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Showing School Spirit

Members of the Londonderry Middle School seventh grade Typhoon team cheer on their classmates at a recent Spirit Week activity. Teams squared off in a number of team building games in the schools gym. See photos page 2.

Photo by Chris Paul

Committee Members Seek Information Seniors Needs

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

John Goglia, Susan Haussler and Doug Thomas are taking their show on the road, with a goal of having more people joining the show.

The three members of the Londonderry Senior Resources Committee are a task force reaching out to the town's 10 over-55 communities. As of the Feb. 21 Senior Resources meeting, they had reach-

ed out to six of these. Goglia reported on their findings.

The trio has visited, individually, in pairs or in groups, Hickory Woods, The Nevins, Sugarplum

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Bid to Purchase Stonehenge Complex Property Fails

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A member of the Londonderry Town Council confirmed this weekend that the town made inquiries about purchasing a tract of land on Stonehenge Road. But the developers were not interested in pursuing the matter.

Tom Freda, vice-chair of the Town Council, said, "inquiries were made, but the owners were not interested."

The parcel is Tax Map 12, Lots 120 and 131, and is zoned AR-1. The proposal by First Londonderry Association LLC is to build a multi-family workforce housing apartment complex consisting of 12

24-unit buildings with 288 rental units.

The project has come under fire in two public hearings, with residents worried about the effect of 288 units on everything from traffic to aesthetics. Residents worried about traffic on the two-lane Stonehenge Road, a connector between Route 28 and Mammoth roads, and expressed particular doubts about what traffic generated by the new residents would do to the intersection of Stonehenge and 28, already deemed at-risk. Other residents criticized the view that homeowners on Faye Lane and in its vicinity would have once the complex was built.

Former Conservation Chair Deborah Lievens has expressed concern about the project's effect on Little Cohas Brook, while in an earlier hearing Fire Lt. Bo Butler said he had responded to too many accidents at Stonehenge and 28. Parents of children at North Elementary School worried about the effect of the complex on both the school itself and the traffic.

Town Councilor Jim Butler, the Council representative to the Planning Board, openly expressed his concerns.

Council Chair John Farrell expressed his feelings in a letter read to his

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Master Plan Group "Walks" Through Options for Town

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Master Plan Implementation Committee is focused on a more walkable Londonderry.

In the Feb. 22 quarterly meeting of the group, Chairman Ted Combes and staff representative John Vogl led a discussion on extending current walking trails and side-

walks and creating new ones, with the goal of eventually linking them all in a town-wide loop.

The group built on work done by Sandy Lageux, Londonderry Trailways' representative to the group, when she led a workshop this past October. In that workshop, Lageux asked members to rank options for trail and/or sidewalk pri-

orities. The committee's top picks were Moose Hill to Wilshire; Pillsbury/Mammoth Road to Mack's Apples; Mammoth Road/Pillsbury to Woodmont Commons; and Londonderry Middle School to Shasta Drive.

In the Feb. 22 meeting, members refined those

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Spirited Middle Schoolers Battle it Out During Spirit Week



Although some of the Spirit Week days at Londonderry Middle School didn't happen due to snow days, one that did, was Team Color Day which included pods from each grade squaring off against each other in a variety of team building games. They included Relay Races, a Hula Hoop Battle, Gummy Worm Pie Eating contest, and dancing. Pictured are seventh grade Cyclone, Hurricane, and Typhoon students.

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Crossing Over

Londonderry Den Six Scouts of Cub Scout Pack 605 recently achieved their "Arrow of Light" badges and celebrated their crossover into Boy Scouts. From left are: Ben Geezil, David Todd, Breydon Brow and Tobey Kamerman

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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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Stonehenge

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fellow Councilors and the television audience in the Dec. 19 Council meeting.

The Residences at MacGregor Cut are the proverbial square peg in a round hole, Farrell wrote. He wrote, "These areas and neighborhoods weren't built for this situation, no matter what the traffic study says."

At that time, he called on his four fellow Councilors to direct Town Manager Kevin Smith to work with Town Attorney Michael Ramsdell to analyze and review all possible legal remedies, including

purchasing the land themselves. But the effort to purchase the land failed. In a conversation with Smith, Nutfield publisher Debra Paul learned that developers would not give Ramsdell an estimated figure because they were not interested in selling. Also in the conversation with Smith, Paul was told that if the Planning Board voted the project down, the developers would take the town to court.

In a phone call this past weekend Farrell referred questions on the offer to Freda because Farrell is the Council's alternate to the Planning Board and Butler is the

Council's representative. Farrell stated that he didn't feel comfortable with either himself or Butler commenting on the issue, since there was a possibility either one would have to vote on it.

Freda said no dollar figure was involved. "The inquiry was made, would they be interested? And the answer was 'no.'"

Hearings were held on Dec. 22 and Feb. 1, and both were postponed. The public hearing will be continued this Wednesday, March 8, The MacGregor Cut hearing beings at 7:30 p.m. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, Londonderry Municipal Center.

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Editorial

Spring Cleaning

No doubt you've been feeling it in the air these past few days – Spring is just around the corner now. Soon this unseasonable warmth will be the norm as we see more and more people venture out in t-shirts, shorts and flip flops, and the snow will be gone for good (at least, until next winter). But as the snow begins to melt, it will reveal with its departure a less attractive side of the season.

As more of the sidewalks and roadsides become visible again, we'll be treated to a view of all the refuse that has been buried through the winter, as well as the latest beer cans and fast food wrappers tossed out the windows of passing vehicles. This "Blooming Garbage", as some may call it, serves as a reminder of just how messy (and careless) our fellow citizens can be.

The snow cover has helped to mask just about all of that, but soon it all will be laid bare in all its ugliness. Soon enough, spring will officially be here, and we'll all feel that urge to get outside for a little spring-cleaning. We'll be thinking about planting, and we'll be ready to spruce up our yards and our neighborhoods.

But in the meantime, there's no reason to let things slide as we wait out the remainder of winter and the possibility of last-minute snowstorms. There's a lot we can do before the regular clean-up time arrives.

For instance, we can instill in all our friends and family that those old Dunkins cups and to-go bags should

be thrown in the waste bin, not out the window of cars and trucks. For convenience's sake, a small garbage bag can be kept in the car for such things until they can be discarded in the trash or recycling at home.

And speaking of recycling, it doesn't serve any purpose to stuff every awkward-sized plastic bottle into the recycling container so that the tops cannot be closed and the contents balance all over reach other. With all the blustery winds we've had as of late, those bottles and other items will go tumbling through the mud and remaining snow banks, or into your neighbors' driveways. It's unattractive, inconvenient, and it defeats the purpose of collecting items for recycling. So if you need multiple recycling containers, use them, or compact your plastic and cardboard containers so that you are able to actually fit a week's worth of recycling, if possible.

With snow banks shrinking along the side of the roads, you can get an early start on beautifying your area of town by picking up debris and trash here and there. If spring rains come in strong this year, all that mess needs to get out of the way anyway, and culverts have to be kept clear. Save yourself some potential trouble and clear the culverts now, if the snowmelt has left them visible.

Spring should be beautiful—and if we all do our part, we can keep it that way.

Letters

Stonehenge Road Nightmare

To the Editor:

The decision to allow or deny the development of Macgregor's Cut, a proposed 280 unit workforce housing complex located on Stonehenge Road in Londonderry is to be finalized on March 8, 2017 at 7:30pm.

Many of us have been diligently attending Town meetings with the ZBA and Planning Board for some time. We have expressed our concerns that these huge buildings and the resulting traffic from this development are ill suited for the location chosen.

Stonehenge Road is a small rural country road. It is wide enough for two lanes of traffic but there is limited shoulder width on either side of the road. It is not a road of the magnitude of Route 102 nor Mammoth Road where ample road shoulder width is available. How the developer and perhaps the Town can believe that Stonehenge Road is capable of handling the extra influx of traffic that such a high density development will bring is beyond me. There is no easy access to this property for the large volume of traffic into and out of such a complex.

Stonehenge Road and many of its intersecting roads (from Rockingham to Bartley Hill roads) are already classified as Class E or Class F intersections. A Class F intersection is a road intersection already in failure for the volume of current traffic traversing these roads.

How can there be no impact by adding 300 to 500 additional cars per day, each and every day, to a road ill equipped to handle this traffic volume? At what point does

a developer's ability to make a profit, at what point does a perceived benefit of workforce housing outweigh those rights of current residents within the area? Will the Town fix the issues along Stonehenge before allowing this Project to go forward? If not, why not? How can this be ok?

How many cars are required on Stonehenge Road traveling towards Mammoth Road and trying to turn left into this development are required before snarling traffic issues occur? Stonehenge Road is not wide enough for cars to pass on the right when a car is trying to turn left.

The Town Manager has recently stated that the status of the Town is strong. Perhaps Planning Board members are afraid that the developer may choose "litigation" should the PB vote No. The logical choice is that the location chosen is ill suited for the size of development being considered. The road infrastructure in this area is already in failure.

How many cars are 300-500 extra cars? How about going to Market Basket on a busy Saturday afternoon and count cars. This is not a trivial amount of traffic even for roads well designed for this traffic volume.

I encourage all Planning Board members to vote No on this Project. The status of the Town is strong. Don't be afraid of possible litigation. Be brave and logical. Counts the cars.

Kerri & Greg Stanley
Londonderry

Recycle Your Oil

To the Editor:

To make it easier for residents to recycle their own motor oil, the Solid

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Paul Margolin
Solid Waste and
Environment Committee

Do Your Job - Everyday

To the Editor:

The well thought out letter written by a fellow townsman regarding his concerns about the velocity and type of new developments being permitted in Londonderry should be important reading for everyone responsible for land use permitting.

Simply put, the infrastructure of our town cannot handle the demands of dense unit housing. The landowners who have been rewarded with low taxes on undeveloped land and the here today/gone tomorrow mega unit developers who enjoy the financial benefit from these limited amenity multi-tenant facilities should have to prove through a cost-benefit study that their proposed facility will not increase the tax burden on the traditional single family residences that are the backbone of our community.

Our tax authority should be looking for ways to recover the increased town services costs incurred by allowing the development of multi-unit residences.

One sure fire way to get this done is to limit the tax increases on single family properties to no more than 1.5% per year but without limit to multi-unit users. Starving the town government of revenue will force them to

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consider the economics of new multi-unit residential projects.

As we get ready for spring and are unable to use our irrigation systems due to a lack of water resources, sit in ever increasing traffic to move about in town and navigate our dangerous roads, we should be urging our town leaders to reconsider these mega-developments and do their job of maintaining the quality of life for our residents.

John Bradley
Londonderry

Support Roger Fillio

To the Editor:

I support Roger Fillio for Town Council. I have known Roger for many years, first as a neighbor and now as a friend and a person I have observed who has the interests and needs of others as a working part of his life. In addition, his professional and military careers have been consistent records of success and dedication.

Roger served in the Army as a paratrooper with 82nd Airborne Division and then completed 35 years of service with the National Guard. His career included many years of command experience.

Currently, Roger continues to use his leadership and concern for others by serving and taking

leadership roles in Town activities. He is currently president of the Historical Society, past president of the Rod and Gun Club, a member of Care Givers for Seniors Helping Seniors, a member of the Conservation Commission and a member of the American Legion.

In addition, Roger is a Justice of the Peace. He is well known and respected in this role also.

As a closing note, I stress, Roger knows and has been an active part of our community for forty years. His children and now a grandchild have attended our schools. His active history, experiencing the growth from a small town, his proven ability to visualize and adapt to change, all contribute to qualifying Roger as a candidate who would be the ideal person to help lead and guide this town in the growth years ahead.

Richard Doyle.

Rebuttal to Don Moscovitz

To the Editor:

I've known Don Moscovitz for more than thirty years and consider him to be a friend. I've enjoyed his articles in the Londonderry Times over the past years, but this one was a bridge too far.

President Trump has been in office for a month and the Democrats have opposed him at every step of the way. Despite having put together one of the best cabinets in

recent times, he is still vilified by the press and opposed by the losing party. Don seems to imply, in his article, that Lt. General Flynn was in cahoots with the Russians and this may have compromised our democratic process. He then goes on to say that Lt. Gen Flynn was forced to resign because of this. This theory has been debunked by the FBI. The White House claims that Lt Gen Flynn was asked to resign, due to his not being fully truthful with Vice President Mike Pence. Vp Pence, while defending Lt Gen Flynn, was embarrassed by the press for not having all the facts. This is what apparently resulted in Lt Gen. Flynn's resignation.

Don apparently dislikes Steve Bannon and refers to him as an extremist right wing advisor. Maybe so, but Steve played a key part in getting President Trump elected and the President has the purview of appointing whomever he wishes as an advisor. So far, his appointees have been exceptional!

As far as Pres. Trump accusing the intelligence agencies of leaking confidential information to the press, the leaks are certainly coming from somewhere. Some intelligence officers are political appointees from the previous administration who still remain in office. I am not castigating doubts on the CIA nor any of our intelligence agencies; they are all dedicated pro-

fessionals who do a yoman's job, with little or no appreciation. However, it only takes one bad apple, so is it too much to assume that someone's allegiance could lie elsewhere, or for political reasons, may have an axe to grind? Investigations, by both parties, are now underway and the truth will soon surface.

President Trump is a cut from a different cloth; he may not be a polished politician, but he has won the election fairly and I, for one, is willing to give him a chance. Normal politicians promise everything and deliver nothing. President Trump is in process of delivering what he promised; isn't this refreshing! Regan was vilified by the press, but he turned out to be one of our best presidents. No matter what, we are in for quite a ride, so buckle up! For the sake of this country, we need to unite behind our new President and give him a proper chance. I do not know anything about Don's

political allegiance, but I for one, am a registered independent.

Larry LeBlanc
Londonderry

Support Warrant Article 27

to the editor,

I would like to express my thoughts on why the citizens of Londonderry should support Warrant Article 27 for improving the lighting system at the Nelson Road Softball field. This is the only adult slow-pitch softball field in Londonderry and it is probably one of the most used recreational facilities in the town. The field is used every weeknight from mid-April to the end of October. During this time period, four different leagues totaling 27 teams use the field, including approximately 350 current town residents. The field is also used several weekends during this period to support youth and adult softball tournaments and other activities. Over the years, a

number of improvements have been made to the field without using any taxpayer funds. The initial lighting from the early 1980's as well as updated light fixtures installed in the mid 1990's were funded by the leagues. In addition, other major improvements such as installing 10-foot outfield fencing, new infields, and a terraced seating area behind home plate for improved spectator viewing have all been funded by the leagues that used the field. The current lighting system with its 36-year old 40-ft wooden poles and 20-year old lighting fixtures do not meet the current lighting industry standards for an adult recreational softball field. The current standards require 60-ft metal poles and lighting fixtures that reduce glare and spill light. The leagues will be offsetting some of the cost of the new installation by doing some of the preparation work but they do not have the

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options and came up with more.

One of the tools Vogl brought before them was a "Bike and Pedestrian Improvements" map created in Bedford, which used a map legend to identify bike lanes, shared use lanes, curbed sidewalks, widened shoulders, existing sidewalks and existing trails.

While there are walking options at the Town Center at Pillsbury and Mammoth Roads, Vogl urged the committee members not to stop there. "Continue your

reach," he said. "Look for areas that are 'connectionary;'"

Member Kyle D'Urso has looked at the Master Plan and found at least five neighborhoods that are "up and coming" and could use a pedestrian option.

Member Martin Srugis asked about North Londonderry, and Vogl said that would be a good place to develop trails or sidewalks because of its proximity to the Rail Trail.

"It would also reach a large number of people," Combes said.

Vogl warned the members that anything involving a sidewalk, especially

on a state road, would be a "major project."

And, he said, the state would not look kindly on a request to narrow the lanes to accommodate walkers.

Vogl drew the group's attention to Old Kelley Road, an abandoned road and right-of-way across from Dunkin' Donuts. "It could be reactivated," he said.

Mike Speltz, a member of the Conservation Commission attending the meeting, observed that the town hasn't done much with South Londonderry in terms of walkability, and Combes suggested they could ask the

town to extend the sidewalk, not only to Mack's Apples, but all the way to the Crossroads Mall.

They also discussed finding a way to connect to the Kendall Pond trails.

The group identified several areas including Kendall Pond/South Londonderry, North Londonderry/Rail Trail, the Old Kelley Road area, Pillsbury Road east to Woodmont, and south on Mammoth Road. They asked Vogl to come back with a map, after which they will gather more data and seek professional opinions before next year's budget process.

There may be grants

available for various projects, members agreed. And there are other options.

"It will take a lot of work," Combes said of the

ultimate goal of connecting all the trails.

"No, it will take an Eagle Scout," Vogl quipped.

Fresh Vegetables May Be Available for Seniors

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Many seniors were told as children to "eat your vegetables," and the Londonderry Senior Resources Committee is going to help them.

Bonnie Roberts, chair of the group, reported in the Feb. 21 meeting on "Fresh For Seniors," an initiative designed to get fresh produce into the hands and kitchens of Londonderry's lower-income seniors.

The plan would involve preregistered seniors going to a local supermarket at a designated time of the week to buy fresh produce at a discount, Roberts said.

Roberts said she has talked with the management at Shaw's, Market Basket and Hannaford. While Hannaford and Market Basket personnel did not offer a lot of hope, the Shaw's manager offered to move the proposition

up to the district level, she said.

The concept is important, according to Roberts, because food pantry items such as canned vegetables and boxed mac and cheese "are not always the healthiest options for our seniors."

She said the Shaw's manager will be in touch with her about the results of the inquiry.

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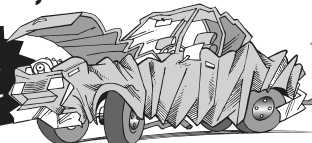
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OBITUARY

Noreen G. Villalona



Noreen G. Villalona, 61, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Saturday, February 25, 2017, in Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA. She was born in Brooklyn, NY on July 19, 1955, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Elder) MacLellan, and had been a resident of Londonderry for the past 10 years. After earning her Bachelor's degree, she went on to teach physical education and math in the New York City school system, while at the same time she earned her Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling. Noreen was an avid gardener and loved her flowers. She was also an accomplished archer, gymnast and swimmer, an excellent seamstress, a beautiful singer and an ardent reader. If she didn't know how to do something, she would teach herself by reading about it. She also adored her three grandchildren and enjoyed spending time with them.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 39 years, Rafael Villalona; daughter, Lisette-Marie Delgadillo of Bayside, NY; seven brothers, Henry MacLellan of Oakdale, NY, Joey MacLellan of Aquebogue, NY, Michael MacLellan of Jupiter, FL, James MacLellan of Sayville, NY, Peter MacLellan of Pittsburg, PA, Sean MacLellan of Bellport, NY, Brian MacLellan of Bayport, NY; five sisters, Geraldine MacLellan of Jupiter, FL, Eileen MacLellan of Wantagh, NY, Jean MacLellan of Wantagh, NY, Anne MacLellan of Mattapoisett, MA, Erin Crisalli of Hicksville, NY; three grandchildren, Jaylees, Mayleena and Skyleen Delgadillo and also many nieces and nephews. Noreen is predeceased by her sister, Maryann MacLellan.

Following cremation, services will be held at a later date in New York. The Peabody Funeral Home and Crematorium is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Noreen's name to Mass General Development Office, 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114-1101 or by donating online; <https://giving.massgeneral.org/ways-to-give/>. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

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Jim Edwards
Londonderry

Inquiry to the Community

To the Editor:

This is an inquiry to our community from Andy Mack Sr at Macks Apples. It seems there are stories being told that I have limited my family from ownership of the farm, despite my prayer that family would one day own and operate it. Are there friends or folk who will share knowledge of and help clear up this confusion? Any help will be appreciated.

Andy Mack Sr
Londonderry,



Deserving Delivery

When a Windham resident won a silent raffle item at Matthew Thornton Elementary School for a fire truck ride to school he asked the school to select a deserving student. Elijah Stombach was chosen for his hard work and helpfulness this year. He rode with his brother Samuel and was driven by Jonathan Camire.

Seniors

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Hill, The Grand Estate at Londonderry. Buttrick Village and Forest Hills, meeting with everyone from a single board chair to 30 community members.

They asked fellow seniors what they wanted, and received several duplicate responses. Seniors in these communities are concerned about lower property taxes, more information on activities and resources, and better transportation.

"There are some things we can do for them, some things we cannot," Goglia observed.

Residents at Hickory Woods are concerned about senior transportation, Goglia said. They would also like to see lower property taxes, he said, noting that many of

them pay \$7,000 to \$9,000 in taxes. "They have no kids in school, their use of services is minimal," he told the committee.

The residents are also concerned about not having streetlights at the exits at West Road and Route 102, he said. The town has not been amenable to requests, and Joe Green, the Council liaison to the committee, is going to look into it, Goglia said.

At the Nevins, representatives of the residents said they would like to see lower senior property taxes. They would like to see the town coordinate events for seniors, other than those at the Senior Center, and they also expressed a desire for a newsletter on town senior activities.

Senior Center Kathy Blash, who is a member of the committee, observed that she does have a newsletter. Town Clerk

and member Sherry Farrell said the town quarterly newsletter also carries senior events and issues affecting them.

Residents of Sugarplum asked for a piano and workout room at the Senior Center. But Blash said even with the recent remodeling, "I have no room."

About a dozen people from Sugarplum e-mailed complaints about the "no left turn" sign at the end of the development, saying it necessitates them going down to a nearby office complex and turning around. They asked that the sign be removed, or that it be qualified, "no left turn from 4 to 6 p.m." Farrell suggested the

issue be brought before the Safety Committee, which is next meeting in April.

Grand Estate residents expressed concern about transportation and affordable housing. Their units go for \$1,700 to \$1,800 a month, Goglia said, adding, "Maybe they want more options."

Buttrick Village residents asked for a sidewalk going from their complex to the Shaw's plaza, and also for better speed limit enforcement on Winding Pond Road.

At Forest Hills, residents expressed concern about senior transportation. "All but one of the residents drives, and the

others take care of her needs," Goglia said. But with those residents aging, he wrote in his report, "Transportation is not an issue now, but it will be shortly."

"We told them about Article 21," he said, referring to the Senior Transportation warrant item to be voted on in March.

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The Tigers Host a Musher and Her Siberian Huskies

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

When diphtheria broke out in Nome, Alaska in 1925, the coastal port was frozen and no ships could get through with medicine. But the hardy Alaskans found a practical solution: they harnessed teams of sled dogs

and trekked crates of the serum across the frozen landscape. "Ten thousand people were at risk," Gail Guertin, a sled dog owner, told the combined fourth grades of the Matthew Thornton School. "The dogs saved the city."

Guertin and four of her Siberian Huskies were the guests of the fourth grade

this past Thursday, when she stopped by to tell the students about her dogs and the history of sled dog racing.

The Siberian Husky, brought from the Russian province of the same name, received ridicule when it first arrived in Alaska, Guertin told the children. They are smaller than the Alaskan Huskies, and the native Alaskans called them "Siberian rats." But they began winning races and earned the respect of their adopted country.

Both breeds of Husky were used extensively in earlier times to bring people, food and equipment to remote outposts, Guertin said. They crossed what would later be known as the Iditarod Trail. Their drivers became known as "mushers" and raced each other for fun, according to Guertin.

When other forms of transportation, including the snowmobile, came to America's northernmost state, many dog teams were retired, and the Alaskans, soon to become Americans, forgot about the animals' contribution to their survival. That didn't set well with a man named Joe Redington. He and others organized the first Iditarod Race in 1973, a 1,049 mile test of endurance.

Dallas Seavey is the current record-holder and the

winner of the past three Iditarods, with the most recent time of 13 hours and four minutes over eight days. Seavey's father is also an Iditarod winner, Guertin said. And it runs in several families, with Joe Redington's grandsons among current competitors.

The actual distance for the race isn't 1,049 miles, Guertin told the students. It's rounded off to 1,000 miles and the "49" added in honor of Alaska's position as the 49th state. But in reality, the race is 975 miles on even years and 998 on odd years. "That's because different towns have to host the mushers on their trip, and some of the towns are poor," Guertin explained. "The organizers alternate the routes so that no town has to bear the burden of entertaining mushers two years in a row."

The Siberian Husky varies in color, Guertin said, from all white to all black and every combination in between. "I have a black-and-white and two red-and-whites," she said. "I used to have a white one with black spots." The eye color is even more variable, with Huskies not uncommonly having one blue eye and one brown one. "You can even have one with an eye that's half blue and half brown," she said.

But what doesn't vary is



Gail Guertin brought four of her Siberian Huskies to Matthew Thornton last week.

their love for the outdoors and for their sport. They love to run, she said. For a novice sled dog, "All I do is hook them up to a dog that's run before, and they take off," she said.

They are uniquely adapted to cold weather, with a double layer of coat. She passed around a sample of the inner coat and said, "It's like insulation."

Four attributes make a good sled dog: that they have the right feet for snow,

that they have enough fur to keep them warm, that they have a good appetite because of all the running they do, and that they have a good attitude.

The dogs are not heat-tolerant and can't run in temperatures over 55 degrees, Guertin said. "The best temperature for a dog is 20 below zero to 10 above," she said.

Dog racing came to New England in 1924, she said, with three or four races a year in New Hampshire. In 1931 a club was formed in the Lakes Region, which still holds races to this day.

The sport was an exhibition sport in the Olympics for many years, but never received full Olympic status. "Why didn't it become an Olympic sport?" Guertin asked the children.

She answered, "The athletes in the other sports are all humans. But the stars in sled dog racing are the dogs."



New Hampshire musher, Gail Guertin, displays her sled and explained to Mathew Thornton fourth grade students some of the tools used during a dog sled race. Photos by Chris Paul

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North Schoolers Take a Walk in the Winter Woods

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Beth Haarlander, a teacher at North Elementary School, demonstrated how to dip a peanut-butter-slathered bagel in a bowl of birdseed, and a group of eager fourth-and-fifth graders copied her motions. They placed the bagels in bowls while they struggled into their winter gear, then picked the edible bird feeders up gingerly. As she lined them up and counted them off, Haarlander had one final warning: "Do not eat the bird seed."

Haarlander leads about 20 children in a weekly walk down North School's Nutfield Trail, with crafts, collecting and nature lore. The program was made possible by a \$2,100 grant from the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions, with the support and collaboration of the Londonderry Conservation Commission.

The grant pays for Haarlander's time and four project kits, including measuring equipment, specimen containers and digital cameras. But the lessons learned in the great outdoors are beyond value, according to her and the students.

Anything goes on Thursday afternoons, when Haarlander welcomes the students to her classroom before heading into the woods. "We've done a lot of tracking, though the snow has not always been cooperative,"

Haarlander said on a recent Thursday. "They find things and they bring them back." She showed off several trays of her nature detectives' finds, including a considerable amount of deer bones, a large dried mushroom and turkey feathers. There was a house on the site of the current nature trail, 40 years ago, and the children found the pit where residents buried their trash, she said, pointing to several ancient mason jars and a small wire basket.

And then there's scat, she said with a sigh. The children are fascinated by animal droppings, and they bring them back and try to identify the animal.

Haarlander said, "We have done journals and scavenger hunts. We built forts."

It's all part of getting kids out into nature, something that doesn't happen often enough with devices and modern lifestyles, Haarlander said. When these children see even a squirrel, she said, they erupt with excitement.

The students filed out of the building and across the parking lot toward the Nutfield Trail. The students and Haarlander clambered over a snow bank, with the children carefully carrying their bagel bird feeders.

They straggled along the trail, stopping to find turkey feathers or other artifacts and putting them in their plastic kit boxes. Haarlander warned some adventurous boys away

from a small stream. She stopped the group in front of a tree, explaining that the greenish substance on the trunk was mold. "It usually collects on the north side," she said.

She pointed out a vernal pool and reminded the children how it came from melting snow. "Last year when we came out, it wasn't here," she said.

Some of the children found dropped branches to use as walking sticks, and Haarlander warned them not to use them as weapons.

As she moved easily through the melting snow, Gianna Siracuse, a fourth-grader, said she joined the club because she wanted to be closer to nature.

Her favorite activity, she said, was "Pick a Tree," where she partnered with another girl, closed her eyes and tried to identify a tree by its feel.

Reagan Anderson said she liked the club because she likes to be outside. Her favorite activity was making "tree tepees," she said as she looked for a spot to hang her bagel.

"And I didn't know what vernal pools were, or how they were formed," she said.

Matthew Visconti took pictures of his bird feeder as it hung from a branch. What does he like about the club? "Everything," Matthew said.

At the outdoor classroom deep in the woods, Haarlander gave a short lesson on blueberry bogs

and stone walls. The children wandered around the area, snapping photos and adding items to their kits, before she told them it was time to head back.

Projects and learning will include, but are not limited to, the vernal pools, wetland ecosystems, leaf rubbings, glacier boulder examination, study of animals, insects and amphibians of southern New Hampshire, trail mapping, compass skills, and more. The program themes are January and February, Winter Wonderland, Habitats and Tracking; March-April, The Forest Awakens; May-June, Hello Spring, Peepers, Vernal Pools and All; and September-October, Autumn's Forest Cornucopias.

Haarlander, a 20-year veteran educator, was one of the original North School teachers who helped create the trail in 1999.

"Ms. Haarlander, I want to hang my bird feeder but



Reagan Anderson, a student in North School teacher Beth Haarlander's after-school nature program, hangs her bird feeder on a tree.

the branch is too high,"

one boy called out. "Find a spot you can reach," she responded.

And with the Conservation grant, Haarlander is helping these students reach as high as they can.



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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Senior Star Chase Adds Exclamation Point to His Season

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

One week after collecting the Division I championship for his 152-pound weight class, Londonderry High School senior wrestling standout Drew Chase claimed more honors and created a good amount of excitement at the state Meet of Champions at Nashua High School South.

The skilled 12th grader exhibited his successful "take it one bout at a time" attitude in finishing at the very top of the 152-pound division at the MOC event on Saturday, Feb. 25, earning himself a trip to the 52nd annual New England Interscholastic Wrestling Championships at the Providence Career and Technical Academy in Rhode Island this Friday and Saturday.

Chase, who was also named the Outstanding Wrestler of the MOC event, defeated Brandon Berube of Timberlane in the championship match - pinning him late in the second period - in adding to the accolades and honors he began tallying a week earlier at the D-I title event.

And as if all of that impressive stuff weren't enough, the LHS grappler - who will attend the Rochester (NY) Institute of Technology to study computer science in the fall - also received a \$500 sportsmanship-based scholarship awarded annually by New Hampshire's wrestling referees.

In the wake of the MOC title performance, Chase admitted that upon stepping into the two recent championship

events he wasn't thinking specifically in terms of winning titles even though that's what he was working diligently toward.

"Over the last few matches I've been wrestling to continue my high school career," he said. "I went in expecting to do well, but I never go in expecting to win (a title)."

Regarding his advancement to New England, the Lancer stalwart stated, "It's really exciting. Winding down my high school career at New England is pretty special."

During this 2016-17 campaign the LHS standout has compiled a 35-8 overall record, losing just one of those bouts to a Granite State opponent in the process.

The Lancers brought seven wrestlers to the Meet of Champions, with



Much to the excitement of his coaches and mom, Lancer senior Drew Chase followed up a Division I title with an MOC crown. Photos by Chris Paul

Chase the only athlete advancing to the regionals but two others - Ben Psaledas and Craig Santos - finishing fifth and sixth respectively in their 195 and 138-pound classes to walk away with medals. Lancers Dave Donnelly, Tyler Byrd, Colin Rearson, and Alex Boucher also competed.

In speaking of Chase's second championship in two weeks, coach Cucolo stated that his veteran grappler's ability to rebound from deficits many times during this 2016-17 season played a significant part in Chase's

success in the high-stakes battles.

"You never worry about Drew being out of a match because all season he's shown that even if he's down 10-2 he can come back," said coach Jason Cucolo. "And all the experience he gained in

situations like that this year served him well in big matches like the recent ones."

Londonderry finished seventh out of 37 teams at the Meet of Champions, which was won for the 14th straight year by Timberlane of Plaistow.



LHS standout grappler Craig Santos claimed a sixth at the MOC's.



Sophomore stalwart Ben Psaledas took a fifth at the Meet of Champs.



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Lady Lancer Cagers Win Final Four, Finish at 11-7 in D-I

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After seeing its Division I standing slip significantly, the Londonderry High girls' basketball squad won its final four contests of the 2016-17 campaign recently to finish at a solid 11-7.

The Lady Lancers had dropped four out of five games between Jan. 27 and Feb. 14 to slip to the .500 mark at 7-7. But they then went on to reel off those four consecutive wins, besting Manchester Central, Dover, Winnacunnet of Hampton, and Keene to finish up at 11-7.

Those last three successes came last week, starting with a 53-37 throttling of the Dover High Green Wave on that opponent's home court on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

The LHS troop led 16-8 after one period and 28-17 at the half. And when three periods had been completed the Londonderry side was up by 11 at 38-27. The Lady Lancers then went on to put the finishing touches on the success by outscoring their hosts by a 15-10 margin in the fourth.

Newly-returned Kelsey Coffey paced the LHS offense with 14 points, Amanda DeAngelis was good for 13, and Emmy Dumaresq came up with eight.

"We started off strong for the first time in a while, and it paid off for us," said coach Nick Theos. "We got up as many as 13 in the first quarter before they cut it to eight by quarter's end. Emmy hit a big three (pointer) early and so did Kelsey and Amanda. That kind of got us going offensively."

Two nights later the locals were back on their home floor for a much-anticipated but snow-storm-belayed match with the tough Winnacunnet High Lady Warriors, who strode into that contest with five straight wins and successes in seven of their previous eight battles.

The short answer to how the hosts did in that game comes from the fact that they won by a single, tenuous point at 58-57.

The Lady Lancers battled their way through Winnacunnet's intense full-court pressure and traps through most of the

night, grasping leads after one quarter (14-12) and at the half (32-20) on the way to an eight-point advantage of 47-39 bouncing into the final period.

At one point in the third quarter the Londonderry lead grew to as many as 16 points, and thoughts of a lopsided win began to dance in Londonderry folks' heads.

But Winnacunnet battled its way back to tie the score at 52-52 with four minutes remaining in regulation time.

During those final, stress-filled minutes, the locals would regain the lead by small margins and never lose it, but the Lady Warriors had two huge chances to walk away victorious in the final seconds but saw them fall by the wayside so incredibly frustratingly.

Londonderry grasped the slimmest of 58-57 leads with just 10.6 seconds left to play, and the locals missed an open lay-up which would have forced Winnacunnet to sink a three-pointer to knot the score.

But with the last seconds ticking away Winnacunnet got not one but

two open lay-up chances and missed them both as the final buzzer blared. Final score 58-57 Londonderry, and there was an audible sigh of relief among the locals.

"We had maybe 15 chances to end that game sooner than we did, but we made enough plays to win," said Theos, wiping sweat from his brow.

DeAngelis was very impressive for the victors, tallying 20 points with Courtney Shay contributing 14 and Coffey adding 11.

And thankfully for Theos' heart - despite the fact that his charges were pretty worn down from the harrowing night before - there were no dramatic finishes to the 55-43 road defeat of pesky Keene on the evening of Friday Feb. 24.

Londonderry won every quarter but the fourth, holding leads of 18-12 after one, 28-16 after two, and 44-30 after three.

Coffey had a productive night for her squad with 14 points including four treys, seven rebounds, six steals, and five assists. Shay and Michelle Marino each contributed 10 points to the Lancers' success.

"It was just how I thought it would be,



Battle-tested LHS senior hoop standout Kelsey Coffey returned to her team's fold recently to help it attempt a title run. Photo by Chris Pantazis

tough and difficult," said Theos. "We tried to play hard and do things right, but we just seemed tired. Playing our third game in four days just wiped out our legs. Luckily, Kelsey had fresh legs and was great tonight. She did a little of everything, from scoring to steals, and we needed it all."

The Lady Lancers

wound up being the number five seed in Division I, and their tournament action was slated to commence this Wednesday night, March 1, with a first-round meeting at home with the 12th-ranked Dover High Green Wave after Londonderry Times press time. That will be a rematch of the Feb. 21 blowout game.

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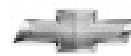
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Lancer Icemen Drop Three of Their Last Four, Finish at 11-7

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High ice hockey team didn't have its 2016-17 regular season end in the kind of fashion which it desired last week, dropping three of its final four contests to wind up at 11-7 overall in wildly-competitive Division I.

The locals busted a brief, two-game losing skid with a blowout win against the weak Manchester Memorial Crusaders on the road during the middle of last week, but they were edged by the white-hot Salem High Blue Devils at home in their final regular season contest two afternoons later.

The Lancers found themselves with a truly glittering chance to end that two-game losing skid and advance themselves in the Division I tournament picture last Wednesday, Feb. 22 when they skated against a struggling Manchester Memorial contingent at the JFK Arena in the Queen City.

The outcome of the contest was still in question after two periods, at which point Londonderry grasped a modest 2-1 lead. But the locals potted six unanswered goals in the third period on the way to an extremely pleasing 8-1 blowout success.

Senior defenseman Dom Federico had a mon-

ster game for the locals, tallying a total of five points on two goals and three assists. With his younger brother Anthony also netting a goal, the Federico family was good for six points in the big Londonderry success.

Memorial entered the game with a 1-15 record, having allowed a pretty astounding 106 goals while only scoring 30 of its own. And that goals-allowed tally would grow considerably in the lopsided loss to the visiting LHS Lancers.

The first period was scoreless despite the fact that Londonderry put a dozen shots on Crusaders' sophomore goalie Matt Scott, with forward Mike McCormick clanging a shot off of the crossbar behind Scott a little more than five minutes into the stanza.

But after dealing with the frustration of being held scoreless in the opening period, the Lancers only required 17 seconds of the second stanza to get on the scoreboard.

Senior co-captain Troy Muldoon did the honors for the locals, scoring a pretty goal by swooping from the left side of the Memorial net across the slot to the right and placing a shot into the netting. His fellow captain Merrill Neiman notched the lone assist.

It became a 2-0 game with 6:13 left in the period

when Kyle Hamilton rapped home the loose puck at the left side of the Memorial cage, with Josh Morin and Dom Federico claiming the assists.

But the home-standing Crusaders cut their deficit in half four minutes later, and 2-1 was where the score stood after two complete stanzas despite the fact that the Lancers had a huge advantage of 31-8 where shots on net were concerned.

And the locals would net a whopping six goals on a mere 10 shots in period number three in driving along to the 8-1 blowout success.

Chronologically, the goals came from Federico, Federico again (assisted by Muldoon), Jared Tucolo (from Bryan Murphy and Sean Cotter), Anthony Federico (from Jacob Parilla and Dom Federico), Billy Croteau (from Dom Federico), and Jack Thompson (from Neiman and Hamilton).

Londonderry goalie Cam Donovan turned aside 13 Memorial shots in helping his side advance its Division I record to 11-6.

The Lancers then closed out their 2016-17 regular season with a home game against the sizzling Salem High Blue Devils at the Tri-Town Arena in Hooksett on Friday the 24th.

Salem stepped into that game having won eight straight games, and

the Devils would make it nine by squeaking out a 2-1 success to advance to 13-3-2 in the division.

There was no scoring until the third stanza, when Salem managed to slide two shots past Donovan (17 total saves) and Londonderry got one past Blue Devils' standout keeper Paddy Capsalis (22 stops).

It was a Federico - Anthony - who bagged the lone LHS goal, but the visiting Blue Devils wound up being one goal better.

The Lancers found out this past Monday morning that their first tournament game will be a challenging one, with the seventh-ranked LHS crew headed to Concord's Everett Arena to face off against the second-ranked Concord High Crimson Tide for a quarterfinal-round battle this Saturday, Feb. 4 at 5:30 p.m.



Londonderry High hockey player Josh Morin battles a Manchester Memorial Crusader for possession of the puck along the boards during the Lancer crew's recent blowout win over that opponent in the Queen City. Photo by Chris Pantazis

Londonderry High Boy Cagers Sandwich Wins Around a Defeat

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Convincing wins over teams which it was expected to defeat were bookended around a loss against a tougher opponent last week as the Londonderry High boys' basketball squad saw its Division I record move to 10-6.

The Lancers hammered the sub-500 teams from Dover High School and Keene High on Tuesday and Friday of last week, but stuck between



Lancer court general Cole Britting aims to heep the ball away from a Keene rival. Photo by Chris Paul

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those two successes was a tough loss to a talented Winnacunnet High crew in Hampton.

In the 75-47 win over 4-13 Dover at LHS on Tuesday Feb. 21, the locals blasted their way out to a 23-9 lead in the first period but then had to take a bit of a step back when, in the second quarter, the Green Wave outscored its host by 17-8 to leave the halftime score at 31-26.

But the Lancers own-

ed the second half, outscoring Dover by a 44-21 margin to take the game handily in bagging their fourth straight win.

The victorious locals netted a dozen three-pointers in the success, with high-scorer Jake Coleman netting seven of them in throwing down 26 points on a big night.

Sophomore stalwart Ethan Garofalo sank three treys en route to his 15 points, and senior big man Brandon Radford con-

tributed a dozen points. All in all some 10 Lancers contributed points to the win.

But the next evening in Hampton, Winnacunnet Warriors were 13 points better than the Lancer squad in a 54-41 decision which ended the LHS four-game winning run.

Winnacunnet (12-4) busted open a tight game by outscoring its guest by a 17-5 margin in the fourth quarter. The squads were tied at 10-10 after one

period, the Lancers led 20-17 at the half, and the sides were only separated by a handful of points (36-31) with the locals leading rolling into the fourth.

Coleman was the only Lancer in double figures in points with 15, with Garofalo contributing eight and Cam MacDonald notching seven.

However, the Londonderry bunch got its feet right back on the winning path at home on the night of Friday the 24th when it

trounced 3-13 Keene by a 79-35 tally.


The hosts won every quarter and grasped advantages of 24-10 after one, 38-15 after two, and 61-21 stepping into the last stanza.

There were 11 LHS cagers netting points in the lopsided win, with Coleman collecting 16, Cole Britting bagging 10, Jack Anderson scoring nine, and Ryan Chisolm, Radford, and Pat Zepf each tallying eight. The

winning side sank nine treys, with freshman Anderson hitting three of them.

Bouncing into this, the last week of the 2016-17 regular season, the Lancers were looking at a slate which had them at Manchester Memorial High on Tuesday the 28th, after Londonderry Times press time, followed by a home battle with the Nashua High School North Titans this Friday evening, March 3.

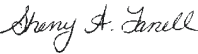
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ARTICLE NO. 2: [BOND ISSUE AND CAPITAL LEASE FINANCING FOR TOWN-WIDE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS UPGRADE]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY SIX DOLLARS (\$2,740,936) for the purpose of upgrading the town-wide communications system.

Said sum shall be raised by the following means:

a. The issuance of serial bonds or notes in the amount of ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NHRSA Chapter 33), and to authorize the Town Council to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes, to determine the rate(s) of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof, and to authorize the Town Council to take such other actions as may be necessary to affect the issuance, negotiation, sale, and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Londonderry or to pass any other vote relative thereto;

b. The issuance of a capital lease in the amount of SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY SIX DOLLARS (\$740,936), with the Town Council authorized to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such lease, to determine the rate(s) of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof and to authorize the Town Council to take such other actions as may be necessary to affect the issuance, negotiation, sale, and delivery of such lease as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Londonderry or to pass any other vote relative thereto; and

c. To authorize the use of ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance toward this appropriation.

And, further to raise and appropriate TWO HUNDRED FORTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$245,000) for the first year's interest and principal payments on the bonds, notes, and capital lease described above. (BALLOT VOTE – 60% APPROVAL REQUIRED)

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$245,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.06 in FY 18 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-0 recommends a YES vote.

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ARTICLE NO. 3: [FISCAL YEAR 2018 TOWN OPERATING BUDGET]

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$32,301,194? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$32,331,194, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$18,489,458 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$4.86 in FY 18 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 4: [POLICE OUTSIDE DETAILS]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate FIVE HUNDRED SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIX DOLLARS (\$506,306) for the purpose of covering Police Outside Details with said funds to come from the Police Outside Detail Special Revenue Fund.

(These services are funded through user fees and require no property tax support.)

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 5: [FUND SEWER FUND]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate FIVE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FORTY-SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO DOLLARS (\$5,246,992) for defraying the cost of construction, payment of the interest on any debt incurred, management, maintenance, operation and repair of constructed sewer systems. Such fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, shall not be commingled with town tax revenues, and shall not be deemed part of the municipality's general fund accumulated surplus, all in accordance with RSA 149-I.

(These services are funded through user fees and require no property tax support.)

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 6: [APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE ROADWAY MAINTENANCE ETF]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$650,000) to be placed in the Roadway Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund and further to authorize the use of FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$487,500) from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation..

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$162,500 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.04 in FY 18 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 7: [APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$164,000) to be placed in the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and further to authorize the use of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$123,000) from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$41,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.01 in FY 18 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-0 recommends a YES vote.

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Title-Winning Middle School Hoopsters Went Undeclared

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES


◆ A great many folks strive for complete perfection, but very few actually achieve that lofty goal. However, the Londonderry Middle School's Class L girls' basketball squad did wind up being absolutely perfect in posting a glittering 14-0 record this winter, with coach Amy Downing's charges besting the pesky and

determined Elm Street Junior High crew of Nashua by three points in the class title game at the New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord in early February. The LMS girls went 12-0 during their superb regular season and then went on to defeat Bedford in the Class L semifinals before that 30-27 win over the Nashuans in the championship game. And the manner in which her squad finished the regular season made coach Downing very proud. "We defeated Elm Street away 48-35, Bedford away 45-43, and Merrimack at home 49-45. Those were all top-four teams in the final three regular season games to remain undefeated," said the coach. "We ended the season with a fourth quarter, 49-45 victory over second place Merrimack, coming from 12 points

down in the fourth quarter." The talented, title-taking local team consisted of eight eighth-graders and four seventh-graders, and it pleased its coach at a vast number of turns during the excellent campaign. The eighth-graders included guards Ashley Schmitt, Mia Fantauzzi, and Ashley Rourke, forwards Grace Holland, Katherine Marshall, and Alexis Meola, and swing players (guard/forwards) Charlotte Sullivan and Kyle McGurn. The seventh graders were guards Maddie Haggett, Maddie LeClair, and Olivia Chau, and forward Kaitlyn Hardy. "The strength of this team is in their ability to score in many different ways," said coach Downing. "They're smart players and stay calm under pressure. The final four games were decided by close margins, with a total of 11 points difference." In the semifinal against Bedford, the local girls snagged a 38-36 victory dramatically with Rourke driving from one end of the court to the other and hitting the winning bucket with just five seconds left on the game clock. In the three-point win over Elm Street in the

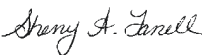
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ARTICLE NO. 8: [APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$28,000)** to be placed in the Geographic Information Systems Capital Reserve Fund and further to authorize the use of **TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$21,000)** from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation.

YES ☐

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$7,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.00 in FY 18 based upon projected assessed values.) NO ☐

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 9: [APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO EXPENDABLE MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$180,000)** to be placed in the Town's Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund and further to authorize the use of **ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$135,000)** from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation.

YES ☐

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$45,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.01 in FY 18 based upon projected assessed values.) NO ☐

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 10: [APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR PILLSBURY CEMETERY EXPANSION]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000)** to be placed in the Pillsbury Cemetery Expansion capital reserve fund and further to authorize the use of **SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000)** from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation.

YES ☐

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$25,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.01 in FY 18 based upon projected assessed values.) NO ☐

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 11: [RATIFY THE EXTENSION OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN AFSCME 3657 AND THE TOWN OF LONDONDERRY]

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Londonderry and the AFSCME 3657 Police Department Employees, which calls for the following appropriations for salaries and benefits over what was raised under any current agreements and policies for the employees of the Union:

Year	Cost Increase From Prev. FY	Tax Increase From Prev. FY	Total Estimated Cumulative Cost	Pay Rate Inc.
FY 2018	\$247,571	\$0.07	\$247,571	2.5%
FY 2019	(\$26,899)	\$0.00	\$220,672	2%
FY 2020	\$136,495	\$0.04	\$357,167	2%

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of **TWO HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$247,571)** for FY 2018 expenses, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels paid under any existing agreements. (AFSCME 3657 represents 61 full time officer, telecommunications and staff support positions in the Police Department.)

YES ☐

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$247,571 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.07 in FY 18 based upon projected assessed values.) NO ☐

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-0 recommends a YES vote.

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE NO. 12: [AUTHORIZATION FOR SPECIAL MEETING ON COST ITEMS]

Shall the Town, if Article 11 is defeated, authorize the Town Council to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 11 cost items only.

YES ☐

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.00 in FY 18 based upon projected assessed values.) NO ☐

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee did not vote on this item as it is non-monetary.

ARTICLE NO. 13: [RATIFY THE EXTENSION OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN LONDONDERRY EXECUTIVE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (LEEA) AND THE TOWN OF LONDONDERRY]

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Londonderry and the Londonderry Executive Employees Association (LEEA), which calls for the following appropriations for salaries and benefits over what was raised under any current agreements and policies for the employees of the Union:

Year	Cost Increase From Prev. FY	Tax Increase From Prev. FY	Total Estimated Cumulative Cost	Pay Rate Inc.
FY 2018	\$21,169	\$0.01	\$21,169	2%
FY 2019	(\$2,377)	\$0.00	\$18,792	1.25%
FY 2020	\$11,363	\$0.00	\$30,155	1.25%

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of **TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$21,169)** for FY 2018 expenses, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels paid under any existing agreements. (Londonderry Executive Employees Association (LEEA) represents 6 full time and 2 part-time employees, consisting of Department Managers.)

YES ☐

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$21,169 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.01 in FY 18 based upon projected assessed values.) NO ☐

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-0 recommends a YES vote.

ARTICLE NO. 14: [AUTHORIZATION FOR SPECIAL MEETING ON COST ITEMS]

Shall the Town, if Article 13 is defeated, authorize the Town Council to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 13 cost items only.

YES ☐

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.00 in FY 18 based upon projected assessed values.) NO ☐

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee did not vote on this item as it is non-monetary.

ARTICLE NO. 15: [RATIFY THE EXTENSION OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN AFSCME LONDONDERRY ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION – PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE TOWN OF LONDONDERRY]

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Londonderry and the Londonderry Administrative Employees Association – Public Safety, which calls for the following appropriations for salaries and benefits over what was raised under any current agreements and policies for the employees of the Union:

Year	Cost Increase From Prev. FY	Tax Increase From Prev. FY	Total Estimated Cumulative Cost	Pay Rate Inc.
FY 2018	\$43,213	\$0.01	\$43,213	2.5%
FY 2019	(\$ 6,339)	\$0.00	\$36,874	2%
FY 2020	\$36,757	\$0.01	\$73,631	2%

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of **FORTY-THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN DOLLARS (\$43,213)** for FY 2018 expenses, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels paid under any existing agreements. (Londonderry Administrative Employees Association – Public Safety represents 15 full time management and professional employees in the Police and Fire Departments.)

YES ☐

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$43,213 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.01 in FY 18 based upon projected assessed values.) NO ☐

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-0 recommends a YES vote.

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LMS Hoops

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championship battle, the powerful locals were held to less points than they were used to netting in a game but they still won. It was the second time in the last three years that the Londonderry crew has bested the Nashuans for the title.

"Although we had a little trouble getting our scoring going early, we came out strong in the second half and controlled

the boards the entire game," said Downing.

And from the sound of things, the LMS coach will remember this 2016-17 championship squad fondly for quite some time to come.


"These girls were completely selfless throughout the season, and put the team first at all times," said the coach. "By their decision there were no captains this season, and several girls stepped up as leaders on and off the court. They are very

coachable, worked hard every day at practice, and never took a second off in games. If they all continue playing, the future looks bright for Londonderry basketball.

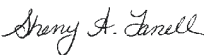
Words certain to make LHS varsity hoop coach Nick Theos happy.

The Londonderry Middle School girls' basketball squad enjoyed an exceptional 2016-17 season, and that bodes well for the future of the consistently strong Londonderry High School hoop program which has been troubled by dwindling numbers of players these past few years.





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ARTICLE NO. 16: [AUTHORIZATION FOR SPECIAL MEETING ON COST ITEMS]

Shall the Town, if Article 15 is defeated, authorize the Town Council to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 15 cost items only.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.00 in FY 18 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee did not vote on this item as it is non-monetary.

YES ☐
NO ☐

ARTICLE NO. 17: [RATIFY THE EXTENSION OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 3160 AND THE TOWN OF LONDONDERRY]

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Londonderry and International Association of Firefighters Local 3160, which calls for the following appropriations for salaries and benefits over what was raised under any current agreements and policies for the employees of the Union:

Year	Cost Increase From Prev. FY	Tax Increase From Prev. FY	Total Estimated Cumulative Cost	Pay Rate Inc.
FY 2018	\$106,107	\$0.03	\$106,107	2%
FY 2019	(\$3,488)	\$0.00	\$102,619	2%
FY 2020	\$81,859	\$0.02	\$184,478	2%
FY 2021	\$84,420	\$0.02	\$268,898	2%
FY 2022	\$87,109	\$0.02	\$356,007	2%

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of **ONE HUNDRED SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVEN DOLLARS (\$106,107)** for FY 2018 expenses, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels paid under any existing agreements. (International Association of Firefighters Local 3160 represents 43 full time fire department employees.)

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$106,107 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.03 in FY 18 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-0 recommends a YES vote.

YES ☐
NO ☐

ARTICLE NO. 18: [AUTHORIZATION FOR SPECIAL MEETING ON COST ITEMS]

Shall the Town, if Article 17 is defeated, authorize the Town Council to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 17 cost items only.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.00 in FY 18 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee did not vote on this item as it is non-monetary.

YES ☐
NO ☐

ARTICLE NO. 19 [TWO ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICERS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **ONE HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$198,545)** for the purpose of adding two officers to the Town's Police Department.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$198,545 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.05 in FY 18 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-0 recommends a YES vote.

YES ☐
NO ☐

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE NO. 20: [TWO ADDITIONAL TRUCK DRIVERS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$158,070)** for the purpose of adding two truck drivers to the Town's Department of Public Works.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$158,070 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.04 in FY 18 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-0 recommends a YES vote.

YES ☐
NO ☐

ARTICLE NO. 21: [SENIOR CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$35,000)** for the purpose of funding drivers, insurance, or other costs of providing transportation to Senior Citizens and others served by the CART program who live in the Town of Londonderry and who do not drive or otherwise have difficulty in getting around to grocery stores, doctors' appointments, drug stores, department stores, and other facilities that enhance their lives. This article will not replace the CART program, it is meant to enhance the CART program so that the needs of our aging population can be met.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$35,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.01 in FY 18 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 3-2 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 5-1 recommends a NO vote.

YES ☐
NO ☐

ARTICLE NO. 22: [CENTRAL FIRE STATION ENGINEERING STUDY]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$35,000)** for the purpose of performing an engineering study to determine options for the expansion or replacement of the Central Fire Station and further to authorize the use of the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance for this appropriation.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.00 in FY 18 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-0 recommends a YES vote.

YES ☐
NO ☐

ARTICLE NO. 23: [LITTER PICK UP ALONG MAJOR TOWN ROADWAYS]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$65,000)** annually for the purpose of removing litter from the roadside of all town-maintained collector roads. Collector roads are those that have a double yellow line divider. Litter collection will be done regularly during the months of March through November. (BY CITIZENS PETITION)

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$65,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.02 in FY 18 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 4-1 recommends a NO vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-0 recommends a NO vote.

YES ☐
NO ☐

ARTICLE NO. 24: [EXTEND WATER MAIN ALONG HILLCREST LANE AND LONGWOOD AVE.]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **TWO HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$230,000)** for the purpose of funding the costs associated with extending the water main from the intersection of Longwood Ave. and Shady Lane, down Longwood Ave. to the end of Hillcrest Lane (this is approximately 1200 feet) and further to authorize the use of the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation.

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.00 in FY 18 based upon projected assessed values.)

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-0 recommends a YES vote.

YES ☐
NO ☐

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AROUND TOWN

Around Town Policy: This section is meant to be used to announce free events to the communities. If your group or non-profit is receiving money for what they are publicizing, there will be a charge of \$40.00/week per paper. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held to 100 words maximum; anything over will incur a charge of \$40.00/week for up to another 50 words. All free announcements in the Around Town/Calendar section can run a maximum of 3 weeks. Deadline for submissions is Monday at 5 p.m.
Additionally: We will run the full versions of any calendar items online free of charge at www.nutpub.net. Please send items to calendar@nutpub.net.

Model Railroad
The Seacoast Division of the National Model Railroad Association will hold Derry Fun Nights the second Friday of each month, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Marion Gerish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. Topic in the March 10 meeting will be building structures from styrene. Those wanting further information may go to the Division's website at www.seacoastnmra.org/calendar.

"Galileo" Library Stop

A living history performance, "The Starry Messenger," will be held Thursday, April 27, at 7 p.m. in the Leach Library, Londonderry. Mike Francis will be the presenter. Francis will enact a dramatic, fun-filled adaptation of Galileo's short treatise "Siderius Nuncius." As Galileo dressed in 17th-century costume, Francis will give a public lecture on Galileo's most recent discoveries made using his newly-devised spyglass. Audience members are invited to participate in Galileo's many experiments and demonstrations. This program is free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. It will be 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.

Trailways Group

A Meet and Greet with members of the London-

erry Trailways Association will be held Saturday, March 11, from 10 a.m. to noon at Benson's Lumber and Hardware, 20 Orchard View Drive, Londonderry. Londonderry Trailways is a volunteer, not-for-profit organization which develops, maintains, and promotes community trails in the Town of Londonderry for the purpose of encouraging healthy outdoor recreational activity and social interaction in the community.

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 redcross-blood.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 (TURRRF) 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-turrrf.

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

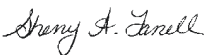
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MARCH 14, 2017

BALLOT 4 OF 4


TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE NO. 25: [EXTEND WATER MAIN ALONG HILLCREST LANE AND LONGWOOD AVE.]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **ZERO DOLLARS (\$0)** for the purpose of funding the costs associated with extending the water main from the intersection of Longwood Ave. and Shady Lane, down Longwood Ave. to the end of Hillcrest Lane (this is approximately 1200 feet). (BY CITIZENS PETITION)

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$0 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.00 in FY 18 based upon projected assessed values.)

YES ☐
NO ☐

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a **NO** vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-0 recommends a **NO** vote.

ARTICLE NO. 26: [CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE 4 OF THE RAIL TRAIL]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$144,000)** for the purpose of receipt and acceptance of a \$75,000 private grant and constructing Phase 4 of the Rail Trail. (BY CITIZENS PETITION)

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$144,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.04 in FY 18 based upon projected assessed values.)

YES ☐
NO ☐

The Town Council by a vote of 4-1 recommends a **NO** vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-0 recommends a **NO** vote.

ARTICLE NO. 27: [NELSON ROAD SOFTBALL FIELD LIGHTS]

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND (\$115,000)** for the purpose of replacing the lighting system on the softball field located on Nelson Road. (BY CITIZENS PETITION)

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$115,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.03 in FY 18 based upon projected assessed values.)

YES ☐
NO ☐

The Town Council by a vote of 3-2 recommends a **NO** vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 4-2 recommends a **NO** vote.

ARTICLE NO. 28: [IMPROVEMENTS TO KENDALL POND CONSERVATION AREA]

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate **ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$138,000)** for improvements to the Kendall Pond (aka Laycock) Conservation Area. (BY CITIZENS PETITION)

(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$138,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.04 in FY 18 based upon projected assessed values.)

YES ☐
NO ☐

The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a **NO** vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 6-0 recommends a **NO** vote.

ARTICLE NO. 29: [TRANSACTION OF OTHER BUSINESS]

YES ☐
NO ☐

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. No business enacted under this article shall have any binding effect upon the Town.

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Mar. 2	Tentative ZBA Overflow Meeting	7 p.m.
Mar. 6	Town Council Meeting 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.
Mar. 11	Recreation Commission Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Mar. 13	Town Deliberative Session	9 a.m.
Mar. 14	Recreation Commission Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Mar. 15	Town Election Day	8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Mar. 16	ZBA Meeting	7 p.m.
Mar. 20	LYSA Meeting	7 p.m.
Mar. 21	Old Home Day Committee Meeting	7 p.m.
Mar. 23	Town Council Meeting	7 p.m.
Mar. 28	Senior Resources Committee	6 p.m.
Mar. 30	Londonderry School Board Meeting	7 p.m.
Mar. 30	Heritage Commission Meeting	7 p.m.
Mar. 30	Budget Committee Meeting	7 p.m.
Mar. 30	Conservation Commission Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Mar. 30	Heritage Commission Meeting	7 p.m.
Mar. 30	Budget Committee Meeting	7 p.m.

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

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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

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 Tales

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.

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

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Londonderry Police Log

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 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 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.

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 Nashua Road Mobil

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 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.

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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.

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

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Local Man Has Himself a Climb of a Lifetime in Africa

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Steve Young knew he was almost there. He kept seeing “little false peaks,” and he and his favorite guide, a young father named Edward, began to hurry. “It’s like the horse knows when it’s near the barn,” Young said. Within a short time he found himself at a spot most people never see, the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro, 19,341 feet high.

Young, 66, fulfilled the dream of a lifetime, and many other people’s lifetimes, when he scaled Africa’s Mt. Kilimanjaro. The lifelong climber and retired diplomat was accompanied by friends who were also former ambassadors.

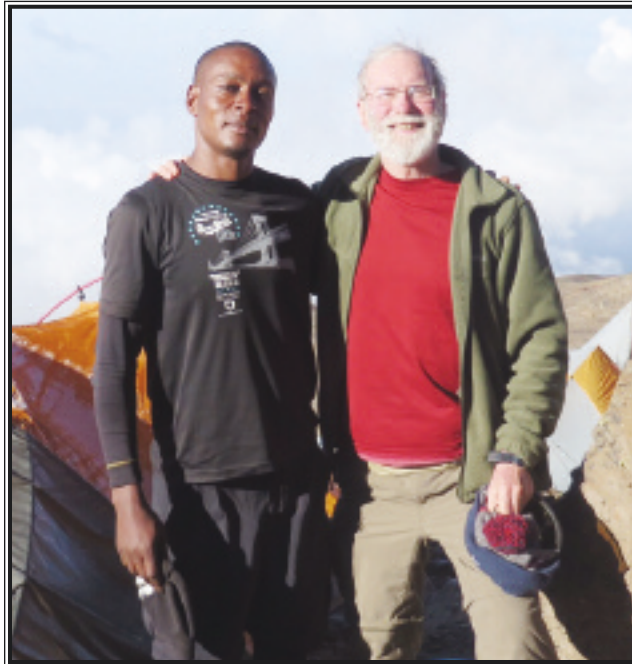
Young grew up with a father in the military and they traveled extensively, hiking and climbing mountains wherever the senior Young was stationed. They climbed Mt. Rainier when the father was stationed in Washington, and by the time Steve was 13 he had climbed the highest peak in Taiwan. The family home is in Londonderry and has been since the

1750s, and they would take on New Hampshire’s Presidential Range whenever they came back for a visit. “I grew up outdoors,” Young said in a phone interview Friday.

His grandfather was a Army officer and Young followed the family tradition of public service, though he exchanged a weapon for a briefcase. He followed a career in international diplomacy, serving as an ambassador or other government representative in Moscow, once under the Soviets, once after; Beijing, China; Taiwan more than once; and Kyrgyzstan. His last post was as Consul General in Hong Kong, “a fascinating place.”

Young made good friends during his overseas years, and kept them. They formed a tradition of hiking together in California’s Sierra Nevada range. At one point, and nobody remembers who, one of the climbers made the suggestion that they take on Kilimanjaro, “before we all got too old.”

Young and his friends did their homework and planned the trip for January, which is the summer



Steve Young, of Londonderry, and one of his hiking guides, Edward, forge ahead on their conquering of Mt. Kilimanjaro. Courtesy photo

season in Tanzania. That way it would be drier, with less chance of rain or snow, he explained. They found a Boston company to arrange accommodations and formed a team of 10, though one had to turn back on the trail because of illness.

Young didn’t do any special training for the climb. He had been physically active all his life,

climbing, hiking and working out at the gym, he said. Though he’s “not a winter guy,” he made a few climbs in the White Mountains, stopping in November. But he felt confident making the climb, explaining, “It’s not technical climbing. It’s more like a walk.”

They met in Amsterdam on Jan. 19 and flew south to Tanzania. They took the western approach

to the mountain, starting at a trailhead already 8,000 feet above sea level. They made camp at 15,000 feet, after a 4-day climb. “We were blessed by clear skies and mild temperatures,” he wrote in a memoir.

The air was thin and about to become thinner, but Young adapted with techniques he had learned from all his other climbs. “It’s like any time you walk uphill,” he said. “Any time you go high, your body is going to be working harder. There is a sense that your body is processing oxygen differently.”

But he and his son had hiked in the Himalayas, which reach 18,000 feet, so he knew what to do. “You go a little slower,” he said, “and you regulate your breathing.”

He has also run marathons, and used what he learned from those to conserve oxygen, he said.

They hiked the lateral surface of the mountain for two more days, acclimating to the thin air, before making the final push.

Young and nine of his friends made it to the top. The actual look of the sum-

mit surprised him, he said. “It’s not a prominent peak. When you climb to the top of Mt. Lafayette in the White Mountains, you know you’re at the top. You just have to look over to where it drops sharply.”

He got to the top, which he knew was the top partly by a sign declaring so. “It’s not like a really sharp peak, not like you’re looking down on everything else,” he recalled. But it was Kilimanjaro, and that was enough.

“It was a great feeling, very exciting,” Young said.

The hardest part, physically, was going down the mountain, Young added. He found it hard on his knees. When they reached their base camp, he wrote in his memoir, “each of us had some blisters and aching joints to show for our efforts, but summit euphoria pushed these problems to the side.”

Young, a seventh-generation Londonderry resident, plans to keep climbing, most likely in the Whites. “My goal with this story,” he said, “is to encourage other people to follow their dreams and to try to achieve them.”

Around Town

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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.

Derry Garden Club Scholarship

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Teen & Parent Workshop

The Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto 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

Registration is open for Londonderry High School spring sports. To register, find the link to the online registration portal, Family ID, at <http://lhs.londonderry.org/athletics>. For more information, call the athletic office at 432-6941, ext. 2307.

Register Now for Preschool

The Londonderry Early Education Program (LEEP) is currently registering chil-

dren for the 2017-18 session. LEEP is a developmentally appropriate preschool respectful of the talents and needs of individual children. The teachers are all certified educators and the program is provided by the Londonderry School District. Programs for 3-year old preschoolers meet from 8:45 to 11:00 a.m., either two or four days per week and the program for prekindergarten students meets from noon to 2:30 p.m., either three or four days per week. Tuition is preschool, \$150 per month, two days; \$200 per month, four days; Pre-K

\$180 per month, three days and \$200 per month, four days. Applications and the LEEP Handbook are available online on the Moose Hill School Web site. For

more information, contact Kathy Kelley at 437-5855, ext. 7223, or e-mail her at kkelley@londonderry.org or Kim Speers at kspeers@londonderry.org.

Balloon Test and Visual Demonstration Notice

In connection with a wireless communications facility being proposed by American Tower Corporation, LLC (“ATC”), and T-Mobile (“T-Mobile”) in Londonderry, New Hampshire, a balloon test has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 7 from 7:00am to 3:00pm. The proposed facility would be located 76 Chase Road, on property owned by Christopher Trakas also designated as Map 1, Lot 83. A balloon will be flown at 145 ft. at the proposed height and location of the monopole and will demonstrate where the facility will be visible from areas within the town. In case of inclement weather, the test will be moved to Wednesday, March 8 at the same times. Up-to-date information concerning the balloon test, including any necessary rescheduling due to variable weather conditions, can be obtained at www.cad-sims.com/londonderry. If you have questions concerning the balloon test, please contact Mike Almada of Tower Resource Management, Inc. at 508-287-1517 or by email at malmada@trmcom.com.

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