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Fireside Snack

Bernedette Steele and Carson Presher enjoyed some toasted marshmallows provided by the Londonderry Conservation Commission at its annual Musquash Field Day. Warm temperatures gave plenty of residents reason to enjoy some of the town's open space. See more photos page 19.

Photo by Chris Paul

Snow Days Starting to Pile Up at Local Schools

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

As students enjoy a snowy day at home, studying or not, their administrators are busy looking forward to June's sunshine and calculating just how long

they will have to stay in school.

So far in the 2016-17 season, school districts have had to contend with several snow events big enough to require cancelling, three of them in the past week.

Londonderry Superintendent Nate Greenberg said his district has allowed six snow days, and extended its closing date to June 22. But he planned for it, he added. "When we lay out our cal-

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Town Council Gives Final Vote on Warrant Articles

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
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In a conference call this past Friday, the Londonderry Town Council gave its final vote on the warrant articles scheduled for approval March 14.

The Council weighed in on articles as follows:

- Article 2, a Communications Upgrade, which will require a 60 percent majority vote to pass. The proposal has several components including the issuance of bonds or notes in \$1,000,000; to authorize the use of \$1,000,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance for the bond; a capital lease for \$740,936; and to raise and appropriate \$245,000 for the first year's interest

and principal payment on the bond, notes and capital lease, approved by Council 5-0;

- Article 3, a proposed 2018 operating budget of \$32,301,194, \$30,000 lower than the default budget of \$32,331,194, which will go into effect if the original budget fails at the polls. If approved, it would result in a town tax rate of \$4.86 per \$1,000, approved 5-0;

- Article 4, Police outside details, \$506,306, no tax impact, 5-0;

- Article 5, Sewer Fund, \$5,246,992, no tax impact, 5-0;

- Article 6, Roadway Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, \$650,000, \$487,000 of which will

come from the Unassigned Fund Balance, 5-0;

- Article 7, Capital Reserve Fund for Fire Department Equipment, \$164,000, \$123,000 of which will come from the Unassigned Fund Balance, 5-0;

- Article 8, Capital Reserve Fund for GIS Systems, \$28,000, \$21,000 of which from Unassigned Fund Balance, 5-0;

- Article 9, Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund, \$180,000, \$135,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance, 5-0;

- Article 10, Pillsbury Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund, \$100,000, \$75,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance, 5-0;

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Conservation Reviews Senior Housing Proposal

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A local developer and his engineer will go back to the drafting table after the Londonderry Conservation Commission expressed concern about wetland buffers in its Feb. 14 meeting.

Kent Brown, project engineer and Joe Carolis, project manager, appeared in the meeting for

a non-binding, conceptual hearing on a proposed affordable senior housing complex planned for property at 7 Litchfield Road. While the Commission agreed on a need for senior housing and affordable housing in particular, they expressed concern about the number of units planned for the property and the impact on wetlands. It was the second

proposal for senior housing they heard that night (see related story).

The property is Tax Map 12, Lot 20 and stretches from Litchfield Road to a portion of Mammoth Road. It is 13 1/2 acres.

Brown told the Commission that the property

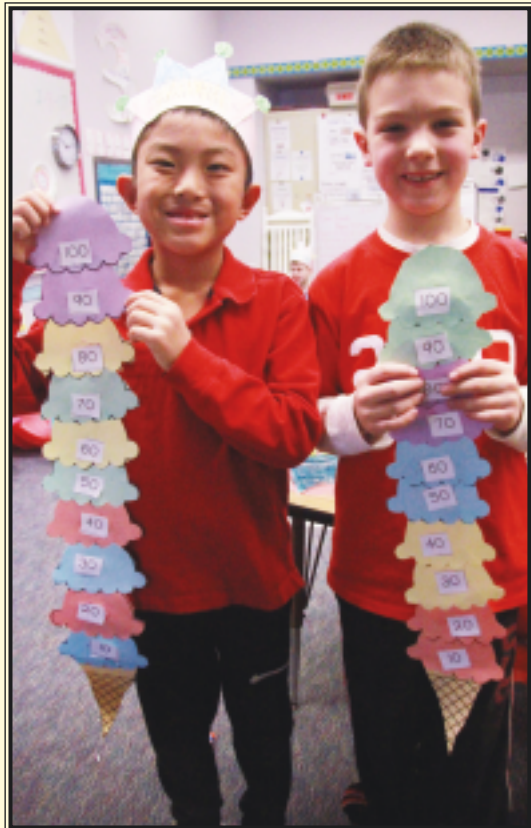
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100 Days of School Finally Achieved



Londonderry Schools finally cracked the 100 day mark last week, with snow days delaying the count by almost week. Some of the younger students in local schools got to enjoy the day with activities that focused on counting to 100. Pictured are first grade students from South Elementary School and Moose Hill Kindergarten enjoying some of the many activities offered.

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OBITUARY



Irene Patricia Nelson

Irene Patricia Nelson "Pat" Welsh, 90, of Two Victoria Court, York, Maine passed away on Wednesday, February 15, 2017.

She was born January 19, 1927 in Westbrook, Maine, a daughter of the late Aaron N. and Thelma (Jensen) Nelson. She graduated from Portland Regional School of Nursing and, with her nurturing and caring spirit, loved her work as a pediatric nurse at Saint Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, PA.

Her husband of 55 years, David E. Welsh III, died in 2006. She leaves two sons, David E. Welsh IV and wife Gail of Jamestown, RI, and Carden N. Welsh and wife Ann of Durham, NH; a daughter Kristine W. Holleran of Raymond, NH; a brother Dennett B. Nelson and wife Sharon of Riverview, FL; 8 grandchildren, Patrick, Molly, Patricia, Desiree, Kaytee, Travis, Ryan and Wells; 14 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and her dog Wynnie.

Pat was a generous, outgoing and optimistic person loved by a large circle of family and friends. An avid knitter, needle pointer and reader, she delighted in traveling the world, and relished spending time with friends and family at her summer camp at Pequawket Lake. She was dedicated to her church activities, and baked an amazing selection of cookies at Christmas.

Calling hours will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, February 19 in the Lucas & Eaton Funeral Home, 91 Long Sands Rd., York, Maine. A Memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. on Monday, February 20 in the First Parish Church, 180 York St., York, Maine. Burial will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Parish Church.

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— Paid Obituary —

Housing

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drains from south to north and that a portion of Little Cohas Brook runs through the property and drains across Litchfield Road. He said the developers plan to have 50-foot buffers, plus a 100-foot buffer from any "threat" to Little Cohas.

Speaking to the "elderly" concept, Carolis said right now they are talking 62 and older, but haven't ruled out 55 and older.

"We are reaching a plateau with our elderly population," Carolis said. "People are worried."

They are working on two concepts, he said. In a straw poll, the Planning Board voted that they wanted to see all apartments on the property. But in talks with the planning staff, they were told it would be better to "ease in" to the apartments with a couple of duplexes and four-plexes. The first layout they worked on has two four-plexes, three duplexes and two 22-unit apartment buildings, Brown said.

In this design, treatment swales would encroach on the buffer, Brown said. He said he is planning a flat topogra-

phy with 3-1 slopes to minimize the impact.

The second layout is all apartments, he said, with three 22-unit buildings. Treatment swales would pick up the water as it comes down the road.

There are advantages to both, Brown and Carolis said.

"We need to pick one option and move forward," Brown said.

What about the buffers? Member Deborah Lievens expressed concern about the design of the buffer plans. "This does not in any way match the intent of our buffer ordinance," she told Brown and Carolis.

Vice-Chair Gene Harrington agreed. "For the longest time we have said, the treatment swale should be in the outer half of the buffer and it should be perpendicular. This treatment swale is totally inside the buffer."

The 100-foot buffer from the Little Cohas is more difficult to accomplish, Brown said.

Member Mike Speltz observed, "This is like trying to fit 10 pounds in a 5-pound bag. This is one of those cases." If the developers eliminated the northernmost building, it would solve the buffer issues, he told them.

But Carolis theorized that might make the proj-

ect "not affordable" for the developers. "This is not a money-maker," he told the Commission.

Carolis said he personally liked the mixed usage option, with duplexes, four-plexes and apartments. But the condos also have to be affordable, he said, and that's tricky with townhouses in the area going for \$299,000. The definition of "affordable" for senior condos is \$267,000, but even that is too high, he said.

Brown agreed to try to reduce the buffer impact, and they said they would settle on a single concept and come back to the Commission.

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Editorial

Change in the Air

If you look at the calendar, or out the window, or at the outdoor thermometer, you can see that it's winter. Snow, ice, wind and all the silver bells and whistles.

But little by little, the light has been getting brighter, more birds have begun to sing, and the sun doesn't set quite so early anymore. It's far from spring, but it's hard to miss the signs that the season is changing. Gradually. And not without a few steps backward.

But change it will, and soon enough we'll be thinking of flowers and gardens and opening up the screen porch.

Change seems to be the watchword these days in matters other than weather as well. If you follow world news, countries are wracked with change, as multitudes of people seek the overthrow of long-established rulers. In our own country, Republican legislators, replacing the Democrats' former majority in Washington and in many state legislatures, has brought its own changes.

The last thing any of us need, however, is change just for the sake of doing something different. The focus in various legislative bodies on abortion rights, guns, and same sex marriage are touted as a beacon of change, but we're hard pressed to believe that these are the kinds of changes that will cure our country's ills.

They won't create jobs, free up loans, keep people from losing their homes, or give any of us hope that the "Great Recession" is anywhere near coming to an end in a positive way.

Change doesn't require burning down the building and starting from scratch. There are plenty of bills in the State House to change how we fund education, and the more discussion on that topic, the better. Coming up with something reasonable doesn't mean returning New Hampshire to the dubious distinction of being the only state without mandated Kindergarten, or eliminating art and music as components of an adequate education. Both of those proposals offer plenty of drama, and little monetary benefit.

Here's a change we'd like to see: something substantive to the bottom line. Because as property tax bills rise, the flow of residents out of the state will increase as well, and it won't be because of the rough winter weather.

Just as we watch to see how changes in power translate into changes in individual rights, we should be watching our legislators to see that change is more than flexing muscles or down shifting funding. If it helps the foreclosed on, the unemployed, and the large numbers struggling to stay afloat, that will really be a breath of spring.

Letters

Vote for Roger Fillio for Town Council

To the editor,

I am writing to express my support for Roger Fillio, in his quest for Londonderry Town Council.

I have known Roger for 40 yrs and he would be a great addition to the town council. Roger is a good friend, neighbor and a wonderful husband and father. He is the type of individual that would give the shirt off his back to a complete stranger.

He is a retired veteran, with 35 yrs of service. He was on active duty with the US Army, for 3 yrs, where he served as a member of the 82nd Abn Div. He was a member of the Active Reserve for 8 yrs and then part time reserves for 24 yrs. He is also a member of the Londonderry American Legion Post 27.

Roger has always been generous with his spare time and devotion to his community. He has been a member of Care Givers for Seniors Helping Seniors, for the past three years. He is a member of the Londonderry Conservation Committee, Heritage Commission and President of the Londonderry Historical Society.

Roger is a fiscal conservative with common sense values and he is the type of individual that we really need on the Town Council. I hope you will join me in supporting Roger Fillio in his bid for Town Council.

Larry LeBlanc
Londonderry

About the CART...

To the editor,

My father has macular degeneration which prevents him from being able to drive. He has very limited discretionary money. Therefore; having access

to affordable transportation is crucial to his independence.

My Dad is a Certified Hospice provider. He is physically fit. He requires this exemplary transportation service for reliable, safe transportation to and from weekly visits with his Hospice clients. These persons are in Hospice care because they are near death. His visits with them are important not only to these clients; but to their caregivers as well. It affords the respective caregivers much needed respite.

The CART service is a benefit for me (I know he is safe while in the CART's care) as well as my Dad (his self-esteem is enhanced because he can get around independently); and most importantly those who receive Hospice care (both the patients and the caregivers). He has a membership at the Workout Club here in Londonderry. He goes to the gym faithfully three days a week. The CART employees are compassionate, caring and helpful. The schedulers are extremely competent and efficient. For every pre-scheduled ride we receive a pleasant confirmation phone call one day prior to the date of service. The drivers are patient and respectful. They are mindful of the immediate needs of their "precious cargo"...our parents, grandparents, and family members with or without disabilities.

On an occasion during a snow storm the driver has gently taken the shovel from my dad's hands to complete the task of clearing the path from our front door to the vehicle. This is clearly a company which is well managed. However they are short staffed. They struggle to meet our needs; but they DO what they do super-

bly. We do not need to reinvent their "wheel". Their existing and potential customer base grows every day.

CART should be applauded for their commitment to excellent customer service. Our money will be much better spent by supplementing an expansion of CART. At a recent Town Council meeting Tom Freda said "I realize there is a lot of concern, but there is a need. Susan Haussler, a member of the Senior Resources Committee, said, "It is a tremendous safety need." (Londonderry Times, February 16, 2017) Accept the generous donation from Ford of Londonderry of a handicapped-equipped van. Allow CART to use it to the demonstrated best of their ability. Warrant Article 21 as amended is a win/win for all citizens in our community. Let us be not just "senior friendly" but "people friendly". Even high schoolers who would like to get their first job are potential customers.

Also we "Baby Boomers" will want to take advantage of this service as we stay here in Londonderry into our golden years. Thank you to all who participated in the deliberative session to tweak this warrant article to meet everyone's needs.

Cherylann Pierce
Londonderry

Needs Versus Wants

To the editor,

During budget season we often hear about "needs versus wants," implying that our spending should be limited only to things we "need." Of course what is categorized as a need or a want often varies from person to person.

Most of us would agree
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that a “need” should meet two tests: it should be urgent, meeting the need cannot be delayed to a future budget year, and it should be vital, something we cannot do without at the risk of imperiling health, safety, or security. By these measures a “want” is something that is not urgent, it could wait until at least next year, and not vital, we could get along without it.

If only things were that cut and dried! A wide “gray area” lies between those two neat categories of “need” and “want.” Many of us would argue that a library is vital to a democracy that relies on an educated, informed electorate, but some would argue that we could get along without it. Many of us would argue that our modest recreation program is vital to a happy, healthy populace, but some would argue that we could get along without it. Many of us would argue that we need the skilled staff in our planning, building and public works departments to guide development and maintain our infrastructure, but some would argue that we could get along with fewer town employees. So, “want” and “need” are in the eye of the beholder - we all must make some tough calls, just as those who crafted the proposed budget were forced to do.

Three articles on this year's ballot can legitimately be argued as “needs” versus “wants”: the need to pick up the trash along major town roads, the extension of the rail trail across state

highway 28, and improvements to the Kendall Pond conservation area. Do you have a “need” to live in a town that is willing to pick up the litter? Do you have a “need” to attract new business, and the taxes they pay, to the airport district by granting its workers access to our rail trails? Or do you have a “need” to walk, bike, or push your baby carriage on a paved surface free of cars? Do you have a “need” to have a place where you can picnic, observe wildlife in the marsh, or relax on a bench on a summer afternoon, all linked by smooth, wide stone dust trails?

And what if these three articles are indeed just “wants”? In my view it is “OK” for us to want clean streets and outdoor recreation, both on a rail trail and on stone dust paths, both of which provide access to beautiful parts of our still rural-feeling town. The petitioners who brought these articles forward wanted to give you the choice. Please make your choice known on election day!

Mike Speltz
Londonderry

“Do Your Job”

To the Editor:

I would like to share my thoughts and opinions in regards to opposition of the proposed development on Stonehenge Road know as Macgregor's Cut. I feel this opposition reflects many of the town's residents. It is not, nor should it be, the town's responsibility to guarantee a profitable venture to a developer. The town has established building and developmental criteria and guidelines for specific

reasons. These reasons should reflect the protection and interest of the residents and the good of the town. I believe it is the Council and Boards' responsibility to do so. It appears that some members are more concerned with the protection and good of the developer. This appearance is not a popular one.

The town should seriously consider the state of our services and infrastructure before consideration of large residential complexes in our town. If our schools, police, fire services, roads, and utilities are not prepared for this type of development, it puts an undue burden on residents and services. These burdens include increased traffic, higher taxes, reduced property values, congestion, increased traffic dangers, lower quality of life, increased crime, decrease in quality and availability of public services and a declining state of our infrastructure. For what? To me, this is putting the cart before the horse.

Specific to the MacGregor's cut project, I feel there has been a deliberate understatement of traffic impact by the developer. I believe the impact to the school system has been underestimated. We know about the already dangerous Stonehenge/Rt 28 intersection, and I feel this volume of added cars would turn Stonehenge Road into a parking lot at peak times. It is already one of the most dangerous roads in town, and would soon become more so. This complex would turn Hardy Road (AKA Hardy Highway) into a nightmare. Hardy Road is a shortcut between exits 4 and 5 or

Derry and South Londonderry. I've counted more than 30 cars at the Gilcrest/Pillsbury stop sign at peak times. It's a dangerous, rural road, not to mention the influx from new Perkins Road project and future Woodmont development.

I am also concerned with the introduction of hundreds of tons of salt seasonally introduced into the headwaters of the Little Cohas Brook directly below this project. This would result in the decimation of an environmentally sensitive area, and should receive further consideration.

I understand the State's demand for workforce housing in our communities. However, I don't feel this mandate should put an undue burden on the residents of Londonderry, while protecting a developer. It's putting the cart before the horse, and wrong place-wrong time. I would urge town leaders to follow the words of our beloved New England Patriot's coach. “DO YOUR JOB”!

Bill Garvey
Londonderry

Library Trustees

To the Editor:

There are two open positions for Leach Library Trustee. The incumbents, Melissa Coffey and Cynthia Peterson are both running for re-election. During their tenure they have been an asset to the Library. I endorse both candidates, and hope you

will too.

Pauline Caron
Library Trustee

Destruction of President Trump

To the Editor:

It's clear that Democrats and liberal media are trying to destroy Trump by attacking his every proposal and comment. I subscribe to six national newspapers and magazines that portray Trump negatively with never a positive comment. I will not renew. I recently began to clock ABC News' nightly 6:30PM time slot and found that one-third of the 25 minutes of air-time, excluding commercials, was spent negatively commenting on Trump's agenda. One-third! Obama never got anything like that; if indeed there was anything perceived to be negative. I don't watch the other main networks as they are noticeably anti-Trump with no balance.

The Democrat leadership in the Senate stalls and obstructs Trump's cabinet candidates. Not because they are unqualified, but solely to disrupt Trump's agenda of building a better America. Democrats know that Trump's agenda, if successful, would present barriers for Democrats in the 2018 Congressional and 2020 presidential races.

Paranoid Nixon had his “dirty tricks”, but Democrats from the Obama administration are today playing even dirtier. They

have financed a non-profit organization called Organization for Action that is closely tied to Obama, the DNC and financial supporters such as billionaire George Soros; a soulless sociopath and left-wing extremist who collaborated with the Nazis to steal Jew's assets and send them to death camps. Soros was the first to bankroll Obama's run for President. Website <http://humanevents.com/2011/04/02/top-10-reasons-george-soros-is-dangerous/> lists 10 reasons why Soros is dangerous to America.

But back to OFA; 32,000 paid operatives across America organizing protests to Trump's agenda. Some of the protests have been violent and many of the protesters either didn't vote in the presidential election or haven't a clue why they are protesting other than to skip classes, work or just be part of the mob. I have no problem with peaceful protests for just causes, but protests merely to create turmoil and divisiveness provide Russia, China and Iran a sense that America is too distracted to counter their moves in Europe, South China Sea and the Mid-East respectively; not to mention North Korea's race to develop nuclear-tipped ICBMs to strike America. Obama has verbally supported the protests and lives a mere two miles from the White House. Are we seeing a

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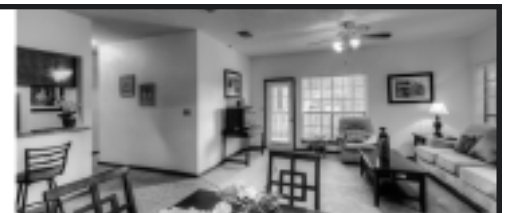


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Experience Marks This Year's Town Council Candidates

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The four people vying for two open Town Council seats have a rich and diverse background of civic experience.

The candidates are Joseph Green, incumbent, and Roger Fillio, Al Sypek and Ted Combes. They will compete for Green's seat and that of Councilor Tom Freda, who has declined to run again.

The candidates, their civic experience and their reasons for running are as follows:

Joe Green, 47, has lived in Londonderry for 22 years. His prior civic involvement includes Zoning Board of Adjustment, Budget Committee, two terms on the Council, and volunteering with soccer, football and basketball as both a board member and coach.

Green is running because he feels he still has "unfinished business." There is still work to do to grow the commercial sector of the town, he said, and to reduce the tax rate through the revenues. This will provide the money needed to extend

town services to Woodmont Commons, he said. He feels he's needed on the board for budgeting purposes, noting, "We spent four years creating a lower tax rate." With Freda not returning, Green said, "If you reduce two-fifths of that board, the effect will be devastating." He pointed to "good karma" and good working relationships among board members.

The Council and Town Manager Kevin Smith share a joint vision, he said. "We may have different ideas on how to get to the end result, but we always come back to the same main street."

Green, the board's liaison to the Senior Resources Committee, said, "I feel that I've just gotten started with the seniors." The elderly population in Londonderry is growing, he said, and many of his constituents "suffer in silence." They don't ask for much, Green said, and he's going to keep pushing for them, noting, "They helped make Londonderry what it is today."

• Edward "Ted" Combes, 30, has lived in Lon-

donderry 26 years. He has served on the Budget Committee, including a stint as chair; is a current member of the Planning Board; and chairs the Master Plan committee.

Combes wants to provide another voice, the voice of a younger generation, to town government. "Younger people and newer people may not know what the government does," he said.

The town has a bright future with a lot of new development, Combes said, and "I'd like to be there to see it."

He'd also like to give input into the tax process, Combes said. "I want to make sure the need for services is met, but not to overburden citizens with the cost."

With an MBA in finance, plus his work on the Budget Committee, Combes understands how town finance works, he said. And with a current position in property management, he also understands the needs of building maintenance, he said.

• Roger Fillio, "72 and 10 months," in town 40 years. His civic involvement includes concurrent membership in the Conservation Commission, Heritage Society. He is president of the latter group.

"I want to be part of

how Londonderry changes in the future," Fillio said. He's seen the town grow from "very few people to now." "None of us moved here to live in a cement block," Fillio said. "I want to do my best to preserve that ambience of a small town."

"Fillio wants to spend his retirement years giving back to Londonderry. 'I understand there are people who work, who have kids, and don't have a lot of time,' he said. 'I'm retired. I've looked at the town, studied it, and I know what's going on.' A fiscal conservative, Fillio said he wants to 'help us get value for what we spend.'"

He has no agenda, he said, "other than to keep that small-town atmosphere but still let it grow."

• Al Sypek, 67, 46 years in town. He has served as acting Town Administrator, on the Conservation Commission, as chair of the Water Commissioners "when we had them," on the IT Committee, is a former Fire Chief and has volunteered 10 years with the Cable Access Center.

"After many years of volunteering, several people have told me I'd make a good Councilor," Sypek said. "I have no conflicts of interest and no agenda."

"I have a unique perspective from all my experiences," Sypek add. "There

are many sides to municipal government." He characterized himself as a "firm believer" that it's up to the voters to decide

who they want.

"If they vote for someone else, fine," Sypek said. "I just want them to get out and vote."

OBITUARY

Judith S. Tyrrell



Judith S. Tyrrell, 74, of Londonderry, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Feb. 15, in her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Nashua, on Jan. 23, 1943, a daughter of Anthony and Stella (Slosek) Monas. Judy graduated from Nashua High School in 1961. She married the love of her life Norman K. Tyrrell on July 13, 1963 and they moved to Londonderry. Judy was very hard working. She was employed by Benson's Animal Farm in Hudson when they got a baby gorilla named Junior. She also worked for seven years at ServiceMaster, 27 years for Shaws Supermarket in Londonderry and finally retired from Goodwill Industries in 2015.

She loved gardening, crossword puzzles, and was an avid reader. Judy also enjoyed traveling with her sister Carol to places like Russia and the Bahamas, visiting her sister Kim in Georgia and going to Disney World with her kids and grandkids. Judy was loving, selfless, strong, and a great friend to many. She was also loyal, generous to a fault, had a big heart, and was a great role model. Judy also had a strong Catholic faith and attended St. Jude's Parish in Londonderry. Being the oldest of eight children, what Judy loved most of all was her family. Family meant everything to her and she meant the world to all of them. She will be remembered as the rock her family could always count on.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 53 years, Norman Tyrrell, her daughter, Deborah Pratt and her husband Dave, her son, David Tyrrell her beloved grandchildren, Tasha Przybyla and her husband Matthew, David Pratt Jr., and Lyndsay Pratt; great granddaughter, Emma; six siblings, Carol Monas, Steven Monas, Gary Tufts, Sundry Clark, Kitt Tufts, and Kim Rhodes; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her brother, Alan Monas.

Following cremation, memorial calling hours were held Monday, February 20, 2017 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Road, Londonderry with a service held at 6:30pm. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Visiting Nurse Assoc. of Manchester & Southern NH 1070 Holt Ave., Suite 1400 Manchester, NH 03109. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.



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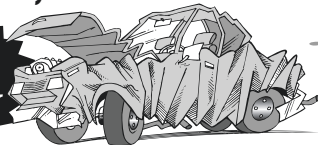
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Take the Time to Be Safe When Venturing Out on Ice

With the start of school vacation next week, New Hampshire Fish and Game has put out a warning on ice safety.

Major John Wimsatt, who coordinates OHRV enforcement and safety programs for Fish and Game, wrote in a press release, "While dozens of lakes and ponds across the state have safe ice conditions for winter activities, New Hampshire

Fish and Game Department Conservation Officers want to stress that there are numerous areas across the state, particularly on our largest lakes – like Winnepesaukee, Winnisquam and others – that have large areas of either open water or thin, unsafe ice. Some parts of these and other lakes and ponds may have over 18 inches of solid ice, while ice may be less than an inch thick – or non-exis-

tent – on other sections of the same water body."

Wimsatt warned, "It is imperative that you personally check the ice thickness across an entire water body before you venture out on foot or on a snowmobile or Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle. Do not assume that just because the ice is safe in one location, that it will be safe 100 feet farther away. If you don't know, don't go."

Those who do venture on to the ice should be sure to bring along a rescue rope, ice picks and a personal flotation device such as a typical life preserver (or wear specialty clothing designed specifically to float the user),

according to Wimsatt.

Because of the unpredictable ice conditions, Wimsatt wrote, it is not advisable to drive vehicles onto the ice. Those on foot should carefully assess ice safety before venturing out by using an

ice chisel or auger to determine ice thickness and condition. "Continue to do this as you get further out on to the ice, because the thickness of the ice will not be uniform all over the water body," he wrote.

Vote

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- Article 11, Police Department Employees, three years, first year \$247,571, 5-0;

- Article 13, Executive Employees, three years, first year \$21,169, 5-0;

- Article 15, Police and Fire management and professional, three years, first year \$43,213, 5-0;

- Article 17, Firefighters, five years, first year \$106,107, 5-0;

- Article 19, \$198,545 for adding two officers to the Londonderry Police Department, 5-0;

- Article 20, \$158,070, adding two truck drivers to Public Works, 5-0;

- Article 21, asking voters to raise and appropriate \$35,000 for a town senior transportation system, passed 3-2;

- Article 22, \$35,000 for an engineering study for the Central Fire Station, passed 5-0;

- Article 23, petitioned warrant article, \$100,000 for litter pick-up along town roadways, amended to \$65,000, failed 4-1;

- Article 24, asking voters to raise and appropriate \$230,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to connect residents of Longwood Avenue and Hillcrest Lane to the town water system, passed 5-0;

- Article 25, petitioned article asking for \$230,000 to be raised through taxation to connect residents of Longwood Avenue and Hillcrest Lane to the town water system, amended to zero at the Deliberative Session, failed 5-0;

- Article 26, petitioned warrant article, \$144,000, construction of Phase IV of the Rail Trail, failed 4-1;

- Article 27, petitioned warrant article, \$115,000 for lights for the Nelson Road softball field, failed 3-2;

- Article 28, petitioned warrant article, \$138,000 for improvements to the

Kendall Pond Road Conservation Area, failed 5-0. The Council also unanimously approved Articles 12, 14, 16 and 18, allowing the town to call a special meeting to reconsider any of the contracts.

Supervisors of the Checklist will meet Saturday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to noon to register voters and correct the checklist. This is the last day to register before the March 14 election, although registrations will be accepted the day of the election. Proof of citizenship, identity and residence is required, or an affidavit may be signed.

The election and voting on the warrant will be held Tuesday, March 13, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Londonderry High School gym.

Snow Days

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endar, we build in 10 snow days," he said in a phone interview.

Londonderry does not do Blizzard Bags, Greenberg said. The concept was explored a few years ago but rejected for a couple of reasons. First, he said, "I prefer to have kids in school for instruction."

Greenberg said he was also concerned about the logistics of at-home learning, particularly in families with one computer and multiple students. He illustrated, "What if you have multiple kids and one computer? Or you have a child in middle school, and another in high school taking six courses?" There's also the issue of children who go to child care on snow days, Greenberg said, another factor in Londonderry's opting out.

According to Chuck Zappala the school dis-



trict took a proactive stance on snow removal from the roofs of four out of the five schools.

Snow drifts were a major concern with wet

snow being predicted and though it never came, the schools were relieved of the heavy burden on the roofs steel decking.

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They Do the Math, and Come Out Winners at Competition

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Sathvik Manan, a Londonderry seventh-grader, admits that he was nervous during his first Math Counts competition. "The first problems were easy, and I was feeling pretty confident," he said. "Then the second ones were harder, and I was discouraged. I almost lost it under the pressure. But with the team round we all helped each other, and it came back to me."

Manan is a member of the Math Counts team coached by math teacher Dr. Ann Gaffney. Though the school has had a Math Club for years, this is the first year they've taken a team on the road. The group, mostly seventh-graders, did a regional competition Feb. 4 and came in third of 11 schools, qualifying for the state meet at Plymouth State University later this month. They are learning math, and also the important skill of teamwork.

The middle-schoolers have done contests over the years, Gaffney said,

but they were all taking the test at school and mailing or e-mailing it in. This was the first time they went out as a team.

Gaffney said she likes the Math Counts program for the way it is structured. "There is a team component," she said, "It's not just individuals."

The competition has three tiers, she said. "In the Sprint they work on their own, doing 30 questions in 40 minutes. The Target section is more in-depth. Then they compete as a team in groups of four, and they use each others' strengths to excel."

Gaffney likes that model. "In the world we work together to solve problems," she said, noting that the "soft skill" also needs to be learned. "It's not just about having one super-smart math student," she said.

The fourth tier is a "countdown" round of the top 10 individual scorers. While nobody from LMS made it to Countdown, they excelled as a team and took third place, she said.

She has about 20 stu-



The Londonderry Middle School Math Team participated in the Chapter Level MathCounts Competition in Bedford Saturday, Feb. 4. Seven students represented the school, three as individuals and four as part of the official team. Back row, left to right: Coach Dr. Ann Gaffney, seventh-grade team members Robert LaRock and Sathvik Manam, seventh-grade individual competitor Sage Matzker, eighth-grade team member Alexandria Hodson, and seventh-grade individual competitor Cassidy Methot; and front row, left to right: seventh-grade team member Matthew Villeneuve and sixth-grade individual competitor Andrew

dents in her lunchtime Math Club, off and on, and of those 20 were interested in competing. She held a no-stress school competition to winnow the competitors, and ended up with the same seven. While a team consists of four students, the others competed as individuals, she said.

The competition team now includes Alexandria Hudson, grade eight; Andrew Zavorotny, grade six; and seventh-graders Robert LaRock, Matthew Villeneuve, Sage Matzker, Cassidy Methot and Manan.

"I like it because we get to do math during lunch," Methot said. "I

think it's fun." Her favorite parts of math are algebra and "anything with order of operations," she said.

Matzker said she got into Math Club along with Methot, a good friend. "I did Recycling Club for her and she did this for me," Matzker said. While Matzker is hoping for a

career in music, she said, "I still need to know math." She also likes the club for "meeting new people," she said.

Manan joined at the suggestion of his parents, who wanted him to do well in mathematics. "Also, it looks good on the college applications," he said.

LaRock has been doing math competitions since third grade. "I find it extremely fun, especially when it requires speed," he said.

He did get nervous at the Math Counts event, toward the end "when it was getting really close."

The questions increased in complexity, LaRock said. "The sprint was easy, but I got nervous in the target round."

"It's a huge jump to Target," Manan agreed. "Like from fifth to sixth grade."

Though Gaffney believes in her students, even she was surprised that they did so well, coming in third after the Academy of Science and Design in Nashua and Hampstead Academy. "I was surprised because it was their first time competing," she said.

"She was jumping up and down," Matzker said of their coach.

The students are looking forward to the Plymouth event, and since they are still seventh-graders, they are looking forward to competing one more year for LMS and possibly with the high school team.

Inevitably, they will see some of the same problems in different venues. Manan encountered the same problem in an I-ready math test, the competition and a second I-ready test.

Correction: In the Feb. 9 edition the support for Warrant Article 27, to raise and appropriate \$115,000 to replace the lights on the Nelson Road softball field, was incorrectly stated. The Town Council voted 3-2 not to support the article and the Budget Committee voted 4-2 not to support the article.

In a recent list of candidates for Londonderry town offices, Alexander Rego was listed as running for the one-year Budget Committee position. He is running for the three-year position.

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Local Kids Take to the Stage in "A Dragon's Tail"

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Joel Mercier packs a lot into his original children's musicals, and his upcoming production of "A Dragon's Tail" is no exception. "We always try to emphasize some important moral issue," he said. "In 'Dragon,' it's don't judge a book by its cover. And there may be a little bit on anti-bullying," he added.

"A Dragon's Tail," an original musical based on the story of "The Reluctant Dragon," will be presented next week in the Derry Opera House. The play features young actors from Derry, Londonderry, Manchester, Amherst, Merrimack, Hooksett, Concord, Boscawen and Barrington. Londonderry resident Joel Mercier is the quadruple threat behind the production, writing, composing, producing and directing the new work.

In a phone interview, Mercier said he and Wally Pineault launched the Theatre Factory in 2013. "We both have professional backgrounds, and we wanted to see what we could do," Mercier said.

Their long-term goal is to have a three-tiered company, with mainstage productions, a youth education component and premieres of new works. "A lot of local companies have two out of the three," Mercier explained.

They are well on their way, with a mainstage production of "Amadeus" last June at the Derry Opera House and their "Stage Setters" youth theater group. "Amadeus" was remounted recently in Concord under the auspices of the Concord Community Players, he said.

Every year for the past

three years the company has produced a children's musical, and Mercier prefers to write his own because then he can tailor it around the group he has. "It's hard to focus on every kid when you're doing something like 'Beauty and the Beast,'" he said.

He has an average of 15 to 20 child and teen actors, and he and Pineault focus heavily on training. In addition to singing, dancing, acting and stagecraft prep, each production features two Master Classes with professionals Mercier brings in. "Last year's show was 'Lost in Wonderland,' an adaptation of 'Alice In Wonderland,'" he said. "We brought in a special instructor from England to coach the kids on their British accents, and we brought in a puppetry instructor because our Cheshire Cat was a giant puppet controlled by nine actors."

For "Dragon's Tail," he brought in instructors on stage combat for the play's fight scene and a pantomime movement instructor who taught how to create characters. "We have some mythical characters in this that don't speak, they just move," he explained.

The play is a full musical, and in addition to teaching aspects of show business, Mercier also tries to have a moral lesson. "In 'Dragon's Tail,' it's kindness," he said. In "Wonderland," it was the challenge of growing up.

Meghan O'Neill, a freshman at Pinkerton Academy, plays the dragon. The Derry resident said this is her third production with New Hampshire Theatre Factory. "It's very unique," she said of the company.

"Most people produce other people's work. But Joel writes his own scripts, his own music."

Her character of Dragon is "a nerdy guy who likes to write poetry," Meghan said. "He's flamboyant and out there." She can relate to that, she said, because "I'm outspoken myself."

She is the daughter of Jennifer and Jeffrey O'Neill and has two brothers and one sister.

Simone Labell, 12, of Londonderry plays Marta, the little girl who befriends the dragon. Simone is the daughter of Rebekah and Evan Labell and has one sister and one brother. Simone, who is homeschooled, said she's been acting since she was 9. She worked with Kids Coop for four years before investigating the Theatre Factory. "The story is a

good one," she said. "I love 'The Reluctant Dragon,' and I love this twist on it."

She's enjoying her character Marta, whom she characterizes as "a bookworm, of middle-school age, with something of a temper, and who loves fantastic tales with dragons and the like."

Playing Marta, Simone said, "show me that anybody can be anything. She's an average person, but she becomes a heroine."

Simone said she's drawn to acting for the same reason. "I can be whoever I want to be," she said.

And she loves to see an audience smile.

Performances are Friday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 4, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. in the Derry Opera House, 29 West Broadway. For tickets or more information, visit www.nhtheatrefactory.org.



From left, Meghan O'Neill plays the dragon and Simone Labell plays Marta in "A Dragon's Tail," an original music for children presented by the NH Theatre Factory. Courtesy photo/Joel Mercier



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Londonderry Business to Provide Services to Help Historical Society

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Reverend Morrison House makeover project will get underway with the help of Estey Lumber in Londonderry.

Longtime Historical Society member Ray Breslin had approached Ever-source to ask about making use of the downed trees from their work in Merrimack Valley Transmission Reliability project in the Fall. According to Tom Estey of Estey Lumber and Country Store, they will be sawing the wood for different products, and a good amount will be given to help repair the old Morrison House.

"They're going to need boards and timbers of different sizes," Estey explained, "and when they do, we'll saw them out for them."

The Reverend Morrison House was professionally disassembled and stored after its donation by its former owners, Robert and Anne Perry in 2006. A concrete foundation and floor system was put in place in late 2009, and the remainder of the original house has been stored in trailers on the Historical Society's complex until resources would become such that further restorations could be made.

Roger Fillio, president

of the Londonderry Historical Society, said that the society has enlisted the help of Preservation Timber Framing who will take everything out of the trailers to measure, figure out placement, and determine what will be needed in order to proceed with the restoration.

Fillio went on to explain that the Morrison House is a post-and-beam framed house, and that it will be the frame that the society will start with once plans are in place.

"Whatever (the framing company) tells us we need, the wood will be cut to that, and whatever else is left will be used to cut for sheathing, which is the outside," Fillio said.

In addition to this generous contribution of efforts, Estey Lumber also donates wood to the Boy and Eagle Scouts for various projects. Tom Estey explained that they had given some wood to the Eagles so that they could help repair the cedar siding of the Grange several years ago, as well as wood to create a wheelchair ramp for it about 10 years ago.

In addition to harvesting lumber and sawing it for various uses, the Esteys began offering bark mulch in 1973, and began coloring it about 20 years after. Tom Estey explained that within the last 20 to



Harold Estey, owner of Estey Lumber and Country Store saws up some oak last week on a saw he's used for generations. Photo by Chris Paul

25 years, iron oxide dyes started to become available for mulches to offer a unique esthetic, as well as supplementing their sales.

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"The bottles are over 150 years old, and the paper is still on them," Tom marveled. He explained that bottles of this variety often sell for \$400 online.

"That's why I put them on the top shelf," he

explained. But they sit in the rafters, a piece of the town's history preserved.

As for the preservation of another piece of Londonderry history, when asked about the projected completion of the Reverend Morrison House restoration project, Fillio said that the society is aiming to have it restored to its former glory for the 300-year town anniversary, but that currently they are in the first step in getting the House rebuilt as it was.

Timber Framing to determine a start date. They have two assessments in the works prior to the assessment for the Reverend Morrison House, but the Society should know by the end of this month when they can expect their assessment.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Morrison House restoration project, or would like updates on its progress, or would like to contribute to the efforts by donating, volunteering, or becoming a member of the Historical Society, may message the Society via their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TownOfLondonderryNHHistoricalSociety/>, or send an email to info@londonderryhistory.org.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Locals Excel at Division I Wrestling Championships at LHS

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School played host to some of the finest high school wrestlers in New Hampshire at the day-long Division I championships last Saturday, Feb. 18. And grapplers from both Londonderry High and Pinkerton Academy put forth some superb work in helping their squads to strong, top-four team finishes.

Tono ones surprise, the Timberlane Regional Owls from Plaistow earned their 17th state championship in the last 18 years by easily outdistancing the other dozen contingents.

Timberlane - which has only failed to win a Division I championship once since 2000 thanks to the performance of the 2015 Londonderry High crew - tallied a team score of 271.5 to notch a second straight D-I crown. Concord was a very distant runner-up (194.5), with host Londonderry third (107), Pinkerton fourth (103), and Exeter fifth (100).

Both local squads advanced a pretty impressive total of seven athletes to the state Meet of Champions, which will be held this Saturday the 25th at Nashua High School South.

The host Lancers had three grapplers advance to the championship matches in their respective weight classes, with senior Drew Chase winning the individual state title in his 152-pound division.

The PA Astros also had a talented trio of wrestlers make it to the title rounds in their divisions, with 138-pound senior Derek Wilson taking top honors.

"Overall, we did a really good job," said LHS coach Jason Cucolo. "They fought hard. It's been a really challenging season, with all of our meets being at the level of or superior to the level of the D-I's. So the kids have had to get used to that kind of pressure and respond to it."

Chase certainly extremely well to the pressure of the state championship spotlight, and his 11-3 vanquishing of Nashua South senior Shad Lacombe was riveting for all LHS grappling fans to witness.

With his mom Lisa shouting encouragement mat-side, the battle-tested Lancer veteran took care of business against the opponent and then accepted congratulations from coaches and teammates before getting to his teary-eyed mom and



Londonderry High senior stalwart Drew Chase was the lone title winner for his team at the D-I championships on Saturday. Photo by Chris Paul

lifting her in the air.

"He's had a really good season, and a really good tournament, and it was great to see him get the championship," said Cucolo.

Colin Reardon gave Concord's Chris Munnell an intense battle in the 160-pound title bout before falling by a slim, 2-0 tally and settling for the runner-up honors.

Sophomore Ben Psaleas was bested by Timberlane veteran Jacob Post by a 13-4 margin despite a hard battle in the 195-pound championship

bout.

Londonderry also had junior Craig Santos nab third place at 156 pounds, senior Tyler Byrd claim fourth at 145 and junior Alex Boucher bag fourth at 182 pounds, and David Donnelly rebound from an illness-racked season to snag sixth place and a medal at 132.

The youthful Pinkerton crew had senior Wilson vanquish his opponent Cody Lewis of Timberlane in the 138-pound championship bout by a 6-4 count and then celebrate the massive accom-

plishment with a back-flip before accepting congratulations from his fellow Astros. Wilson's elder brothers Brett and Tyler were also fine wrestlers at PA.

"His victory was the highlight of my year," said Pinkerton coach Dave Rhoads. "And the next highlight is going to be his winning at the Meet of Champions and going on to the New England's. I've had all three Wilson brothers, and Derek is the first to win a state championship."

Rhoads and the other members of the Pinkerton entourage were extremely unhappy with a controversial refereeing call in the waning seconds of regulation time of 220-pound PA sophomore standout Robby Fahey's title battle with Timberlane senior Ryan Cole which may have cost the Astro sophomore a state title.

With Fahey up 3-2 and less than five seconds to go in the third and potentially final period, the official called the Astro for stalling. That call tied the score at 3-3, and Cole

went on to win in overtime.

Pinkerton also had freshman stalwart Sterling McLaughlin battle his way to the 182-pound title bout against battle-tested Concord senior standout George Tarwo. McLaughlin fought hard but eventually fell in a 9-2 decision, gaining vital mat experience for the future in the process.

Pinkerton's other four medalists included freshman Kris DiNitto at 106 pounds (fifth), sophomore Walker Stinson at 113 pounds (fifth), sophomore Kyle Setzer at 170 (fifth), and Cam Macro at 195 pounds (sixth).

Both local contingents now have their qualified stalwarts pushing forward to the Meet of Champions to take on the best not only in Division I but also in the other state classes with hopes of advancing to the New England Regionals, which will be held in Providence, Rhode Island in the next several weeks. And there is a history of some locals excelling at that regional competition as well.



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LHS Boy Hoopsters Warm Up As Season Winds Down

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High boys' basketball squad firmed up its placement in the Division I standings last week by bouncing its record in that tough class up over the .500 mark with some noteworthy successes.

The Lancer squad went from 5-5 to 7-5 during that span with victories over the Alvirne High Broncos and the Manchester Central Little Green.

The locals bopped their record back up over the .500 mark to 6-5 with a 49-42 defeat of those

struggling Alvirne Broncos from Hudson at LHS last Tuesday, Feb. 14.

The Broncos, who slid to 6-7 with their fourth consecutive loss on that evening, doubled up on Londonderry in taking a 14-7 lead into the second quarter.

The host Lancers outscored their guests by a 13-9 tally in that second period, so the halftime score sat at 23-20 in the Broncos' favor.

However, Londonderry won the third quarter (12-6) and the fourth as well (17-13) in ending up with the seven-point victory.

The victorious locals were led by Jake Coleman

and his 19 points, and Brandon Radford contributed 16 on a night during which a total of seven Lancers made the score sheet.

Then on Friday night Feb. 17, Londonderry took on the Manchester Central contingent which stepped onto the court with a lackluster 4-9 record.

The visiting Lancers put forth a strong performance with a few minor slips on the way to a solid 64-47 success.

Coach Stanton's squad won every quarter, boasting a lead of 15-9 after one quarter, a 25-15 advantage at the half, and a 41-30 lead rolling into the final

stanza.

The Lancers put the victory to bed by outscoring their hosts by a 23-17 tally in the fourth quarter, with sophomore Ethan Garofalo sinking three of the six three-point buckets he hit on the night during that final period in helping his side finish its business.

Garofalo and Jake Coleman combined for 26 of their team's 39 points in the second half, with Garofalo getting the blistering-hot shooting hand and nailing a total of five treys for 15 of those points. Coleman finished the productive evening with 20 total points, with 10 coming in each half.

"They're still learning how to put games away, but they did a good job of it tonight," said coach Nate Stanton.

The Lancer lead never dipped below seven points in the fourth period, and it never felt as though the victory was slipping away from Londonderry.

Hot-shooting Garofalo's big second half - which helped him to an 18-point night - played a significant part in tucking the win away.

"We've always known Ethan was a shooter," said coach Stanton. "He's kind of had a tough season with a lot of in-and-out shots, but he has the green light and it's great to see him have a night like tonight. He stepped up big for us."



Crafty Londonderry High guard Cole Britting weighs his options with a Manchester Central defender in his face during the recent LHS victory in the Queen City. Photo by Chris Pantazis

Along with the combined 38 points from Coleman and Garofalo, the victorious locals got 10 points from Radford and scoring from a total of seven players.

And the Lancers rolled their record up to a solid 8-5 with a 49-41 overtime victory over the host Merimack High Tomahawks.

LHS led 16-13 after one quarter, but by halftime the locals' lead was down to just a single point at 23-22.

The third period was a back and forth affair, with both sides holding leads and the hosts grasping a one point lead as the quarter ended.

The Tomahawks got their lead up to five

points with 2:25 left in regulation and then six shortly thereafter, but Jake Coleman got the game tied at 35-35 with 53 seconds to go when he nailed a big trey. And 35-35 was where the score sat when the regulation-ending buzzer blared.

Londonderry exhibited both its skills and intestinal fortitude during the extra stanza, outscoring its host by a 14-6 margin with Garofalo, Coleman, and newly-returned Cam MacDonald pacing the charge.

Coleman finished with 21 points, Radford had 11, and Garofalo contributed eight on a night during which just five Lancers netted points.

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Lancer Icemen Have Comeback Fall Short in 5-4 Loss to BG

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

An extremely strong third period performance enabled the Londonderry High ice hockey team to rebound from a 5-1 deficit to make the Bishop Guertin Cardinals of Nashua all kinds of nervous in an important Division I contest played at the Tri-Town Arena in Hooksett this past Monday night, Feb. 20.

But when the final buzzer blared, the Nashuans had a 5-4 victory in hand and they'd made things even tighter in the already-congested Division I standings.

The Lancers entered the night just a notch above the Cardinals in those standings, with LHS sitting at 10-5 and Guertin at 9-4-2 with four wins in its last five contests.

Londonderry, working under the leadership of co-coaches Paul Bears and Peter Lacroix after head coach Peter Bedford was sidelined by hip replacement surgery late last week, stepped into the third period down 4-1 and facing the prospect of having to kill off a penalty as that third stanza commenced.

BG scored a power-play goal less than a minute into the third to go up 5-1, but the Lancers then kicked their game into gear and were within a single goal of the lead with a full 6:03 remaining on the clock.

But 5-4 was where the score would remain despite the LHS crew's intense efforts to bag the equalizer and the fact that Guertin was back on its

heels trying to stay ahead.

"I was very happy with the effort in the third period," said Bears. "It seemed like we settled down and played like we can."

Londonderry actually got out to a 1-0 lead in this contest after the first period went scoreless, with senior co-captain Troy Muldoon potting a short-handed goal a little less than two minutes into the second.

But the Lancers fans' cheering would be short-lived as BG knotted the score at 1-1 just 1:13 later, and longtime coach Gary

Bishop's Cardinals scored three more times before the period was over in grabbing a commanding 4-1 lead.

That lead bulged to 5-1 40 seconds into the third period on the aforementioned power-play marker, but the Lancers began making inroads on their comeback just 1:22 later on a power-play goal of their own with Muldoon being set up by Danny Bears.

The LHS deficit slipped to 5-3 three minutes later when Merrill Neiman scored on assists from Dom Federico and Patrick

Murphy. And the hosts got to within a single goal of a full rebound on yet another power-play tally when Murphy deflected a shot by Bears past the Guertin goalie with 6:03 remaining. Federico joined Bears in claiming an assist.

But the penalty-riddled, extremely physical game wound end with the score right there at 5-4 despite the Lancers' hard work to knot the count and the Cardinals' desire to simply keep the puck either in the neutral zone or in the LHS defensive zone.

Londonderry goalie Cody Baldwin finished the night with 15 saves while his teammates smacked some 18 total shots on the Bishop Guertin keeper.

The Lancers close out their regular season this week with games against Memorial and Salem, both after Londonderry Times press time.



Sophomore standout Patrick Murphy and his Londonderry High teammates came very close to making a full comeback from a 5-1 deficit against Bishop Guertin on Monday. Photo by Chris Pantazis

Athletes of the Week

Week of Feb. 13



Bryeton Evarts, Sophomore, Girls' Skiing

This talented 10th grader continually placed in the top three in most of her team's meets and recently finished seventh in the giant slalom at the state championships to earn a spot in the Meet of Champions.



Ethan Garofalo, Sophomore, Boys' Basketball

A hot-shooting young asset for his Lancers, Garofalo supplied a huge spark during the team's recent three-game win streak. He sank six threes against Central and nailed a big trey in overtime against Merrimack.

Correction Londonderry High School basketball player Cole Britting was accidentally identified as teammate Ethan Garofalo in a photo in last week's Londonderry Times sports section.

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- PROVIDER ON CALL - COLON CANCER

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

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

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

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

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LHS Skiers Battle the Best at Their State Championship Meets

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School's boys' and girls' ski squads tested their mettle against the top high school skiers in New Hampshire at the state championships on the slopes of Mount Sunapee in Newbury last week.

In the boys' meet on Tuesday, Feb. 14, the Lancer males finished a very respectable eighth out of 18 teams. And in the girls' meet on that same mountain on Friday

the 17th, the three determined and skilled Lady Lancer skiers did themselves proud with their efforts in taking 15th place overall.

BOYS

Led by standout Josh Galluzzo - who advanced to the forthcoming state Meet of Champions - the LHS males tallied some 547 points.

Galluzzo finished an exceptional second in the giant slalom and seventh in the slalom in helping his side to its solid point

total.

Also in the slalom, which featured some 92 skiers, Jackson Lyscars placed 40th, Max Dolliver took 41st, Drew Gruchot was 45th, Austin Theriault finished 61st, and Sam Palumbo ended up 71st.

In the giant slalom, Dolliver was 50th, Lyscars 58th, Gruchot 61st, Theriault ended up 78th, and Palumbo placed 87th.

GIRLS

The Lady Lancers had Bryeton Evarts finish an excellent seventh in the

giant slalom and her teammates Bethany Costello and Jacqueline Peabody end up 37th and 66th respectively.

In the slalom, Costello finished 33rd and Peabody wound up 61st.

A few weeks earlier, the Londonderry High teams held their annual Rebecca Tenney Memorial Races at Sunapee, with some nine teams competing in an all-day, two-discipline event.

The LHS girls competed well with Evarts placing fourth overall in the

GS and Costello placing
18th.

In slalom action, the girls continued to impress with Evarts taking second, Costello getting 17th, and Peabody snagging 37th after dusting herself off from her crash in the giant slalom.

The Lancer males also raced hard and ended up grabbing fourth as a crew in the GS, with Galluzzo taking first, Dolliver snaring 29th, and Gruchot placing 34th. Jack Cowette, Theriault, Palumbo, Kevin Brown,

and Cody Therrien also competed for the locals and gained points for their side.

In the boys' slalom, Galluzzo continued to impress by grabbing fourth overall out of 63 racers.

Dolliver and Gruchot skied with skill and all kinds of determination to finish 22nd and 23rd respectively, Cowette was 32nd, Theriault wound up 35th, Palumbo took 39th, Brown was 50th, and Therrien finished in the 51st spot.

SAMPLE

**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
LONDONDERRY, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 14, 2017**

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Mary King Soares
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☒

B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.

C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Term: (3) years Vote for not more than TWO

DAN LEKAS ☐

NANCY HENDRICKS ☐

_____ ☐

_____ (Write-In) ☐

_____ (Write-In) ☐

ARTICLES

Article 2. General Fund-Operating Budget

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget for the fiscal year 2017-2018, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, or separate warrant articles, one of the following amounts for the purposes set forth in the budget posted with the warrant? **Vote for only one!**

A. \$71,150,000 (School Board Budget, as amended) A ☐
(Estimated Tax Impact: \$13.15)

| | Yes | No | Abstained |
|--------------------------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Voted by the School Board: | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Voted by the Budget Committee: | 6 | 0 | 0 |

OR

B. \$71,210,426 (Default Budget) B ☐
(Estimated Tax Impact: \$13.17)

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

Article 3. Londonderry Education Association (LEA) Bargaining Agreement

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to approve the most terms included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Londonderry School District and the Londonderry Education Association (LEA) and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$790,140 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost items attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid, at current staffing levels, in the prior fiscal year? The agreement calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year:

| <u>Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Estimated Cost</u> | <u>(Estimated Tax Impact)</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| FY 2017-2018 | \$790,140 | \$0.21 |
| FY 2018-2019 | \$813,560 | \$0.21 |

| | Yes | No | Abstained | YES <input type="radio"/> |
|--------------------------------|-----|----|-----------|---------------------------|
| Voted by the School Board: | 3 | 0 | 0 | |
| Voted by the Budget Committee: | 6 | 0 | 0 | NO <input type="radio"/> |

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 4 - Londonderry Association of Allied Health Professionals (LAAHP) Bargaining Agreement

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Londonderry School District and the Londonderry Association of Allied Health Professionals (LAAHP), and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,921 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost items attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid, at current staffing levels, in the prior fiscal year? The agreement calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year:

| Fiscal Year | Estimated Cost | (Estimated Tax Impact) | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| FY 2017-2018 | \$63,921 | \$0.02 | YES <input type="checkbox"/> |
| FY 2018-2019 | \$66,771 | \$0.02 | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | Yes No Abstained |
| Voted by the School Board: | | | 5 0 0 |
| Voted by the Budget Committee: | | | 6 0 0 |

Article 5 - Londonderry Custodians (AFSCME Local 1801) Bargaining Agreement

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Londonderry School District and the Londonderry Custodians (AFSCME Council 93/Local 1801), and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,474 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost items attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid, at current staffing levels, in the prior fiscal year? The agreement calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year:

| Fiscal Year | Estimated Cost | (Estimated Tax Impact) | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| FY 2017-2018 | \$63,474 | \$0.02 | YES <input type="checkbox"/> |
| FY 2018-2019 | \$65,061 | \$0.02 | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| FY 2019-2020 | \$66,687 | \$0.02 | |
| | | | Yes No Abstained |
| Voted by the School Board: | | | 5 0 0 |
| Voted by the Budget Committee: | | | 6 0 0 |

Article 6 - Londonderry Support Staff (AFSCME Local 1801) Bargaining Agreement

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Londonderry School District and the Londonderry Support Staff (AFSCME Council 93/Local 1801), and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$114,779 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost items attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid, at current staffing levels, in the prior fiscal year? The agreement calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year:

| Fiscal Year | Estimated Cost | (Estimated Tax Impact) | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| FY 2017-2018 | \$114,779 | \$0.03 | YES <input type="checkbox"/> |
| FY 2018-2019 | \$117,649 | \$0.03 | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| FY 2019-2020 | 120,590 | \$0.03 | |
| | | | Yes No Abstained |
| Voted by the School Board: | | | 5 0 0 |
| Voted by the Budget Committee: | | | 6 0 0 |

Article 7 - Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items

Shall the Londonderry School District, if Article 3,4,5 or 6 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting at its option to address Article 3,4,5 or 6 cost items only?

YES ☐
NO ☐

Article 8 - School Lunch Program and Federal Fund Projects

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to accept and receive federal grants and other such funds to support the school lunch program and federal projects; further to raise and appropriate such funds in a special revenue fund as follows: school lunch program, \$1,632,000; and federal projects, \$1,429,000; for an estimated total appropriation of \$3,061,000 such funds to be self-supporting through local, state or federal revenue sources?

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

YES ☐
NO ☐

Yes No Abstained

Voted by the School Board: 5 0 0

Voted by the Budget Committee: 6 0 0

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

Lady Lancer Cagers Take Aim at a Strong Regular Season Finish

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After clipping a short losing streak with a victory late last week, the Londonderry High girls' basketball squad entered this week with a full schedule and a veteran standout thankfully back in uniform as the Division I regular season winds to a close.

The Lady Lancers slipped back to the .500 mark with a lopsided loss to the Alvirne High Broncos in Hudson on Tuesday, Feb. 14, but they ended their three-game

losing skid and moved to 8-7 in the division with a tight trimming of the Manchester Central Little Green at LHS three nights later.

The LHS troop then rolled into this - the final week of the D-I regular season - facing a three-game run which included a road trip to Dover on Tuesday the 21st, after Londonderry Times press time, followed by a home game against Winnacunnet of Hampton on Thursday and a long road run out to Keene the next day. And key senior Kelsey

Coffey is expected back in the fold for those.

In the 57-38 loss to Alvirne early last week, the host Broncos busted open a tight game by outscoring the locals by 16-2 in the fourth quarter.

"In the first three quarters it was a hard-fought game," said coach Nick Theos. "They had the size advantage, but we worked hard to keep it close. We had cut the lead to five going into the fourth quarter and I thought we had them where we wanted them and were ready to make a run, but I was

wrong. They pushed the tempo and we couldn't keep up. They got easy layups while we struggled to get our offense going. We must have gassed out, because they had it very easy in the final frame and kept us off the scoreboard. When you only score two points in a quarter there really isn't any way you can win."

The now 14-2 Alvirne led 13-10 after one quarter and 29-23 stepping into halftime. Londonderry won the third quarter and had its deficit down to 41-36 rolling into the fourth, but then the hosts put the game away.

The Lancer offense was paced by Amanda DeAngelis and her 13 points, with Hannah Haggerty contributing 10 and Paige Velie adding six.

"We just didn't play our game. We only got four free throws all game, which tells me we were not aggressive enough on the offensive end. Our last three losses came against good quality teams, we put ourselves in position in the fourth quarter to make a run, but we've come up short," lamented Theos. "If we want to compete against the upper



Amanda DeAngelis and the LHS girls' basketball squad have had ups and downs this winter, but they're aiming to finish strong. Photo by Chris Paul

teams we need to be able to finish off these games. Playing well for three quarters will not get it done."

But the Lancers managed to return to the winning track on Friday Feb. 17 by defeating the visiting Central Little Green in a tight, 55-51 decision.

The hosts busted out to a 13-7 lead in quarter one, but then saw their guest tally 22 points in the

second with the score sitting at 29-28 in Central's favor as halftime arrived.

But Londonderry won the third quarter and the fourth (27-22 total) en route to the slim success.

Freshman stalwart Courtney Shay had a big night with 17 points and seven rebounds, DeAngelis equaled Shay's point output, and Delaney McGurn contributed eight points.

"We finally came out strong to start a game and managed a 13-5 lead during the first quarter, but Central was tough and fought back in the second," said Theos. "It was very similar to the last three games where we played very well and hard but just couldn't get over the hump. But tonight we finally did."

The hosts got strong work from all over their lineup, including important contributions from Michaela Downing, Shay, Michelle Marino, DeAngelis, and Emmy Dumaresq.

"It really was a team win which we needed with three games next week to close out the season," he said. "All the games are big from this point forward going into the playoffs, and I hope we're peaking at the right time."

SAMPLE

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BALLOT 2 OF 2

OFFICIAL BALLOT

ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION

LONDONDERRY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

MARCH 14, 2017

Mary King Soares

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 9: Special Article (School Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund)

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600,000 to be placed in the School Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established at the March 1995 School District Meeting for major one-time capital costs for district facilities including roofs, paving, boilers and small renovation projects?

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.16)

Yes No Abstained

5 0 0

YES ☐

Voted by the School Board:

5 0 0

NO ☐

Voted by the Budget Committee:

6 0 0

Article 10: Special Article - Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$125,000 to be placed in the School District Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 to provide funds to procure essential small equipment for classrooms, offices, technology, and buildings and grounds? This sum to come from the June 30, 2017 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2017.

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.05)

Yes No Abstained

5 0 0

YES ☐

Voted by the School Board:

5 0 0

NO ☐

Voted by the Budget Committee:

6 0 0

Article 11: Special Article (Special Education Trust Fund)

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in the Special Education Trust Fund established at the March 2002 Annual School District Meeting? This sum to come from the June 30, 2017 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2017.

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01)

Yes No Abstained

5 0 0

YES ☐

Voted by the School Board:

5 0 0

NO ☐

Voted by the Budget Committee:

6 0 0

Article 12: Non-Lapsing Special Article - Asbestos Removal Project

Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$275,000 to fund the necessary costs to remove all known asbestos District Wide? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until all known asbestos is removed from all School District buildings, or June 30, 2020, whichever is sooner.

(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.07)

Yes No Abstained

5 0 0

YES ☐

Voted by the School Board:

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Power in the Blood

Blood Drive at St. Mark's Church in the Church Hall 1 South Rd on Thursday, March 2, 2017 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM. To Schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code STMARK-LONDONDERRY. Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Race To Benefit Upper Room

After a successful inaugural launch last year, organizers of The Upper Room Race For Families (TURRFF) are encouraging runners of all abilities to register and participate in the second annual event scheduled for April 9. The race is scheduled to begin at Pinkerton Academy's Hackler Gymnasium. Registration begins at 8 a.m., with the first wave starting at 9 a.m., according to organizers. All proceeds will go to benefit the Upper Room. The 5K is \$20: 10k is \$25: 5k team is \$80: and 10k is \$100 To register go to lightboxreg.com/the-upper-room-race-for-families-turrff.

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Register Now for Spring Sports

Registration is now open for spring sports at Londonderry High School. Those wanting to register may find the link to the online registration portal FamilyID at <http://lhs.londonderry.org/athletics>. Those wanting further information may call the athletic office at 432-6941, extension 2307.

Senior Breakfast

The Londonderry Senior Center holds a monthly breakfast with a speaker on the last Friday of the month. Cost is \$4 per person, and reservations are required. Reservations may be made at the front desk. The next breakfast is Friday, March 31. For more information, call the Center at 432-8554.

Fight Addiction

Narcanon provides screenings and interventions for those struggling with addiction and their families. For more information go to narcanon-suncoast.org/blog/the-power-of-an-intervention.html or call 877-841-5509.

Laugh It Up

A comedy night to benefit the Londonderry High School lacrosse team will be held Thursday, March 16, beginning at 8 p.m. in the Tupelo Music Hall, A Street, Derry. A number of professional comedians will perform. There will be a 50-50 raffle. Tickets to the event are \$25 per person. For more information, contact Cris Navarro, cnavarro@allegrotech.com or 490-2525, or Chefyl Grant, nhclgrant@gmail.com or 247-5579.

Register to Vote

The Supervisors of the Checklist for Londonderry will hold a voter registration session Saturday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Town Hall. Anyone who has not previously registered may do so for the Town/School Election March 14. Proof of citizenship, identity, and residency is needed, or affidavits may be signed. This is the last day to register before the March 14 election. Registrations will be accepted the day of the election with documentation.

Parents of Young Children Support Group

The Upper Room offers FROG, Families Reaching Our Goals, a support group for parents and caregivers of toddlers, Wednesdays from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. in its facility at 36 Tsienneto Road in Derry. For more information or to register, call 437-8477.

Sarah Josepha Hale

In honor of Women's History Month, the Londonderry Women's Club will host a New Hampshire Humanities program on Sarah Josepha Hale Wednesday, March 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. Sharon Wood will portray Ann Wyman Blake speaking of her admiration for Hale. Hale was a New Hampshire native, first female magazine editor, and instrumental in establishing Thanksgiving as a national holiday. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the club's Web site at www.londonderrywomensclub.com

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Seniors Holiday Dinner

The Londonderry Senior Center will offer a St. Patrick's Day Dinner Friday, March 17, at noon. The dinner is \$5, members and \$15, non-members. Registration is required at the front desk of the Center.

Dragon's Tale comes to area

The New Hampshire Theatre Factory will present "A Dragon's Tail" Friday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 4 at 2 p.m., & 7:30 p.m. in the Derry Opera House, 29 West Broadway, Derry. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online by visiting www.nhtheatre-factory.org

Go Back to the Fifties

The Londonderry Lions Club will hold a 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s dance with Bobby and the Sharptones Friday, April 21, from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Lions Hall, Mammoth Road, Londonderry. Cost is \$20 per person, \$35 per couple. For tickets or more information call Jerry at 434-5307.

Bring Smiles to Vets with Bingo

American Legion Post 17 will play Bingo with patients at the Manchester VA Hospital Monday, Feb. 27, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The group will be supported by the LHS Pay-It-Forward team. Pizza and diet soda will be served, and there will be \$150 in prize money. For more information, visit the Web site at www.alpost27.com, call us 437-6613 or visit the Greeley Parmenter Harrington Post Facebook page.

A Soldier's Mother

Amoskeag Questers hosts NH Humanities program, "A Soldier's Mother Tells Her Story". Living history presenter Sharon Wood portrays Betsey Phelps, Amherst, NH mother of a Civil War soldier. The program, is free and open to the public, is 10:00 a.m. Wednesday March 1, at Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry, NH 03038. For more information, contact Meredith Hatch 434-8673.

Dr. Seuss Month

March is Dr. Seuss's Birthday Month and children are invited to stop by the Children's Room in the Leach Library and play a Dr. Seuss matching game. They will be entered into a drawing for a Dr. Seuss-themed gift bag. For more information, call the library at 432-1132 or 432-1127.

Book Bingo

Spring Book Bingo will be offered Thursday, March 9, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Participants should be in grades six through 12, bingo winners win books. Snacks and drinks will be served. No sign-up is necessary. For more information, call the library at 432-1132 or 432-1127.

Little Critters

Have fun with "Little Critter" the star of the Mercer Mayer picture books, will be held Monday, March 13, from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Leach Library, Londonderry. Photo ops with Little Critter are available. The program is limited to 90 children and registration is required beginning Monday, March 9. Call to register or come by the Children's Room. For more information, call the library at 432-1132 or 432-1127.

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February - March School & Town Meetings

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| Feb. 23 | Heritage Commission Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| | Sunnycrest Conference Room | |
| | Budget Committee Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| Feb. 28 | Conservation Commission | 7 p.m. |
| | Sunnycrest Conference Room | |
| Mar. 1 | Planning Board Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| | Trustees of Leach Library Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| Mar. 2 | Tentative ZBA Overflow Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| Mar. 6 | Town Council Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| | Housing & Redevelopment Authority Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| Mar. 8 | Planning Board Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| Mar. 9 | Solid Waste & Environment Committee Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| Mar. 10 | Solid Waste & Environment Committee Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| | Recreation Commission Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| Mar. 11 | Town Deliberative Session | 9 a.m. |
| Mar. 13 | Recreation Commission Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| Mar. 14 | Town Election Day | 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. |
| Mar. 15 | ZBA Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| | LYSA Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| Mar. 16 | Old Home Day Committee Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| Mar. 20 | Town Council Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| Mar. 21 | Senior Resources Committee | 6 p.m. |
| | Londonderry School Board Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| Mar. 23 | Heritage Commission Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| | Budget Committee Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| Mar. 28 | Conservation Commission Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| Mar. 30 | Heritage Commission Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| | Budget Committee Meeting | 7 p.m. |

Meeting held at Moose Hill Council Chamber at Town Hall unless otherwise specified



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Around Town

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Moose Man

Rick "The Moose Man" Libbey will speak on "Moose Moments In the Wild" Thursday, March 16, at 7 p.m. Londonderry Leach Library, events are free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. They are held in the library's lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call the library at 432-1132 or 432-1127.

RFree Meals

The following free meals are offered in February: Feb. 24, Spaghetti Supper at First Parish Congregational Church, 5 to 6:30 p.m., 47 East Derry Road, Derry, 434-0628; Feb. 26, Breakfast at Church of the Transfiguration, 9 to 10 a.m., 1 Hood Road, Derry, 432-2130; Feb. 26, Lunch hosted by St. Jude Parish Community, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., at the Londonderry Lions Hall, 432-3333. March 12, St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Church of the Transfiguration, 5 to 6:30 p.m., 1 Hood Road, Derry, 432-2130; March 16, Dinner at West Running Brook Middle

School, 5 to 6:30 p.m., 1 West Running Brook Lane, Derry, 432-1350; March 18, Dinner at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 5 to 6:30 p.m., 63 East Broadway, Derry, 434-4767; March 19, Dinner at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 5 to 6:15 p.m., 1 Hood Road, Derry, 432-0004; March 26, Breakfast at Church of the Transfiguration, 9 to 10 a.m., 1 Hood Road, Derry, 432-2130; March 31, Spaghetti Supper at First Parish Congregational Church, 5 to 6:30 p.m., 47 East Derry Road, Derry, 434-0628. Sonshine Soup Kitchen serves a free meal every weeknight from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Derry Garden Club

The Derry Garden Club will be holding its March meeting on Friday, Mar. 3, at the Derry Boys and Girls Club, 40 Hampstead Rd., Derry, at 10 a.m.. The meeting will be "Beautiful Habitat Gardens and their Fascinating Inhabitants" featuring speaker, Thomas Berger. He is a naturalist that has traveled the world observing, photographing and painting nature. There will be a slide show and recommendations for plants and typical garden insects. Appetizers and beverages will be provided.

Teen & Parent Workshops

The Upper Room, 36 Tseneto Road, holds the following free weekly support groups and workshops: Hour Power Lunch Time Workshops, Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Topics available on Web site. Parents of Teens, Thursdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Parents of children 0-6, includes playgroup and/or childcare, Wednesdays, 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. Light refreshments and coffee. Teen and Young Parents (up to age 23), Wednesdays, 5 to 7 p.m., includes light dinner and childcare.

For more information, call 437-8477 or visit www.urteachers.org.

Spring Sports

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Register Now for Preschool

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Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Tuesday - Feb. 14

12:21 a.m. Domestic Disturbance reported and arrest made on Olde Country Village Road. David Castricone, 45, of Londonderry charged with three counts of Domestic Violence/Simple Assault and Criminal Mischief (Vandalism).
7:57 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Stonehenge Road near Rte. 93.

3:38 p.m. Fire reported and extinguished on Judy Drive.

4:19 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Boulder Drive.

7:15 p.m. Domestic Disturbance results in transport to hospital on South Road.

8:20 p.m. Motor vehicle stop results in an arrest on Rockingham Road near Red Arrow Diner. James Russell, 31, of Merrimack arrested on a Warrant and charged the use of Mobile Electronic Devices while Driving.

11:07 p.m. Domestic disturbance reported and an arrest made on Pendleton Lane. Jasen Hankins, 41, of Londonderry charged on three counts of Domestic Violence - Assault and Criminal Mischief (vandalism).

Wednesday - Feb. 15

2:51 a.m. Overdose report on Quincy Road results in transport to

hospital.

3:08 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated at intersection of High Range and Litchfield Roads.

4:02 p.m. Motor vehicle accident reported on Mammoth Road near South Road.

6:19 p.m. Burglary Investigated on Hardy Road near Stonehenge Road.

10:39 p.m. Motor vehicle accident reported and vehicle towed at intersection of Stonehenge and Perkins Roads.

Thursday - Feb. 16

8:24 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Hardy Road.

12:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident investigated on Nashua Road.

2:02 p.m. Juvenile offenses investigated at Londonderry High School

7:59 p.m. Suspicious activity Investigated at Mobil Station on Nashua Road.

Friday - Feb. 17

1:52 a.m. Domestic disturbance report results in arrest on Birchwood Drive. Christopher Emerick, 24, of Londonderry charged on two counts of Domestic Violence - Assault.

7:42 a.m. Juvenile offenses reported at Leach Library. Taken to family/guardian/other.

2:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Investigated on Otterson Road.

Saturday - Feb. 18

1:36 a.m. Liquor Law Violations reported and arrest made on Faucher Road. Isaac Owens, 19, of Londonderry charged with Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs and Unlawful Possession and Intoxication.

12:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Investigated on Garden Lane near Olympia Sports.

5:16 p.m. Motor vehicle check results in arrest at Rte. 93 Exit 5 Northbound off ramp. Walter Ward, 49, of Concord charged with Driving While Intoxicated (2nd Offense) and Driving After Revocation or Suspension
7:31 p.m. Suspicious activity Investigated on Rain-tree Drive.

Sunday - Feb. 19

2:05 a.m. Disturbance reported and peace restored on Boulder Drive.
2:25 a.m. Motor vehicle stop results in arrest on Nashua Road near Winding Pond Road. Douglas Steward, 38, of Hudson charge with Driving Under the Influence of Drugs or Liquor, Speeding and Lane Control.
7:21 p.m. Disturbance investigated at Wendy's.
8:41 p.m. Fish and Game violations reported and hazard removed at Londonderry High School.

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Letters

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shadow government in D.C. led by Obama, still the leader of the Democrat Party, who sees the turmoil as a path to get his anointed one elected President in 2020 with he as adviser to further his agenda of making America a socialist state and part of a global community? Obama and Soros' goals.

Despite the liberal media being in bed with the Democrats, mainstream America is beginning to recognize the dis-

honesty of the liberal media and is relegating it to irrelevance with viewership and print media declining. The silent majority wants Trump to implement his campaign promises; that's what he was elected to do. If I were Trump, I'd say "drop the torpedoes, full steam ahead"; and if Democrats want to adopt Bernie Saunders' socialist agenda, go for it and see where that gets them in future elections.

Bob Pitre
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Trump Jeopardizing National Security

To the Editor:

As a former Naval Intelligence officer, I am concerned with the Administration's adverse impact on our national security.

It appears Trump campaign aides, including former Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, contacted Russian officials during the Presidential election, and this might have compromised our democratic election process. Flynn was forced to resign because of his contact with the Russians. An organizational

change imposed by Trump is the appointment of Stephen Bannon, an extremist right wing political advisor, to the National Security Council (NSC). This could adversely impact military decisions and delay our responses to military threats because Bannon does not have any knowledge of military affairs and he could intervene with NSC decision-making processes.

Trump continuously accuses our intelligence agencies of leaking classified information to the press, and he has berated our intelligence agencies

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