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Showtime

Drama students at Londonderry Middle School will be performing "Guys and Dolls" this weekend at the school. Grace Chicko, playing one of the lead characters, Adelaide, leads girls in a song and dance. See story on page 9.

Photo by Chris Paul

Feds Approve Town's Updated Hazard Mitigation Plan

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The federal government has approved the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan, Comprehensive Planner John Vogl announced.

"This is a big milestone," Vogl said of the approval at the Planning Board's March 9 meeting. "It took us a long time to

get there."

The Hazard Mitigation Committee started meeting in January of last year to update the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan, which was previously updated in 2010.

The Plan is designed to reduce or eliminate risk to people and property from a range of hazards, including wildfires, earthquakes, hurricanes,

winter storms and flooding.

Members of the Committee worked with the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission to identify the community's susceptibility and vulnerability to each hazard and to essential facilities at risk, and to propose new strategies to potentially mitigate or reduce future

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Incumbents Win Town Races But Not School Board

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A small slice of Londonderry's electorate voted overwhelmingly in favor of passing each of the Town and School District's proposed warrant articles, including both the Town and School budgets and allocations for a number of improvement projects in town.

A total of 2,097 voters took part in the election, which represents 12 percent of the approximately 17,357 registered voters in Londonderry.

The voters also re-elected Town Councilors John Farrell and Tom

Dolan as well as Town Treasurer Kathy Wagner, who garnered the most write-in votes in her race.

Due to an oversight, the position of Town Treasurer was not posted as open and candidates did not file to have their names printed on the Town's 2016 ballot.

Kristen Grages also mounted a successful write-in campaign for the position of Supervisor of the Checklist, for which no volunteers had filed to run. Grages earned the position with 59 write-in votes.

Ted Combes, who offered the only challenge to the incumbent Town

Councilors and earned the endorsement of the Professional Fire Fighters of Londonderry Local 3160, lost to Dolan by 119 votes.

"I would run again. Going against the two big juggernauts in town - Tom Dolan and John Farrell - I did come quite close. No one has come that close before," said Combes, the first candidate Local 3160 has thrown its weight behind in a town election. "I will obviously continue to push for the people in town who want to hear my voice. I think this election showed that my voice is a valued voice in

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Planning Board to Set Priorities for Master Plan Committee

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Planning Board voted unanimously to decrease the number of core members on the Master Plan Implementation Committee and to refine the group's charter.

Moving forward, the Committee is to be comprised of three at-large members, two alternate members and members representing the Planning Board, Town Council, Budget Committee, Heritage Commission, Londonderry Trailways and Conservation Commission.

Chairman Art Rugg said anyone interested in one of the five positions should submit an application to the Planning Board.

Deb Paul, current chairman of the Committee, told the Planning Board at its March 9 meeting that there has been significant interest from the public in serving on the advisory committee.

"We have had four new people who stepped up and filled out forms," she said. "We had a few other people inquire and say they will fill out forms to step up for a position as well."

"I think that it's kind of a relighting of some spirits that were laying low for a while. There are a lot of interested people," said Councilor Joe Green, who serves as liaison to the Committee. "The intention of the Committee is

to make sure the Master Plan doesn't sit on a bookcase somewhere, that it lives. But it has become such an enormous thought process, we got lost in the weeds sometimes. The Committee lacked a pointed direction."

"The big elephant still in the room is, who is responsible for implementing the master plan? I would argue it's not the

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Londonderry High Staff Stock Supply Closet for Students in Need

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Londonderry High School students are finding they need not look any further than a utility closet at the school for assistance in times of need.

When Assistant Principal Abbey Sloper saw custodians at the school cleaning out lockers at the end of the academic year and trying to reunite missing items with students, her idea for the closet was born.

"I asked staff what we can do in our school to give back to kids in need," she said. "We decided on starting a closet filled with donations from school supplies to toiletries and clothes. Peo-

ple doing their spring cleaning started donating everything from scientific calculators to backpacks, coats and clothing."

Most recently, the Fire Department donated more than 40 winter coats from their Warm Coats Drive to the closet, ranging in sizes for children from age 5 to 17.

"We went over to the Fire Department and they had boxes upon boxes of brand new winter coats," Sloper said.

Distributing the Fire Department's winter coats through the closet at the high school was "definitely more discreet," according to Sloper.

"I think it was a little more successful that way because the teachers have

those relationships with the kids and pick up on things - like a student wearing a sweatshirt outside in the middle of winter," she said. "It's grassroots. We know these kids, we know who they are. And our asking if they need help is not to insult, it's just to say, let me help."

The concept of a stocked supply closet for students in need has been successfully applied in other schools.

At Alvirne High School in Hudson, Catie's Closet offers a space where students can take a change of clothes, toiletries to wash up or gather a week's worth of clothing. The space is a permanent resource for students in need.

Lack of access to basic necessities is one of the top reasons for absenteeism, according to Catie's Closet.

By meeting students' needs, closets like the one at Alvirne and now at Londonderry High School boost self-esteem and motivate students to attend school and focus on their education.

"This has been so effective," Sloper said of the high school's new closet. "People are so willing to donate the things students need. They will even say, just let us know what you need."

When Sloper informed her network of teachers she had a student in need of a backpack, the response was overwhelming.

"I sent out a quick little email late at night that I needed a gender neutral backpack. When I got to school the next morning, there were about 15 backpacks at my door," she said. "I had another situation where I had a student who got some things from the closet and they brought back a sibling to me and said, 'Sloper will hook you up.' I grabbed my keys and they got what they needed."

Sloper said the Fire Department's donation was greatly appreciated by the students who

received the warm jackets, and that she and her donors plan to support Local 3160's next annual drive to purchase more coats for her students.

Londonderry Professional Fire Fighters secretary Chris Schofield said in a press release they hope to double their donations next year and encourage all members of the community to make a donation online at <https://donate.operationwarm.org/page/contribute/londonderry-local-no-3160-fire-fighters>.

Hazards

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damage.

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) requires municipalities to update the Plan every five years to qualify for pre-disaster funding to mitigate hazardous events.

Projects the Committee identified in the 2015 Plan include updating the schools' emergency plan as its top priority, at a cost of \$10,000; developing a local sheltering plan with A Londonderry Emergency Response Team (ALERT) and the American Red Cross, at a cost of \$10,000; developing multiple educational outreach campaigns to provide information on hazard mitigation, at a cost of \$10,000; extending the public water system to residential and commercial areas, at a cost of \$100,000; and working collaboratively to upgrade the Town's radio communication systems, at a cost of \$100,000.

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

The cost of the project, which is estimated at \$100,000, is ranked fifth of six newly identified mitigation strategies in the updated plan. The long-term project is to be completed in the next four to five years.

With federal approval for the draft 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan, the proposed document will move on to the Town Council for official adoption.



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House Passes 10-Year Transportation Plan with Accelerated Exit 4A

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The New Hampshire House of Representatives passed the 10-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for 2017-2026, which includes an accelerated timeline for the construction of Exit 4A off Interstate 93 in Londonderry.

Construction of Exit 4A is scheduled to begin

in 2019, with a total commitment of \$54.8 million for preliminary engineering, right-of-way work and construction.

"A solid and modern transportation infrastructure is critical to the success of our people and businesses, and the Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan passed by the House today advances a number of criti-

cal transportation goals that will help build on our bipartisan progress over the last several years," Gov. Maggie Hassan said in a March 10 press release. "This includes maintaining and preserving our roads and bridges, completing the widening of Interstate 93, accelerating construction of Exit 4A in Londonderry and Derry and the first phase

of widening the portion of Route 106 critical for access to the New Hampshire Motor Speedway."

In addition to relieving the bottleneck near Exit 4 during rush hour, Councilor John Farrell has asserted construction of the new interchange in conjunction with the widening of I-93 to Manchester is integral to the proposed Woodmont Commons project, the largest economic development in the State's history.

Attorney Ari Pollack, who represents Pillsbury Development, said the timeline for construction of Exit 4A "is a big component for the east side of the develop-

ment and has an impact for the whole Planned Unit Development."

Noting they have conducted traffic modeling with and without an Exit 4A, Pollack told the Planning Board last month that with Exit 4A in place, Woodmont Commons is "much more conducive to a corporate style build out, with large and small offices with residential mixed in."

"It's a better project with it," he said.

Hassan expressed disapproval with the House's removal from the 10-Year Plan of the leveraging of federal funds for the environmental and engineer-

ing work necessary to bring commuter rail from Boston to Nashua and Manchester.

"The business community continues to call on us to take action because commuter rail will improve access to the entire region, provide new housing and transportation opportunities, spur economic development and create jobs," Hassan said. "I remain committed to working with members from both parties, local communities, the federal government, our businesses and Massachusetts to find a consensus and make this vital project a reality."

Farrell to Chair Council, Dolan Offers Reward for Sign Damage

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council voted 4-0 to appoint recently re-elected Councilor John Farrell to the position of chairman in an organizational meeting Monday night.

Councilor Jim Butler was not present for the meeting.

The Council also voted 4-0 to appoint Tom Freda as vice chairman.

Farrell recommended the group wait to appoint liaisons to the Town's various boards and committees, but said he would like to serve as liaison to the Planning Board.

"After what happened at our last meeting, where we didn't get information about multi-family housing, I want to make sure we keep up on that," he said.

said.

Before closing the meeting, Councilor Tom Dolan shared concerns regarding "mischief with regard to political signage," offering a \$100 reward for information leading to the arrest of individuals who defaced the signs of candidates in the Town's March 8 election.

"Some people get quite passionate regarding candidates and often express themselves by destroying, defacing or stealing political signs. I've seen spray painted signs, torn and cut up signs, ripped out signs, stolen signs, etc. This year, all three candidates running for Town Council had some signs stolen and some had signs ripped up and destroyed," he said.

Noting signage is expensive and the protected private property of candidates under RSA 664:17, Dolan said only specific public officials have limited rights regarding political sign placement, unless a sign is located on someone's private property.

"This type of mischief is not what we should embrace in our community. You can express yourself at the ballot, not by stealing signage or defacing someone else's property. I'm sure this is a very small minority committing these offenses. It needs to stop," he said. "Therefore, I will offer a \$100 reward for information leading to the arrest of those individuals that violated this state law."

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Editorial

Compare and Contrast

After the deluge of voters in the Presidential Primary earlier this year, the recent town and school district elections were a calmer and apparently less appealing exercise in democracy.

We hate to see low turnout in local elections, where decisions are made on what directly affects taxpayers' wallets and quality of life. But with the local elections coming so close on the heels of the Primary, we can understand if people felt overwhelmed about having to vote yet again – even though it's a significant part of what makes this America.

Voting takes effort. It's sad to see that so many residents seem to prefer the slogans of a national candidate instead of paying attention to where they can have the most impact, at town hall and the school district office.

Nutfield Publishing's towns were all over the map in voter turnout. In Londonderry, turnout was a paltry 12 percent, even though Town Council and School District seats were contested. In Derry, the fourth largest municipality in the state, the turnout was even worse, about 10 percent.

In the smaller towns, Hampstead saw a somewhat higher turnout of 30.4 percent. But that's still not great, considering the major school construction bond on the warrant.

Sandown did even better, with 40 percent. And while Chester operates on a Town Meeting form of government, with no election in March, the Chester School District Meeting March 8 attracted only about 50 voters.

But that's all a little abstract. To make it more tangible, in Derry, where decisions on the town budget rest with the Town Council, last year's Council action to make large cuts in public services led to a special election in October that gave people their chance to vote – and they came out in record numbers to reverse the budget cuts.

However, in the March 8 election, just about 10 percent of Derry voters came out to unseat two of the four councilors who favored those budget cuts; a third chose not to seek reelection, and a fourth's seat was not up this year.

In Sandown, where there was a bitter campaign over whether to pursue leaving the Timberlane Regional School District, less than half the voters chose to offer an opinion in the voting booth.

With more elections coming up later this year, we hope to see residents change their behavior and show up in greater numbers at the polls. We expect that at the Presidential election, but we need it on the local and state level as well.

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Letters

Election Coverage

To the editor:

I'm writing to thank you for covering the town elections. Our annual elections are an important part of our town's history as well as a vital part of our operation.

I would like to thank the Londonderry Times for providing space for folks to write in with their opinion as well as covering larger stories like the seats that are being contested and the oopsies that we need to be aware of, like the "Treasurer write-ins" and "Library Trustees vote for three, not two."

If I can make one request for next year, it would be to help explain the more complicated Warrant Articles that we will vote on. It was great that you summarized the town issues on page 2 and also published the ballot in the paper, but it would be helpful to have a little more detail on some of the more complicated questions.

I think the following are all issues that I could have used more information on. I'm pretty sure that this paper has covered most or all of them over the course of the year, except possibly my first issue.

These are things I wanted to know more about prior to voting: Why/how do we have such a large June 30 available balance (and so many associated zero impact items)? What is the impact of removing the quorum requirement from the school charter? What happens if the town manager takes over the town forest (and did the conservation commission support this)? What is the benefit/loss to changing the calculation for land use taxes going into the general fund and Conservation Fund?

Like I said, these are issues that this paper has covered over the course of the year and I remember the concepts at the 30,000 foot level. It would be helpful if you could provide some stories related to the Warrant Articles that fill in the details at election time. Thank you for your support!

I'd also like to give the 12-ish percent (2,100) of the registered voters in town a pat on the back for braving the blistering sun/heat and exercising your right to vote March 8.

Greg DePasse
Londonderry

Voting Day Thanks

To the editor:

The lucky winner of the Londonderry Historical Society's March 8 Town/School Voting Day Basket Raffle is Bob Guaraldi. Bob won a huge basket full of Stonewall Kitchens items, a bag of crisp Mack's Empire apples (we thank you, Mack's Apples) a quart of Hank Peterson's beloved maple syrup and a gift certificate valid for use at T-Bones, Cactus Jack's, or Copper Door restaurants.

We really appreciate all the generous members of the Londonderry community who came out to vote and support the Londonderry Historical Society by purchasing raffle tickets and all our delicious baked goods and coffee, baklava, chocolate pretzel sticks and pizza, our hats, mugs, books, maps, shirts and coverlets, gave a monetary donation or who just stopped by to say hello.

And I personally can't thank enough the wonderful LHS members who make it all possible - those who bake for us, solicit donations, come early to set up, and staff our tables all day long.

Thanks also go to two

great local businesses, Checkmate Pizza of Londonderry and Romano's Pizza of Derry, for donating the tasty hot pizzas, and to our Londonderry Town Councilor Tom Freda, who took time out right before the polls closed to pick the winning basket raffle ticket.

We love the opportunity to talk with the citizens of Londonderry on voting days and we thank you all for supporting the Londonderry Historical Society and our mission to share and preserve the history of Londonderry!

With our heartfelt thanks,

Ann Chiampa
President
Londonderry
Historical Society

Beautify Londonderry's Demise

To the editor:

With great reluctance we are announcing that the Beautify Londonderry program is being suspended this year. Unfortunately, we do not have enough volunteer staff to plan and oversee the event at this time.

The program has been running for 12 years. Throughout that time we've enjoyed helping individuals and groups from all over Londonderry spruce up school and town properties and fight the never ending battle of littering on our roads.

We thank our hard-working volunteers, our many community donors, and especially Kerri Stanley, who has led the charge for the last four years. Any questions or suggestions can be sent to: Beautify-londonderry@londonerly.org.

Paul Margolin
Londonderry Solid Waste and Environment Committee

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Commission Says Backyards in Wetland Buffer Should Not Be Landscaped

KATLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Spring brings showers, flowers and for many, lawn crews.

As many homeowners begin treating their grass to bring back a lush, green lawn, the Nevins Adult Community is learning they may need a new strategy for maintaining some of their properties.

During a monitoring walk of a wetland adjacent to the age 50-plus residential community in December, Conservation Commissioners discovered several homes are built right up to the wetland buffer, meaning any turf grass behind the homes lies

within that buffer.

"There are some regulations on what can be in the buffer. Normally it would not be turf grass," Commissioner Michael Noone said at the Commission's March 8 meeting.

Noone met with the Nevins' Board of Directors to inform the community they have two options - either limit treatment of the turf to lime and wood ash, which would affect the lush appearance of the grass, or apply for a variance with the Zoning Board of Adjustment to continue with chemical treatments in the wetland buffer.

"They could stick with lime and ash, but it may

be a tough sell for folks with a lawn inside the buffer," Noone said.

Brandon Swisher of Londonderry, whose company Alliance Landscaping services the Nevins, met with the Commission to discuss its pest management program and treatment of grass within the wetland buffer.

"We have spoken with the Department of Environmental Services about this property to make sure there are no aquifers or wells," he said.

Swisher noted his company's use of pesticides and insecticides is very limited and that they try to limit their impact on the environment.

"I feel the program we are providing now is a very low impact. I agree wood ash and lime are effective, but there would be quite a difference (to Nevins residents' lawns) if we amended our plan to only wood ash and lime," he said.

Alliance visits the Nevins about five times each year to apply a nitrogen application for growth, to lay a "pre-emergence" treatment to prevent weeds, to apply grub control and insecticide and to apply lime and soluble calcium, according to Swisher.

Because the lawn areas in the buffer are shaded, Swisher told the Commission application

of chemical treatments are minimal, as weeds generally thrive in the sunnier front yards.

"We're not fertilizing the wetland areas along the back side where there's a lot of drainage," he said.

Commissioner Eugene Harrington told Swisher that management at the Nevins must decide if they want to continue maintaining the turf in the wetland buffer, or if they want to "let it go native."

"If (Swisher) begins maintaining within the buffer, he would be in violation of the ordinance," Harrington said.

"Some of the folks do have really nice lawns back there, and have since

before we got there," Swisher said. "I could just stop maintaining this area, but I know this community and I don't think that's the direction they're going to want to go. I think they would be steering more towards a variance from the Zoning Board."

Harrington said the Commission might support mowing the turf, but not chemical applications, fertilizer or pesticides.

The Nevins Board of Directors must vote to determine whether or not it will begin the process of applying for a variance.

"I will communicate what we discussed tonight; and ultimately, it's up to them," Swisher said.

Master Plan

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Committee - that the Committee's job is to serve as a working tool to gather information, come up with ideas and make suggestions and recommendations," said Mike Speltz, who has represented the Conservation Commission on the Committee. "There could be a good argument to make that the Planning Board is responsible for implementing the Master Plan, or the Town Council."

Speltz recommended there be an executive committee comprised of the Town Manager, the chairman of the Planning Board and a representative from the Planning Department to "do the

heavy lifting.

"My concern is we need to co-locate authority, responsibility and accountability," he said.

"I think we need a simple, straightforward charge," said Dottie Grover, who has attended meetings of the Committee and expressed interest in serving on the body.

"I would rather this Committee focus on a few areas of interest," Planning Board member Leitha Reilly said. "The guidance from this Board has to be what we'd like them to focus on. That should be some sort of directed charge. I think it's incumbent on this Board to provide some priority in terms of what we'd like to see; because I think if we

don't, we are risking asking staff and other folks to devote a lot of time to something that may or may not be a priority of this Board."

Committee member Mary Tetreau told the Board they desire to "be a task focused group."

"I want to emphasize we want to work with the Planning Board and the Town Manager and the great staff we have in the town in a spirit of cooperation," she said.

Recommendations the Committee has presented to the Planning Board thus far include reinstating the Environmental Baseline Study Committee and developing a plan to update the assessments of the Town's air quality;

conducting a thorough study of the Town's existing water resources and future demand for water; investigating ways to promote agritourism; looking closely at the Master Plan recommendations for the North Village focus area and gathering public input, especially from immediate stakeholders; and continuing to gather background information and ideas on alternative approaches to the improvement of the Town Center focus area, while incorporating the results of the Town vote on management of the Town Forest.

Town Councilor John Farrell noted the Town Council considered the

recommendation to develop a plan to update the assessment of the Town's air quality and plans to take it up again during their next budget season.

Farrell added he would like to see the group study extending sidewalks from the center of town to residential neighborhoods.

The Planning Board agreed to lower the Committee's quorum requirement to five voting members and plans to begin developing a charge for the Committee at its next meeting on April 6.

"I absolutely recommend refining the charter for this Committee and bringing it back to a report-

ing nature. That's a real strength of this group," said Geographic Information Systems Manager John Vogl, who has attended the Committee's meetings.

"I think it's clear the members of this Committee are not implementers. My recommendation would be to limit the role of the Master Plan Implementation Committee to reporting out to the Board.

"At the end of the day, the Committee serves at the pleasure of the Planning Board, and takes direction from the Planning Board," Vogl said. "They need to have specific priorities to be tasked with."

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Election

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town."

Moving forward, Combes said he plans to continue sharing his ideas on advancing "smart economic growth" in Londonderry, as well as an agenda to represent younger generations in town.

Farrell, whose campaign garnered the most support with 1,183 votes, said he would like to continue to monitor the Woodmont Commons project and "how it will affect other ancillary parts of town."

Additionally, Farrell would like to see the Town complete walkways from the middle school to the Kings residential development and the community behind Mack's Apples orchard.

"The engineering plans are complete. It's estimated it would take about \$180,000. I think we should at least talk about it and

see if it's possible, along with the extension of the Rail Trail," he said.

Farrell said he was disappointed to see such a small voter turnout.

"We have about 17,000 registered voters and the lion's share of power over the things that matter most to people is at the town level. I think after the primaries there was some voter fatigue," he said. "I really wish more people would get involved."

On the School side, new candidate Jenn Ganem handily won her race against incumbent John Laferriere, with 1,135 votes to Laferriere's 689 votes.

Ganem said her priority as a new member will be to "really listen to the concerns of parents and bring them forward as they come in."

"I don't have an agenda," she said. "I think I won because people wanted another parent with kids in the District to be a

strong voice on the Board."

Ganem noted that while she is dedicated to representing other parents on the Board, representing all taxpayers in the community is her priority.

"I went to the Senior Center and spoke with seniors, and I have a home and a business I pay taxes on in Londonderry," she said.

In uncontested races, Christine Patton and Donald Moskowitz were elected to the Budget Committee; Bob Saur was elected Town Moderator; John Curran, Robert Collins and Pauline Caron were re-elected Leach Library Trustees; Cindi Rice Conley was elected School Moderator; Mary Soares was elected School District Clerk and John Conley was elected School District Treasurer.

A list of all the winners and votes on the Town and School District Warrants follows:

Town Moderator

Bob Saur 1,649 (WINNER)

Budget Committee

Christine Patton 1,444 (WINNER)

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Robert J Collins 1,453 (WINNER)

Town Treasurer

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Chris Litterer 48

Robin Skudlarek 17

Town Article 2

To raise and appropriate \$210,000 to be placed in the Town's Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund, with funds to come from the June 30 Fund Balance. The article has no tax rate impact.

Yes 1,723 (PASSED)

No 288

Town Article 3

To raise and appropriate \$29,591,028 as the Town's operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately.

If the article is defeated, the default budget is \$29,594,363. If passed, the article will require the

Town to raise \$17,924,670

in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$4.87 based upon projected assessed values.

Yes 1,670 (PASSED)

No 359

Town Article 6

To raise and appropriate \$38,000 to resurface the Town's basketball and tennis courts on Nelson Road, with said funds to come from the June 30 unassigned fund balance. The Article would have no tax rate impact.

Yes 1,706 (PASSED)

No 337

Town Article 10

To raise and appropriate \$350,000 to expand the Route 102 sewer system from Home Depot to

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ing in a tax rate impact of \$4.87 based upon projected assessed values.

Yes 1,654 (PASSED)
 No 387

Town Article 7

To raise and appropriate \$650,000 to be placed in the Roadway Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, with said funds to come from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance. The Article would have no tax rate impact.

Yes 1,782 (PASSED)
 No 251

Town Article 8

To raise and appropriate \$350,000 for improvements to the Londonderry Senior Center, with funds to come from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance. The Article has no tax rate impact.

Yes 1,736 (PASSED)
 No 316

Town Article 9

To raise and appropriate \$724,000 to be placed in the following capital reserve funds: Highway Trucks, \$50,000; Highway Heavy Equipment, \$30,000; Fire Equipment, \$149,000; Fire Trucks, \$380,000; Pillsbury Cemetery Expansion, \$75,000; and GIS, \$40,000. The funds are to come from the June 30 Undesignated Fund Balance and the Article would have no tax rate impact.

Yes 1,706 (PASSED)
 No 337

Town Article 10

To raise and appropriate \$350,000 to expand the Route 102 sewer system from Home Depot to

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Election

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 the intersection of Mammoth Road, with those funds to come from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance.

Yes 1,609 (PASSED)
 No 426

Town Article 11

To, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 79-A:25 IV, place annually the first \$100,000 from the Land Use Change Tax and 40 percent the remainder of the revenues received from the Land Use Change Tax in the Conservation Fund and 60 percent of the remainder of the revenues in the General Fund. The Article would not change the formula being used to distribute Land Use Change Tax.

Yes 1,418 (PASSED)
 No 564

Town Article 12

To authorize the transfer of all supervision, management duties and responsibilities of the land surrounding the Town Common and fronting on Mammoth Road and Pillsbury Road, which is sometimes referred to as the Town Forest, from the Conservation Commis-

sion to the Town Manager, with the advice and recommendations from the Historic District/Heritage Commission, Conservation Commission and Town Council. The Article has no tax rate impact.

Yes 1,488 (PASSED)
 No 527

Town Article 13

To raise and appropriate \$50,000 to establish an addiction and counseling program for families in need, with the funds to come from the June 30 Fund Balance and to be placed in the general fund.

Yes 1,593 (PASSED)
 No 411

Town Article 14

To raise and appropriate \$0 to reestablish the Family Mediation Program for Londonderry families in need. The article would result in a tax rate impact of \$.01.

Yes 1,598 (PASSED)
 No 396

Town Article 15

To recommend the Town Council propose an amendment to the Town Charter to set term limits on all non-land use boards, non binding on the Town Council. The

Article has no tax rate impact.

Yes 1,108 (PASSED)
 No 830

SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION RESULTS

School Board

Jenn Ganem	1,135
(WINNER)	
John H Laferriere	689

School Moderator

Cindi Rice Conley	1,661
(WINNER)	

School Clerk

Mary Wing Soares	1,620
(WINNER)	

School Treasurer

John Conley	1,628
(WINNER)	

School Article 2

To raise and appropriate as an operating budget for the FY2016-2017 school year, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the School Board's amended budget of \$70,778,003 (estimated tax impact is \$13.60) or the Default Budget of \$70,932,073 (estimated tax impact is \$13.65).

Yes 1,749 (PASSED)
 No 241

School Article 3

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 – school lunch program, \$1,546,577; and federal projects, \$1,389,000; for an estimated total appropriation of \$2,935,577. The funds are self-supporting through local, state or federal revenue sources. There is no tax impact.

Yes 1,803 (PASSED)
 No 233

School Article 4

To raise and appropriate \$500,000 for the School Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, previously established and approved at the March 1995 School District Meeting. The funds would be used for major one-time capital costs for District facilities.

Yes 1,684 (PASSED)
 No 343

School Article 6

To raise and appropriate \$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. The appropriation would be non-lapsing until all necessary infrastructure improvements are completed or by June 2020, whichever is sooner. The estimated tax impact is \$.08 cents.

Yes 1,482 (PASSED)
 No 537

School Article 7

To amend the Londonderry School District Charter to remove the quorum requirement for amendments at the School District Meeting by amending relevant sections of the Charter.

Yes 1,278 (PASSED)
 No 688

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Conservation Concerned With Paving in Permit for Self-Storage Facility

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission voted to recommend the Planning Board consider granting a conditional use permit for a self-storage facility on Planeview Drive if the site plan is amended to remove pavement in a conservation buffer.

As proposed, the site plan for the 23,700-square-foot development features three, 30-foot-wide buildings with storage units, a small office building and 22 parking spaces.

Earl Sandford, the engineer for the project, said the state a couple years ago granted ap-

roval to impact 9,300 square feet of land and that the site plan leaves 3.75 acres of the property in conservation to mitigate the disturbance.

"We're using the same footprint of what was approved and we're using the same area of impact, so we don't have to go for a whole new dredge-and-fill permit," he said.

However, the development is less than 50 feet from a wetland on the site and pavement behind one of the three self-storage buildings to be constructed lies within a wetland buffer.

"We don't have any buildings within the 50

feet. The only thing encroaching is 30 feet of pavement to get by the building," Sandford said, noting they moved the three storage facilities back on the site and pushed back a proposed cul-de-sac to serve as the access to the property to limit impacts to wetlands.

Commissioner Deb Lievens said pavement within a buffer is not included in the Town's Ordinance with regard to granting a conditional use permit.

"Our interpretation has been it's not for driving around, it's so people can actually use their property," she said. "Say it's a cul-de-sac - we can give

you a permit to go through a buffer because that's important for access to the property."

The Commission agreed it could support a conditional use permit for the site plan if the developer removes the pavement from the wetland buffer.

But Sandford said the pavement is important to the efficient flow of traffic around the building.

"I have done the radii - this is the best design for easy in and out," he said.

"I don't see how it's possible where they have vehicle storage for boats and campers. If you try to

maneuver a large vehicle around there with other people parked at their units and with the buildings being situated where they are, I don't see how they could do it," Commissioner Jamie Mantini agreed.

But Lievens said she thinks development on the property should fit the site.

"I have a problem with the project itself allowing buffer impact on a property that has space and room for buildings, and every time we approve a building like this, we may lose a little ground for future activities," she said. "The intent in the

past has been we don't feel we can limit people's access to properties, but we don't have to develop the perfect plan for them with everything they want just because there's the opportunity for a conditional use permit."

Chairman Marge Badois noted if the proposed buildings were shorter, there would be a greater turn radius around the perimeter of the facility.

The Commission agreed to recommend the Planning Board consider granting the project a conditional use permit, understanding it would support the permit if there were no pavement in the wetland buffer.

Two Londonderry Destination Imagination Teams Move on to State

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Destination Imagination (DI) teams had strong showings at the regional competition last weekend in Kingston.

Of the 10 Londonderry school teams that competed at regionals, two have advanced to the New Hampshire State Finals on April 2 in Nashua - Londonderry High School's Secondary Level Team, which finished in first place, and Matthew Thornton Ele-

mentary School's elementary team, which took first place in the Service Learning Challenge.

"They were very excited," Londonderry High School's team manager Bill O'Connor said.

The high school team is comprised of Jimmy Fitzgibbons, Jillian Fitzgibbons, Ian Goodspeed, Hannah Brown and Gillian Lynch.

D.I. is a competition that challenges students in a variety of tasks that test a range of skills. Scoring is based on each

team's performance of an instant challenge, which is assigned on the spot during competition, as well as their presentation of a challenge prepared beforehand.

High scores are awarded to teams that find the most creative solutions to a problem.

Top scoring teams at the State Finals will advance to compete against the top teams from 48 states and 15 countries at the Destination Imagination Global Finals in Knoxville, Tenn., in May.

The high school team chose to complete the technical challenge, which tasked them with building

a vehicle with two different propulsion systems and two different methods of movement.

Jimmy Fitzgibbons, a freshman who has been competing with the team for many years, said they earned bonus points for moving their vehicle on skis as part of one propulsion system, rather than wheels.

Fitzgibbons, whose twin sister, Jillian, is also a member of the team, said the transition to high school was challenging.

"Everything steps up a level," he said. "We were at the top last year and got shifted to the bottom. There are bigger and bet-

ter teams now."

"What we have as a team we brought up with us and we gave them all we got. We worked well together and tried our best," Jillian Fitzgibbons said. "They know more about D.I., but we've had time to bond as a team."

"They struggled getting here this year. They only had five kids on the team this year. Getting to high school is a time in D.I. where we lose a lot of teams because they have so many other things going on. Only three of the team's original seven members came back. We had to recruit the others," O'Connor said. "I think it

really came together in the last few weeks. It's a very confident team. It was kind of a lightning bolt of inspiration that struck in the last few weeks."

"We developed the system little by little. We started off with something very odd, it was more of a crawling machine. Then we switched to sliding with the skis we attached to the vehicle and drill powered wheels," Jimmy Fitzgibbons said.

"We can definitely make it better and add more details," Jillian Fitzgibbons said, noting what she enjoys most about D.I. is that it has improved her ability to collaborate with a team and has challenged her critical thinking skills.

The names of the Matthew Thornton team members were not available as of press time.

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Middle School Presents 'Guys and Dolls' This Weekend



Drama students at Londonderry Middle School will perform "Guys and Dolls" this weekend. Leads are played by, from left, Grace Chicko, Luke Brown, Gabby Page and John Baumann.

Photos by Chris Paul

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Middle School's Drama Club is excited to present the junior production of "Guys and Dolls," a lively 1950s Broadway musical about gangsters and gambling in New York City.

Students have been preparing for the show since tryouts in October, and held four-hour rehearsals this week in preparation for opening night on Saturday, March 19.

"They're having a blast," said Jennifer Maurice, the show's producer.

"It's a little more advanced and there's a lot of singing and dancing."

Maurice said she selected the show because it's a well-known production and has more roles for male students.

Luke Brown, a seventh grader playing the role of Nathan Detroit, said he likes this year's show even better than last year's production of "Mulan."

"I'm biased because I have a bigger part than my one line last year," he said.

Of his character, Brown said he likes "how he always has an answer for

everything." Brown said he also likes this year's show because the dances are well choreographed.

Maurice choreographed the show.

"I like this show best so far," agreed Grace Chicko, who plays the role of Miss Adelaide.

"We worked really hard on this show and it's a really great story," said Gabby Page, who is playing the role of Sarah Brown, a missionary.

"It's a really cool show," said John Baumann, who plays the lead role of Sky Masterson. "There's a lot of music and it's a really fun, excit-

ing show."

"Guys and Dolls" will have three performances, with showings after opening night scheduled on

Sunday, March 20 at 1 and 7 p.m.

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Hassan, Pappas, Shea-Porter Campaign at Democrats' Brunch

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate Maggie Hassan said in a stop at the Londonderry Democrats' Annual Brunch last weekend that "the stakes could not be higher" for the 2016 General Election.

Emphasizing the need for bi-partisanship and strong representation of New Hampshire's interests in Washington, Hassan, who serves as New Hampshire's Governor, criticized Republican opponent Kelly Ayotte for refusing to take action on a potential Supreme Court nominee and for frequently voting with the Koch brothers, saying Ayotte fails to put the needs of her constituents before her party and is beholden to special interests. Ayotte is seeking re-election to the U.S. Senate.

"My opponent, Kelly Ayotte, has been in lock-step with her Party in abdicating her constitutional duty and refusing to do her job," said the Governor.

Hassan also highlighted her bi-partisan efforts as Governor to lower the



Londonderry Democrats Chairman Tammy Siekmann presents Ted Combes with the Fran Gehling Award for community service and activism.

Photos by Kaitlyn G. Woods

cost of tuition at community colleges, expand health care coverage and develop a strong, comprehensive approach to the State's opioid crisis; as well as her support of the State's 10-Year Transportation Improvement Plan and efforts to accelerate construction of Exit 4A in Londonderry and Derry.

"We know that a strong transportation infrastructure is crucial to our economic development and to our citizens'

safety and quality of life. That's why I directed the New Hampshire Department of Transportation to accelerate the Exit 4A project in Londonderry and Derry. And why I am including this critical project as part of my 10-Year Transportation Plan," she said. "The Exit 4A project represents one of the most promising economic opportunities in our State and I'll continue to make it a top priority."

Also a guest speaker at

the March 12 event at The Coach Stop Restaurant was Executive Councilor Chris Pappas, who is running for re-election to his District 4 seat; and Carol Shea-Porter, who is challenging Frank Guinta for his seat in the U.S. House.

While acknowledging progress New Hampshire has made over the past year, Pappas said the state has "taken a step backwards on some pretty key issues in the future of the State."

"We've worked a lot on transportation issues, we're going to finish the I-93 expansion by 2020, we're going to invest in the 4A project; that's a huge step forward. But the past week we took a huge step backward," he said. "There's an issue we all care a lot about, and that's bringing passenger rail to Southern New Hampshire. Unfortunately, the House took the money out of the State's 10-Year Transportation Plan for that, but we're going to keep pushing that issue."

Pappas called the Executive Council's decision to reject funding for Planned Parenthood "unconscionable."

"Hundreds of thousands of women in our state are being denied care. Hours are being restricted,



Gov. Maggie Hassan stumps for U.S. Senate at the Londonderry Democrats' Annual Brunch.

so we need to move forward on that," he said.

Pappas represents Londonderry as well as Allentown, Auburn, Barrington, Bedford, Bow, Candia, Chichester, Deerfield, Epsom, Goffstown, Hooksett, Lee, Loudon, Northwood, Nottingham, Pembroke, Pittsfield, and Manchester.

Shifting attention to the Presidential primary races, Shea-Porter focused on Republican front-runner Donald Trump, criticizing Republican leadership in New Hampshire for not taking a stand against the candidate.

"This is the problem with their party leadership," she said. "Normal people don't like this."

In addition to raising money and awareness for local candidates, the Londonderry Democrats also

honored Ted Combes with the Fran Gehling Award, established in memory of a beloved member of the community and Democratic party who died with her daughter in a Londonderry house fire in 2011.

"Ted Combes just lost a very tight race for Town Council. Ted lost by 120 votes to two of the most popular incumbent councilors," said Londonderry Democrat Mary Tetreau. "He worked so hard, no one could have worked harder."

Emphasizing the importance of getting involved in local government, Combes said his campaign was about knocking on doors and getting to know members of the community.

"It's getting out there, it's talking to people, it's believing in what we really believe. It's supporting the younger generation and the older generation and bringing everyone together," he said. "We are a changing economy and a changing society. We are an aging state, but we also have people who do want to come into the state and we're also known as one of the best states to live in. We need to advertise that and be able to bring and keep young people in the state to help the state continue."

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lady Lancer Cagers Miss Out On Three-Peat Opportunity

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

There wasn't anything surprising about the Londonderry High School and Bedford High girls' basketball squads matching up in a Division I semifinal-round tournament contest at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester Thursday night, March 10.

The Londonderry and Bedford crews engaged in another low-scoring affair in their semifinal meeting, with the second-seeded Lady Lancers losing a shot at a third consecutive Division I championship after suffering a 30-28 edging at the hands of the third-ranked Lady Bulldogs.

As a result of its win, Bedford would face the top-seeded Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals in the D-I title contest.

Both Londonderry and Bedford went 15-3 during their regular seasons, and disposed of their first two D-I tournament opponents en route to the semifinals. The squads met up twice during the regular campaign, with each team winning on the other's home court.

Set up for their winner-goes-on, loser-goes-home contest, LHS coach



LHS veteran standout Kate Balcom attempts to take a Bedford player to the bucket during the recent semifinal tourney game between the rivals.

Nick Theos had one key message for his charges.

"We need to be mentally tough and physically tough, and the team with the ball last will probably win," said Theos.

The Lady Lancers had the basketball last, but the decision went the opposition's way this time around.

"We would have liked to have scored 60 points, which I'm sure we're capable of. But we can't do that against (Bedford), and they can't do that against us," said Theos.

The two contingents are evenly matched, know each other thoroughly, and battle each other

intently in every meeting.

In the first game played between the squads early in the regular season, Bedford bagged a double-digit dumping of the Lady Lancers at LHS.

The second meeting, at Bedford High in mid-January, saw Londonderry best the Lady Bulldogs in a low-scoring, 28-21 affair.

Then in the tournament contest, Bedford raced out to a 6-0 lead but watched the Lady Lancers tally the next 11 points to face an 11-6 deficit at the end of one period of play.

Londonderry was outscored 8-5 in the second

quarter, but the locals still held a tiny 16-14 advantage at the break. And the Lady Bulldogs were struggling mightily with their shooting, hitting just 27.3 percent of their shots in the half. And the two squads combined for 22 turnovers in the opening half, with the Lady Lancers coughing up 12 of those.

The two opposing squads combined for just six points in the third quarter, with Bedford netting four of those to grasp an 18-16 lead rolling into the final period.

In that intense fourth quarter, the score was tied at 20-20 and 22-22, the Lady Lancers held their last lead of the night at 26-25 with 1:21 to go, thanks to a successful jump shot out of the hands of Kelsey Coffey, and the Lady Bulldogs never led by more than three points up to the final buzzer.

Bedford grasped a 29-26 advantage with 19 seconds to go, but LHS star point-guard Jackie Luckhardt trimmed the lead down to a single point by sprinting to the bucket for a lay-up with 11 seconds left.

The Bulldogs added a



Lady Lancer hoop stalwart Kelsey Coffey glides between two Bedford defenders during the D-I semifinal tourney contest.. Photos by Chris Paul

single free-throw with nine seconds remaining to make the score 30-28, and that's where it ended up, as the Lancers couldn't get the basketball back to the net at which they were shooting.

"It's hard to be critical of my kids because I think we got absolutely everything out of them that we could this season," said Theos. "I'm extremely proud of these kids."

relatively low nine points. Luckhardt ended her LHS career with five points, seven assists, six steals, and just three turnovers.

Londonderry finished the game with 17 turnovers, and Kelsey Coffey

paced all scorers with a

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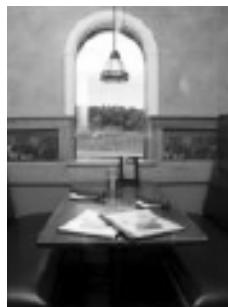
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LHS Boy Cagers Wobble at Winnacunnet, See Season End

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

An at times odd and somewhat frustrating 2015-16 season came to a close for the defending Division I champion Londonderry High boys' basketball squad with a 58-47 opening-round tournament loss to the Winnacunnet High Warriors in Hampton Wednesday, March 9.

The 10th-seeded LHS

Lancers had to work hard to overcome an awful first quarter, and they did so to get within a bucket of the seventh-ranked Warriors' lead in the third period. But the hosts then reeled off a big run to rebuild their advantage and drive to victory.

The Lancers had bagged a slim win over the seacoast opponent at LHS during the middle of a nightmarish, 1-6 skid that

occurred between Jan. 22 and Feb. 6. So Stanton and his Lancers knew that they could best the Warriors.

The locals had finished their regular season with a solid 10-8 record, winning six of their last seven games to become more than a little warm.

Winnacunnet finished up at 12-6 in D-I, going a great 5-1 in its last six games.

Londonderry received bad news in the days before the first-round contest on the seacoast when junior guard Cam MacDonald was diagnosed with mononucleosis and was lost to the locals. So there were reasons for concern as the Lancers headed to Hampton.

And there were more concerns for the locals following a first quarter of

play in which there were 15 points scored, with the Lancers netting just one in falling behind by a 14-1 tally.

The LHS squad came to life impressively in the second stanza, outscoring its host by a 16-8 margin to trail by just five points (22-17) at the halftime break.

The Lancers clipped the Winnacunnet advantage down to just two

points late in the third quarter, but the hosts then put forth a 10-2 run and kept Londonderry at an arm's length before winning by 11 points.

The local contingent had a total of six of its hoopsters contribute points, with Matt Corey (13) and Jake Coleman (12) leading the way in the tough, season-ending defeat to the determined seacoast opponent.

Lancer Gymnasts Take Seventh at New England Championships

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The 2015-16 New Hampshire high school gymnastics champions from Londonderry High School capped off their superb campaign with a record-setting effort at the 22nd annual New England Interscholastic Championships at Dracut (Mass.) High School Saturday, March 12.

The Lancers established a new school record for scoring with a team tally of 141.1, a total that placed them seventh among the top squads

from New England high schools. The team from Barnstable, Mass., won the regional crown with a 149.075, with Woodstock (Vt.) second with a 147.2 and Medway-Holliston of Massachusetts third with a 146.225.

"New Englands is the hardest meet we have all season," said LHS coach Heather Tuden. "Not only are we going against the top teams in the region, but we have three weeks to learn all new routines. New Hampshire is the only state in New England which doesn't use federation rules, so my assistant

coaches Emily Panacopoulos and Rachel Blais and I spent hours with these girls ensuring they had all their requirements.

"Considering all of this, we scored our highest team score and broke the previous school record," she said.

The locals had senior star Jill McIntire tie for ninth place on vault with a score of 9.425.

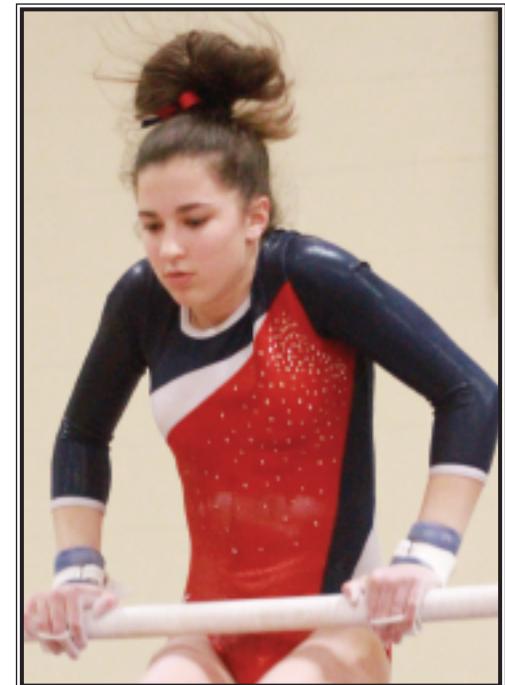
"We also had strong vaults from Maddie Baumann, Mira Kutney, and Maddie Croteau," said Tuden.

The Lady Lancers had Seana Kelly lead the team on the uneven bars with an 8.8. "This week she learned a new dismount, which she performed perfectly," said Tuden.

Baumann, Croteau, and Kutney also contributed to the team score, joining McIntire



Senior Jill McIntire ended her LHS career with strong work at the New England championships.



Seana Kelly was a stalwart on the uneven bars for the Lady Lancers at New Englands. Photos by Chris Paul

with strong efforts on the balance beam and in the floor exercise.

"This team has been the most talented team

Londonderry has seen in many years. We couldn't have asked for a better season, and we will truly miss our seniors Jill McIn-

tire, Maddie Baumann, and Jessi Pignone. We wish them all the best of luck with their future endeavors," said Tuden.

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Marauders Mount Comeback and End LHS Hockey Campaign

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It's a pretty fair bet that the members of the Londonderry High School varsity ice hockey team dealt with a frustrating and sleepless night on Wednesday evening, March 9, in the wake of their 3-1 Division I first-round tournament loss to the Hanover High Marauders at the Salem Icenter.

The seventh-seeded and home-standing Lancers bagged the game's first goal less than four minutes after the opening face-off, and then saw a slew of superb scoring opportunities go by the wayside before 10th-

ranked Hanover potted three unanswered markers in stanza number three to advance its campaign and end the Lancers' season.

The Lancer crew was more than a little warm going into the tourney match after winning six of its last seven regular season games to roll into post-season play with a solid 10-8 record.

Hanover, on the other hand, limped to the Division I finish line by winning just one of its final four regular season games and finished below the .500 mark at a humble 8-9-1.

But Marauders' long-time coach Dick Dodds

has decades worth of experience with motivating young hockey players, and his charges gave him a final 15 minutes of which the visitors could be proud.

Senior forward Nick Donnelly put the hosts up 1-0 just 3:30 after the opening draw when he sizzled a blistering wrist shot over the catching glove of Hanover junior goalie Nate Loud.

But that was the one and only time Londonderry would thump a blast past the keeper, whose play would speak volumes in the final outcome of this tourney contest.

Hanover had goals disallowed in the first and second periods - leaving the Marauder fans fit to be tied and red-faced - but Londonderry also paid numerous visits to the land of frustration during the remainder of the game, with its power-play looking weak and scoring chances either being stifled by Loud or going wide of the Hanover cage all together.

The Lancers had a pair of man-advantages during

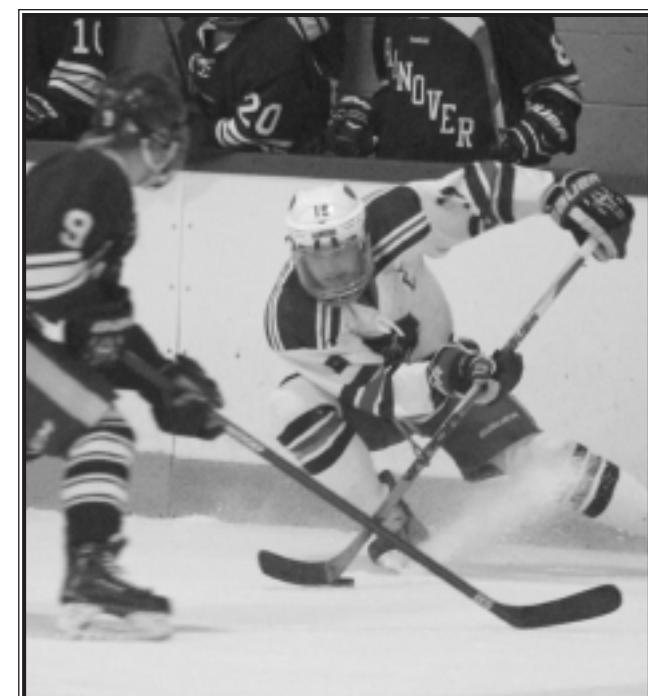
the last 6:30 of the first period but were unable to increase their lead.

Speedy LHS sophomore forward Mike MacKenzie was robbed twice by Loud on point-blank scoring chances in the scoreless second stanza, and Donnelly's attempt at a second goal was stifled by the Hanover keeper on a break-away as well.

The Marauders had a 16-10 advantage in shots on net in the first two periods, but Lancer goalie Cody Baldwin and his teammates were pitching a shutout as they looked at holding on tight - and hopefully netting an insurance goal - during the final 15 minutes of action.

However, Hanover knotted the score at 1-1 - soon after Lancer Troy Muldoon had been stopped by Loud on a break-away - with 6:33 remaining on the game clock, and the visitors bagged what proved to be the winning goal 2:13 later.

The Marauders made the final score 3-1 with an open-net goal with 1:04 left to play, and the Lon-



Senior forward Nick Donnelly potted the lone goal for the LHS hockey team during its tourney loss to Hanover in Salem last week. Photo by Chris Paul

donderry side's uniforms by Baldwin and his team-mates. The host LHS ice-men ended up with 16 total shots on Nate Loud, who stifled all but one of them.

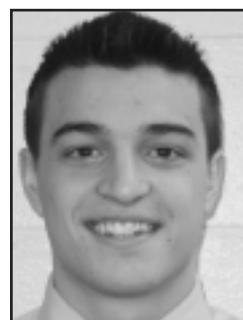
Athletes of the Week

For the Week of March 7



Ashley Evans, Freshman, Girls' Basketball

Promising and skilled newcomer Evans started for the varsity team from game one of the season, and her best games came in the squad's three playoff games in proving that great players play their best in big moments.



Nick Donnelly, Senior, Ice Hockey

This talented multi-sport athlete played a vital role for the often scoring-challenged Lancer icemen this winter, potting some big goals and helping to lead the team by example with his hard work.



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NEGTC Gymnasts Make News in Florida and the Granite State

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Gymnasts from the New England Gymnastics Training Center (NEGTC) did their school proud at recent events in Florida and on New Hampshire's own seacoast recently. And Londonderry athletes' efforts were particularly noteworthy.

The NEGTC brought a bunch of skilled and determined young ladies to Daytona, Fla., during school vacation to take part in the Daytona Beach Classic. And the local cen-

ter had its gymnasts snag numerous medals and trophies to bring home with them, with a pair of NEGTC squads collecting second-place honors as groups.

The local center had gymnasts compete in levels three through seven, with the Level 3 and Level 6 contingents claiming second places and the Level 4 crew bagging sixth-place honors.

Where individual performances were concerned, Level 3 Child A division standout Katherine Rowan notched first

place in the all-around with a score of 36.050 with a second place on the balance beam and thirds on the uneven bars and in the floor exercise.

Also in that division, Shana Hatfield was victorious in the floor exercise (9.750), second on the bars, fourth in the all-around, and tied for fifth in the vaulting.

In Level 3 Child B competition, Faith Carrier claimed second on vault, third on beam, and went top-10 on floor and in the all-around.

In Level 4 Senior

action, Olivia Colliton was top 10 in the all-around, on bars, on beam, and in the floor exercise, and Lilly Maher went top 10 on beam and in the floor exercise.

In Level 6 Junior A competition, Ava Ruppel was a top 20 finisher in numerous events and the all-around, Marline Fitzgerald went top 10 on vault, and Chloe Catino nabbed a second place tie on bars, a fourth on beam, and a fifth in the all-around.

In Level 7 Senior action, Seana Kelly was a

top 10 finisher on bars, beam, floor, and in the all-around as well.

The girls' teams were coached by NEGTC owner Tim Madore and Mel Stoller, Justine Turner, Sherry Harper, and Mike O'Donnell.

Then back in the Granite State at a Level 3 sectional meet in Dover on March 6, NEGTC gymnasts from Londonderry captured quite a few more medals.

In Level 3 children's division action for girls ages 6 and 7, Shana Hatfield grabbed first places

on bars (9.500) and in the all-around (36.425) along with thirds on vault and floor.

Also in that division, Katherine Rowan starred by winning on vault (9.350), bagging seconds on beam and in the all-around, and a third place on bars.

In the Level 3 division for kids at age 8, Cailee Anderson finished in the top 10 on vault, bars, and in the all-around.

The NEGTC girls were coached by Tim Madore, Sherry Harper, and Mike O'Donnell.

The Ball Family Trophy Will Remain at Pinkerton Academy

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

For the fifth consecutive year, Pinkerton Academy will maintain possession of the coveted Ball Family Trophy, for which the Astros' winter varsity sports teams play the arch-rival

varsity winter squads from Londonderry High School annually.

The possession of that award came down to the final tiebreaker step - the Division I spirit championships - for the second straight year. Prior to that event, each of the local

schools had won six events to leave the Ball Family Trophy games deadlocked.

But that tie was busted at Pinkerton on Sunday, March 6 when the powerhouse Pinkerton spirit squad finished first in the opening round of

the Division I spirit championships. Londonderry's spirit contingent finished ninth overall that day, and only eight teams advanced to this past Sunday's final spirit championship round.

The two local schools had deadlocked at 6-6 at the skiing state championship events at Gunstock in mid-February, with the LHS boys finishing higher than the PA

males and the Pinkerton girls placing higher than the Lady Lancers.

Prior to that, the Pinkerton Astro varsity squads had won head-to-head battles with LHS teams in wrestling, girls' gymnastics, boys' swimming, boys' track and field, and boys' basketball for five total wins.

The LHS Lancer contingents won ice hockey, girls' swimming, girls'

track and field, unified basketball, and girls' basketball to collect their five Ball Trophy victories.

The winter Ball Family Trophy games and forthcoming spring Beeman Trophy games between the two local high schools were added in the early 1990s after the fall Mack Plaque contests - begun during the autumn of 1983 - had proven to be wildly popular.



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Shaheen Celebrates Women's History Month at Matthew Thornton

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

US. Senator Jeanne Shaheen, D-NH celebrated Women's History Month with third graders at Matthew Thornton Elementary School on Monday, reading a story about a young girl who wants to be President.

As the first woman in U.S. history to be elected both a Governor and United States Senator in New Hampshire, Shaheen has strong feelings about women in leadership positions, Matthew Thornton Principal Sharon Putney told the students.

Reading the book "Grace for President," which she donated to the

school's library, Shaheen taught the class about the process of earning delegates and the challenges political candidates often face while running for office.

After the story, students had an opportunity to ask Shaheen questions about her experiences serving as Governor and U.S. Senator.

Asked which job was harder, Shaheen told the students it's harder to be away from home while serving as a senator, but she was faced with more decisions as governor.

"You have to respond to whatever happens in your state, even if it's something you weren't planning to have happen," she said.

Shaheen, who worked as a high school teacher before holding elected office, also told the students about her travels to Afghanistan and France for the Paris climate change talks.

Students said they enjoyed the story Shaheen shared with them.

"I liked that there was a girl running for President," Natalie Merhib said.

"I liked that the kids in the story run for election and vote," Joseph Santiago said.

When Shaheen asked if any of the students hope to be president, almost the entire class raised their hands.

"They were a bit star-



U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen, D-NH visited third graders at Matthew Thornton Elementary School on Monday to celebrate Women's History Month by reading "Grace for President." Photo by Chris Paul

struck," Putnam said. "It's great role model for the girls and the boys. It was so nice of her to donate the book to our school, and her background as a teacher really showed. She was so comfortable with the kids."

New Markers to be Installed for Existing Gas Pipeline

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Kinder Morgan announced in a letter to Town Manager Kevin Smith that the energy infrastructure company will be in Londonderry replacing existing pipeline markers.

The new markers are part of a three-year program to ensure Kinder Morgan's pipeline marking system meets federally mandated standards.

Smith said the work Kinder Morgan will be doing in Londonderry is

completely related to the existing gas transmission pipeline that crosses through the Town.

Kinder Morgan said in the letter that its work to replace existing pipeline markers is expected to take about a month.

"The new markers will be a white PVC post with a yellow top and have our company contact information (yellow is the underground utility standard for natural gas). The markers are critical in identifying the location of the pipeline and are an

aid in preventing third party damage by excavators," Kinder Morgan wrote to Smith. "They also provide landowners our contact information in the event of an emergency."

The pipeline markers are also a requirement of United States Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations.

Kinder Morgan plans to install new markers where they are missing or need to be added per DOT regulations.

"Prior to the installation of the new markers, we will attempt to contact the landowner by knocking on the door. If no one is home, we will leave a 'door hanger' and a letter explaining that we will be installing a marker on their property

within the next three to 14 days and instruct them to contact us if they have any

questions," Kinder Morgan wrote. "We will make every attempt to locate the marker as to minimize the intrusiveness to the landowner, while staying in compliance with DOT regulations."

Additionally, Kinder Morgan plans to check its easements to ensure trees, shrubs or struc-

tures have not been installed.

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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.

Easter Services

Londonderry Christian Church, 372 Mammoth Road offers Easter services on Sunday, March 27 at 9 and 11 a.m. to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. Real Kidz Children's Ministry will be available at both services.

Zumbathon

The Londonderry High School Zumbathon, supported by the LHS Dance Team and LHS Student Council, takes place Thursday, March 24, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the LHS cafeteria. The event is open to the public, Londonderry faculty and students, friends and family. Arrive early to sign a waiver. Tickets are \$5 at the door. For questions, email: mwooding@londonderry.org.

Coed Softball

Londonderry Coed Softball is looking for new players to join an existing team or start their own team. Play takes place Thursday evenings and a few Sunday afternoons. All skill levels are welcome. Contact Michael Costello at Ltowncoed@gmail.com for questions or to join.

Israeli Dance Nights

Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry hosts Israeli Dance Nights on March 25, April 29 and June 3. Friday night services begin at 7:15 p.m., with Kiddush, music and dancing following the services.

VA Bingo

On March 28, American Legion Post 27 will play bingo with patients at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Manchester from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Donations are appreciated, or stop by and help out. The Legion will serve pizza and diet soda as well as provide \$150 in prize money. The Londonderry High School Pay-it-Forward team will be

helping with this event.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Londonderry High School Class of 2016 hosts its annual Easter egg hunt from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 26 at the LHS gym. Visit with the Easter bunny, do crafts and play games until the hunt starts at 11:30 a.m., rain or shine. Ages 12 and under are admitted. Admission is free, but donations are accepted. Bring your own basket. Email questions to atebbetts@londonderry.org or hlafra@londonderry.org.

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 available 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. 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. 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.

Girl Scout Cookies

Girl Scout Cookie Booths are now open across New Hampshire and Vermont. Cookie booths can be found at shopping centers now through early April. To find a cookie booth, visit girlscoutsgwm.org and click on the Cookie Locator. Seven Girl Scout cookies, including the iconic Thin Mints and top-selling Samoas, and Tagalongs, are available at \$4 per box. Gluten-free Toffee-tastic Girl Scout cookies retail for \$5. All proceeds support local Girl Scout programs and serve as a major funding source for troop activities, including field trips, camping, and community service projects.

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



Knights' Donation

St. Jude's Knights of Columbus donated \$1,000 to the Londonderry Early Education Program (LEEP) for the purchase of new equipment for the program. Because of their generosity, LEEP was able to purchase a magnetic wall with accessories for the children to engage in STEM - science, technology, engineering and mathematics - activities. Pictured are Vinny Curro with St. Jude's Knights of Columbus and Jane Ward Guaraldi, LEEP preschool coordinator and teacher.

Courtesy photo

rent. To make an appointment, call the Derry office at 965-3029.

the Londonderry Leach Library. Light refreshments will be served.

Baseball Fundraiser

Training Effects of Londonderry joins the Londonderry Diamond Dawgs in a fundraiser to help the Dawgs travel in summer 2016 to Cooperstown, N.Y. Former Londonderry High football standout Bill Eacrett's Training Effects fitness business is hosting a pair of sports conditioning classes for youngsters aged 10-16 at Training Effects' Derry location inside Derry SportsZone. All proceeds go toward the Diamond Dawgs' Cooperstown trip. Camp sessions are Saturday, March 19 from 9 to 10 a.m., and Thursday, March 24, from 5 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 per class; for details or registration, contact Jenny Marshall at 493-7421 or jennymarshall225@gmail.com.

Cellar Holes

On Thursday, March 24 at 7 p.m., the Leach Library will host the free program "A Walk Back in Time: The Secrets of Cellar Holes" with author and historian Adair Mulligan in the library's lower-level Meeting Room. She will explore the stories of what can be discovered in the remains of long-forgotten structures in New Hampshire, and how one town has helped stimulate interest in its future by creating an inventory of its cellar holes. The program is sponsored by the Friends of

vice will be held on Sunday, March 27 at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary at First Parish Congregational Church, UCC, 47 East Derry Road, East Derry. For more information, call 434-0628 or email officemgr@fpc-ucc.org.

Holy Week

Trinity Church, 80 Route 125 in Kingston, is an orthodox, sacramental congregation in the Anglican tradition. Palm Sunday worship is 10 a.m. March 20. At 7 p.m. Monday, March 21, a candlelight service of Tenebrae features music and readers from 10 area churches. On Maundy Thursday, March 24 at 7 p.m., Holy Communion is followed by a prayer vigil at The Garden of Repose. The Good Friday, March 25 service at 7 p.m. begins at the outdoor cross. Easter vigil service is 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 26, and Easter Sunday worship is 10 a.m. March 27. For details, call 642-3002.

Sanctuary Benefit

On Sunday, April 3, at 4 p.m., join First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Road in East Derry, for a 25th Anniversary Concert by Songweavers, a 100-plus women's chorus from Concord Community Music School. Conductor is Peggo Horstmann Hodges. This is the last chance to experience the sanctuary before restoration work begins the

Easter Breakfast

The Best Breakfast crew of First Parish Congregational Church, UCC, 47 East Derry Road, East Derry will serve an Easter Breakfast Buffet from 7 to 9 a.m. on Easter Sunday, March 27. The made-from-scratch meal costs \$5 for all-you-can-eat. For more information, call 434-0628 or email officemgr@fpc-ucc.org.

Easter Sunday Service

A traditional Easter Ser-

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Fire Crews Kept Busy Sunday with Two Brush Fires

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Fire Crews worked for two hours to knock out a significant brush fire off Symmes Drive, behind the Coca-Cola bottling facility.

The fire was reported on Sunday, March 13 just before 7:30 p.m.

"It was about 2 acres and it had difficult access points," said Battalion Chief Kevin Zins, who was on the scene. "The fire was up on top of a ledged

area, where a lot of material had been moved. There was a 20-foot ledge to get around when the fire was burning."

The cause of the fire is undetermined, but it's possible it was the result of discarded smoking

materials, according to scene.

Zins. "Our guys did a great job putting it out," he said.

The Fire Department received mutual aid from Litchfield, which provided station coverage and its Forestry unit at the

Zins said the statewide fire rating that day was high and that nice weather conditions in the spring, while the ground and root systems are still dry, elevate the risk of brush fires.

The Department also responded to a brush fire earlier that day around 4:44 p.m. on Capitol Hill Drive.

Zins said the fire was minor and it took crews about 10 minutes to knock down the flames.

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Garden Club

The Derry Garden Club meets Friday, April 1, at 10 a.m. at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Derry, 40 Hampstead Road, Derry. The speaker will be Phillip Ferdinando, owner of J and F Farms in Derry. He will discuss composting. Members are asked to bring a bag lunch. The committee will provide chips, drinks and dessert. The club is a member of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs and the National Garden.

Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday, March 7

7:50 a.m. Truck with plow stolen over weekend from Duncan's European Automotive, Liberty Drive.
6:06 p.m. Alden C. Milton, 19, Canterbury Lane, Londonderry turned himself in on warrant for Criminal Mischief (vandalism). Bail set at

After an Accident. Bail set at \$500 personal recognizance, with Derry Circuit Court date of April 12. Alden D. Milton, 51, Granite Street, Londonderry turned himself in on warrant for Criminal Mischief (vandalism). Bail set at

\$1,000 personal recognizance, with Derry Circuit Court date of April 12.

Tuesday, March 8
4:55 a.m. Joshua K. Elliott, 28, Reed Street, Manchester arrested between Gate 43 and Jewell on North Perimeter Road, vehicle

in wood line and tent in the woods, for Stalking and held without bail with Derry Circuit Court date of March 8.

5:03 p.m. Caller on Wiley Hill Road reports gunshots across street.

Wednesday, March 9
6:41 a.m. Damage to property last night at L-Town Garage, Rockingham Road.

8:19 a.m. Propane stolen

from gas grill on Wyndmere Drive.

10:43 a.m. Richard Pease, 25, Nesenkeag Drive, Litchfield arrested for

project hiding in bushes.

7:33 p.m. Caller reports vehicle drove across lawn on Crosby Lane.

Saturday, March 12

11:38 p.m. Anthony Maldonado, 18, 392 Beacon St., Manchester arrested for Possession of Drugs (in a motor vehicle), Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs and Falsifying Physical Evidence. He was released on \$2,000 personal recognizance bail, with April 16 Derry District Court date.

Sunday, March 13

1:34 a.m. Joseph Frederick Shamma, 29, 1 Charleston Ave., Apt. 17, Londonderry arrested for Domestic Violence Simple Assault, Domestic Violence Kidnapping/Abduction, and two counts of Simple Assault. He refused bail and was to be arraigned March 14.

8:33 a.m. Mailbox hit on Pillsbury Road.

11:34 a.m. Report of neighbor stealing bushes from house that is for sale on Barksdale Avenue.

2:11 p.m. Caller reports gunshots at old goat farm on South Road.

Adventures in Learning Childcare Owner Arrested for Child Endangerment

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES



Lois Ann Mirbach

After calling Adventures in Learning Childcare multiple times with no response, a concerned mother sent her husband to check on their 3-year-old son.

When he arrived to the daycare center on Rockingham Road, the man discovered the bus that drops children off at the center was sitting in the parking lot, unable to make contact with the caregiver inside.

Londonderry Police were called to the scene and discovered an unoccupied van running at the rear of the building.

When they looked inside the daycare center, the officers observed the 3-year-old boy inside the

building and were able to make contact with the owner.

Detective Chris Olson said Lois Ann Mirbach, 60, of Londonderry was emotionally upset and under the influence of alcohol.

"She was not arrested on the scene. We obtained a warrant for her arrest and she turned herself in

at the Station," he said.

Mirbach was charged with endangering the welfare of a child and released on \$1,500 Personal Recognizance bail on Thursday, March 10.

She is scheduled to face her charges in Derry's 10th Circuit Court on April 19.

Olson said the child who was in her care was not harmed.

It is not yet known if

Mirbach drove the child in her vehicle.

Adventures in Learning Childcare is not a licensed provider, according to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services. The childcare center was opened, then closed and is now pending approval of their application for a license through the State agency.

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Tinkham Garage Superfund Site EPA Modifies Cleanup to Include Public Water Supply for Contaminated Wells

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has modified the cleanup decision for the Tinkham Garage Superfund Site in Londonderry, NH to allow for the connection to and use of a public water supply as an acceptable option to prevent human exposure to groundwater concentrations above drinking water standards.

In 1983, prior to the selection of the 1986 cleanup of the site, as amended in 1989, 1992 and 2003, work performed at the Site included a requirement to provide alternative water to the Londonderry Green Apartment complex (now the Woodland Village Condominium Complex) and nearby impacted residential potable water supply wells as necessary, to prevent human exposure to groundwater with contaminant concentrations above drinking water standards. In late 2014, residential water supply wells north east of the Site were found to be impacted above drinking water standards and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) installed point of entry treatment systems and supplied bottled water to residences whose well water exceeded drinking water standards.

Although point of entry treatment systems are protective, they required monitoring and maintenance. An alternative water source is located nearby and the parties responsible for conducting the cleanup have contracted with a private utility to extend the existing waterline to residents whose wells have been impacted by the site, thereby replacing the on-going need for a treatment system. EPA, in consultation with the NHDES, has determined that the extension of the waterline and the connection of these households to this public utility is a more permanent and sustainable solution to providing potable water than the continued use of point of entry treatment systems and/or bottled water, and has modified the cleanup for the site to acknowledge the use of the public water supply as an acceptable option to protect human health.

A full description of the modification can be found in the March 2016 Explanation of Significant Differences located online at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/tinkham> or at the Leach Public Library in Londonderry.

The Tinkham Garage Site is located in a commercial/residential area of Londonderry, NH, and the impacted wells reside within a neighborhood that is served both by private potable water supply wells and via a private waterline. The Tinkham Site is contaminated primarily with waste solvents that seeped into the ground from a variety of source areas, located throughout the property. The site was added to the Superfund Program in September of 1983. The principal threats to human health and the environment are ingestion of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) in groundwater, inhalation of VOCs via vapor intrusion.

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