullivan was named one of WZLH's 20 Outstanding Women of 2016 for her work to foster in students an appreciation for serving the community.

As founder of the school's Pay it Forward Club and a club for seniors that encourages the support of athletic teams, Sullivan said she tries to be a role model for her students because "giving back goes a long way."

Sullivan, who was selected from over 650 women nominated for this year's award, said she was "completely shocked" by the recognition.

She was nominated by history teacher Shelly Gagnon, who has known Sullivan since she was a child.

Sullivan attended a luncheon where she met the other Outstanding Women, who were selected from the largest pool of candidates ever nominated for the award.

"It was just an uplifting and positive day to be around women who are so



Katie Sullivan

strong and who all have common themes of giving back and volunteering," Sullivan said of the luncheon. "It was pretty cool to meet other women who are doing some incredible things in the state."

Of her passion for community service, Sullivan said it's nurtured by the love she has for her hometown and her desire to be a good role model for her students.

"I think volunteering is a perfect example of a great role model and showing these kids that giving back and volunteering with these different organizations is lifelong learning. I absolutely love Londonderry, I love the school, I love the town, I love my students, and if I can be a role model and show them how

important it is to volunteer and give back or inspire one or two children along the way, I think that's big," she said.

According to Sullivan, who was also the 2015 runner-up for Assistant Principal of the Year, students are easily hooked on giving back after participating in just one event, like the Pay it Forward Club's annual Veterans Breakfast.

"Once you get them

there, I think the events sell themselves and the acknowledgement they get from adults witnessing them volunteer makes them feel really good," Sullivan said. "A lot of people have one image about teenagers that's not always the most positive. When they see kids going above and beyond, it sheds a positive light not only on those kids, but also their families and upbringing."

Principal Jason Parent announced Sullivan's award at the School Board's meeting last week.

"She does an outstanding job," he said of her work for the school and community.

Sullivan is to accept her award at the Women's Expo on March 12.

In other business:

Londonderry School District Assistant Superintendent Scott Laliberte was also recognized at the School Board's Feb. 16

meeting for his election to the Regional Council for the College Board representing New Hampshire.

Superintendent Nate Greenberg said with the State's recent adoption of the SAT assessment for grade 11 students, having Laliberte's voice on the Regional Council will be important.

The District drove the State's decision to utilize the SATs in lieu of the Smarter Balanced assessment in grade 11.

OBITUARY

Ada May "Lannie" Duffy



Ada May "Lannie" Duffy, 92, of Londonderry died Feb. 17, 2016, at home, surrounded by her family.

She was born in Heath, Mass., on May 20, 1923, the eldest daughter of the late Oscar and Grace (Gleason) Landstrom.

She was a graduate of Waltham School of Nursing and a member of the U.S. Cadet Nurses Corps during World War II. She enjoyed all facets of nursing in her 50-year career.

She is survived by her son, Joseph T. Duffy III of Lynn, Mass.; her daughter, Terri Grace Duffy of Londonderry; four grandchildren, Aaron, Katie, Mollie and Marie Duffy; two sisters, Pearl Churchill of Shelburne, Mass., and Ruth Johnson of Heath, Mass.; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph T. Duffy Jr., in 1988 and by her son James Duffy in 2012.

Visiting hours will be held Friday March 4, at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Road, Londonderry from 4 to 7 p.m. A memorial service will be held Sunday, March 6, at Heath Union Church, Heath, Mass., at 1 p.m., followed by a time of fellowship. Private burial will be held on a later date at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to VNA Hospice Manchester, 1070 Holt Ave., #4, Manchester, NH 03109. To send a condolence or for more information, visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARY

John Kennedy



John J. Kennedy, 62, of Londonderry died Feb. 19, 2016 surrounded by his family.

He was born in New York on May 3, 1953, a son of Matthew and Veronica (McGuire) Kennedy.

He grew up in Rockaway Beach, N.Y., and later settled to raise his children in Pennsylvania and eventually New Hampshire.

A self-made man, he began working with Allied Maintenance in 1975 and continued with the company through its many iterations, leading up to its current standing as Cushman-Wakefield, where he was Vice President of Technical Operations and Support.

He was an avid reader and enjoyed many outdoor activities such as fishing, skiing and cycling. He will be remembered for his quick wit and sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Leslie (Deutsch) Kennedy; four children, Christina Kennedy and her husband, Barry Hicks of Plymouth Meeting, Penn., Courtney Landry and her husband, Dan, of Sandown, Corbin Kennedy of Epping and Colin Kennedy of Salem, Mass.; five grandchildren, Caden Landry, Charlise Landry, Cohen Landry, Brady Hicks and Nathan Hicks; and brothers and sisters Veronica, Mary, Matthew, Ellen, Clare and Kevin. He was predeceased by his brother Patrick.

Following cremation, a memorial service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27, at 11 a.m. in St. Jude's Parish, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Home for Little Wanderers, 10 Guest St. 3rd Floor, Brighton, Mass., www.thehome.org. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium are assisting the family with the arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Two Candidates Seek Londonderry School Board Seat

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Two candidates are running for one open seat on the Londonderry School Board in the March 8 election, incumbent John Laferriere and newcomer Jenn Ganem. Each candidate was asked: "How do you think the School District should prepare for potential increases in enrollment as significant residential development projects in town begin to come online?"

Jenn Ganem

Age: 45

Years in Londonderry: Has lived in Londonderry for 7 years and owned her business in Londonderry

for 13 years.

Occupation: Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner and Assistant Professor at Rivier University

Elected Experience: None
Answer: I think what's going to happen as the bigger projects come into place is we'll see the growth not as strong as we saw it in the 1980s, when we had high classroom sizes and very little room, but I think it's going to impact the School District. At that point we're going to have to look at the numbers and I suspect we'll be hiring more teachers. The issue will come back up about having instructional assis-

tants in the classroom and the need for them because of the higher numbers of students.

My other concern is because we have done such a phenomenal job with our special education program, more families will be attracted to Londonderry and our special education enrollment will probably go up. That is starting to be evident in the data already. I think we need to start looking at our special education budget and maybe creating a reserve and considering what's coming down the road with the growth.

Looking at that whole picture, we need to be

cognizant not only of where the growth is occurring, but what we're going to have to do to address the increased class sizes as that happens. There's also potentially a concern if we will need to re-district. We have to look at how the numbers play out at each grade and school.

John Laferriere

Age: 48

Years in Londonderry: 20

Occupation: Information Technology Executive

Elected Experience: School Board, 6 years; Planning Board, 3 years

Answer: "What I expect is over time and as more

things come online, we're going to see a steady increase of kids coming in.

"The way we should handle that is really being smart about how we manage our money like anything else. We have Pettingill Road coming online, and other developments coming on board, which I think will be a good tax base for us, and I think we're going to see that continue to grow and help out with the taxes in town.

"If we manage our spending, and we're very good at managing our spending, we're very frugal, I think we'll be all right. One of the things we do need to be cog-

nizant of is that we could also see something happen in the special education population. I think the way we need to manage those spikes is through using reserve funds.

"We need to manage those reserve funds wisely, continue to fill them at a rate that's sustainable relative to the population of the school district and as we see development coming online.

"We also need to make sure we understand when these projects come online, what's to be expected - so working with developers to understand how much they're going to put online and when."

Londonderry High Sends 34 Pounds of Hair Donations

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School's 10th anniversary Day of Giving last month produced a record 34 pounds of hair, which will be transformed into wigs for women battling cancer.

Pep Rally coordinator Steven Juster, an English teacher at the school, packed boxes with the precious donations and sent the pony tails off last week to Pantene Beautiful Lengths.

Juster said the boxes represent the selflessness and sacrifice of 295 student and staff "angels."

"The boxes also represent the overwhelming support of students, administration and staff for those angels, and the stylists and parents and

community members who make this such a beautiful place to live and work," he wrote in a letter to Pantene, which he packed with the donations. "There are smiles and tears and stories in these boxes. In short, I have the honor of sending you a miracle. Please put these gifts of love to work."

While this year's event did not draw the highest number of donors, those who did participate parted with longer lengths than in previous years, with most donors cutting more than 9 inches of their hair at the event.

"It was a big relief," sophomore Amanda Graf said of donating her hair at the Day of Giving pep rally in January. "I didn't think I would miss my



Sophomores Kiera Tewksbury, Jillian Hansen and Amanda Graf display the hair donations from the Londonderry High School's Day of Giving.

hair, but then when I got on the floor I got really nervous. After it was done, I felt light and my hair feels much healthier."

Graf and her friends Jillian Hansen and Kiera Tewksbury, also sophomores who donated their

hair last month, agree that participating in the Day of Giving is a Lancer tradition they wouldn't

want to miss out on.

The campaign has grown into a nationally recognized event, capturing a Guinness World Record for simultaneous ponytail cuts and earning the high school recognition in Seventeen Magazine as "a school you might want to transfer to because of this tradition."

Hansen said she is happy with her shorter hairstyle, noting it took her 45 minutes to blow dry her hair in the morning before she donated more than eight inches of her locks.

Juster encourages students to make the deci-

sion to donate carefully, but said he often advises those who are on the fence to take the leap if they think they will regret not donating more than they think they would regret shorter hair.

"This is a big deal here. It's great for our school and the community," Graf said.

With the official send-off of this year's hair donations complete, Juster said he and his pep rally aides have already started preparing for next year's Day of Giving on Friday, Jan. 6 and will continue to collect individual donations throughout the year.

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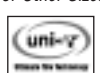


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Firefighters Brush Up Hazmat Response Skills in Regional Training

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Members of the Southeastern New Hampshire Hazardous Materials (Hazmat) Mutual Aid District gathered in Londonderry last week to put their skills responding to a variety of emergency scenarios to the test.

"The skills are perishable and it's important to keep the relationships fresh, as well," said Battalion Chief Jim Roger, who serves as a team leader to the Town's Hazmat response team.

Decked in protective suits and masks, Londonderry firefighters worked to complete "credibility assessments" for scenarios involving an improvised explosive device (IED) and a suspicious powdery white substance found in a package.

In a real event involving such scenarios, the first responders would have to determine whether or not the materials

require response from the Mutual Aid District and the State Police Bomb Squad, which also participated in the training exercises on Feb. 17.

That was one of the most important aspects of the training for the Londonderry firefighters who participated - how to set the stage and how to identify when it's necessary to call for the Hazmat District and bomb squad, according to Roger.

"I was very pleased. The training went exceptionally well," he said. "There were some great learning moments that came out of it and they worked seamlessly together. It's important both the firefighters and police officers have this training to be good decision makers."

The Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid District, which is comprised of Fire personnel from 14 communities in varying proximity to the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, conducts trainings with the Fire Depart-

ment at least twice annually, according to Roger.

The training exercises last week were held at a large commercial building for lease at 34A Londonderry Road.

"We're always looking for venues to train at and this worked out awesome," Roger said, noting they were able to keep all their valuable decontamination equipment inside.

As Londonderry continues to see rapid industrial growth, Roger said supporting its relationship with the Hazmat District remains a priority to the Department.

"Our limitation is manpower and technical equipment," he said. "The equipment is very expensive and not used on a regular basis. It's for low frequency, high risk events."

Roger said the Department has been called a number of times to assess suspicious packages and substances.

The most likely scenarios in Londonderry would involve a response



Members of the Southeastern New Hampshire Hazardous Materials (Hazmat) Mutual Aid District gathered in Londonderry last week to brush up on a variety of emergency scenarios. Photo by Chris Paul

to FedEx, the Army Reserve, a school or the airport, according to Roger.

"When the call comes out, it's important to have a joint response to be effective and efficient," he said. "This training gets everyone on the same page."

Council Continues Public Hearing on Rezoning Request

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council voted Monday to waive the first reading for the rezoning of a Rockingham Road property from Industrial I to Multi-Family Residential.

The Evans family,

which has owned the property at 280 Rockingham Road for a number of years, requested rezoning a 40-acre portion of the parcel, located near the brownfield site on Sanborn Road identified for an affordable senior housing project, to make

the entire property more marketable to developers.

The Planning Board recommended rezoning the property at its Feb. 3 meeting.

Earl Blatchford, senior project manager at Haynor Swanson, told the

Board that natural and manmade barriers on the property, including wetlands and a large electrical easement, discourage industrial development.

"The topography in this part of the site is part of the steepest of the site, and there are several wet

areas that break up the area," Blatchford said, explaining the smaller building paths and steeper grading schemes of the parcel lend to residential rather than industrial development.

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John Vogl said Planning staff supports rezoning the parcel, calling it "a self-contained extension of the existing zoning."

The Council will hold a public hearing on the rezoning request at its next meeting on March 7.



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LHS Icemen Gain Steam, Push Win Streak to Five Games

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the span of nearly a month, the Londonderry High School ice hockey team certainly seemed to be sliding into a serious, downward spiral.

The then 4-2 Lancer icemen dropped five consecutive contests and fell from the middle of the

heated Division I tournament race into a sub-.500 hole that had first-year coach Dan Legro and his charges really feeling the sting.

But since Feb. 3, the Lancers have turned their fortunes around by tallying five consecutive wins - four of which were shutouts - in driving their record from 4-7 to 9-7 as

the D-I tournament nears.

Legro's Lancer legion kept the wins coming last week and catapulted itself back up over the .500 mark with 3-0 victories over the scuffling Pinkerton Academy Astros and the Nashua High South Purple Panthers.

During its recent five-game winning skein, the LHS bunch outscored those opponents by the lopsided tally of 17-5, and the locals entered this final week of the 2015-16 regular season with a real test against the streaking Bedford High Bulldogs to be followed by a senior night battle at home on Saturday, Feb. 27, with the struggling Salem Blue Devils.

"The kids feel good," said Legro after the blanking of the rival Pinkerton crew. "We're happy with our recent performances and we're hoping to learn how to improve on our game."

In the 3-0 win over PA at the Salem Icenter on the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 17, the Lancers potted two goals in the first period and one more in the second, dominating play throughout.

The victorious LHS side barraged Pinkerton star goalie Jordan Puzzo with 42 shots, 39 of which

the senior standout turned aside. But three goals ended up being more than enough for the hosts, whose own goalie Cody Baldwin only faced eight total PA shots all night.

Londonderry tallied the only goal it would actually require to win that contest a mere 3:14 after the opening face-off when Patrick Maloney tucked home a rebound. Andrew Morrisette and Nick Donnelly each got an assist.

The Lancers potted an insurance goal with 1:10 left in that opening stanza - and just a second remaining on a power-play - when Troy Muldoon was set up by Mike MacKen-

zie.

The hosts finished the scoring midway through the second stanza when speedy MacKenzie sprinted off on a long breakaway and put a shot of his own past PA keeper Puzzo.

At the completion of two periods, the Lancers held a 29-5 advantage in shots on net, and their lead on the scoreboard wouldn't be tested.

"We're hoping to continue some defensive support, which has earned our team three shutouts recently," said Legro. "Ice time was spread around to all of our players tonight, which is always good for any team."

Pinkerton fell to 4-11 in the division - with five straight losses - with the defeat.

And the LHS contingent kept the good stuff coming for itself in the Saturday night road battle with weak Nashua South, which dropped to 1-13 with its fifth straight defeat in the 3-0 blanking at the hands of Londonderry.

The Lancers potted a single goal in each period in snagging the shutout.

Londonderry trails Bishop Guertin, Concord, Bedford and Bishop Brady in the division as they head into the last week of the regular season.



Lancer forward Andrew Morrisette scrambles for the puck after a face off during last week's 3-0 win over the struggling Pinkerton Astros.

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Colon cancer is cancer of the large intestine (colon), the lower part of your digestive system. Rectal cancer is cancer of the last several inches of the colon. Together, they're often referred to as colorectal cancers. Most cases of colon cancer begin as small, non-cancerous (benign) clumps of cells called adenomatous polyps. Over time some of these polyps become colon cancers. Polyps may be small and produce few, if any, symptoms. For this reason, doctors recommend regular screening tests to help prevent colon cancer by identifying polyps before they become colon cancer.

Signs and symptoms of colon cancer include: a change in your bowel habits, including diarrhea or constipation or a change in the consistency of your stool for more than a couple of weeks; rectal bleeding or blood in your stool; persistent abdominal discomfort, such as cramps, gas or pain; a feeling that your bowel doesn't empty completely; weakness or fatigue; or unexplained weight loss.

Many people with colon cancer experience no symptoms in the early stages of the disease. When symptoms appear, they'll likely vary, depending on the cancer's size and location in your large intestine. It's not clear what causes colon cancer in most cases. Doctors know that colon cancer occurs when healthy cells in the colon become altered. Healthy cells grow and divide in an orderly way to keep your body functioning normally. But sometimes this growth gets out of control. Cells continue dividing even when new cells aren't needed. In the colon and rectum, this exaggerated growth may cause precancerous cells to form in the lining of your intestine. Over a long period of time, spanning up to several years, some of these areas of abnormal cells may become cancerous.

Among other tests to diagnose colon cancer a colonoscopy has gotten the most attention in recent years. There are also blood test, although, there is not blood test to confirm colon cancer. A barium enema allows doctors to create a clear silhouette of your rectum, colon and sometimes a small portion of your small intestine. It is important if you suspect that you have any issues to consult with your doctor to catch this early.

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Lancer Grapplers Advance Eight to Meet of Champions

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After making New Hampshire high school wrestling history by ending the lengthy championship reign of the Timberlane Owls last year, the Londonderry High School wrestling squad came

into this year's Division I Championships with lower expectations after losing talent to graduation.

But that didn't mean that the LHS crew wasn't putting its all into the DI title event at Nashua High School North last Saturday, Feb. 20.

The Lancers were the

only one of the 11 competing teams to have grapplers finish in every one of the six medal spots, with that crew of eight Londonderry medalists being paced by repeat state champion Mahdi Achab. Achab became a state champ for the second consecutive year by besting Nashua North's John Sweeney in a slim, final seconds win, in the 170-pound title bout.

The locals will now have their eight medalists competing in this Saturday's state Meet of Champions at Nashua North.

Where team scoring was concerned, the Lancers finished with 106.50 points, fifth behind the D-

I champs from Timberlane (220), Concord (159), Pinkerton (118.50), and home-standing Nashua North (109).

"We're not the same team as last year, but overall I'm pleased with how we did today," said coach Jason Cucolo. "The guys worked hard, we advanced eight to next week, and anything can happen there."

Two-time state champion, and the number two seed, Achab pushed his coaches' nerves to the breaking point in his title bout, overcoming a 1-0 deficit in the final 10 seconds of the third period with a clutch reversal that got him the two points he

required to defeat North's Sweeney.

"There were opportunities earlier to score but I wasn't able to. But in the last 10 seconds you just have to go for it, and I did," said Achab.

In watching his 170-pound grappler - who finished the day with a perfect 3-0 record - pull out the last-second victory, Cucolo received a few more reasons to be happy with Achab.

"He works hard, he believes in himself, and he believes in what we're teaching him. And that's why he's been successful," said Cucolo.

LHS 126-pound stalwart Ryan Cabezas, who

headed into the day as the number one seed, took second after losing a tight match (8-7) to Alvirne's Nick Milinazzo in his division's title bout. All in all, Cabezas went 2-1 on the big day.

Tyler Byrd finished third in his 132-pound class with a 3-1 mark, and fourth places were delivered by Andrew Chase at 138 pounds (2-2 record) and Craig Santos at 145 (also 2-2).

Fifth places were bagged by Colin Reardon at 152 pounds (2-2) and Ben Psalidas at 182 (3-2), and the lone Lancer to finish sixth was 120-pound grappler Dave Donnelly (3-3).



Londonderry High School senior Mahdi Achab became a two-time state champion on Saturday with his slim 2-1 win over Nashua North's John Sweeney. Photo by Chris Paul

Boy Hoopsters Get Back Up to the .500 Mark

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After seeing its Division I record slip way down to 4-7 and its potential tournament hopes dim recently, the Londonderry High boys' basketball squad enjoyed a welcome resurgence and won three games in a row.

And that necessary winning streak included victories over the weak Dover High Green Wave and the struggling Keene High Blackbirds last week that landed coach Nate Stanton's defending state champion LHS crew right back at the .500 mark at 7-7.

In the Lancers' 87-34 pounding of Dover at LHS

on Tuesday, Feb. 16, the locals netted 31 big points in the first quarter and soon thereafter found themselves grasping a big 54-25 lead at halftime.

And Stanton's squad held Dover - which fell to 2-13 with the defeat - under double digits in points in the second half, managing 36 points to the Green Wave's nine.

Matt Corey scored 27 points for the winning side, Nate Gaw contributed 21 including four three-pointers, and Jake Coleman was good for 16 points including a pair of treys. All in all, nine Lancers netted points.

Then on Friday night, Feb. 19, the Londonderry crew kept its modest win-



Jake Coleman led LHS scorers with 23 points against Keene last week.

quarter, 26-21 at the half, and 42-31 after three periods had been completed. And they ended up hanging on tight for the eight-point win over the Blackbirds, who slipped to 5-9 with their third straight loss.

Coleman paced the LHS effort with 23 points, which included a trio of three-pointers. Corey added 10 points for the victors.

This week's docket had Londonderry facing vacation week contests against Manchester Memorial at LHS Tuesday, Feb. 23, after Londonderry Times press time, followed by a Friday night game against Nashua North in the Gate City.

ning streak rolling by handing the host Keene High Blackbirds a 52-44 defeat on the road.

The Lancers grasped leads of 18-13 after one

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Lady Lancer Cagers Find Both Frustration and Success



CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A frustrating and unexpected loss to the Dover High Green Wave followed by a hugely lopsided defeat of the Keene High Lady Blackbirds last week left the Londonderry High girls' basketball squad contemplating its 13-3 Division I record as it rolls into the last week of the regular season this week.

The two-time defending D-I champs dropped a 54-49, double-overtime decision to a warm (three straight wins) Dover team on the Lancers' home court Tuesday, Feb. 16. But they righted themselves three nights later with a 64-25 throttling of the Keene High crew.

In the disappointing

extra-period loss to 8-8 Dover, the Lancers saw a double-digit lead slip away in the second half on the way to more frustration.

"We blew a 16-point second half lead," lamented coach Nick Theos. "We stopped playing and Dover didn't. They beat us. We played scared through the two overtimes and they didn't. Give them all the credit. If we don't play hard and together we can get beaten on any given night."

Londonderry grasped advantages of 12-3 after one quarter, 24-10 at the half, and 32-22 going into the last period before things came tumbling down for the home-standing locals.

But the Lady Lancers left virtually no room for

any sort of comeback by a Keene crew that moved to 4-13 with its lopsided loss three evenings later.

The locals outscored their guests by a 21-10 margin in period one, and by a stunning 23-2 tally in the second to carry a commanding 44-12 lead into the second half.

"The girls came out aggressive and up-tempo and let our press get turnovers," said Theos. "We finished tonight much better around the rim as well."

Kate Balcom tallied all of her 13 points in the first half, and Kelsey Coffey scored her 11 points

during the first two stanzas as well. Jackie Luckhardt added eight points to go with 10 rebounds and six assists. Balcom added nine rebounds and six assists to her points, and Angela Peikert had her best game of the season in scoring six second half points.

The girls head into the final week of the regular season facing a Tuesday night, Feb. 23 road game at Manchester Memorial - after Londonderry Times press time - followed by a senior night contest back home against Nashua North on Friday, Feb. 26.

Kate Balcom scored 13 points in the first half against the Keene Blackbirds last week to help with the 64-25 win. Photo by Chris Paul

Londonderry's Furlong Wins Diving Crown

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Lifelong Londonderry resident and present Derryfield School junior Jon Furlong hit the heights as a competitive high school diver in state championship action at the University of New

Hampshire in Durham recently.

Furlong scored more points than any other Division I or Division II diver over the two-day length of the competition - 297 points to be precise - in becoming the top overall diver at the high

school level in the Granite State.

The Londonderry teen executed 11 dives over those two days and couldn't be bested by the skilled competition.

Furlong also competes for the Solo Aquatics Diving Club in Haverhill,

Mass., and has enjoyed many competitive successes as a diver.

"Jonathan is beginning to reach out to college diving coaches now, and he aspires to dive in college," said the teen's proud dad, Jim Furlong.

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Local NEGTC Gymnasts Excel at Bay State Competition

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

New England Gymnastics Training Center (NEGTC) athletes excelled on both the individual and team levels at the Let's Make a Deal Meet in Sterling, Mass., recently. And Londonderry gymnasts in particular put forth noteworthy efforts.

NEGTC had its Level 3 team collect a championship, and the local center's Level 4 and Level 6 contingents both bagged solid third-place finishes. All in all, the local gymnastics center had athletes in levels three through nine as well as on the Xcel Bronze and Xcel Gold levels compete.

"The NEGTC gymnasts captured many medals and piggy bank trophies to add to their growing collections," said center press representative Jenn Rowan.

In the Level 3 Nickel Division, Shana Hatfield placed first alone in the

all-around (score of 36.200) and tied for first in the floor exercise (9.450). She also tied for third on vault.

Also on that level, Katherine Rowan took second in the all-around and tallied top 10 scores on vault and floor. And Cailee Anderson claimed sixth place in the all-around.

In Level 3 Dime Division action, Faith Carrier finished second on the uneven bars and fifth in the all-around.

Level 4 Nickel Division competitor Lillian MacDonald snagged second in the all-around, sixth on the bars, and seventh on floor, and Level 4 Dime Division gymnast Ella Houghton got fourth in the all-around, tied for fifth on floor, and tied for sixth on the bars.

Also in that Level 4 division, Olivia Colliton snagged fifth in the all-around and Lilly Maher claimed sixth in the all-around.

In the Level 6 Penny class, Ava Ruppel went top 15 in the all-around, and Marline Fitzgerald also performed that feat.

Level 7 Quarter class competitor Seana Kelly grabbed second place in the all-around, fourth on the bars, and 10th on vault.

In Level 9 Quarter Division competition, Jill McIntire - who later went on to help pace the Londonderry High Lady Lancer gymnasts to a state championship - placed second in the all-around and tied for fourth on vault.

In the Xcel Silver

Penny class, Eva Sesin notched eighth place in the all-around, and Megan Edwards tallied ninth in the all-around.

And in Xcel Gold Dime Division action, Meghan Daileanes proved unbeatable on bars (9.450), placed an excellent second in the all-around, and

tied for third on both vault and floor.

The NEGTC girls' teams are coached by owner Tim Madore along with Mel Stoller, Justine Turner, Sherry Harper, Mike O'Donnell, Georgia Dougherty, and Rryan Angers.

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ARTICLES

Article 2 General Fund - Operating Budget

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, or separate warrant articles, one of the following amounts for the purposes set forth in the budget posted with the warrant? **Vote for only one:**

A. \$70,778,003 (School Board Budget as amended) (Estimated Tax Impact \$13.60) ☐ A

Yes No Abstained

Voted by the School Board: 5 0 0

Voted by the Budget Committee: 5 0 0

OR

B. \$70,932,073 (Default Budget) (Estimated Tax Impact \$13.65) ☐ B

NOTE: Warrant Article 2 (Operating Budget) does not include appropriations proposed under any other article in this warrant.

Article 3 School Lunch Program and Federal Fund Projects

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to accept and receive federal grants and other such funds to support the school lunch program and federal projects; further to raise and appropriate such funds in a special revenue fund as follows: school lunch program, \$1,546,577; and federal projects, \$1,389,000; for an estimated total appropriation of \$2,935,577 such funds to be self-supporting through local, state or federal revenue sources? **YES** ☐ **NO** ☐

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

Yes No Abstained

Voted by the School Board: 5 0 0

Voted by the Budget Committee: 5 0 0

Article 4 Special Article (School Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund)

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500,000 to be placed in the School Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund? The Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund was previously established and approved at the March 1995 School District Meeting.

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.14) **YES** ☐ **NO** ☐

Yes No Abstained

Voted by the School Board: 5 0 0

Voted by the Budget Committee: 5 0 0

NOTE: The intended use for these funds is for major one-time capital costs for district facilities including roofs, paving, boilers and small renovation projects.

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

Moreau's Judo Students Shine at Bay State Competition

A quartet of skilled judo students from Moreau's Training Center in Londonderry performed more than admirably for instructor Tom Moreau at the annual Pedro Judo Challenge in Wakefield, Mass., recently.

That competition is a junior and senior level event with competitors ranging in age from 4-year-old novices to adult national, international, and Olympic level athletes. And the locals

acquitted themselves well. Moreau's had Juliet Rench, Xavier Moreau, Sharunas Fritschy, and Sophie Rench compete at the major event, and do their school and their mentor proud.

"All of Moreau's competitors did very well, placing and earning points toward national rankings," said Tom Moreau. "I'm proud of everyone's accomplishments."

Juliet Rench and Xavier Moreau competed first, and after Rench cap-

tured a bronze medal her teammate Xavier went 4-1 on the day and hit the heights by capturing the gold medal.

"This was Xavier's first national point competition, and he shined," said coach Moreau. "Xavier had two amazing sacrifice throws, lifting his opponents up to head level and then throwing himself into the air to land his opponents flat on their backs to score the win."

Sharunas Fritschy was involved several tough

match-ups on the day, but the Moreau's student proved his grit and earned a silver medal.

Last up for the local center was 10-year-old Sophie Rench, who has been with Moreau's Training Center for seven years and holds the rank of blue belt. And she battled her way to a silver.

For a junior competitor, a blue belt is easily compared to a brown or black belt in most other martial arts. So Rench knows her stuff.

"Sophie holds dozens of state, New England, and international championships," said proud mentor Tom Moreau. "She fought in the higher

weight division and found herself struggling to dictate the match-ups (in Wakefield). Sophie did well and took home a silver medal."

Man Arrested for Cashing Checks Written to Contractors

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Police arrested a Sanborn-ton man last week for taking checks an elderly man wrote to several other contractors working on a home he is building on the Seacoast and cashing them for himself.

The contractors who were helping with construction of the Londonderry man's new home filed a police report saying they never received their checks, Det. Chris Olson said.

which he cashed the checks, according to Olson.

The Department has seen a rise in cases where checks are being misappropriated and cashed, according to Olson.

"We have seen tons of embezzlement cases. We are finding a lot of them started many years ago. People just think it's easy. You can't necessarily equate it to the economy crashing, there are many people who were doing it until they got caught," he said.

Each of the checks were for about \$30,000, a felony amount.

John Suldenski, 59, of Sanbornton was charged with eight counts of Theft by Misapplication of Property and will likely face forgery charges out of the jurisdiction in

Olson advises residents to always use a reputable service provider and cut out the middle man whenever possible, adding that checks for services rendered should always be mailed or hand-delivered to the person to whom the check is issued.

SAMPLE

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 5 Special Article – Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$100,000 to be placed in the School District Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 to provide funds to procure essential small equipment for classrooms, offices, technology, and buildings and grounds? This sum to come from the June 30, 2016 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2016.

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

YesNoAbstained

Voted by the School Board:500

Voted by the Budget Committee:500

YES

NO

Article 6 Non-Lapsing Special Article Network Infrastructure & Wireless Improvement and Expansion

Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 to fund the necessary costs to improve the School District's network infrastructure including wireless capabilities to address the curriculum and administrative needs of the School District? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until all necessary infrastructure improvements are completed or by June 2020, whichever is sooner.

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.08)

YesNoAbstained

Voted by the School Board:500

Voted by the Budget Committee:500

YES

NO

Article 7 School District Charter Amendment

Shall the school district vote to amend the Londonderry School District Charter to remove the quorum requirement for amendments at the School District Meeting by amending the following sections of the Charter?

1. Delete Section IV.C. that reads:

"C. "Quorum of the meeting" shall mean 4% of registered voters or 500 voters, whichever is less at the first session of an annual or special meeting." And, re-letter the subsections accordingly.

2. In Section VI.A.2, delete the last sentence that reads:

"A quorum of the meeting will not be required to make such an amendment."

3. In Section VI.A.5, in the third sentence delete "of a quorum".

4. In Section VII.B.1, delete: ", regardless of whether a quorum of the meeting is present at the meeting".

5. Delete Section VII.B.2 that reads:

"2. In order for the meeting to amend any warrant article, including the operating budget, a quorum of the meeting must vote and a majority of those voting must vote in the affirmative on said amendment to the warrant article."

6. In Section VII.B.5, delete "of a quorum of the meeting the" and insert a ", " in its place.

7. Renumber the subparagraphs in Section VII.B. accordingly.

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

YesNoAbstained

Voted by the School Board:500

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

Aviation Museum

The Aviation Museum of New Hampshire, 27 Navigator Road hosts a program featuring an aviation-themed story followed by paper airplane building and flying on Friday, Feb. 26, at 11 a.m. Visitors are invited to stay for tours of the museum, and will have an opportunity to check out the museum's recent exhibit, a refurbished cockpit. Thanks to sponsorship from Hearthside Realty of Manchester, admission to the program is free. For details, call 669-4820, email avmuseum@nhahs.org, or visit www.aviationmuseumofnh.org.

Marvels of the Sky

Children are invited to visit the Leach Library on Monday, March 14 from 4 to 5 p.m. for a program dedicated to the marvels to be found in the sky, from balloons to jets. During the program a clip of the Wright Brothers' first flight will be shown, and each partici-

pant will receive a paper airplane to decorate and fly at home. Advance registration is required and begins Monday, March 7 at 9 a.m. To register, call 432-1127 or visit the Children's Room.

Writing Bug

The Leach Library presents a Young Adult "Follow the Writing Bug" program on Thursday, March 10, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. All participants in grades 6 through 12 will explore following their creative ideas and discover how successful writers develop their craft. Snacks and drinks will be served, and there will be a raffle for door prizes. No sign-up is necessary.

Isinglass Voting

Young Adult voting on New Hampshire's Isinglass award-winning book titles is ongoing through March 31, and is open to all students in grades 6 through 8. The Isinglass Award nominees are books recommended by middle school students. Lists of the titles are avail-

able in the Young Adult area of the Leach Library. Everyone who votes will receive a chance to win a Barnes & Noble gift certificate. Youths may vote for more than one title if they consider them worth recommending to other teens.

Visit with Peter Rabbit

Visit the Leach Library on Monday, March 21 from 4 to 5 p.m. to explore the world of rabbits, with stories ranging from Peter Rabbit to a bunny that loves chocolate cake. Participants can try their hand at a rabbit guessing game, and there will be time for a hug and picture with Peter. Advance registration is required and begins at 9 a.m. Monday, March 14. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Free Clothing

Renew opens March 12 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road, Derry. Arrive by 10 a.m. Derry resi-

dence not required. Renew offers free, gently-used apparel. Each household is limited to 20 of the newest items, plus a reasonable number of older items. Enter at the church marquee sign. Donations of good condition, modern clothing are welcome in the donation bin by the door at any time. No money is accepted. For details, search for "Renew Derry" on Facebook, email renew-clothing@yahoo.com, or call the church secretary at 434-1516.

Clothing Drive

Boy Scout Troop 426 is holding a clothing, coat, and shoe drive on March 8, with drop-off at Londonderry High School from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Look for the Boy Scout trailer. For those who can't make the drop-off date, email scouting@troop426.org for pick-up arrangements.

Supervisors of Checklist

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at Town Hall on Saturday, Feb. 27, from 10 a.m. to noon to register voters and correct the checklist. Anyone who has not previously registered may do so for the Town/School Election. Proof of citizenship, identity, and residency is needed, or affidavits may be signed. This is the last day for anyone not previously registered to do so before the March 8, 2016 Town/School Election. Registrations will be accepted at the election with documentation.

Animal Behavior

Join the Squam Lake Natural Science Center when it visits the Leach Library on Monday, Feb. 29 from 4 to 5 p.m. to explore information about why animals behave the way they do and learn what the benefits are to the animals that practice these behaviors. Live animal visitors may include a beaver, owl and a snake. Advance registration is required. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Free Meals

The Free Community Meals program offers the following meals. Everyone is welcome. Feb. 26, First Parish Church, East Derry Road, Derry, dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m.; Feb. 28, Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Road, Derry, breakfast, 9 to 10 a.m.; Feb. 28, St. Jude's Parish Community, 434 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, lunch, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. March 12, St. Patrick's Day Dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m., Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Road, Derry; March 17, dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m. West Running Brook Middle School, 1 West Running Brook Lane, Derry; March 18, dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m., First Parish Church, East Derry Road, Derry; March 19, dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m., St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry; March 20, dinner, 5 to 6:15 p.m., Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry; March

27, lunch, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., St. Jude Parish Community, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, and Sonshine Soup Kitchen, dinner, 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, Derry.

Garden Club

The Derry Garden Club of Greater Derry meets Friday, March 4, at 10 a.m. at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Derry, 40 Hampstead Road, Derry. The speaker will be Fern Doucette, Past Co-First Vice President of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs, past club President of Ashland and New Hampton and secretary of New Hampshire Design Guild. The program will be "Basic Floral Design for Your Home." Some designs will be raffled. The luncheon will be provided by the board. The club is a member of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs and National Garden Clubs.

Lenten Services

First Parish Congregational Church, UCC, 47 East Derry Road in East Derry, is holding Lenten services Wednesdays through March 16. A soup supper will be served each Wednesday during Lent at 6 p.m., followed by a service at 7 p.m. in the church's Currier Hall. All are welcome to join the congregation for food, fellowship, worship and community. For more information, contact 434-0628 or officemgr@fpc-ucc.org.

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Local Youth Gets Dramatic Results in Drug Trial for Seizures

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

When Joy Buzzell entered her 12-year-old son Seth into clinical trials of a drug derived from cannabis, he was having as many as 50 seizures a day at school alone.

"That doesn't count the ones he was having in the morning before putting him on the bus, or after he got home," said Buzzell, who lives in Londonderry. "Seth's seizures have been every kind. When he was 5, he had status epilepticus (a prolonged seizure) and we had to put him into a coma when he didn't stop

seizing."

Seth, a student at Matthew Thornton Elementary School, has Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome (LGS), which accounts for 2 to 5 percent of childhood epilepsies. Children with LGS usually don't respond to seizure medications.

"I thought, if it can help Seth, it can help anyone. Nothing else has helped. I was afraid this wouldn't help him either," Buzzell said.

But after working up to a full dose of cannabidiol (CBD), the non-psychoactive component of marijuana, Seth stopped seizing.

"He's having no to one seizure a day, now. He's talking more; he wants to engage in activities a lot more, he's playing more. He's definitely coming out of the fog," said Buzzell, who will be working with Seth's doctor over the next several months to decrease the four seizure drugs he is taking. "The goal is to get him off all the drugs that inhibit his ability to learn."

The CBD is administered to Seth in the form of oil, which contains a very small amount of THC, but does not cause hallucinogenic effects, according to Buzzell. "It's incredible. We

didn't even tell people at first because we were just waiting for the rug to get pulled out from under us," she said. "I'm not worried he's going to hurt himself. I'm not living in fear his head is going to bang on a table or he's going to fall down. He doesn't have to reset every few minutes. His brother, who's a few years older, is playing with him more and interacting with him more. Before, it was painful to see his brother having the seizures."

To thank Dr. Richard Morse, the pediatric neurologist who conducted the study at Dartmouth-

Hitchcock Medical Center, Buzzell said she is helping to sell tickets to the First New Hampshire Candlelight Dinner and Auction, which honors Morse and will raise money and awareness for the Epilepsy Foundation.

"It's going to be a lot of fun. We'll have a D.J. and WMUR News Anchor Sean McDonald is going to emcee," she said.

The semi-formal dinner is to be held on Saturday, March 12 at 6 p.m. at the Derryfield in Manchester.

Tickets - \$60 each and \$480 for a table of eight - must be purchased by

March 1. Those who are interested in purchasing tickets should contact Buzzell by phone at 892-1918.

"The change we have seen is incredible and we have Dr. Morse to thank for that. This study is so hard to administer because you have to deal with the Drug Enforcement Agency and several other agencies. There's a lot of regulations and paperwork," Buzzell said. "This study has given us all hope he can someday enjoy his life and enjoy childhood. That's all I want for Seth, to be happy and independent."

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Military Mental Health

Veterans, service members and military families are invited to attend a free military-focused Mental Health First Aid training Saturday, Feb. 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Center For

Life Management, 10 Tsieneto Road, Derry. Lunch is provided. Training includes risk factors facing veterans, service members and their families such as trauma, stress, and separation. A five-step plan helps assess a situation, determine steps to take, and accessing care. Those completing the training will be certified as mental health first aiders. For

details or to register, contact Kimberly at ksomarrba@naminh.org or call 568-5780. Hosting the event is NAMI New Hampshire.

Fuel Assistance

Fuel assistance is available from Southern New Hampshire Services, which is taking applications through April 30 to help renters and homeowners in Rockingham

County pay past or future energy bills. Fuel assistance pays for oil, propane, wood, pellets, kerosene, natural gas or electric heat costs, with payments going toward a past due balance or credit for future use. To qualify, one person can earn up to \$1,935/month, with a family of four earning up to \$3,986/month. Fuel assistance may also be applied to

rent if heat is included in rent. To make an appointment, call the Derry office at 965-3029.

LEEP

Londonderry children who turned 3 as of Sept. 1, 2015 may enroll in the Londonderry Early Education Program (LEEP) preschool offered by the Londonderry School District. Three-year-olds meet 8:45 to 11 a.m.

two or four days per week; prekindergarten students meet noon to 2:30 p.m. three or four days per week. Tuition is: \$145 per month for two days/week and \$195 per month for four days/week. Prekindergarten costs \$180 per month for three days/week and \$195 per month for four days/week. For details or to

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Kindergarten

Pre-Registration for the 2016-2017 school year is going on now for Moose Hill School Kindergarten. Anyone who has a child who will be 5 years old by Sept. 30, 2016 and who lives in Londonderry can enroll the child at Moose Hill School. Call Moose Hill at 437-5855, stop in between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. or email the director, Bonnie Breithaupt, at bbreithaupt@londonderry.org to request a registration packet. Include child's name, birth date and Londonderry address when making a request. Registration packets are mailed in January.

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Role Changers

The top vote getters in this year's South Elementary School Talent Show were able to cash in on their prizes just before students headed home for February vacation. They are pictured at their principal's desk getting ready for the day's duties. From left, Emmitt Parece was a custodian for the day with his winning jokes; Bianca Fonseca jumped rope during the talent contest and won the opportunity to be the school's Special Education Director; Rylee Dolliver and Allison Rynasko paired up as Principal for the day after winning first place with their cup song; and Kilian Daron was Assistant Principal after performing a number of tricks.

Photos by Chris Paul

Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday, Feb. 15

7:54 a.m. House on Castle Court egged last night.

9:07 a.m. Car on High Range Road egged last night.

10:30 a.m. Caller reports it appears someone tried to break into ATM at Bank of America, Mammoth Road.

5:45 a.m. Kyle Brooks, 23, Cote Lane, Londonderry arrested on warrant for two counts of Burglary.

Bail set at \$7,500 personal recognizance with Derry Circuit Court date of March 22.

6:12 p.m. Caller reports mail from building on Capitol Hill Drive has been gone through and items taken; big pile of mail belonging to neighbors found outside caller's door.

Tuesday, Feb. 16

8:04 a.m. Albert D. Flores, 43, Templeton Court, Mer-

rimack turned himself in on warrant for Second Degree Assault and two counts of Criminal Mischief (vandalism). Personal recognizance bail set, with Derry Circuit Court date of April 5.

3:32 p.m. Theft of prescription from truck on Tavern Hill Road.

4 p.m. Erica Caroline Howland, 21, Olde Country Village Road, London-

derry arrested for Receiving Stolen Property; Theft: From a Motor Vehicle; and Fraudulent Use of Credit Card. Bail set at \$1,000 personal recognizance with a Derry Circuit Court date of March 22.

Thursday, Feb. 18

12:36 a.m. Caller from Buttrick Road reports hearing two to three people yelling and gunshots coming from area of Mr. Steer.

12:55 a.m. Christopher Michael Demeo, 21, Fieldstone Drive, Londonderry arrested during motor

vehicle stop at Rockingham Road and Commercial Lane for Resisting Arrest or Detention, Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs and Possession of Drugs (in a motor vehicle). Bail set at \$3,500 personal recognizance, with Derry Circuit Court date of April 5.

1:45 p.m. John Suldenski, 59, Threshing Hill Road, Sanbornton arrested for eight counts of Theft by Misapplication of Property. Bail was set at \$15,000 personal recognizance with Derry Circuit Court date of April 5.

Friday, Feb. 19

8:07 a.m. Daniel Lauren Marchant, 34, 40 Gilcreast Road, Londonderry arrested for two counts of Theft by Deception and two counts of Receiving Stolen Property. He was

released on \$5,000 personal recognizance bail with March 5 Derry District Court date.

Saturday, Feb. 20

4:30 p.m. Caller on Manner Mill Road reports red and white dirt bike riding on roadway.

Sunday, Feb. 21

10:42 a.m. Officer flagged down by passerby reporting sick raccoon.

11:33 a.m. Caller said two males threatened her for having her dogs at Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Road.

9:01 p.m. Caller reporting two or three vehicles in power lines on private property on Colonial Drive; four or five people out with flashlights.

9:12 p.m. Caller on Quentin Drive said house just was egged.

Londonderry Man Arrested for Sale of Stolen Ski Passes

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A Londonderry man was arrested last week for allegedly selling stolen ski passes through Craigslist.

Daniel Marchant, 40, of Gilcreast Road was charged with two counts of Theft by Deception and two counts of Receiving Stolen Property after a

man questioned for using stolen ski passes at Waterville Valley Resort told police he bought them from Marchant at the Irving Gas Station off Exit 5 of Interstate 93.

When the victim presented the ski passes at Waterville Valley, an employee recognized the passes as those that were stolen from the resort

during a break-in over the winter and called the Waterville Valley Police.

When Londonderry Police questioned Marchant about the stolen passes, he said he found them in a hut in Waterville Valley while on a hike and decided to sell them on Craigslist, according to Det. Chris Olson.

"If a reasonable person believes an item is stolen or may have been stolen, they should give it back to the owner," Olson said.

Marchant was released on \$5,000 Personal Recognizance bail and will face his charges in Derry District Court on March 5.



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The Londonderry Town Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on the following item:

- 1.) Ordinance #2016-01 - An Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Relating to Rezoning a Portion of Map 17, Lot 45, 280 Rockingham Road

The Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053. A copy of the proposed amendment may be viewed at the Town Manager's office during regular business hours and online at www.londonderrynh.org.

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and held from 6 to 7 p.m. in
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Keeping Your Colon Healthy

Wednesday, March 2/Colorectal Surgeon Amila Husic, M.D.

Colon cancer is one of the most preventable cancer types. Come meet Colorectal Surgeon Amila Husic, M.D., as she discusses how to keep your colon healthy and help prevent disease.

Don't Ignore the Snore!

Wednesday, March 9/Pulmonologist Mark Pohlman, M.D.

Join us to learn about sleep apnea symptoms, causes, risks and options for treatment. See the technology first hand that can help you get a better night's rest.

Female Urinary Incontinence

Wednesday, March 16/Urologist Lara MacLachlan, M.D.

Pelvic floor disorders can be an annoying and embarrassing problem. The condition impacts 1 in 3 women at some point during their lives. Learn about risk factors, symptoms and options for effective treatment.

Diagnosis Gallstones – What's a Patient To Do?*

Wednesday, March 23/General Surgeon Anne Loosmann, M.D.

*Community Education Room, 31 Stiles Road, 2nd floor, Salem

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