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Colleen Mailloux Hired as Londonderry Town Planner

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The Town has hired Amherst Community Development Director Colleen Mailloux for the position of Town Planner.

Town Manager Kevin Smith said he anticipates Mailloux's transition into the new role will be smooth, noting her extensive experience in planning.

Prior to her work in Amherst, Mailloux, who lives in Goffstown, served as town planner in Bedford and also worked in the private sector for a civil engineering firm.

Mailloux earned from the University of Maine her Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Management and Policy and her Master of Arts in Resource Economics and Community Development.

Her annual starting salary with the Town will be \$77,000.

Mailloux is filling the position that became vacant when Town Planner Cynthia May retired last year.

With the Town poised to complete an overhaul of its Zoning Ordinance and significant economic development projects in the pipeline, Mailloux is jumping into an exciting

period for the Town's Planning Department.

"There is a lot to get up to speed on," Smith said. "She is familiar with the projects we have going on here, being in the Planning world. Like with anything, there is a learning curve. With Woodmont Commons, she is coming in at a pretty important time, as that project is beginning to get under way. And we have the two major developments at Pettengill. There's not a lack of work for her when she comes in."

"There's definitely more going on in Londonderry

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School Facilities Recommendations Address Future Enrollment Trends

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The School Board is considering recommendations detailed in a Facilities Report that addresses the increase in multi-family residential development coming on line in Londonderry.

Recommendations include reaffirming class size guidelines, continuing to implement the District's Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) and considering the construction of an auditorium at the high school.

School Administrators Association Executive Director Mark Joyce and Facilities Study Committee members also strongly recommended upgrading Wi-Fi access in all

schools, which voters funded in the District's March 8 election, as well as looking for land in town that would be suitable for construction of a new elementary school or expanding Moose Hill to a Kindergarten – Grade 5 elementary school. Moose Hill currently houses the district's Kindergarten and LEAP – Londonderry Early Education Program – classes.

"To keep options open and realizing you don't need to do that now, it's prudent for the school community to look at land within the District that could be acquired and conserved for a new school, or look at the potential to expand Moose Hill," Joyce said,

noting the schools are at near-capacity based on the District's class size guidelines. "Land available for development is being used up."

While Londonderry has seen a decline over time in the student population compared with the overall population, just as other communities in the Northeast have, Joyce said the number of births

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Happy Birthday Area Girl Scouts recently celebrated the organization's birthday at Matthew Thornton Elementary School with games, swaps, crafts and cake. See more photos on page 19. *Photo by Chris Paul*

'Beautify Londonderry' Returns With New Chairman, Volunteers

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After it was announced that the Beautify Londonderry program was being suspended due to a lack of volunteers and leadership, residents stepped forward last week to continue the program this spring.

"I'm delighted to announce that reports of

Beautify Londonderry's demise were premature. In response to last week's decision to suspend the program, we have had some residents step forward and help ensure that the program continues this spring," Paul Margolin of the Solid Waste and Environment Committee wrote in an email. "Anyone else interested in joining the committee is welcome."

Kerri Stanley resigned her post as chairman of Beautify Londonderry in January, saying her "heart just wasn't in it."

Conservation Commissioner Mike Byerly volunteered last week to take over for Stanley and serve as the Committee's new chairman.

In addition to juggling more responsibility at work with other volunteer

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Londonderry Middle School Raises Money for Nature Conservancy



Megan Latour of the New Hampshire Nature Conservancy accepts a check presented by Londonderry Middle School Student Council Treasurer Jillian Maguire. Photo by Chris Paul

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Londonderry Middle School's Student Council presented last week a check for \$639 to the New Hampshire Nature Conservancy for conserving animal habitat.

"They just felt this was the nonprofit that would have the greatest benefit because by conserving nature, they are helping with climate change, human beings, animals and clean water and air," Student Council co-advisor Cyndi Hursh said. "They really see the benefit in this group and have

formed a relationship with them."

Last year, the Student Council raised \$560 for the Nature Conservancy by selling chocolate roses for Valentine's Day.

Hursh said the students sold chocolate roses again this year during school lunches with the help of the school's Parent Teacher Organization.

In researching various non-profits to donate the proceeds of their sale to, the students learned that by preserving habitat, they could help aquatic and land animals as well as humans.

"They have a very

strong science background here at the middle school," Hursh said. "It's part of their curriculum and they really apply it when they come to make these choices."

Earlier this year the Student Council donated "caring kits" for homeless youth to New Hampshire Child and Family Services and last weekend the students raised \$300 for Boston Children's Hospital by working the concession stand during the school play.

"Their motto is leadership through service," Hursh said.

Joanne Troy serves as

co-chair, organizing the fundraisers with Hursh and the students; the Student Council leadership includes President Morgan Dow; Vice President Chris Guarino; Secretary Mike Foley; and Treasurer Jillian Maguire.

The Nature Conservancy has invited the students to hike in June the Manchester Cedar Swamp, a 642-acre preserve containing 42-acres of globally rare Atlantic white cedar-giant rhododendron swamp, which it describes as one of the largest and most ecologically valuable cedar swamps in the State.

Hamann Retires from Fire Department After 16 Years

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Londonderry Firefighter Patricia Hamann is retiring from the Department after 16 years of service

to the Town.

"It's a bittersweet thing. You love the job you do, but it's time for a new chapter," she said.

Hamann joined the Fire Department as a call

Firefighter in 1999, becoming the first full-time female firefighter in Londonderry in 2002.

In addition to serving as a Firefighter and EMT (emergency medical technician), Hamann was the fitness coordinator for the Department for eight years and served as community relations coordinator for many years, providing services to the community that included coordination of the annu-

al Fire Department Open House and an older adults fall and fire prevention program to senior living communities and the Londonderry Senior Center.

Hamann developed a successful middle school fire safety and prevention program and served as a member of the New Hampshire Youth Firesetter Task Force, which has provided the Town with a youth intervention pro-



Londonderry Firefighter Patricia Hamann

gram.

She was also instrumental in obtaining grants for the Town from the New Hampshire Local Government Center for wellness initiatives, from Energizer for smoke detector batteries and from FM Global for a smoke detector installation program.

"She had a good career with us. She was very active in public education, with our Firefighter Phil program and our critical incident stress debriefing team," Battalion Chief Jim Roger said. "We wish her the best in retirement."

gram.

Hamann is a member of the Granite State Critical Incident Stress Management Team and the Disaster Behavioral Health

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Planning Continues for Nutfield Towns' 300th Anniversary

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Londonderry's Nutfield 300th Anniversary Committee members discussed recruiting representation from the other participating communities - Windham, Derry and Chester - and hosting a celebration

over several months.

Representatives from Windham's Historical Society and First Parish Church in East Derry discussed with the planning committee at their meeting Monday setting tentative dates for the celebration and collaborating events in each of the com-

munities.

The Nutfield 300th Anniversary Committee is charged with the planning and execution of the celebration to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the settling of Nutfield and to plan a joint commemoration and celebration, organizing logistical

details and identifying resources.

Paul Lindemann of First Parish Church suggested spreading the 300th celebration activities and events over a few months.

"I think it will be challenging to organize it all, but doable," he said.

Committee member Reed Clark, whose father chaired Nutfield's 200th Anniversary celebration, said he thinks it's a good idea to spread out the celebration from April to August.

The Committee discussed in their last meeting coordinating with the Old Home Day Committee

and adopting in 2019 Old Home Day as the 300th anniversary's theme in Londonderry.

"I like the idea of spreading the celebration over a period of time to allow people the opportunity to participate in different events," said member Art Rugg, who is representing the Londonderry Planning Board. "I think the bulk of it should revolve around the history to get other people interested in it, and to create more town spirit."

Clark noted the Committee will, before April, need to highlight events and other dates in an

informational booklet for the celebration.

"I think we should generate a list of potential events we can do and dates we're planning to hold this," Londonderry Town Manager Kevin Smith said. "April sounds like it would be a good starting date because of the historical context."

The Committee plans to set tentative dates at its next meeting and brainstorm ideas for activities they would like to see in the participating communities.

Their next meeting is scheduled for June 6 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

Hendricks Elected School Board Chairman on 4-1 Vote

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The School Board voted 4-1 to elect Nancy Hendricks chairman and Leitha Reilly vice-chair at its organizational meeting last week.

Member Dan Lekas voted against both appointments.

Also approved at the March 15 meeting were the appointments of School Resource Officer Coordinator Brad Wariner as attendance officer and Lisa Muse as School Board secretary.

In addition to the elections and appointments, the Board voted 5-0 to re-adopt the District's Invest-

ment Policy, which establishes a framework for the safe and prudent investment of public funds and provides guidance and direction for elected and appointed officials as well as staff in the daily conduct of investing activity; and the District's Temporary Administrative Arrangements policy, which establishes a line of command should both Superintendent Nate Greenberg, Assistant Superintendent Scott Laliberte and Business Administrator Peter Curro all be away from the District.

Middle School Principal Richard Zacchilli

would act in Greenberg's place should Curro also be unable to assume responsibility in the Superintendent's absence, according to Greenberg.

"We follow that procedure for the rest of the schools," he said.

In other business:

Greenberg reported the District's total enrollment for February 2016 is 4,381 students, a decline of 23 students from last month.

Greenberg said 22 students at the high school moved into the adult education program and one special education student was placed out of district.

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Editorial

Part of the Routine

Every year when the winter snows melt, the ditches and roadsides sprout an array of faded fast food bags and cartons, huge drink containers, beer and soda cans, and a miscellany of ugly refuse, all of which easily could have been recycled or tossed in the trash can by their owners.

It's left to residents living along those roads to clean up the mess, as littering seems to remain as widespread and as hard to eradicate as the common cold.

In Londonderry, residents have for years gone a little further than picking up roadside trash and spent their weekends sprucing up town and school greenspace each spring.

Earlier this month, however, it was announced by the Solid Waste and Environment Committee that the 12-year-old Beautify Londonderry program would no longer operate, thanks to a lack of volunteers and leadership. When the chairman resigned, no one among the membership offered to take on the role, and the decision was made to suspend the group, which had joined forces with the Town's Anti-Littering Advisory Committee.

Things have changed. After hearing of the decision to suspend the program, other residents volunteered to continue its work this spring. That's good news for volunteerism and for the Town.

But that doesn't mean a town needs a formal group charged with volunteer clean-up to keep from looking trashy. It should clearly be a town and school district responsibility to keep their grounds neat and attractive, and while there may not be budgeted money for a wealth of new plantings each year, the ability to keep the grounds tidy and inviting should be built into each public entity's buildings and grounds operation.

We appreciate the volunteer efforts that go into Beautify Londonderry each spring. And we acknowledge the work of similar groups of volunteers that come together each year to help clean their towns. But it's up to each resident to pick up their property, even if they aren't the people who trashed it. It doesn't take a huge effort to walk up and down the street in front of your home and pick up the refuse thrown from car windows each winter.

In most towns, Public Works will pick up specially designated bags of roadside trash left out from roadside cleanups. And maybe each spring, a designated clean-up weekend could be held, and every resident could get extra bags to leave out for free pick-up.

It's great to see volunteers step up to the plate in Londonderry. It's a reminder that it's up to each of us, in every town, to give a little of our own time and effort to keep our surroundings welcoming and green.

Letters

LYSA Operations

To the editor:

Dear members of the LYSA Board:

I received notice that due to my Derry residency I could no longer be a member of the Board. I could however be a "3rd level volunteer." Pardon my confusion but I was under the impression that all of us were volunteers.

Call me a Board member, a parent, a coordinator, a coach; choose whatever title you wish - ultimately we all have one thing in common: we freely offer ourselves for a service or task. Being part of the LYSA community our mission is to offer recreational soccer for the children of Londonderry. We aim towards making this the best experience for everyone in LYSA, while ensuring the future of the program.

I understand that we must follow regulations and I would be happy to help in any capacity that I can, however, what I am witnessing is not something I want to be a part of. It is normal for individuals to have their own opinion and not always

agree with every decision; however as collective members of the Board you should be focusing on what is best for LYSA.

It seems that members have chosen to be eristic; either for the sake of just being difficult or for some personal gain. Discarding a member and then allowing them to return but limiting their say, seems like the opposite of what I believed we were all about. I thought we were an organization who took all the help it could receive, where we valued individuals' input and any form of help - freely of course, with no monetary compensation.

Seeing as my fiancé and I pay for two children who are Londonderry residents to be a part of LYSA, I will continue to support the organization as a paying customer. I do recommend for the sake of the organization that members take a moment to re-evaluate their motives and ask themselves if they are genuine, humble and aligned with the LYSA mission.

I thank you for the opportunity and the offer to let me volunteer, but I

must respectfully decline. I don't wish to be a part of a team which is so clearly divided that they can't even focus on issues that matter. Residency isn't an issue even for Kevin Smith, who is the Town Manager of Londonderry yet resides in Litchfield. Yet some members of this Board would rather completely eliminate me from the Board or be okay with reaping the benefits of my volunteer service while not allowing me to have any say.

I want to be of service to the community our children reside in, but not enough to willingly allow you to use me as a pawn in a pointless battle. I would like to thank those members who supported the notion of allowing me to volunteer with the added luxury of having voting rights. It seems that in this case loyalty and the willingness to freely serve, loses when up against geographical location.

For the sake of LYSA, work together, not against.

Kathy Martinez
Derry

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Man Arrested on Attempted Burglary

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Londonderry Police arrested a Litchfield man for charges related to an attempted burglary in June last year.

Det. Chris Olson said fingerprints lifted from the home at 8 Kestree Drive matched those of Joseph Stapf, 25, of

Burgess Street.

Stapf allegedly cut through two screens and tried to enter the home through a window that held an air conditioning unit.

The homeowner called police after returning home and observing the damage.

No items were reported stolen from the resi-

dence, according to Olson.

Stapf was charged on Thursday, March 17 with attempt to commit burglary and two counts of criminal mischief.

He was released on \$10,000 Personal Recognizance bail and is to be arraigned in Derry's 10th Circuit Court on May 3.

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Clarification: An article in the March 17 edition listed correctly that Donald Moskowitz was elected to the Budget Committee, but further down in that article, did not say "winner" after his name. Moskowitz was elected to a Budget Committee seat.

EPA Connects Superfund-Affected Residences to Pennichuck Water

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Several residents whose water supply wells were found to have been affected by the Tinkham Garage Superfund Site were connected in the fall to an existing Pennichuck water line.

Prior to the connection, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) installed point of entry treatment systems and supplied bottled water to residents whose well water exceeded drinking water standards.

The 375-acre Tinkham Garage site, located in Londonderry, is the result of oil, oily wastes, washings from septic tank trucks and other sub-

stances discharged at the site between 1978 and 1979, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

In 1978, residents complained of foam and odors in a small, unnamed brook, which prompted an investigation.

"The investigation revealed improper waste disposal had occurred and the State ordered the site owner to prevent further degradation of the surface water and groundwater in the area," the EPA wrote on a website detailing the Superfund Program. "In early 1983, drinking water wells at the Londonderry Green Apartment complex and several other private supply wells were closed due to contamination, and

residents were provided access to a municipal water supply."

According to the EPA's recent notification, the agency has modified the cleanup decision for the Tinkham Garage Superfund Site in Londonderry 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.

"Although point-of-entry treatment systems are protective, they required monitoring and maintenance," the EPA wrote.

The parties responsible for conducting the cleanup of the Superfund

Site contracted with a private utility to extend the existing Pennichuck waterline to residents whose wells were impacted by the site, replacing the need for the treatment system and monitoring.

John Trottier, Assistant Director of Public Works, said the remaining two impacted residences are to be connected to the water line in the spring.

So far, Trottier said he has not received any calls from residents with concerns about the water line connection.

At a public meeting last year with representatives for the EPA and the DES, some residents expressed concerns with their future water costs.

"I think the focus for us is it's not an issue coming onto Pennichuck water. The issue is, why do we have to pay for it?" asked Brian Dingman of 18 Charleston Ave. "I figure I'm going to use \$250 to \$300 per month for my irrigation at the house. As anyone would think, I didn't cause this problem - why aren't they paying for it?"

EPA Remedial Project Manager Cheryl Sprague said federal regulations allow them to put in the water line, but do not provide for the federal government to pay for the water.

In the case of the proposed water line extension to the affected homes, the "Responsible Parties," a group of 30 companies

responsible for the remediation of the Tinkham Superfund Site, will pay for the connection.

The waterline to be extended was installed in 1983 to provide alternative water to more than 400 residents living southwest of the Tinkham Garage Superfund Site.

Sprague noted that to date, none of those residents have had their water subsidized by the Responsible Parties.

A full description of the EPA's modified cleanup decision can be found in the March 2016 Explanation of Significant Differences, available for viewing online at www.epa.gov/superfund/tinkham or at the Leach Library.

School

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is up, "which may signal a change coming."

Additionally, the report detailed an increase in the number of building permits issued through the Building Department.

"We realized that more moderate, smaller developments have been built and are occupied, but there's a 500-unit development that would have a significant impact on enrollment that's not yet occupied," Joyce said. "We also did a separate study for Hooksett and Derry, and we see

that town planners are feeling growth is beginning to return to pre-2007 size."

Based on the District's class size requirements, Joyce told the Board the schools couldn't absorb a large number of students, noting the Town is "seeing uneven development," with most of the large, multi-family projects being constructed in the north end of town.

Even if the projects come online slowly, the District should think about how it might redistrict to accommodate an overload of students at one of the schools, ac-

cording to Joyce.

The facilities report also recommends the District consider a full-day Kindergarten program, which he said "attracts more students to attend and solves the childcare problem that exists."

"I see dollar signs," board member Leitha Reilly said. "Clearly, these are things we've talked about before, two budget cycles ago and prior to the last budget cycle - what it would take to mothball a school. The District came back with the ugly truth of what that would involve and if enrollment were to in-

crease again, what it would require to take a school out of mothball status."

Joyce said Londonderry schools could absorb more students if the District assumed State standards for class sizes, adding it "would be poor planning to not try to identify if there's property" in town for a new school.

The Board additionally discussed the impact the development of Wood-

mont Commons will have on the District.

Board member Steve Young said if the Town ends up having 500 residential units surrounding Interstate 93, with a number of other students on the other side of I-93 near the Derry town line, "it would be great to have a neighborhood school in that region of the community."

The Board agreed a great deal of cost analysis

would have to be completed as it considers the recommendations detailed in the facilities report.

"Decentralized delivery of services would have a significant impact on the bottom line," Reilly said of sending LEEP out to the various elementary schools if Moose Hill were converted to a K-5 elementary school. "A lot of cost analysis will have to go into this."



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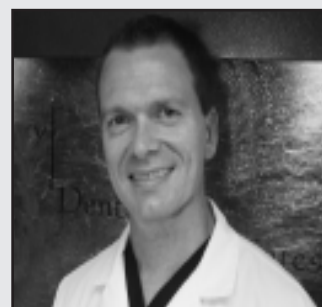
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Police Report Uptick in Scams and Skimming Devices

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Londonderry Police have seen an uptick in scams, particularly involving elderly residents.

Det. Chris Olson said the Department has seen numerous cases of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) scam, where someone calls and threatens a person with arrest if they do not pay money due to the IRS over the phone.

"The IRS will not contact you for payment by phone," Olson said.

If there was an issue

involving the IRS, they would send notice by registered letter, not by email or a phone call.

"We had a call to a grocery store from an employee who said there was an elderly woman trying to wire \$2,000 to the IRS," Olson said, noting police were able to intercede and prevent the woman from making the large payment.

"There are many variations. The caller may threaten you with arrest or court action to trick you into making a payment. Some schemes may say you're entitled to a

huge refund. These all add up to trouble," IRS Commissioner John Koskinen said in a press release last month. "We continue to say, if you are surprised to be hearing from us, then you're not hearing from us."

Another scam police continue to see in Londonderry is one in which a caller claims to be the grandchild of the victim and alleges being in need of bail money. Olson said the area codes for that particular scam tend to be out of New Jersey.

Attorney Jenny Siekmann Rivard additionally

warns she has worked with a number of clients who fell victim to a PayPal scam.

Victims receive an email from PayPal, which Rivard says appears authentic, informing them the company has been hacked and they should call PayPal to verify their information and protect their account.

The significant difference between an email from PayPal and those from someone trying to steal sensitive information is emails from PayPal greet their customers with their first name,

according to Rivard.

In addition to the increase in scams, Olson said credit card number skimming devices have been discovered covertly installed on several self-serve pumps in the region, including on a pump at the 7-Eleven in Londonderry.

Skimming devices are used to steal credit card information and have been found on both gas pumps and ATMs, although, they're more difficult to install on ATMs.

Olson recommends checking to see that the security tape over a

pump has not been tampered with and that the flashing light indicator hasn't been obscured. Check for inconsistencies between the appearance of the card reader on the pump being used and those of nearby pumps, as well as for any loose parts on the pump, particularly the card reader or keypad.

To be safe, Olson recommends paying inside with cash.

If a skimming device is suspected, people should call the police immediately.

Londonderry Fire Marshal Warns of Spring Brush Fire Danger

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Fire Marshal Brian Johnson said the danger for spring brush fires is

much higher this year.

The Fire Department has already responded to a number of significant brush fires, including quickly burning fires

behind Woodland Village in the south end of town and behind the Coca-Cola bottling facility off Symmes Drive.

"Without a lot of snow, like there was last year, the risk is up," Johnson said. "This year there's a higher danger and the fires are burning quicker than last year. The ground is still somewhat frozen here and there, but brush fires will move quickly across the top of the ground until we start getting warmer temperatures and things green up."

The State categorized

several days last week as Class 3 (high) fire danger conditions, but conditions returned to Class 1 following the snowstorm on March 21.

The two brush fires on March 13, which was classified a Class 3 day, were the two largest brush fires the Department has responded to this year, according to Johnson.

"We had some other smaller ones, like bark mulch fires near the drive-throughs. When people discard a cigarette into the dry mulch, a brush fire can get much larger than people think it

might. And because the mulch is right up against the buildings, if it gets up to the wall of the outside building, it can cause much larger issues," he said.

The main cause of brush fires is smoking materials that are discarded improperly, such as a cigarette tossed out a car window or thrown into brush at a park.

Johnson said there are RSA's that prohibit the improper disposal of smoking materials, and someone who ignites a brush fire can be held responsible.

Older ATV (all-terrain vehicle) equipment can also release sparks that ignite brush fires, and homeowners should also

be cautious of bark mulch that is spread up against their house.

Additionally, Johnson said residents should use caution when burning materials outside in the spring, especially when conditions are dry and windy.

Residents may check the Fire Department's page on the Town website at www.londonderrynh.org for updates on the State fire danger level. Those with a burn permit may call 432-1100, ext. 311, or 421-1380 for outside seasonal burning. The new message system makes it easier for residents to find out if the Fire Department is allowing burning, and what types of fires are permitted that day.

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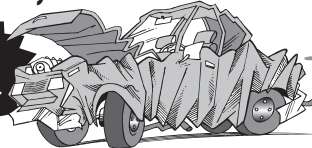
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School District Votes to Lease New Activity Buses

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board voted 5-0 to lease two new activity buses for school and student events.

"The maintenance costs are creeping up and we're getting to the point where breakdowns are happening a little more frequently than we'd like," Business Administrator Peter Curro

said at the board's March 15 meeting.

The District uses mini buses to transport students and staff to athletic events, clubs, conferences and the vocational school at Alvirne High School in Hudson. Mini buses are also used for community events when large buses aren't available, according to Curro.

The original plan and

budget was to lease two used mini buses, estimated at \$40,000 each for three years, with an approved annual payment in the budget of \$42,000 for a three-year period.

Curro said he and staff spent eight months trying to secure the purchase of the slightly used mini buses or activity buses to no avail.

"Mini buses are a

scarce commodity. The colleges buy them up," Curro said. "We only got one call back and by the time we called back, it was gone."

Student Transportation Association representative Greg Stinson advised the District that through his buying power, they could lease new activity buses through Municipal Leasing Consultants (MLC) at a cost

close to what was budgeted for the used mini buses.

Member Leitha Reilly asked if they consulted with any other providers other than MLC before settling on leasing the new activity buses.

"We made a bunch of calls and references. We exhausted eight months of searching," Curro said.

The five-year lease proposal provides an annual

payment of \$21,475 for the activity buses at a price of just under \$50,000 each.

The buses have been verified by the state, allowing school coaches and staff, with proper training and certification, to drive students to school sponsored events.

The Board approved negotiating the best rate and price for the activity buses, not to exceed \$100,000.

Town Eyes July Start for Senior Center Expansion

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Renovations to the Londonderry Senior Center are expected to begin the first week of July, Director Cathy Blash told the Senior Resource Committee last week.

"We don't have a timeline for construction yet,"

she said.

Blash and Committee member Bonnie Ritvo said they have been working to come up with more ideas for activities for seniors to enjoy at the facility, but space is a challenge.

Committee chairman Bonnie Roberts expressed gratitude to the com-

munity for voting to approve the \$350,000 allocation for Senior Center improvements.

Construction will include a complete renovation of the facility's kitchen, as well as expansion of the existing facility to the rear, with added storage behind the stage, a new office, two new

activity rooms, a small health clinic space and a new mechanical room with washer and dryer units.

"Our biggest problem there is space," Blash said. "We're filled. We have lots of ideas, but we don't have the room for them. We have three things going on Monday

afternoon."

Before the renovations begin, Ritvo said the Senior Center will host its Spring Craft Fair fundraiser on June 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will feature a variety of arts and crafts, including wood crafts, jellies, jams, plants, crocheted blankets and jewelry. Refreshments will

also be on sale, including hot dogs, hamburgers, sausages and beverages.

Ritvo said their fall craft fair was successful, bringing in almost \$3,000.

"Many of the vendors are returning and got their forms in soon after they were sent out," she said.

Lot Consolidation Variance Granted for F.W. Webb

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) granted a variance to subdivide a portion of two lots to be consolidated with another lot for construction of the new F.W. Webb Plumbing facility off Pettengill Road.

Neither of the lots to be subdivided has frontage, and as a condition for approval of the variance, the newly formed lot may not be developed until it has frontage.

Attorney Morgan Hollis of Gottesman & Hollis

in Nashua said at the March 16 ZBA meeting that plans for the F.W. Webb development include construction of a new road, Webb Drive, to access the parcel.

"That will be laid out on the subdivision plan that will be presented if you approve the variance," Hollis told the Board during a March 16 public hearing.

Hollis noted the variance would not create any physical change to the properties from what exists. "This is not contrary to the public interest

because there is no change in those lots as a result of the variance," he said.

Additionally, Hollis argued that granting the variance would do substantial justice to the property owner because if it were denied it, the only way to make the lots legal is to consolidate them and extend the new lot to the cul-de-sac that is to be constructed as part of the site plan.

The Board agreed that granting the variance would not cause harm or have an adverse effect on property values.

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More people die of lung cancer every year than from colon, breast, and prostate cancers combined. Lung cancer makes up 12% of all cancer cases. It causes 29% of all deaths from cancer.

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Cigarette smoking is the leading cause of lung cancer. About 87% of lung cancer cases result from smoking or exposure to tobacco smoke. Compared to nonsmokers, men who smoke are 23 times more likely to die of lung cancer. Women who smoke are 13 times more likely to die of lung cancer than nonsmokers. The risk for lung cancer is no different in those who smoke light or low-tar products.

Cigarette smoke contains about 4,000 chemical agents, including over 60 carcinogens. In addition, many of these substances, such as carbon monoxide, tar, arsenic, and lead, are poisonous and toxic to the human body. Nicotine is a drug that is naturally present in the tobacco plant and is primarily responsible for a person's addiction to tobacco products, including cigarettes.

Smoking is also responsible for most cancers of the larynx, oral cavity and pharynx, esophagus, and bladder. In addition, it is a cause of kidney, pancreatic, cervical, and stomach cancers.

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State Issues 'Cease Operation' Letter to Child Care Center Owner

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued a "cease operation" letter to

the owner of a Londonderry daycare center following her arrest for allegedly being intoxicated while caring for a child.

Lois Ann Mirbach, 60, of Londonderry turned

herself in last week on a warrant for a child endangerment charge related to an incident that occurred at Adventures in Learning Childcare on March 7.

Police said they were

called to the day care center when a bus driver dropping off children there reported he could not contact the care provider inside.

The parents of a 3-year-old child, who had been in Mirbach's care that day, were also unable to contact her by phone, as previously reported in the Londonderry Times.

When police arrived on the scene, they found the 3-year old child inside with Mirbach and the child's father, who went to the day care center to try to make contact with Mirbach and check on his child.

Police observed Mir-

bach was emotionally upset and intoxicated, according to Det. Chris Olson.

The DHHS investigated based on information from law enforcement after being notified of Mirbach's arrest, according to DHHS spokesman Jake Leon.

"We issued the letter because she was caring for more than three children. She needed to be licensed and the State issued a cease operation letter in the aftermath of her arrest," he said. "We do know in 2013 the Department declined to renew her license. (Mirbach) appealed that in

2014 and the appeals unit ruled in April 2014 in the Department's favor. That was essentially the end of her engagement with our Department."

Leon said in the aftermath of the appeals decision, the DHHS made two unscheduled visits and confirmed Mirbach was not operating the day care center.

Mirbach was released on \$1,500 Personal Recognizance bail and is to be arraigned in Derry's 10th Circuit Court on April 19.

Olson said the 3-year-old child who was in her care was not harmed.

Council Appoints Tax Collectors

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council approved several appointments at its meeting Monday.

With a 5-0 vote, the Council appointed Kathleen Donnelly tax collector and approved her salary of \$55,187.

The Council also voted 4-0-1 to approve Town Clerk Sherry Farrell's appointment of Donnelly

as her Deputy Town Clerk.

Additionally, the Council voted 4-0-1 to approve Donnelly's appointment of Farrell as her Deputy Tax Collector.

Councilor John Farrell recused himself from the votes, as Sherry Farrell is his wife.

Finally, the Council voted 5-0 to appoint Todd Ellis, president of the Londonderry United Soccer Club and high school soc-

cer coach, an alternate member of the Recreation Commission.

In other business, the Town Council voted 5-0 to expend \$2,230 from the Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund for the replacement of a vent pipe at South Fire Station (\$602) and to replace the energy wheel/bearings of an Emergency Rescue vehicle at North Fire Station (\$1,627).

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Town Planner

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than any town in New Hampshire," Mailloux said. "It's going to be a challenge, but I'm looking forward to it."

Mailloux said Woodmont Commons is a unique project and she looks forward to reviewing plans as they come forward.

"The Town put a lot of effort into having a public-private partnership," she said. "The project is

ideally positioned with highway access, and the infrastructure is already there. It's a really great opportunity for development to offset the tax base."

Mailloux also said she will focus, as the Town has, on ensuring new development is completed in a way that minimizes impacts to residential areas.

Mailloux's first day on the job is to be April 4.

Smith said he plans to introduce Mailloux to the

Town Council and the community at the Town Council's meeting that night at 7 p.m.

"One thing in Planning, which I will tell the Council, is it takes time to learn a community and learn what residents and the Council want, as well as how a Town operates. I will be working to understand what direction the Town is trying to go in, while being sensitive to working with the community," Mailloux said.

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LHS Grad Chosen for Love Your Melon Foundation Conference

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School graduate Marissa Russell traveled to Utah last week for an all-expense-paid leadership trip with the Love Your Melon Foundation, an apparel brand run by college students across the country with a mission to give a hat to every child battling cancer in America.

Russell, one of 20 founding Love Your Melon ambassadors at Emory University in Georgia, said the conference was “an amazing experience,” where she had an opportunity to hear from guest speakers about the impact of their

work and to collaborate with other student ambassadors about increasing hat sales on campus.

In addition to inviting the top sales crew in the country, Love Your Melon selected 80 individual submissions to attend the conference, including Russell's. A total of 160 college students were invited to participate in the leadership conference.

Love Your Melon was founded in 2012 by two college students at the University of St. Thomas as part of an entrepreneurship class. Since then, Love Your Melon has distributed thousands of hats to children battling cancer in the United States

and now donates 50 percent of proceeds from hat sales to cancer research.

Russell said speakers at the leadership conference included other entrepreneurs whose businesses are dedicated to helping children who are undergoing treatment for cancer, as well as a speaker from Quiet Logistics, who talked about robots Love Your Melon has deployed in its warehouse to improve efficiency.

Having just started working as a student ambassador for Love Your Melon at the beginning of the academic year, Russell enjoyed exchanging ideas with other students for increasing sales at Emory.



Love Your Melon Co-Founder Zach Quinn, Camilla Kemppainen of the Boston University Crew, Londonderry High School graduate Marissa Russell of the Emory University Crew, Danielle Olsen of the Southern Oregon University Crew and Love Your Melon Co-Founder Brian Keller are pictured at the organization's Leadership Conference in Utah. Courtesy photo

“All of us post at least twice a week on social media and we have events that draw people, like our ugly sweater party, where we write cards for children battling cancer,” she said. “I think we need to focus more on publicity. It seems like it's more of a movement on other campuses. Everyone felt like they had to have a hat because they knew a lot

about the company. I think we need to not just raise awareness, but personalize the cause.”

In addition to learning leadership skills and hearing from guest speakers, Russell, who graduated from Londonderry High School in 2014 and is now studying Psycholinguistics and Spanish, enjoyed skiing, concerts and other entertainment on the trip.

Having seen the impact her high school's Beautiful Lengths campaign has had, Russell said she gravitated toward an organization focused on helping children battling cancer.

“I think this organization is doing something unique and special,” she said. “It seemed like a natural fit and I really wanted to be a part of it.”

Beautify

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positions, Stanley said it has been a struggle for Beautify Londonderry to retain and bring in new volunteers.

Beautify Londonderry has been serving the Town for 12 years, working with local groups and individuals interested in volunteering their time to spruce up school and town properties.

Last year, the Anti-Littering Advisory Committee merged with Beautify Londonderry to offer the community a more cohe-

sive spring cleanup.

In April, the group supports local volunteer groups with picking up roadside litter and landscaping projects, providing bags, flowers, mulch, gloves and any other equipment the volunteers required.

Stanley said she hopes the challenges Beautify Londonderry faced organizing this year's program motivate more people to get involved.

“It's our town, let's help to keep it beautiful,” she said.

After Byerly stepped up to revitalize the program, Margolin wrote, “We

are now calling out for volunteer groups who wish to plan a project, whether it's planting some perennials, spreading mulch or picking up litter along our roads,” he said. “Now is the time to choose an activity and sign up for a date in late April or early to mid-May. Let us know what you'd like to do and we'll help you plan it and provide supplies.”

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Lady Lancers' Hoop Trio Garnerers All-State Recognition

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The presence and talent of battle-tested standouts Jackie Luckhardt, Kate Balcom, and Kelsey Coffey gave the Londonderry High School girls' basketball team ample reasons to believe it could battle its way to a third consecutive Division I championship this winter.

Unfortunately for the team and second-year varsity coach Nick Theos, that didn't happen as the Lady Lancers were felled by the Bedford High Lady Bulldogs in the semifinal game recently.

But nobody who saw the Londonderry High contingent this year will

challenge the suggestion that that terrific trio gave its all and then some in keeping the Lady Lancers exciting and competitive until the final seconds of the 2015-16 campaign.

And as a result of those efforts, Luckhardt, Balcom, and Coffey all received all-state recognition from the New Hampshire Basketball Coaches Association in the wake of the campaign.

Five-foot-six-inch, athletic senior point-guard Luckhardt, named to First Team All-State, did an exceptional imitation of the Energizer Bunny all campaign long and provided multitudes of points, assists, and rebounds, to a Londonderry



Exceptionally athletic LHS senior guard Jackie Luckhardt was named a First Team All-Stater.



Smart, aggressive, and versatile veteran Kate Balcom was named a Second-Team All-State pick.



Sharp-shooting junior guard Kelsey Coffey received All-State Honorable Mention status.

contingent that went 15-3 during the regular season before pummeling number 15 Exeter and seventh-ranked Nashua North in the first two rounds of the tournament before the rough, 30-28 tourney loss to Bedford. Immediately after the defeat at the hands of Bedford, Theos confided to members of the press that Luckhardt had been ill for much of the week

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Basketball Club Holds its Season-Ending Rec Playoffs



The Gray team and the Green squad battled it out for the LBC boys' third and fourth grade crown, with the Green crew winning in overtime.

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Basketball Club (LBC) bounded into the most exciting segment of its 2015-16 season over the weekend of March 12 and 13, packing a Saturday and a Sunday full of recreational league play-off games that enabled the young cagers to try to end their campaigns with championships.

The LBC hosted 25 games over those two busy days - with contests being played at all three of the town's elementary schools - and crowned winners at each of the different age levels. "We had several close games, with the most exciting being the boys' 3rd/4th (grade) division, which went into overtime just before the buzzer. Team 4 Green pulled out

the victory in the end and won by one basket (over the Gray team)," said LBC vice-president of recreational basketball Rob Galan. The boys' 5th/6th grade title was collected by the Team 5 Green crew, and the boys' 7-8 grade championship was snagged by the Team 6 Blue contingent. In girls' playoff action, the girls' 3-4 title was



The Team 2 Purple squad bested the Team 3 Blue crew for the LBC third and fourth grade girls' title. Courtesy photos

snared by the Team 2 Purple cagers, the 5-6 championship was won by the Team 3 Blue crew, and the 7-10 title was tallied by the Team 4 Pink contin-

gent. The Londonderry Basketball Club runs a recreational basketball program for kids in grades one through 12 for both

boys and girls, with one practice and one game per week for the squads. More information on the LBC can be gathered at www.LBCHoops.org.

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Wednesday, April 27/Psychologist Shawn Daugherty, Psy.D.

Stress and life go hand in hand. Some days it's easier to cope than others. Dr. Daugherty will discuss how to effectively manage stress on a daily basis.

Friends Face Off

Last year's Londonderry High School Division I Champion basketball squad members Marc Corey and Joe Kwiatkowski found themselves on opposite sides of the court this season for the first time in a long time. The two players were teammates at LHS for all four of their high school years and fellow captains during their senior year. Corey has gone on to play for the Saint Joseph's College of Maine Monks while Kwiatkowski has landed with the Mount Ida College Mustangs of Newton, Mass. In the two teams' meetings, the Mustangs won both games. On Dec. 8 the final was 77-46, and on Feb. 6 the score was 80-70.

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Lancers' JV Boys' Hoop Squad Develops and Succeeds

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The most important tasks of sub-varsity sports squads are to bring young talent together, develop it further, give youthful athletes vital game experience, and hopefully deepen players' love for the game while having fun at it.

Wins and losses, to some degree, are secondary to developing young

players and moving them up toward the varsity level.

With all of those facts in mind, the Londonderry High School boys' junior varsity basketball squad had an extremely successful 2015-16 season under coach Alex LaRosa, accomplishing all of their primary goals and also winning seven out of the 17 contests it played.

LaRosa's Lancers also played in the post-season

junior varsity tournament and were bested by the Manchester Central Little Green in their lone game there. But the contingent's list of successes is long and impressive.

The 13-member contingent consisted of a dozen sophomores and a single freshman, with the 10th graders including Cam Champa, Ryan Chisholm, Connor Dubois, Mike McCallister, Shane McNamara, Calvin Saw-

lan, Dakota Bertrand, Nate Gervais, Jeb Collins, Tim O'Neil, Joe Gagan, and Jack Connors. The lone freshman on the squad was Ethan Garofolo.

When asked to think back on his squad's strongest game effort of the campaign, LaRosa had no trouble honing in on one.

"Our best performance of the season was the game against Pinker-

ton, which we won at the buzzer," said the coach. "It was an unbelievable game that came down to the wire. We were down by seven (points) with two minutes left, and we made a great comeback and came out on top."

And LaRosa, who teaches fourth graders at South Elementary, was effusive when talking about the growth his cagers showed from the start of the 2015-16 sea-

son to its end.

"My team developed in a huge way this year," said the squad's mentor. "They responded as I hoped they would and did a great job at executing our game plan. Our guards learned how to handle the ball better under pressure, and our big guys got tougher and developed their inside game. I look forward to working with this group of guys into the future."

Lady Lancer JV Hoopsters Enjoyed an Excellent Campaign

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School varsity girls' basketball squad has gotten used to making it into the Division I final four and beyond for a bunch of years now, winning state championships in 2014 and 2015 and getting to the semifinals this year but losing disappointingly to the Bedford High Lady Bulldogs there by a two-point margin.

Well, about half of the members of the Lady Lancers' varsity hoop

squad from this winter's 2015-16 campaign will be moving on via their school's graduation ceremony this spring, so the LHS varsity crew will be diminished significantly when the 2016-17 season starts in December.

But there were plenty of indications from the Lady Lancers' junior varsity contingent this winter that help is definitely on the way, and a number of the JV squad's athletes also got a taste of varsity action while helping coach Ian Horseman's sub-varsity bunch win an

impressive 17 of the 24 games it played.

The junior varsity team posted a 12-6 regular season record, went 2-0 in Christmas tournament play, and tallied a 3-1 record in the post-season tournament in notching a 17-7 overall mark.

"This team did develop as I'd hoped and expected," said Horseman. "Three of the girls made great strides and ended up getting time for varsity during the playoff run. It was a very successful season."

The talented, 11-player team's roster included one sophomore and 10 freshmen, so all of the Lady Lancer cagers could conceivably be a part of the LHS program for some years to come.

Lone sophomore Kiara Dedier played forward and center, Paige Velie and Olivia Yerian both saw time in those spots as well, Amanda DeAngelis and Michelle Marino each played both guard and forward, and the other team members Jocelyn Mayo, Kaelyn Rourke,

Emmy Dumaresq, Alyssa Pento, Delaney McGurn, and Sophia Scarfo were all guards.

"We played some very good games this season and a few not so good ones. However, I think the highlight was how we finished the season at the JV tournament," said Horse-

man. "We played some of our best ball of the season in a playoff-type format, getting to the final and giving Bedford - who had beaten us twice during the regular season - a very good battle. I thought it was the way we wanted to finish."

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LHS Frosh Boys' Basketball Bunch Developed Key Skills

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Anybody who coaches, plays, or follows high school sub-varsity sports will tell you that the vital jobs of junior varsity and freshman contingents are to give

young athletes important playing time at the high school level, further hone their athletic skills, and enable them to have fun while also hopefully deepening their love for the sport they're playing.

In the big picture, wins

and losses are of secondary importance until athletes reach the varsity level, and the work they do on the junior varsity and freshman levels pushes a great many youngsters toward their goal of playing varsity sports.

So although coach Luial Gilbert's Londonderry High School freshman boys' basketball squad didn't do as much winning as it either hoped or expected to this winter, the young Lancers got plenty of work accomplished during the 2015-16 hoop campaign none the less.

"While the win total didn't pile up as we had hoped, some players got their first exposure to high school sports and

learned the effort and dedication needed to go on. Defensive fundamentals and conditioning improved across the board," said Gilbert.

The LHS crew displayed its mental and physical toughness by tallying its lone win of the campaign over the Dover High School Green Wave hoopsters by rebounding from a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter to finish victorious.

The squad's players

included guards Alex Peters, Mason Cooper, Zack Luongo, Zach Malcolm, and Nathan Cripe, forwards Alex Crutcher, James Buttafuoco, Josh Berube, and Alec Warner, and centers Max DesRosiers and Nick Shapleigh.

"Josh Berube led the team in points, Max DesRosiers led the team in rebounds, and Zach Malcolm led the team in steals and assists," said Gilbert.

Hoop Trio

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leading up to that semifinal battle and unable to practice. But she showed herself - once again - to be a warrior in giving her all as her team chased another state title. As a result, she was named a First Team All-Stater.

"Nobody has meant more to this program than Jackie," said Theos. "She made the biggest plays on the biggest stage each of the last two years."

Senior swing player

Balcom - who saw time at both guard and forward for the Lady Lancers - was a constant source of steady and impressive play for the locals throughout the 2015-16 campaign. And she subsequently earned Second-Team All-State honors for her efforts.

Balcom's stellar court-sense, athleticism, and intensity were always reliable for Theos and the Lady Lancers, and like Luckhardt this talented senior gave the opposition fits night after night.

Junior shooting guard Coffey could easily have earned second team honors as well, but she had to be satisfied with honorable mention recognition at the end of the campaign.

One of the finest shooters in all of Division I, LHS could always count on Coffey's intensity and smart play as it has since she was a freshman playing varsity ball on a championship contingent. And her senior campaign should be something to witness next winter.



A Check from Checkers

The Friends of Londonderry Hockey (FOLH) booster club and the Londonderry High hockey team recently presented a check for \$2,000 to the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (CHaD) with the proceeds of the LHS team's "Fill-a-Skate" fundraiser. Pictured from left are Lancer senior Jax Theriault, FOLH President Mike Theriault, CHaD Executive Representative Toby Trudel, senior Nick Donnelly, senior Colby Austin, FOLH Treasurer Rick Austin, senior Elise Isaak, and senior Andrew Morrisette.

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North Fifth Graders Work with Author to Prepare for Legacy Project

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

North Elementary School fifth graders worked with local author and illustrator Marty Kelley last week in preparation for their "Legacy Project," which challenges students to work together to publish an original book for the school library.

Kelley led students in fun, "Comic Book Pages" workshops that taught them about storytelling skills, plot development, idea generation and story structure.

Fifth grader Bailey Brown said telling a story in a comic format "is way different than writing,"

and that he thinks he can express himself more through the illustrations.

Kelley spent the week as the school's Artist in Residence, offering individual class workshops from March 15-18.

For their last exercise with Kelley, students were asked to produce a series of illustrations that told an authentic story he provided to them.

Kelley and the students enjoyed watching as the same original prompt developed into dozens of different stories, with each of the students adding his or her own details.

Fifth grade teacher Carol Currier said for this

year's legacy project, students will work with partners to produce their own books about Brownie the Bear, the school's mascot.

Once they select a curriculum-related theme for their books, such as "Brownie the Bear at the Boston Tea Party," or "Brownie in the Rainforest," students will spend the rest of the year producing their final school project.

And when the students return to North School for their Senior Breakfast before graduation from Londonderry High School, they will have a chance to revisit their first published books with their childhood friends.



Local author and illustrator Marty Kelley works with fifth graders Bailey Brown and Joey Ingersol on a storytelling activity. Photo by Kaitlyn G. Woods

LHS Class of 2016 Easter Egg Hunt is March 26

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School's Senior Class will host its fourth annual Easter Egg Hunt this weekend.

The fundraiser has become a highly anticipated community event, offering families fun, free

activities to celebrate the holiday and welcome spring.

This year's event is to be held on Saturday, March 26 from 9 a.m. until noon outside the Londonderry High School gymnasium.

Class of 2016 advisor Ashley Tebbetts said her

students wanted to offer an event "that gave back to the community in some way" and wasn't something already offered in Londonderry.

The first Egg Hunt was held in the high school's cafeteria and 200 children participated.

The event has grown

in popularity since the initial success and the group had to move its Egg Hunt to the high school gymnasium. The Egg Hunt is held outside the gym, rain or shine, snow or grass.

The Class Representatives added a "little bunny patch" for smaller children, and Tebbetts said parents were happy that the Egg Hunt was moved outdoors.

In addition to packing and hiding thousands of plastic eggs, the students create a backdrop for a photo station where children may enjoy a visit

with the Easter Bunny for \$3, make crafts, play games, win prizes and decorate.

"The kids donate all the supplies, everything, to make this happen for the kids in the community," Tebbetts said last year. "You can see the joy in them working with the little kids, teaching them the games. We really see our kids shining in their interactions with these little kids. We have genuine, amazing kids."

The Egg Hunt starts at 11:30 a.m. Guests should bring a basket to collect eggs and a camera if they

wish to take a photo with the Easter Bunny.

Children ages 12 and under are welcome to participate in the Egg Hunt. There is no entry fee, but donations are welcome.

The money raised through the event helps fund senior year activities, such as the senior trip, graduation, and Baccalaureate.

Email questions to Class of 2016 Advisors Ashley Tebbetts at atebbetts@londonderry.org or to Holly Lafore at hlafore@londonderry.org.

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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.

Adams Pond Walk

Members of the Londonderry Conservation Commission will lead a one-hour guided walk on the Adams Pond Trail on Saturday, March 26 at 10 a.m. The walk will include a brief detour off the trail to see areas with beaver activity. The group will depart from the trailhead just off the dirt road that runs through Mack's Mammoth Road orchards connecting Mammoth Road to Pillsbury Road. Parking is available.

Electronics Recycling

The Londonderry High School's International Club and Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) hold their third annual Electronics Recycling fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 2 at the LHS main parking lot. Proceeds go to the two sponsoring groups. Residents can drop off computers, TVs, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, VCRs and phones for a fee, ranging from \$1 (keyboards and cell phones) to \$35 (TV larger than 32 inches). Cables, wires, cords and mice can be dropped off free.

Farm Day

As a kick-off to National Library Week, children are invited to the Leach Library on Monday, April 11 from 4 to 5 p.m. to meet some of the animals that inspired the classic novel "Charlotte's Web." Participants will learn all about life on the farm and how animals help to run it. Live animal visitors may include a micro pig, pygmy goat and skunk. Advance registration is required and begins at 9 a.m. Monday, April 4. To register, call 432-1127 or come by the Children's Room. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library.

Lions' Concert

The Londonderry Lions Club presents the fourth annual Bobby and the Sharptones rock and roll classics of the '50s, '60s, '70s and '80s in a Spring Fling-themed concert from 7 to 11 p.m. March 26 at the Lions Hall, Mammoth Road. Proceeds benefit high school scholarships, local sight and hearing, and Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. Cost is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. Reserved tables are available. BYOB. For tickets and information, call Jerry at 434-5307.

Pathfinder Dance

The Southern New Hampshire Indian Pathfinders, based in Londonderry, is a father/daughter group open to all dads and daughters in southern New Hampshire. A father-daughter dance takes place at Mastracola Upper Elementary School, 26 Baboosic St. Merrimack on Saturday, April 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$24 per family (father/daughters) or \$30 (cash only) at the door. Admission includes snacks, beverages and door prizes, as well as free photos. Dress is semi-formal. For details, including a corsage package, visit: <http://indian-pathfinders.com/pathnew/events>.

Crafters Wanted

Londonderry Senior Citizens, Inc. (LSCI) will hold a Summer Arts and Crafts Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 25 at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Road. Space is available to local artisans. Funds raised from the fair will be used to purchase equipment and materials for the Senior Center. Eight-foot spaces inside or 10X10 outdoor spaces are available at \$35 plus a craft or gift item to be raffled by LSCI. Crafters must provide a table and chairs. Applications and fees are due by

May 6. For more information, call Bonnie Ritvo at 432-8554 or email Serior-Center@LondonderryNH.org.

Community Sunrise Service

The Londonderry Clergy Association hosts a community sunrise service on Easter, March 27, at 6 a.m. on the hill in Mack's Orchard off Pillsbury Road behind the Londonderry Methodist Church. That is a 10-minute walk to the gazebo, where the service will be held. In the event of rain or snow, the service will be held in the Methodist Church parking lot or inside the church. An offering will be taken to benefit the Sunshine Soup Kitchen in Derry.

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.



Scout Carnival

Venture Crew 145 participated in the Daniel Webster Council Winter Carnival at Camp Carpenter in Manchester recently. Shown are Emily Buttafuocco and John Perry of Londonderry, reviewing the rules of mini golf for the Cub Scouts.

Courtesy photo

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 hlafore@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.

Free Meals

The Free Community Meals program offers the following meals. Everyone is welcome. March 27, lunch, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., St. Jude Parish Community, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, and Sunshine 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 rent. To make an appointment, call the Derry office at 965-3029.

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 cre-

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Around Town

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ating an inventory of its cellar holes. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library. Light refreshments will be served.

Easter Eggs-Stravaganza

Journey Church, a Church of the Nazarene, will hold an Easter Eggs-Stravaganza on Saturday, March 26, beginning at 10 a.m. at the church at 5 Tinkham Ave., Derry. More than 2,000 filled Easter eggs will be distributed around the church property. In addition, there

will be food, crafts and games. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Pastor Jason McPherson at 216-5155 or visit www.journeynh.org.

Sunrise Service

Join First Parish Congregational Church, UCC, to welcome the dawn of Easter morning at a Sunrise Ser-

vice at 6:30 a.m. outdoors at Broadview Farm in Derry on Sunday, March 27. For more information, call 434-0628 or email officemgr@fpc-ucc.org.

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 Service 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.

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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 Hodes. This is the last chance to experience the sanctuary before restoration work begins the next day. Tickets are \$20 per adult, \$15 per student or senior, and include a light reception. Proceeds go to help restore the historic building. For tickets, call 434-0628, email officemgr@fpc-ucc.org, or stop by the church office.

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.

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Birthday Bash

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Photos by Chris Paul

Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Sunday, March 13

4:44 p.m. Londonderry Fire responding for outside fire with exposure on Capitol Hill Drive.

10:53 p.m. Jessica Speidel, 27, Derry Way, Derry arrested for Resisting Arrest or Detention, Alcoholism – Protective Custody and two counts of Simple Assault. Bail set at

\$500 personal recognizance, with Derry Circuit Court date of April 19.

Tuesday, March 15

11:07 a.m. Londonderry Fire responding for report of smoke in building at Freightliner, Horizon Drive.

1:04 p.m. Stolen ring reported on Grapevine Circle.

2:47 p.m. Zakkary T. Lowe, 19, Brown Street, Salem, NH arrested for Misuse or Failure to Display Plates and Receiving Stolen Property. Bail set at \$500 personal recognizance, with April 19 Derry Circuit Court date.

Thursday, March 17

1:05 p.m. Reporting possible gas leak at Londonderry High School, Mammoth Road. Propane leak outside by the café.

4:31 p.m. Tree branch down in roadway on Alexander Road near High Range Road.

6:22 p.m. Joseph Stapf, 25, Burgess Street, Litchfield arrested for Attempt to Commit Burglary and two counts of Criminal Mischief (vandalism). Bail set at \$10,000 personal recognizance, with Derry Circuit Court date of May 3.

Friday, March 18

11:14 a.m. Anthony Christopher Baptista, 23, 1 Wyandot Circle, Londonderry turned himself in on warrant for Domestic Violence Simple Assault. Bail set at \$5,000 personal recognizance, with Derry District Court date of March 21.

Sunday, March 20
10:57 a.m. Charlene Cullinane, 24, Sean Drive, East Hampstead arrested at Rockingham Road motor vehicle accident for Conduct After an Accident, Driving Under the Influence of Drugs or Liquor, Possession of Drugs (in a motor vehicle) and Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs. Bail set at \$7,500 personal recognizance, with April 5 Derry

Circuit Court date. Callers reported seeing vehicle go through construction signs on Perkins Road by Subway, reporting car parts and property damage by Twin Smoke Shops, and vehicle being driven on two rims on Route 28.

1:19 p.m. Car egged during the night on Hidden Meadow.

4:31 p.m. Automatic gunfire heard on Independence Drive.

Monday, March 21

3:52 a.m. Units request Town Highway be called to treat roadways.



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