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Whole New World

Lauren Mok and Killian Daron play Princess Jasmine and Aladdin in the South Elementary School production of "Aladdin Jr." Students have been busy rehearsing for the play which will be performed at the school on March 30 and 31, with a special performance on Wednesday March 29. See more photos page 19. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Town Owned Property Sale Delayed by Town Council

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The town will postpone the sale of a piece of town-owned property, after potential buyers have come forward.

In its March 20 meet-

ing the Council discussed the sale of the tax-deeded property at 68 Hall Road to resident and developer Jim Taylor, who has made an offer on the parcel. Taylor agreed to purchase the property for \$24,877,000, and a pur-

chase and sales agreement had been drawn up. After discussions with Taylor and another potential buyer, Dan Bouchard, the Council agreed to postpone the sale and to send out Requests for

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Planning Board Members Accused of Misconduct

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Two Town Council candidates were advised to use more discretion in their private conversations, after an investigation into their conduct by the Town Council was dismissed without finding.

Al Sypek and Edward "Ted" Combes, also members of the Planning Board, were asked to appear before the Council in this past Monday night's meeting after an anonymous source accused them of misconduct. The Council held an inquiry according to Section 3.14 of the Charter. While the Council eventually found the charges

without finding, they also issued a stern warning to both members, and candidates, to be more careful in their speech.

Combes and Sypek were accompanied by Patrick Arnold, an attorney engaged by Combes.

Town Manager Kevin Smith called for an emergency Town Council meeting via conference call late Thursday afternoon, and four of the Councilors participated in the meeting. Joe Green recused himself because he was running for office in the March 21 election.

In the phone conference Farrell said that allegations had been brought concerning two members of the Planning Board,

Edward "Ted" Combes and Al Sypek, regarding compromise in a vote in the March 8 Planning Board meeting.

In the meeting, the board was asked to give conditional approval to the building of 288 workforce apartments at the junction of Stonehenge and Hardy roads. After extensive public input on the project, the board voted 4-2 not to allow construction. Combes voted against the project and Sypek voted for it in the first vote and against it in a subsequent vote, breaking a tie.

In a phone interview Thursday, Combes said he had no idea where the charges were coming from. In a phone call Fri-

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T-Mobil Advised to Find Other Site Options for Cell Tower

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In the end, it was all about communication. In its March 15 meeting the Londonderry Zoning Board continued a hearing on a variance to establish a wireless communications facility in the AR-1 zone, and to allow a setback of 204 feet where zoning requires 300. After two vocal public hearings and delving into the definition of a hardship, the board determined unanimously to deny the variance on the AR-1 zone, effectively killing the request for the second variance.

The property in ques-

tion is 76 Chase Road, Tax Map 1 Lot 83, and is owned by Christopher Trakas. The applicant is American Tower Company.

The hearing was continued from the January 2017 meeting.

Board chair Neil Dunn said the hearing was continued in part so the applicant could address several issues, including performing a balloon test March 7 to measure visibility to abutters.

Dunn also asked speakers in the public hearing not to be repetitive, noting, "This subject can bring up a lot of emotions and feelings."

Will Dodge, an attor-

ney for the applicant, said that the company had looked at commercial property first. "If you can't find something you need to look at how to mitigate the effect as much as you can," he said. "Any applicant should do what we've done."

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Everyone's Irish at the Senior Center on St. Patty's Day

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Oлга Foley doesn't have a drop of Irish blood, but she still has a place in her heart for St. Patrick's Day. The Londonderry woman, a native of Vienna, Austria, married an American serviceman, and she arrived in New York City with her 6-month-old daughter on March 17, 1954.

"I came over on an Army transport," she said. "I had a 6-month-old baby, and we were 10 days on the water. I don't know how I did it."

But she did do it, and made a life for herself in America. This past Friday Foley gathered with friends at the Londonderry Senior Center to celebrate one more St. Patrick's Day.

Most of the seniors wore green, either in a piece of jewelry, a shirt, or a full-blown costume like Paul Lajoie's. Lajoie wore a T-shirt with a shamrock, a rope of green plastic beads around his neck, and a green-sequined fedora which lit up. "Last year I wore green shorts," Lajoie said. "This year it's too cold." But he pulled up a pant leg to show his green socks.

Lajoie, who claims French, Irish and English ancestry, said he likes St.



Patrick's Day because of the food "and celebrating."

Center director Cathy Blash decorated the tables with green sequined runners, shamrock napkins, little leprechaun cottages and a tiny "pot of gold" full of chocolates at each place setting. As the seniors chatted, members of the Londonderry High School National Honor Society filled plates in the kitchen.

Carol Jablonski wore a green sweater and green earrings. "Once a year I have to be wearing the green," she said with a smile as she visited with friends.

It had been a rough winter and Jablonski was glad to be out with friends three days before the official start of spring. "That last storm was the worst I've seen in 22 years here," she said, referring to the nor'easter the previous Tuesday. "I could not see down my street."

She was happy to be out and about with her husband Ron, the administrator for the center. "We come here a lot," she said.

Diane Trow also sported as much green as she could find in her closet. "I'm half Irish," she said. "My mother was Irish, my father was Swedish." Trow said she liked St. Patrick's



Londonderry High School National Honor Society members helped with serving the food during the annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon. Photos by Chris Paul

Day because of the food, specifically the corned beef and cabbage

"What's even better," she said, "is that I don't have to cook it."

Stan Chamrin is Jewish, not Irish. But he too said it was good to be out after a rough winter. "This last one was tough with all the snow," he said, referring to the back-to-back storms at the end of February. "But I believe spring is around the corner."

Chamrin said he looked forward to the warm weather and "getting my motorcycle out."

His wife Marlene is also Jewish, but that didn't stop her from dressing up

in green pants, a green sweater and a green necklace. "Also, my eyes are green," she said with a smile. What does she like about St. Pat's?

"It's a happy day," Marlene Chamrin said.

Anita Snow also raided her closet for a green necklace, green earrings, green shirt and pants. She likes St. Patrick's Day, she said, because "It means getting together with friends. I love being with people."

"I love corned beef and cabbage," her friend Cindy Ouellette said, "and I only get it once a year."

Sixty-eight people came out for the luncheon

and the entertainment following it. Blash made some announcements and saw to details before sitting down to her own lunch. Behind her, on the stage, musician Kevin Farley set up his equipment. Farley, known as "The Irish Music Guy," stepped in at the last minute after Blash's first act cancelled.

"He doesn't usually work St. Patrick's Day," Blash said, adding in the spirit of St. Patty's Day, "We were lucky to get him."

The next luncheon is chicken parmesan on April 22. For more information and to reserve a spot, call 432-8554.

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Town Council Gives John Michels His Way

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The Londonderry Town Council has approved the renaming of a portion of Garden Lane to "Michels Way" in honor of John Michels, a longtime resident and local attorney. In a second reading, the Council approved the name change in its Monday, March 20 meeting.

The name change was

presented by GIS Director John Vogl, who said that the name change would affect the portion of the road now under construction, from Market Basket to Pillsbury Road. The portion of Garden Lane from Route 102 to the Market Basket will remain the same, Vogl said.

The road will wind through the Woodmont Commons complex, a mixed-use development

under construction. Michels was active with the development, working on the local level with Pillsbury Realty LLC and acting as a liaison between the town and the developers.

Michels' widow Nancy was in the audience, and the Council recognized her and her husband's efforts.

John Michels died in February 2013, and Nancy Michels said she was first

approached about "Michels Way" at her husband's memorial service. She was approached by Mike Kettenbach, the principal, and other members of the development team, she said.

"I've known about it for a while," Michels said. "I'm glad it's public."

Michels said her husband "put his heart and soul" into Woodmont, the first development of its kind in New Hampshire. He was involved from the beginning, hosting charettes and meeting informally with community members at least twice a week.

"He believed in the

concept and thought it would be wonderful for the town of Londonderry," Michels said.

They learned more about the concept from their daughter, an architect in Boulder, Colo., who took them on a tour of similar complexes in her area. Nancy Michels remembers being fascinated by the walkable community concept. "It's something we haven't had in this country for 100 years," she said.

They also visited a community in North Carolina, she said. "The people there love to sit right on the street," she said. "You walk by someone's

house and they talk to you."

But, she added of her husband, "I think he'd be flabbergasted that someone would name a road after him."

While Michels is sorry her best friend and business partner won't be around to walk the streets of Woodmont, she's going to do it for him. The family's four-bedroom home was fine 30 years ago, when they had "three little kids," she said. But she's ready for a change, and she thinks she's found it.

"I can't wait to move there," she said with a laugh.

Moderator Stands by Decision

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Town Moderator is standing by his decision to postpone the March 14 election to March 21.

Last week Moderator Bob Sauer and Assistant Moderator Cindi Rice Conley made the decision to postpone the town elections and warrant voting to March 21 after a nor'easter was forecasted for the original voting date. While Gov. Chris Sununu encouraged towns to go ahead and hold the election, several postponed the voting.

Secretary of State Bill Gardner warned town moderators that state law provided them no authority to do so, and that the act could leave them open to legal challenges. But State Sen. Jeff Wood-

burn, D-Whitefield, received permission to file a bill with the Legislature granting amnesty to these towns. Cordell Johnston, chief counsel for the New Hampshire Municipal Association, has also said that the towns acted within their legal purview.

At issue RSA 40, which allows the moderator to make changes to the date of deliberative sessions and town meetings. Opponents of the postponements argue that the RSA gives no provision for the actual election day, which must always take place on the second Tuesday in March. RSA Chapter 652 of the state election law states, "The Secretary of State with the advice and approval of the Attorney General shall prepare a political calendar for state and town elections setting forth the dates

when action required under the election laws must be taken." Gardner has stated publicly that this chapter of the election law mandates the second Tuesday elections.

Sauer said in a phone interview Monday that he didn't expect a challenge from the state for postponing the voting. "The governor stated in a conference call that there would be no legal challenges to towns for moving the elections," he said. He's not so sure about the candidates themselves, noting, "Someone could look at it after the fact and say that the postponement had an impact on the outcome."

But Sauer has no regrets. "Given the information we had Monday, given the forecast, it was the best decision to make at the time," he said.

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Editorial

Spring is (Almost) in the Air

While this past winter may have had plenty of snow – albeit seemingly all at once in scattered storms – and plenty of below freezing weather, the icing on the cake was when the official start of spring arrived on Monday, March 20th, preceded by a weekend of snow showers. And it's especially confounding after the little tease we'd had just a week or so before.

There's an old saying, pertaining to the month of March, which goes, "In like a Lion, out like a Lamb". This was said to describe that if March began with brutal weather, it would end with mild, calm weather. This year, with the "spring tease" from late February to early into this month, it's safe to say that March came in like a Lamb. However, the middle, with that last big "hurrah" Old Man Winter had on Tuesday the 14th, was a bit more lion-like. However, the rest of the month promises to be more indifferent, so maybe it will go out as something in between. But what does this mean for the rest of the year?

Perhaps it confirms, despite the brief aforementioned tease, that the Groundhog was right about there being six more weeks of winter.

But if it's any consolation, you can soon congratulate yourself on having gotten through another New England winter.

This year, except for the change in the sunlight, you could fool us that spring is actually here. We're still knee deep in snow in many places, but there's no mistaking the sound of birds in the early morning and the change in

the quality of light after business hours. Friends from other parts of the country are sending Facebook photos of their flowering shrubs, but instead of creating jealousy, these photos give us hope that it won't be too much longer until we can provide them with the same.

So as we hopelessly search bare patches of grass making their way out of the last-minute pack of snow, we look forward to having soggy mud replace the treacherous ice patches in the driveway, and we smile when we see the temperature will be above freezing. We may even haul out a lawn chair and sit outside, however briefly, as that March sun shines down, even though we're still bundled up in gloves and sweaters.

And we never fail to look toward the future. We know mud season is coming when the basement starts to flood. And when the mud and water finally fade away, we'll soon be visited by mosquitoes and black flies.

But as stalwart New Englanders, we'll get through all that and get down to the business of waiting for the weather to warm up so we can enjoy the summer, however brief.

Those of us who stick it out during the ever-extending winter know that blue skies and warm weather are just around the corner, and summer isn't far behind. Until then, we will prepare for the Spring allergy season with antihistamines, home remedies, and perhaps some locally produced honey and pollen.

Letters

Made in America?

To the editor,

Trump's made in America promise, not. When Trump signed his executive action giving the go ahead to the XL and Dakota pipelines, he pledged to use only US made steel, giving hope to the US steel workers. Unfortunately, at least half of the steel pipe has already been produced by companies in the US and is sitting unused for about two years.

What most people do not know is that the headquarters of the companies that produced the steel are based in India, Italy, and Russia. And since the pipe has already been manufactured, this project will add little to US steel company profits. Of the pipe already produced, half was made in Arkansas by an Indian owned plant, a quarter by a Russian owned plant in Canada, and the rest imported from Italy and India. In addition, much of the steel pipe has deteriorated and will need to be replaced. Great news for US steel workers you say. I am afraid not. You see, the US owned companies can not produce pipe to TransCanada's specifications so pipe produced by foreign companies like Russia is required. So much for "Made in America" promises.

Steven Zeichner
Londonderry, NH

Rebuilding Our Military

To the editor;

As a Navy veteran and a strong supporter of our military I commend President Trump for initiating

a program to rebuild our military with a defense budget increase of \$54 billion, but it should be decreased by \$1.3 billion and the \$1.3 billion added to the Coast Guard budget within the Department of Homeland Security so it is not cut by \$1.3 billion.

Our military has dramatically shrunk and been neglected in recent times. Although we have increased the capabilities of our military through technological advances, we have downsized our forces and we have not adequately replaced worn out equipment.

Due to the cuts imposed by the 2014 sequestration act our Army has significantly decreased from a high of 570,000 soldiers after 9/11, and it is heading down to 450,000. The Marines are going from 184,000 to 175,000 and the National Guard and Reserves will lose tens of thousands. The Air Force will have 700 fewer aircraft, and the Navy remains at 286 ships. My Navy has 11 carrier battle groups but at any one time a number of them are not available due to overhaul and maintenance requirements, in port rest and relaxation, and ships in transit. It should have 12 carrier battle groups to fulfill its global missions in a dangerous world. George Will in an article on October 1, 2015 stated "the sun never sets" on our Navy.

Potential adversaries continue to build up their military forces. Iran has a large army and continues with its missile devel-

opment program. North Korea continues to test long range missiles and develop nuclear armaments.

The two significant potential adversaries are China and Russia. China has a huge army, is adding to its air force, and is building up its navy, including aircraft carriers and submarines. China lays claim to the South China Sea and has established island bases in the region, which our Navy will have to contest. Russia is rebuilding its navy and maintains a large army and air force, and it continues to threaten Europe.

Trump should continue to rebuild our military so we can meet the military challenges in the world, preserve our national security, and keep the peace.

P.S. President Trump, please stop your unpresidential tweets and concentrate on the important matters which impact our national security and our economy.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry

Apology to Captain Pitre

To the editor:

After reading Captain Pitre's letter to the editor, February 24, in which he stated his conservative views of the Trump administration, I took umbrage to his letter.

In my responding letter to the editor, March 9, I stated that "Captain Pitre comes across as a hard charger. But if he led a charge against an enemy position without

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Election Results

The Londonderry Times will post election results from both the Town and School District to our facebook page as soon as we are able to on Wednesday, March 22.



Almost Spring

The Londonderry Democratic Committee held an "It's Almost Spring" Luncheon on Saturday at La Carreta in Londonderry. The event featured a buffet lunch, silent auction, and entertainment by comedian Jimmy Tingle, above right. The Fran Gehling Award was presented to Londonderry resident, Neila Brownstein by Chairperson Tammy Siekmann. Brownstein is a twenty year resident in town and very active with the group. Fran Gehling and her daughter were lost to a house fire six years ago, and were very active members of the Democratic Committee. Pictured above from left Guest Speaker, Chris Pappas and

Photo by Chris Paul



Sale

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Proposals to see if anyone else was interested.

The P&S agreement for Taylor had already been drawn up. But in discussion with the Council, he said, "Since we last met, I had an attorney do a title search. He informed me that the parcel is not insurable." Specifically, Taylor said, the attorney, Ken Gould, told him that title insurance could be provided up to a point where there was a challenge to the title in regard to the town's taking the property. "Then it would not be covered," Taylor said. He said the parcel would be "vulnerable to the former owners or their heirs, and the town would have no right to sell it."

Taylor said while he hasn't lost interest in the parcel, and is "inclined to take the chance," he wanted more time to review the matter.

To a question from Councilor Joe Green, Taylor said, "I'm still in. I'm just a little more nervous."

Bouchard said he is willing to pay more than the asking price for the parcel. He observed that other towns, such as Derry, auction their tax-deeded property.

The town has done auctions in the past, Town Manager Kevin Smith said.

Green said, "I would like to give it more time, now that it's out in public."

The Council agreed to seek RFPs and to observe the sealed bid process, opening the bids in public.

Letters

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reconnaissance, without a sound tactical scheme, and without a cool head, he likely would get his marines killed." In hindsight, I overreacted to Captain Pitre's letter. After conversation with him, I realize that no commander wants to send his troops into harm's way without a tactical plan that includes recon of enemy

forces, enemy strength/weakness, tactics/weapon availability, contingency planning and success ratio. It was not my intention to characterize Captain Pitre as less than competent, but some readers may have constructed that inference. I apologize to Captain Pitre for possibly conveying that he was less than a competent commander.

I would also apologize to Captain Pitre for comments in my March 9 let-

ter in which I took issue with his characterization of billionaire investor George Soros as "a soulless sociopath and left-wing extremist who collaborated with Nazis to steal Jew's assets and send them to death camps." Upon further research of Captain Pitre's comment of Mr. Soros, I find his statement to be factually correct. Again, I apologize to Captain Pitre.

Captain Pitre and I have divergent political

views; he a Constitutionalist and me a moderate liberal. Captain Pitre and I agree to disagree, but to do so civilly and in the spirit of furthering America as the greatest nation on earth. We have agreed to meet for coffee, shake hands and continue civilly our quests to further our respective party's political agenda.

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But residents had their doubts, and communicated them..

In the public comment section, Chase Road resident Bill Anker observed, "I am only one backyard away."

Anker asked if the developers could shift the position of the tower, noting, "It doesn't have to be that close to the property line. You could locate it more centrally, so it wouldn't impact the south side."

Dodge said it was reasonable to locate where they planned, because "We're in the flood plain, no matter what. But we're not in the flood way, and we're avoiding the wetland buffers."

Dodge further said that they couldn't move the facility to any other area of the property. "If we go further west, we will violate the setback with residents," he said.

Anker also noted that while Trakas has a farm on the property and keeps horses, he is not a full-time resident of Londonderry, and that mattered to Anker. "If my neighbor wanted to start a hog farm in agricultural-

residential, I'd tell him, 'Go for it,'" Anker told the board. "But this appears to be more of an income-generating proposition."

Anker also worried about the effect of the tower on Beaver Brook, noting, "Every 10 years or so there's a 100-year flood."

Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer Richard Canuel clarified that although a portion of the facility would be in the flood plain, applicants are allowed to build if they used flood-proof construction.

Resident Jim Edwards was more succinct, saying, "I didn't come here 30 years ago to look at a cell tower."

Tom Wilworth of Chase Road said, "I'm no expert in zoning, but I looked up the criteria." He questioned whether the spirit of the ordinance was observed. "Did they look at other properties?" he asked.

Dodge said the firm's scouts had looked at seven properties, including churches, schools and other private landowners. They also looked for opportunities to co-locate on an existing tower, but did not find one that suited their needs

"I understand folks

are concerned," he said. "The hardship here is measured in trying to fix a significant gap in your coverage."

Wilworth also noted that he could see the balloon test from his daughter's bus stop.

The attorney said there is some visibility from Chase Road, but that most of it would be "blunted" by the trees. "This can't be invisible," he said. "It's the nature of towers." But he added that the applicant and Trakas plan to keep all the current trees.

"I could see that balloon from my front yard and my back yard," resident Susan Anker said. "It's not what I came to New Hampshire for 24 years ago."

Wilworth and other residents worried that their property values would diminish. "I moved in here five or six years ago," he said. "If I'd seen a cell tower looming, I would not have bought my house."

Wilworth noted that Trakas's primary residence is in Newton, Mass. and asked, "Are there any cell towers looming over his house?"

Resident Pete Brunelle asked about emergency generators, which may release hazardous chemicals into the environment. Dodge said American

Tower doesn't plan to install a generator, noting that the technology used doesn't require one. "A co-locator may put one in in the future," he said.

He also said that American Tower uses gel batteries, which do not release chemicals into the land or water.

Canuel said that each new generator would require a permit, but that these do not go through the board but are reviewed at the staff level by him, Public Works engineer John Trottier, and Planner Colleen Mailoux.

Consultant Andrew Lemay spoke to the property value issue, noting that he had prepared a report. In another Londonderry development, Hickory Woods, a cell tower existed before the homes were built. He was told anecdotally by a manager that two out of 10 potential buyers objected.

"This is the sales manager's opinion," board member Jacqueline Benard responded. "It's not not useful, but it's not definitive."

The board received testimony from other residents, including a retired Marine and a pregnant woman, before dropping back to its deliberative session.

Board deliberations

In the board deliberations, Benard observed that in the seven inquiries about sites, Trakas was the only landowner or entity who responded to American Tower's proposal. "In the applicant's own words, this was not their preferred location, but it was in the acceptable range for their search area. I do not construe this as a 'hardship.'"

Granting the variance would be contrary to the public interest, Benard observed, due to the testimony that night and in January. "There was an outcry," she said, from both seniors banking on their homes for retirement and young parents worried about chemicals and other safety issues.

"The testimony," she said, "validates what happens in the real world."

Members noted that in the January meeting, Council Chair John Farrell had told the applicants that some town land was available for a possible tower, and that Farrell encouraged them to contact the town. This was not done, and "They didn't do their due diligence," Neil Dunn said.

Would the spirit of the

ordinance be observed by granting the variance? Member Allison Deptula said no. "The whole purpose of an agricultural-residential district is to preserve the rural character," she said. "This would alter the essential character."

"Their argument is that it would have very little impact on aesthetics," Dunn said, adding, "I do not agree."

Would "substantial justice" be done with the granting of the variance? Dunn thought not, pointing out, "It was not their first choice."

"I don't feel the loss to the owner outweighs the public interest," Deptula said.

On the question of the values of the surrounding property being diminished, Dunn said, "We as the residents of the town have a better feel for what impacts our neighbors."

There were no unique features to the property itself that would make denying the variance an "unnecessary hardship," they agreed.

The board voted unanimously to deny the variances, and told American Tower they have 30 days to appeal the decision.

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Marie's Corner

March is engineering month. I recently watched a workshop sponsored by a STEM advocacy group. The acronym STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The workshop's focus was to promote the need for graduates and teachers in these specific areas.

Statistics, from The Presidents Council on Science and Technology, indicate that over 1 million more STEM graduates will be needed to meet demands of the next decade. STEM groups are working with The Presidents Council, educators, and reaching out to parents to raise consciousness.

The STEM program they are proposing consists of three steps for parents: Step #1, is to build and foster interest in Science, Tech, Engineering and Math from Pre-K to grade 3. Step #2, grades 4-8, parents continue to maintain and grow this interest. Step #3, then in grades 9-12 we focus on students taking a more career level interest.

STEM, is quick to mention that it is imperative to start early, during the child development years (ages 2-6). Young children are born learners, curious, and inquisitive. They are also "tinkers", like to build and take things apart. We must allow opportunities for these skills to flourish.

"We need scientists to investigate that which already is; we need engineers to create that which has never been." Albert Einstein

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Misconduct

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day, Sypek also expressed bafflement and wondered why he had to first hear about the allegations on WMUR Television.

Both men are running for the two open seats on the Town Council.

In a phone interview Friday, town attorney Michael Ramsdell reiterated that nothing had been set in stone. "The Town Council statement and vote was pretty clear," he said. "There has been an allegation of misconduct. The allegation involves one or both of the Planning Board members, and the meeting is to gather information for a possible inquiry."

Ramsdell declined to give further information before the meeting.

Looking for the truth

Council Chair John Farrell opened the investigation after Councilor Joe Green, who is running for reelection, recused himself. Farrell said he wanted to state publicly, for the third time, that the Council stood in opposition to the development and remained in opposition.

He said he wanted to state for the second time that the Council met with the developers, First Londonderry LLC, and offered them \$1 million for the property, an offer that was refused. He said the Council has no authority over the Planning Board in this matter, and, "We can only offer our point of view."

"We were greatly disappointed by these allegations," Farrell said. "It is an unfortunate set of circumstances and timing." But according to both the Town Charter and state law, the Council had to address the matter, he

added. "We don't have the choice of doing nothing."

Farrell turned the inquiry over to his vice-chair, Tom Freda. In his last public act as a Councilor, Freda, who is not running for reelection, asked Sypek, "Did you talk to Art Rugg, the chairman of the Planning Board?"

Sypek said he had telephoned Rugg, who is recovering from a heart attack. "I wanted to explain my change of vote," Sypek said.

He also said he told Rugg about a conversation he and Combes had, in the presence of other people, in the parking lot after the meeting. Community member Tiffany Richardson had presented a petition with 625 signatures against the development, and Sypek said, "Ted made the offhand comment, 'I'll probably get another 600 votes now. And you'll get 600 votes for changing your vote.'" It was an offhand remark, Sypek maintained, and "Nobody told me to vote any particular way for any particular reason."

He maintained, "I phoned Art to explain why I changed my vote."

A Tied Vote

Sypek explained, "We had a tie vote. Once the application is complete, there's a 65-day window. The board had to make a decision. We were 3 to 3, and John Farrell suggested a revote."

"We needed to have a vote of record," Sypek said, adding, "I wanted Art to know that."

"Do you recall your comments?" Freda asked.

Sypek said his original reasoning was, "I took an oath. The developer met all the requirements. I had to vote yes."

Freda asked Sypek if

he was aware that a tie vote effectively ends the discussion, and Sypek said, "Nobody told me anything like that."

Freda also asked if Sypek was influenced by an audience member yelling, "Shame!" and Sypek said that it did not influence his second vote.

"I did not take that into consideration," Sypek said. "I did not make this decision on emotion."

Council member Tom Dolan asked, "Is the Planning Board not aware that when a vote is tied, the matter is not passed?"

"I was not aware of that," Sypek said. "All I heard was 'revote.'"

Dolan explained, "A tie vote means the matter failed. And one of the issues at hand is, in our ethics ordinance, a board member is required to recuse themselves if they can't make the vote without conflict."

The implication, Dolan said, is that "there may have been votes made that were not based on the facts of the case, but on getting votes."

"I don't think you meant anything by it," Farrell said, adding, "But you put us in a bad position."

Taking One for the Team

Freda also queried Sypek on his campaign video with Londonderry Cable Access, where the Council candidate answered questions about the pending development. "You said you had to vote yes, they dotted all the i's and crossed all the t's, and you had to follow the law," Freda told Sypek, adding, "But you still changed your vote."

"I took the best shot at what I thought was right," Sypek responded. "It was so the board would have a legal vote. I took one for the team."

Freda asked Combes about his campaign video, in which he also discussed the project. "Did you acknowledge that it met all the criteria for approval?" Freda asked.

"I don't recall," Combes said.

"Do you want to see the video?" Freda asked, to which Combes said, "I'll take your word for it."

Freda quizzed Sypek about a conversation with Ramsdell, and Sypek said he didn't recall telling Ramsdell about the parking lot conversation. Combes said in his conversation with Ramsdell he also didn't recall, "until he refreshed my memory."

"My comment was that it was an offhand comment," Combes maintained.

Combes also pointed out that board members Ann Chiampa and Jim Butler also voted against the development, and nobody was calling their integrity into question.

"I voted 'no' due to the traffic concerns," Combes said.

"Even though town staff approved the project?" Freda queried.

"That was not the feeling of the board," Combes said.

Public Input

In the public comment portion of the meeting, resident Tim Siekmann expressed concern at the timing of the inquiry. "It was described as an emergency meeting, and people

heard the word 'misconduct,'" he told the board. The issue was all over social media, Siekmann said, and he wondered if this would hurt the men's chances at the polls.

"They were slandered for five days," he said. "Now it's 12 hours before the election. How will you get that undone?"

Farrell responded that the announcement of the emergency meeting went out to the same list that all Council meeting announcements go to, including newspapers and WMUR television.

"We didn't ask for this to come before us," he said. Referring to last week's postponed election, he said, "I didn't make it snow."

"But they could lose the election just because somebody thinks they heard something," Siekmann responded. "How do you 'unslander' someone?"

"We will follow a process and be as fair as possible," Farrell said.

"The question could be asked in a different way," Freda pointed out. "What if the town didn't do anything? We don't operate in a vacuum. It has to be in public."

"If nothing is found wrong, and these guys still wipe out in the election, who is held responsible?" Siekmann pressed.

Farrell said, "We didn't put anything on Facebook, and none of us were interviewed by WMUR or the newspapers."

Who Knew What, When and Why

Both Combes and Sypek

reiterated that they learned about the investigation through the media. "On Friday morning I went out for a cup of coffee and I opened my laptop," Sypek said. "My face was staring up at me. Why didn't anyone call me? That was a hell of a way for me to find out."

Combes said he had people calling him and asking, "What is going on?"

Town Manager Kevin Smith said that the original statement went out through the standard notification process. He had 30 minutes to notify the public, he said, adding, "That's the reason no one was specifically contacted. It was an emergency meeting to authorize the investigation."

In hindsight, Smith said, the responsibility was on him and he would have notified the two men sooner.

Watching Their Words

Dolan at first advised that Ramsdell review the investigation with the Planning Board and decide what if any further action the Planning Board should take. "It is their decision, not ours," he told the Council.

But Farrell said, "I would like to give them a decision tonight." The Council voted to go into executive session at 8 p.m., and to return at 8:15 with a decision.

"We are going to terminate the investigation for lack of finding," Freda said.

Farrell wished the candidates luck in the election the following day, adding, "ON a board, we have responsibilities. Your words have consequences."



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Seniors Offered Free Dementia Test

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

You write things on a list so you won't forget them, and then you forget the list. Is it Alzheimer's Disease, or the absentmindedness of normal aging?

A team from Cogniciti, an international firm studying ways to prevent Alzheimer's and dementia, will be at the Londonderry Senior Center this coming Tuesday morning to pre-test area seniors for potential dementia conditions. The Canada-based organization will test seniors for free, and place those eligible in a data bank for further testing and clinical trials.

Michael Mahar, president and CEO of the company, said in a phone interview that the company had its origins through Baycrest, Canada's largest geriatric hospital and research facility for cognitive issues in mid-and older adults. Six years ago, a number of factors converged, according to

Mahar. First, doctors were seeing more of the aging population worried about memory concerns. Some of these concerns were unfounded, but the time taken to assess this took away from time spent on seniors with valid cognitive problems. "The people who need to get in, can't get in," Mahar said.

Third, from a research perspective, scientists have shifted away from trying to find a "cure" for Alzheimer's, he said, and are working instead on early detection and prevention. The pharmaceutical industry has changed its focus. "They haven't found a cure, so they are working instead on a concentrated effort to prevent the disease."

"We needed to find a better way, and also to reassure the 'worried well,'" Mahar said.

Recent research has come up with ways to delay or prevent dementia, using techniques such as exercise, eating right and stress management, he said. "There are many

things you can do now," he said of seniors. "It all comes down to lifestyle choices."

But in order to refine this, the industry needs adults in a pre-dementia state, he said. "We need to find volunteers who are currently healthy but at risk," he said.

While popular magazines and the Internet offer quizzes purporting to predict Alzheimer's, these are not based on scientific fact, Mahar said. But a scientifically-developed screening test can

identify those at risk, he said. "It's like a blood pressure cuff for the brain," Mahar explained.

Across Canada, 50,000 people have taken the 20-minute test either online or in public settings, according to Mahar. They decided to put the test to work in southern New Hampshire and Massachusetts, he said.

Pharmacists are developing a new class of drugs for people at risk for dementia, he said, with 37 formulas currently on the books. But there aren't

enough volunteers for the clinical trials, he said, so they're bringing the program to the States.

"We want to see these drugs succeed more quickly or fail more quickly," he said.

To do this, they are taking their quest to community centers and senior centers, he said.

Seniors are invited to take the test on Cogniciti-provided laptops, with technical assistance if necessary, he said. The staff will explain the results, and give qualified

candidates the opportunity to belong to a registry.

"For people who are at risk, this is a wonderful opportunity," Mahar said.

The testing is free, he said. If a senior proves eligible for a clinical trial and agrees to do it, their expenses will be paid, he said.

A team from Cogniciti will test area seniors Tuesday, March 28, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Londonderry Senior Center. The service is free. For more information, call Cathy Blash at 432-8554.

Practice Makes Perfect



Members of the Mathew Thornton Elementary School Drama Club gave a special sneak preview to seniors at the All American Assisted Living Center of their upcoming play "The Wizard of Oz Jr." Pictured above, Michaela Horan plays the part of Dorothy in the play. The show is scheduled for on March 31 and April 1.

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High School Drama Will Present Thoroughly Modern Millie

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Joe Tannalfo, a junior at Londonderry High School, readily admitted that his horizons have been broadened by his current role with the LHS Drama Club. "I didn't know how they dressed in the 1920s, and this broadened my knowledge," he said. "It was a really interesting culture, with a lot of different kinds of people you don't see today." But there were a lot of restrictions too, Tannalfo mused, and, he said with a smile, "I would miss today's technology."

The Drama Club invites the community to take a trip back to the 1920s with them in their spring musical, "Thoroughly Modern Millie." While the clothes and trinkets have changed, the message of looking for love in the wrong, and right, places is sure to resonate with today's audiences.

Drama director Val Nelson said she chose this piece partly because of its value in casting. "We can use students in a variety of different ways," she said. The play has 27 characters on stage, principals, secondary characters and chorus members, another 10 to 15 on crew, and 12 in the orchestra pit, she said.

Nelson, who also does the choreography, said the students are "loving the dancing." The musical has two big tap numbers and the dancing is very stylized, she said.

Samantha Honeywell, a senior, plays Millie. She's been acting, singing and dancing since she was 8 and through all four years of high school, she said during a rehearsal break. "My favorite part of this show is the tap dancing," she said. It's a learning curve for Honeywell, who



The Londonderry High School Drama Club has been busy rehearsing for the upcoming musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie."

had never "tapped" before last year's performance in "Shrek," but she loves the challenge, she said.

"This is a really good story," she said of "Thoroughly Modern Millie." "The moral is that you should not marry for money, but for love. It's all about love and I'm a romantic."

Her character of Millie is "kind of bipolar," Honeywell said, adding, "But she has a good heart."

Honeywell said she liked how everything was cheaper in the 1920s, though it was also more difficult to find jobs. "And I love the costumes, they are so cool," she said of her beaded flapper dresses.

Nelson said most of the costumes for this piece have been handmade.

"Thoroughly Modern Millie" is a musical with music by Jeanine Tesori, lyrics by Dick Scanlan, and book by Scanlan and Richard Morris. The play tells the story of a small-town girl, Millie Dillmount, who comes to New York City to find a rich husband. Women were just entering the workforce. "Millie" snags a job as a stenographer and sets her sights on

her wealthy boss, though she really loves Jimmy Smith. Complications arise when she moves into a women's residence that snatches young women and propels them into white slavery.

In the opening scene, Honeywell as Millie stands in the center of what will become an urban cityscape as she sings of memorizing subway maps and her hometown, where "nothing is over three stories high." She has a ticket home in her pocket, but sings about "burning the bridges" and making her life in New York. "I want more than just a one-light town, where the light is always red," Honeywell sings.

When her purse is snatched Millie tries to catch up to the thief and falls over an irate Jimmy, who lectures her on the perils of city living. "New York is great, but the cost of living is high – and I don't mean money," he tells the naïve young woman. They bicker and he goes his way, she goes hers to the Hotel Priscilla. "Wire your parents for the train fare, they'll be glad to send it," is Jimmy's parting shot.

She meets her landlady,

the sinister Mrs. Beers, played by Danika Dixon, and she barter for a room until Dorothy Brown comes on the scene. Dorothy, a wealthy woman wanting to "See How the Other Half Lives," agrees, to share and pay for Millie's room until Millie gets on her feet. Millie does, securing a stenographer's position at Sincere Trust with Trevor Graydon III as her boss. But as girls disappear from the hotel, she's called upon to solve the mystery, while also looking into her own heart.

Though Millie is looking for a hard-driving executive to set her up for life, she realizes that you can't put a price tag on love.

The show goes up in the Derry Opera House Thursday, April 6, at 7 p.m.; Friday, April 7, at 7 p.m.; and Saturday, April 8, at 1 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15, adults and \$10, seniors and staff. For more information, call the school at 432-6941.



Samantha Honeywell as "Millie" and Brandon Scebetl as Trevor Gaydon rehearse at the High School for the upcoming production. Photos by Chris Paul

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The Londonderry High School March Band and Color Guard made their way to New York City again this year for the 256th annual St Patrick's Day Parade.

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Talent Show Winners Get Jobs



Talent Show winners at South Elementary School were given the prize of a little work. Students were assigned a variety of tasks recently. From left, Natalie Washington, was a rope jumper at the show and was Special Education Coordinator for the day, Killian Daron, a drummer, became Assistant Principal, Reya Rivera won first place for singing, and was Principal, Bianca Fonseca, another rope jumper was also a Special Education Coordinator. Not pictured were Jillian Mazzola and Kaitlyn O'Neil.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

LHS Star Cagers Coleman and DeAngelis Bag All-State Honors

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Neither the Londonderry High School boys' basketball squad nor the Lady Lancer girls' hoop crew was pleased with the way their 2016-17 seasons ended last month, with both dropping Division I first-round tournament decisions to lower seeds on their home court.

But both contingents had reasons to feel both pleased and proud regarding some impressive developments during the post-season period.

To the no ones surprise, record-setting Lancer boys' star Jake Coleman was named a Division I First-Team All-Stater following his superb 2016-17 campaign, and Lady Lancers' sophomore standout Amanda DeAngelis had her excellent winter season recognized by the D-I girls' hoop coaches with her inclusion on the Division I Second Team.

Coleman, who stepped onto the LHS varsity boys' hoop team as a freshman and made an impact right away before playing a pivotal role on the Lancers' undefeated title-winning team during his sophomore campaign of 2014-

15, was widely regarded as one of the top high school cagers in all of New Hampshire the past several years. And the numbers certainly bear that out.

"He is the third boy in Londonderry High School history to score 1,000 (career) points, and he's the all-time leading scorer in boys' program history with 1,271 points," said proud LHS varsity hoop coach Nate Stanton, himself a 1,000-point scorer during his illustrious days at Salem High School. "He scored 388 points this season, averaging 19.2 per game along with 4.5 rebounds, 2.5 assists, and one block per game."

The lanky sharpshooter helped lead his Lancers to a 10-8 regular season and the number eight seed in Division I this winter. But he and his teammates' hopes of another state title slid by the wayside with a surprising, 64-57 loss to ninth-seeded Bishop Guertin of Nashua in first-round tourney play.

And guard DeAngelis was one of the best parts of an extremely young LHS girls' hoop squad this winter, coming to the fore as a real force for coach Nick Theos' team during a campaign in which the



Senior LHS hoop standout Jake Coleman claimed Division I First-Team All-State honors following his superb 2016-17 season recently.



Londonderry sophomore guard Amanda DeAngelis has aspired to become an all-stater, and reached that goal with a great season this year.

Lady Lancers went 11-8 during their regular season - finishing as the fifth tourney seed - before suffering a 47-46 upset loss at the hands of the number 12 Dover High Green Wave in round one.

"Amanda is a long, athletic sophomore with good outside range and a strong ability to attack the rim," said Theos. "She led the team in points, blocks, and foul shots

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Local Hoop Club Brings Out its Stars for Some Select Contests

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

One week after holding its highly-competitive and exciting recreation league playoffs, the Londonderry Basketball Club gathered a bunch of its top male hoopsters for "Rec Select" games at the North Elementary School last Saturday morning, March 18.

The boys' third and fourth grade select contest took place first and was followed by the fifth and sixth grade standouts a bit later.

In the early game, Blue Team 2 managed a slim, 28-26 defeat of Red Team 1, and in the latter contest Purple Team 1 squeaked out a 29-27 edging of Green Team 2.

The 3/4 champs' roster included Carter Browning, Gavin Doughty, Evan Fortin, Mike Huggins, Matt Luongo, Ryan Perry, Jaylen Stott, Mike Totten, Calvin Turcotte, Mason Turek, Evan Vago, and Ethan Wheeler.

Their opponents' roster included Paul Binder, Teige Broadhurst, Ryan Clegg, Brady Fragala, Gavin Geulakos, Zach Green, Frankie Jarek, Liam Killelea, Justin McClelland, Liam Parent, Jeff Sakellar, and Joe Wagner.

The 5/6 division's title-winning Purple crew included players Cody Becker, Mike Crowley, Drew Fuller, Evan Hanscomb, Drew Keenan, Nate Kearney, Tommy Martin, Colin Parent,

Padraig Provost, Cole Sevin, Evan Spears, and Sam Thibodeau.

The vanquished but highly-talented Green team included Ethan Bicknell, Cam Chicko, Killian Daron, Jack Drabick, Connor Fennell, Jaydon Navarro, Sean Radzelovage, Calvin Reilly, Marshall Reilly, Hunter Rheame, Dylan Sabin, and Andrew Soucy.

During the previous weekend days of Saturday and Sunday, March 11 and 12, the local club kept the courts at the Londonderry Middle School and North Elementary filled with sprinting feet with the recreational league playoffs for all competing age groups.

Among the teams claiming championships



The Purple Team 1 crew bagged the fifth and sixth grade title in Londonderry Basketball Club Rec-Select action last Saturday. Courtesy photo

were the Pink team in the third and fourth grade girls' league; the Purple crew in the girls' fifth and sixth grade grouping; the Purple contingent in the

seventh through 10th grade girls' division; the Orange team in the boys' 3-4 class; the Yellow contingent in the boys' fifth and sixth grade grouping;

the Orange team in the boys' seventh and eighth-grade division, and the talented and determined White team in the boys' high school division.

Londonderry High Hall of Fame Nominations To Be Accepted

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After a period of dormancy for the Londonderry High School Hall of Fame, some committed folks got the bright idea of resurrecting LHS Hall of Fame induction processes and ceremonies last year and placing some important folks from the local school's history into the spotlight.

Doing so served to remind people who have

lived in Londonderry for a long time and educate newer residents of town about the wealth of talent which LHS has produced and benefited from since the late 1970's when the little Londonderry Junior High was turned into Londonderry High School.

Thanks to momentum provided by the LHS Athletic Leadership Council and its advisor Crystal Rich, the school's hall of fame was brought out of

dormancy last year when the first new class of inductees since 1996 was announced and honored.

And now nominations for new inductees are being taken through the entire month of April with the goal of holding an induction ceremony of the Hall of Fame Class of 2017 on Mack Plaque weekend during the fall.

Students, community members, and past or present LHS staff may nominate students, community members, and past or present Londonderry High staff for induction. Alums must be out of LHS for five years before

they can be considered for nomination.

Those who are interested in making nominations from April 1-30 can access a Hall of Fame Nomination Form at <http://www.richlhs.org/londonderry-high-school-hall-of-fame.html>. More information can be obtained by reaching out to Crystal Rich at crich@londonderry.org.

Many nominees to the hall of fame are known most widely for their athletic accomplishments at the school, but this isn't strictly an athletic hall of fame. Members of the LHS Hall of Fame also made

major contributions in academic, support, and community roles, and in many cases members contributed in numerous areas.

The Londonderry High Hall of Fame was started by the school's first principal, Ed Thibodeau, with inductions occurring from 1986 to 1996 before the process fell dormant in the wake of Thibodeau's retirement.

In bringing the hall of fame back to life for the 2016 inductions, the LHS Athletic Leadership Council announced, "Our mission is to revive the Londonderry High School

Hall of Fame and give those who did not have the chance to be inducted over the past 20 years, and those who may impact the community in the future, the opportunity to create a legacy and be thanked for their lasting impact on the community of Londonderry."

The 2016 class of 14 inductees included Mike Beeman, Stefanie Murphy, Arthur Tsetsilas, Matt Charette, Suzanne Johnson, Peter Willis, Paul Dutton, Michelle Hart-Miller, Katie Sullivan, Sean Delisle, Dr. Stephen Guerra, Robert Ross, Ed Burgess, and Chris Gingrow.

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Local NEGTC Gymnasts Keep Their Big Successes Coming

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The New England Gymnastics Training Center's teams and talented individual athletes are enjoying an excellent 2016-17 season, and Londonderry gymnasts who compete for the center have been especially impressive at recent competitions.

"Our local gymnasts continue to do awesome and continue to win big against teams in Connecticut, New Hampshire, and New York," said NEGTC press liaison Daysha Hatfield. "Our Level 3 team became nationally recognized at the Friendship Classic Meet in Connecticut, so

right now the NEGTC Level 3 team is ranked sixth in the country for our high all-around score. We're very proud of all the girls."

As a matter of fact, the Level 3 contingent has been one of the top all-around scorers in the nation on no less than four occasions. And Londonderry girls made vital contributions to those efforts.

At the "February Flip" event in Trumbull, Ct., near the end of that month, the undefeated Level 3 crew won the meet championship for its level and the NEGTC Level 4 crew ended up being the runner-up in its division. A week earlier,

the local center's Level 6 bunch had snagged an impressive second-place finish at the Winter Challenge Meet in Chelsea Piers, Ct. And while that Connecticut event was going on, the NEGTC Xcel Bronze squad was busy finishing fourth at the Valentine Masquerade Ball at Phantom Gymnastics back here in New Hampshire in Hampstead.

At the February Flip event, the local center's talented Level 3 bunch made 2017 America's Top 100 with a team score of 116.675 in placing first overall.

Individually, Londonderry's Shana Hatfield made the national top 100 with her winning all-

around score of 38.425, her uneven bar score of 9.95, and her balance beam routine score of 9.725.

Also making the impressive list was Level 3 stalwart and town resident Addison Doyle for her 9.85 bar score and Level 4 gymnast Olivia Colliton for her bar score of 9.775.

Also at that meet, the local center had Level 3 athletes and locals Skyla Houle and Riley Morgan score perfect tens on their bar routines.

In Level 3 seven-and-under division competition, Londonderry resident Doyle won the floor exercise (score of 9.25) and on balance beam (9.2) and placed second in the all-around (37.475) and on the uneven bars (9.85). She wound up a very solid fourth on vault.

In the Level 3 eight-

year-old division, Londonderry's Shana Hatfield took firsts in the all-around (38.425), on vault (9.4), bars (9.95), beam (9.725), and floor (9.35).

Also in that division, town resident Cailee Anderson snagged second on floor (9.65) and tallied top-15 finishes in the all-around and three other events.

In the Level 3 10-and-up class, Londonderry's Sophia Beauregard won on vault (9.325), finished second on beam (9.5), snagged thirds in the all-around (37.525) and on floor (9.3), and finished sixth on bars.

In Level 4 competition, 11-and-up competitor Colliton of Londonderry finished third on bars (9.775) and bagged top-10 finishes in the all-around, on vault, on beam, and on floor.

In Level 6 action, town

resident Lillian MacDonald excelled in the junior division by going top 10 in all events and the all-around.

In Level 7 senior division competition, Londonderry's Sophia Fonseca was a top-15 finisher in all events and the all-around. And Xcel Bronze Cherubs' gymnast and local Riley Doyle notched third places in the all-around (36.525), on beam (9.3), and on floor (9.0) and tallied seventh places on vault and bars.

And in the Xcel Silver Love Bugs class, Eva Sesin of Londonderry snared top-15 finishes in the all-around and on all of the events.

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

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taken and made."

And beyond what Lady Lancer fans got to see with their eyes from DeAngelis during the 2016-17 season, coach Theos knows full well that there's a raging competitive fire burning within the 10th grader along with an exceptional work ethic which helped make her the all-stater she

became.

"She came to me at the end of last season wanting to know what she needed to do to reach this goal of making all-state," said the coach. "We talked about many things, and to her credit she worked very hard all off-season to get to where she is. She played AAU, Granite State games, did cross-fit, and work hard on individual skills during open gyms. If she works that hard again

this off-season there is no limit to where her skills could take her and how much she could contribute to the program going forward."

DeAngelis averaged 13.8 points, 5.6 rebounds, 1.6 assists, 1.7 steals, 2.1 blocks, and 74 percent shooting from the foul-line on the road to her successful goal of gaining state honors. And she will certainly be a go-to player for LHS as a junior.

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Parkinson's disease develops gradually, often starting with a barely noticeable tremor in just one hand. But while tremor may be the most well-known sign of Parkinson's disease, the disorder also commonly causes a slowing or freezing of movement. Friends and family may notice that your face shows little or no expression and your arms don't swing when you walk. Speech often becomes soft and mumbling. Parkinson's symptoms tend to worsen as the disease progresses. While there is no cure for Parkinson's disease, many different types of medicines or procedures can treat its symptoms.

The symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to person. Early signs may be subtle and can go unnoticed for months or years. Symptoms typically begin on one side of the body and usually remain worse on that side. Parkinson's signs and symptoms may include a tremor which is a characteristic shaking often beginning in a hand; slowed motion which over time may reduce your ability to initiate voluntary movement and may make even the simplest tasks difficult and time-consuming; rigid muscles often occurring in your limbs and neck which can be so severe that it limits the range of your movements and causes pain; impaired posture and balance that may become stooped as a result of Parkinson's disease; loss of automatic movements such as blinking, smiling and/or swinging your arms when you walk; speech changes where you may speak more softly, rapidly or in a monotone, sometimes slurring or repeating words, or hesitating before speaking; or dementia occurring in the later stages of Parkinson's disease.

Many symptoms of Parkinson's disease result from the lack of a chemical messenger, called dopamine, in the brain. This occurs when the specific brain cells that produce dopamine die or become impaired. But researchers still aren't certain about what sets this chain of events in

motion. Some theorize that genetic mutations or environmental toxins may play a role in Parkinson's disease.

Risk factors for Parkinson's disease include age, heredity, sex or exposure to toxins. See your doctor if you have any of the symptoms associated with Parkinson's disease. Although Parkinson's disease can sometimes be difficult to pin down, getting an accurate diagnosis is the key to starting appropriate treatment that may help delay or manage symptoms for years.

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Lady Lancer JV Girls' Hoop Crew Developed, Finished Well

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The tasks which every junior varsity and freshman high school sports team are expected to complete during their seasons include continuing the development of athletes, giving them vital game and practice experience, deepening the players' enjoyment of the sport by having fun, and lastly winning as many games as is possible.

Well, it certainly looks

as though first-year Londonderry High School JV girls' basketball coach Jamie Doyle and his Lady Lancers were able to place check marks in all of the pertinent boxes following their productive 2016-17 season.

Doyle, who replaced longtime LHS JV girls' hoop coach Ian Horseman this winter after Horseman moved on to the Goffstown High School varsity coaching post, saw his charges finish with a record below the .500

mark at 6-11. But that, as is so often is the case, was only a tiny percentage of the story regarding a team which ended the campaign impressively and left coach Doyle a pretty proud guy.

"As with every JV season, my team's goal is to develop and be better at the end of the season than we started. I would say this team did exactly as we planned and was miles ahead of where we started. There's no doubt every player developed and was

better at the end of the season," said the coach.

The eight-member contingent had just one sophomore in the person of guard Sophia Scarfo. The rest of the roster included freshmen Colleen Furlong (a versatile guard/forward), Kayla Miles (forward), Katie Sullivan (guard), Ashley Doyle (guard), Maura Buckley (guard), Teresa Radzelovage (forward), and Melissa Marino (forward).

On a historical note, longtime Londonderry

High basketball fans no doubt did a double-take upon seeing or hearing the name Katie Sullivan on an LHS hoop roster again, remembering the Katie Sullivan who was an exceptional point guard for the Lady Lancers in the late 1980's who has now gone on to be a beloved assistant principal at the school.

Coach Doyle's 2016-17 JV bunch ended its regular season in superb form and then stepped into the junior varsity with some

tough work to do and determined to do it.

"We closed the season with wins versus (Manchester) Central, Winnacunett, and Keene," said the first-year coach. "We lost by nine (points) to Alvirne in the first round of the JV tournament after losing to them by 18 two weeks earlier. Unfortunately, we just ran out of gas after having played three games in four nights and returning from Keene the night before at 10 p.m."

LHS Graduate Griffin Re-Signs With NFL's Houston Texans

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A career-best year during the 2016 National Football

League season had the Houston Texans all kinds of excited to get talented veteran tight end and Londonderry High School graduate Ryan Griffin signed to a

brand new contract.

And the Texans and Griffin - who was an unrestricted free-agent this off-season - came to terms on what is reportedly a multi-year contract to keep the 6-foot-6, 268-pound tight end in a Houston uniform. The signing was announced by the Texans last Monday, March 13.

The 27-year-old, who went on to a fine collegiate football career at

the University of Connecticut after graduating from LHS, was a major target for Texans' quarterbacks last season in putting up impressive career numbers in several statistical areas.

Griffin's total of 50 pass receptions was far and away the highest tally of his career, as was his reception yardage total of 442 yards. He had an average of 8.8 yards per catch and hauled in two touch-

down passes.

Griffin played in all 16 Texans' games with five starts.

The LHS grad's two biggest statistical games of the 2016 season came against the Jacksonville Jaguars and the New England Patriots. He had eight receptions in each of those contests, with the latter performance happening down in Foxboro, Mass., in front of his friends and family.

The former Lancer football standout had an injury-shortened 2015 campaign in which he played in just nine games with four starts, but he tallied career highs in both catches (20) and receiving yards (251) while also snaring two

touchdown passes.

During his sophomore NFL season of 2014 Griffin played in 16 games with two starts and pulled in 10 catches for 91 yards and one score.

As a rookie during the 2013 NFL campaign, the ex-Londonderry High athlete proved his ability to play football at the highest level in the world by appearing in 15 games with some eight starts for his Texans.

Griffin caught 19 passes for 244 yards, including one touchdown.

And last week the Texans' desire to have the LHS grad remain with them and Griffin's own willingness to stay in the Houston fold merged nicely for both sides.

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LHS Video Production to Work With NESCom at Husson U Again

The New England School of Communications, at Husson University (Bangor, ME) and Londonderry High School are happy to announce that they will be joining together again to give students a unique opportunity. NESCom will be working with Video Production students from LHS to produce a live broadcast of the LHS Coffee House.

This Friday, March 24, 2017, NESCom will provide their 32-foot mobile production facility (NESCom Mobile Productions) along with instructors and current NESCom students to help high school students experience a professional production of the evening's musical performances. LHS

students from Karen Robinson's TV Production classes and Radio Club will do everything from running cameras, to live sound in the cafeteria, as well as separate sound for the live broadcast. Interviews with performers will round out the coverage.

The LHS Coffee House is a chance for students to showcase their musical talents in a small, relaxed setting, with performances ranging from solo vocalists to rock bands. According to Robinson, the show is run by the LHS music department, and is a way for students who aren't involved in the choir or in the musicals, but who still have a passion for music, to display their skills for a small-

er audience.

The students involved with video production will be given an opportunity to have a little more agency working with this event than with sports games, Robinson said.

"(They) don't get that degree of creativity," Robinson explained of producing the Coffee House versus the basketball games. She said that students would be taking different sorts of shots and using different sorts of video techniques, such as zooming in on fingers dancing over the keyboard of a piano, or getting close-ups of soloists with their microphones.

Robinson also said that managing the sound would be an interesting experi-

ence for students as well, as it will not only be required to be recorded and go out live on cable or streamed online, but the audience in the cafeteria needs to be able to hear as well. They will also need to handle adjusting the audio from softer, acoustic acts to heavier acts like the rock bands.

The Coffee House production will also be a chance for Journalism students to get in some experience with interviewing performers after each set. Students with radio as their focus will also have a chance to get a little broadcasting under their belt working at this event.

An alumna from the Londonderry High School TV and Video Production

program, now a senior at NESCom, is involved with the production. LHS 2013 graduate Samantha Swinarski will be producing the event for NESCom, coordinating all aspects of the coverage prior to the event as well as during the event. The high school students will spend much of the day assisting in set-up and being trained on NESCom's industry-standard equipment.

"They will literally be using the same equipment as professionals," Robinson said. She explained that they will be trained that afternoon and spend the day unloading and setting up equipment, as well as learning how to run the equipment for the event.

Robinson went on to

say that taking part in these productions with the staff and students from NESCom gives the LHS students a feeling of accomplishment, and helps to build bridges in the form of instructors and graduating students for the high-schoolers to have in their post-secondary education, internships and careers.

"By the end, they feel like they're part of a team," Robinson said, "and TV production is truly a team activity, no one does anything on their own."

The evening will be available to view live on Londonderry's educational access channel, LEO-21, and will be streamed online as well. The broadcast will begin at 7 p.m. from inside the LHS Cafeteria.

Going Postal in Londonerrey

SANDY DAHLFED
LONDONDERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

I just spent a lovely week in Hawaii. It's nice to be home, in New Hampshire in February. But first things first. Let's go fetch a week's worth of mail from the mailbox. It's quite a bundle – enough, in fact, to fill the recycling bin by about a third. Good news – there are no bills; bad news – there's no personal correspondence. Oh, well, at least we can count on the U.S. Postal Service to reliably deliver our handful of junk six days a week.

The U.S. Mail traces its origins to 1775 when the Second Continental Congress appointed Benjamin Franklin as the first Postmaster General at a salary, incidentally, of \$1000 per year. In early days, folks didn't get their mail brought directly to their

homes, but had to travel to central locations within town to retrieve it. Methods of delivery changed over the years as transportation methods changed. In the first half of the nineteenth century, stagecoaches transported mail in and out of Londonderry as they made their way up and down Mammoth Road between Lowell and Concord. Later, the Manchester & Boston Railroad took over the task. Although cities began enjoying home delivery much earlier, it wasn't until 1905 that the first rural route was established in Londonderry, with Herman Watts as carrier.

Post offices were typically within the business establishment of the incumbent Postmaster, which meant that as Postmasters changed, the location of the post office did as well. For this reason, ours moved

around over the years. The first Postmaster installed here in 1827 after Londonderry split from Derry was Ebenezer Whittier, who operated in the eastern part of town. A facility was later added in North Londonderry, where Reuben White served as Postmaster for 30 years.

In 1836, Arley Plummer became Postmaster, and in 1850 the New Hampshire Patriot and State Gazette reported that "Dr. D.H. Batchelder has been appointed Postmaster at Londonderry in place of A. Plummer, Esq., removed because he is a Democrat." This gave me a bit of a chuckle, but in those days these appointments were usually political and in 1850, the Whigs, not the Democrats, were in charge. Two years after his removal, Arley got his job back when Batchelder re-

signed, and another entertaining article appeared in the Gazette in 1872 when Alstead's Mr. Isham claimed to be the longest serving Postmaster. Mr. Plummer pointed out that he'd begun the job several years before Isham and had served continuously, with the exception of the two years mentioned, in spite of being "a staunch Democrat in a Radical town". Plummer held his post until 1875.

Another notable local Postal employee was Hattie Rhodes, who delivered mail house-to-house in the early 1900s. Yes, Hattie was a woman, delivering mail by horse and buggy in the

early 20th century! How did this come about? Well, her husband was the official mail carrier, but because his 27 mile Manchester route was exceptionally long, no one wanted to be his backup. When his wife volunteered to do it, the Postmaster initially refused, but when the subject was raised again a couple of years later, the answer was, "swear her in". Mrs. Rhodes sewed her own uniform and became one of the area's earliest female carriers. Her rural Manchester route included parts of Litchfield and Londonderry.

There are many modern threats to the Postal Ser-

vice as we know it and its future is uncertain. In addition to the acceptance and popularity of email, there's competition from private mailbox facilities and parcel delivery services. Electronic billing made a large dent in the Post Office's volume, and social media has reduced the numbers even further by making it easier for people to share information with friends and family. (When was the last time you sent a postcard or mailed a child's school photo to grandma?) We've become pretty spoiled by the excellent service that the USPS provides and if it ever ends, I, for one, will miss it.

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

Derry Garden Club

The next meeting of the Derry Garden Club will be held on Friday, April 7, at 10 a.m. at the Derry Girls and Boys Club, 40 Hampstead Road, Derry. The April speaker will be Kari Allard, a horticulturalist with over 25 years of experience in the plant industry and is from a Garden Center in Londonderry. She will speak on Organic Herbs and alternative pollinators in the garden. Members are to bring a bag lunch. The committee will provide beverages, chips and desserts.

Library Movie Program

Contemporary film directors and screenwriters will be the topic of a program to be held Monday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Derry Public Library. Professor Patrick Anderson of Colby-Sawyer College will be the speaker. This program enables a greater understanding of and appreciation for both the content and form of movies made outside the mainstream Hollywood system, and considers some of the key differences in theme, style and narrative format between these works and the more conventional fare of so-called "classic cinema." Among the filmmakers to be examined are Steven Soderbergh, David Lynch, John Sayles, Spike Lee, Quentin Tarantino, the Coen brothers, Wes Anderson, Sofia Coppola, P.T. Anderson, Jim Jarmusch and Charlie Kaufman. For

more information and to register, call 432-6140.

Brain Health

The Londonderry Senior Center will host a program on brain health Tuesday, March 28, from 9 to 11 a.m. Individuals may be tested for brain health, and there will also be tips for improving the brain's function. For more information, call Cathy Blash at 432-8554.

Go Back to the 50s

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.

Legion Bingo

The Londonderry American Legion Post 27 will play Bingo at the Manchester VA Hospital Friday, March 27, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Members of the Londonderry High School Pay-It-Forward club will assist. For more information visit the Web site at www.alpost27.com, call 437-6613, or visit the Greeley Parmenter Harrington Facebook page.

Depression Workshop

In conjunction with The Upper Room, the YMCA of Greater Londonderry is offering the final workshop in a series for teens and their parents Thursday, March 23, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Lon-

donderry Middle School, 313 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. "Depression - How It Feels To Be You:" is the topic. The workshop is free; for more information or to register contact Lisa Fitzgerald, the "Y" branch director, at 232-8640.

Traditional Music

The Leach Library will host Adam Boyce for his presentation, "The Old Country Fiddler: Charles Ross Taggart, Traveling Entertainer". Thursday, April 13, at 7 p.m. in the lower-level meeting room. Boyce will portray Taggart near the end of Taggart's career, c. 1936, sharing recollections on his life, with some live fiddling and humorous sketches interspersed. This program is free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call the library at 432-1132 or 432-1127.

Cinema Screening

Film screening of Cinema Twain, a portrayal of Mark Twain written, directed, produced, and performed by Val Kilmer. Personal appearance by Val Kilmer with Q & A. Friday, March 17th at 7:30 at Stockbridge Theatre, Derry. Tickets and Information at www.valkilmer.com

Movie Night

A Young Adult Movie Time featuring "Through the Looking Glass" will be offered Thursday, April 13, from 3:30 to 5:45 p.m. in the Leach Library. Popcorn and beverages will be offered along with a raffle. The program is free and open to students in grades 6 through 12. For more information, call the library at 432-1132 or 432-1127.

Salute to Reading

Magician Steve Rudolph will be the featured performer at the Leach Library Children's Room Kick-off for National Library Week Mon-

day, April 10, from 4 to 5 p.m. This program is open to 90 participants of all ages. Registration is required beginning Monday, April 3. For more information, call the library at 432-1132 or 432-1127.

Book Bingo

Flower Power Book Bingo will be offered Monday, April 17, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Leach Library. Registration is required and begins Monday, April 10, at 9 a.m. For more information, call the library at 432-1132 or 432-1127.

Recycling Electronics

Londonderry Grange is holding our bi-annual Fund-raiser to promote recycling electronics. Nominal fees range from: Electrical cords/wires (\$1) to CRT monitors (\$10), AC's, Microwaves, Dehumidifiers (\$16), TV's under 25" ("15) TV's 27" - 32" (\$25) TV's greater than 32" (\$35). Everything in between is \$2 to \$7. Our partner is Recycle, USA L.L.C. Date is Earth Day - Saturday, April 22nd, 2017 from 10:00 am. until 1:00 pm. Enter from the horseshoe drive from Pillsbury Rd at 260 Mammoth Rd. Boy Scouts from Troop 521 will take your items from your vehicle. Grange members will total the fees. Checks made payable to Londonderry Grange No. 44 and cash are accepted. Please exit "right" onto Mammoth Road. We thank you for supporting your local Grange.

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.

Race To Benefit Upper Room

After a successful inaugural launch last year, organizers of The Upper Room Race For Families (TURFF) 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.

"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.

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-interven-

tion.html or call 877-841-5509.

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.

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.

Free Meals

The following free meals are offered in March: March 26, Breakfast at Church of the Transfiguration, 9 to 10 a.m., 1 Hood Road, Derry, 432-2130; March 26, Lunch hosted by St. Jude Parish Community, 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM, at the Londonderry Lions Hall, 432-3333; 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.

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.

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March School & Town Meetings

Mar. 23	Heritage Commission Meeting	7 p.m.
	Budget Committee Meeting	7 p.m.
Mar. 28	Conservation Commission Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Mar. 30	Heritage Commission Meeting	7 p.m.
	Budget Committee Meeting	7 p.m.

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

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Spring Sports

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office at 432-6941, ext. 2307.

Register Now for Preschool

The Londonderry Early Education Program (LEEP) is currently registering children 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.

Derry Garden Club Scholarship

The Derry Garden Club is accepting applications for the 2017 Derry Garden Club \$1,000 Scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school student who will be attending an accredited college or university to pursue a course of study related to horticulture,

forestry, botany, landscape architecture, natural resources, earth science, environmental science, or any other related field. Information on requirements and applications are available through the guidance offices at Pinkerton Academy and Londonderry High School and at www.derrygardenclub.org/2017.html. Applications must be received by April 1.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Tuesday - March 14
9:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle accident investigated on Pillsbury Road.
9:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle accident reported on Anderson Lane.
2:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle accident at Home Depot on Nashua Road.
2:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle accident reported at Nashua and Winding Pond Roads.
2:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle accident at State Shed on Mammoth Road.
3:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle accident reported at Mammoth and Nashua Roads
3:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle accident at Mammoth and Smith Lane.
3:55 p.m. Motor Vehicle accident reported on Mammoth and Sargent Roads.
6:41 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Holly Lane.
6:50 p.m. Wires Down reported on Windsor Blvd near Mammoth Road.
7:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle accident and vehicle towed at Horizon and Button Drives.
9:03 p.m. Wires removed on Windsor Blvd.
Wednesday March 15
12:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle accident investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport

8:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle accident investigated on Nashua Road near TD Bank.
11:35 a.m. Motor Vehicle accident investigated on South Road.
12:11 p.m. Attempted Suicide at Londonderry High School results in Transport to Hospital.
12:20 p.m. Suspicious Activity reported on Mountain Home Road.
12:54 p.m. Suspicious Activity Investigated on Devonshire Lane.
4:54 p.m. Motor vehicle stop results in arrest on Nashua and Old Nashua Roads. Sean Michael Ashford, 26, of Plaistow charged with Criminal Mischief (vandalism) and Criminal Threatening (intimidation, Etc).
6:16 p.m. Motor vehicle accident reported on Action Blvd. at Auto Auction of New England, Inc.
6:34 p.m. Domestic Disturbance: Peace Restored Yellowstone Drive.
Thursday - March 16
12:51 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Lantern Lane.
6:00 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Thoreau Way. Allen Raymond Black, 32 Lawrence, Mass. Charged with Stalking.
2:27 p.m. Motor vehicle accident reported at An-

thony Drive and High Range Road.
8:36 p.m. Suspicious activity reported on Harvey Road.
9:02 p.m. Attempted Suicide Investigated on Rockingham Road at Triangle Mobil Mart.
Friday - March 17, 2017
8:07 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident investigated on Nashua and Gilcreast Roads.
10:21 a.m. Suspicious activity reported at Speedway on Nashua Road.
12:14 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nashua Road.
3:39 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Hardy Road near Power Lines.
3:42 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Mammoth Road and Merlin Place.
4:46 p.m. Suspicious activity Investigated on Lawson Farm Road.
5:03 p.m. Wires reported down on Trolley Car Lane.
5:12 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated at The Stumble Inn on Rockingham Road.
8:12 p.m. Disturbance at Capitol Hill Dr results in Arrests. Jonathan Remy, 19, of Atkinson charged with Unlawful Possession and Intoxication. Stefanie Theriault, 32 of London-

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Photos by Chris Paul



Police Log

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derry charged with Disorderly Conduct and Alcoholism – taken into Protective Custody.

Saturday – March 18

11:22 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Hall Road near bridge.

11:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Investigated on Nashua and Parmenter Roads.

12 p.m. Motor Vehicle accidents Investigated on Nashua Road near Exit 4.

4:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle

Accident on High Range Road and Mayflower Drive.

5 p.m. Responded to Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport

5:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Investigated on Adams Road.

5:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Investigated on Mammoth and Griffin Roads.

9:55 p.m. Suspicious Activity reported on Cohas Terrace.

Sunday – March 19

12:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle

Accident Investigated on Maureen Circle.

1:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Complaint investigated and arrest made on Mammoth and Otterson Roads.

Phillip Aaron Tausky, 21, of Londonderry. Charged with Driving Under The Influence of Drugs or Liquor and Possession of

Controlled/Narcotic Drugs.

12:11 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Kendall Pond Road.

2:15 p.m. Violation of Protective Order arrest made on Charleston Avenue. Samantha Connors, 29, Londonderry, charged

with Theft by Deception, False Report to Law Enforcement and Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs

5:54 p.m. Suspicious Activity Investigated on Perkins Road.

6:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle accident Investigated at Londonderry High School

6:56 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on South Road.

7:25 p.m. Warrant Served and Arrest Made at Tilton Police Department. Russell Nicholas Smock, 24, of Bristol charged with Receiving Stolen Property.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY PLANNING BOARD

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a Public Meeting on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH to consider the following:

Public hearing and review of discretionary conditions of approval for a site plan conditionally approved on November 30, 2016 for a Planned Unit Development (PUD), Phase 1 - buildouts of Woodmont Commons, Subarea WC-1, WC-1-GL, and WC-2, 34 Nashua Road (Map 010 Lot 052), 5 Garden Lane (Map 010 Lot 54-1) and 15 Pillsbury Road (Map 010 Lot 41), Pillsbury Realty Development (Applicant) and Demoulas Supermarkets, Inc. (Owner), Robert D. & Stephen R. Lievens (Owner), and Pillsbury Realty Development, LLC (Owner)



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