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Veteran Honored

World War II Navy Pilot Eugene Shannon of Londonderry received his Philippine Liberation Medal and the Military Air Medal in a ceremony Thursday, April 6, at the American Legion Post 27. Presenting his medals was Ritchie Taylor Deputy Commander, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and New Hampshire Secretary of State, Bill Gardner. See more, page 10.

Photo by Chris Paul

LHS Class of 2017's Top Two Focus on Sciences

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Alena Pursel has a remarkably low-tech method for studying. She saves the worksheets from each class, going over them before a test. "And for vocabulary, I'm a visual person, so I write out the

terms," she said.

Pursel's writing things down and going over them is part of a journey that brought her to the designation of Valedictorian for the Londonderry High School Class of 2017. Salutatorian Kiersten Hoglund used a similar common-sense method to

achieve her status. Both girls are focused on careers in the sciences.

Pursel grew up in the Londonderry system, spending her elementary years at South School. She always liked school and academics, but it really clicked in the fifth

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Planning Board to Reopen Stonehenge Apartment Project

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Mary Wing Soares, acting chairman of the Planning Board, used the saying to explain why the board needed to reconsider its vote on the Residences at MacGregor Cut. The board voted unanimously to revisit the project, which had been rejected in a split vote in the March 8 meeting.

The workforce housing complex is planned for land on Stonehenge Road near the junction of Hardy Road, and has been the subject of controversy for a number of years.

The plan calls for 12 24-unit buildings with a total of 288 units. First

Londonderry Associates LLC are the developers and owners of the property. Residents of Londonderry, both of that neighborhood and beyond, have spoken against the project, citing everything from aesthetics to traffic. The Town Council directed emissaries to offer to buy the property, but First Londonderry refused, and refused other options.

In the March 8 Planning Board meeting an initial vote on the project resulted in a tie. The board re-voted and member Al Sypek changed from a "yes" to a "no" vote.

But in the April 5 meeting, Soares said there

were several "procedural errors" in the March meeting, and urged the board to reconsider the issue on May 3.

Soares explained, "If we don't clean this up, we could face a challenge."

There were two main issues stemming from the March 8 meeting, according to Soares.

One is that evidence presented to the board was not given to the applicant to review. The evidence in question includes photographs and supporting material provided by Councilor Jim Butler, the Council's representative to the Planning Board. "The applicant did not have a

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Lorden Commons Still Dealing With Water Issues

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The residents of the first phase of a local housing development are asking for an opportunity to connect to town water, after an engineer working for the developer lined out a plan to bring town water to the next three phases.

In the April 5 Planning Board meeting the board heard from Jason Lopez, an engineer representing Chinburg Builders, on the next three phases of Lorden Commons, a proposed 83-lot "conservation subdivision" off Old Derry Road. While Chinburg's plan to bring town

water to the next three phases met with general approval, current residents asked not to be left out.

The property is Tax Map 16, Lot 38, and is zoned AR-1. The first phase of 50 homes has been completed, with all but a handful of those homes sold and occupied.

The hearing had been postponed from the Jan. 4 meeting, in which, Lopez said, "There was a lot of concern about wells and water supply." He spoke with consultants, including Stantec and Tighe-Bond, and said, "Our current plan is to monitor the wells. There is no strong

model to follow. Our plan looks at the process of connection to town water if we find problems."

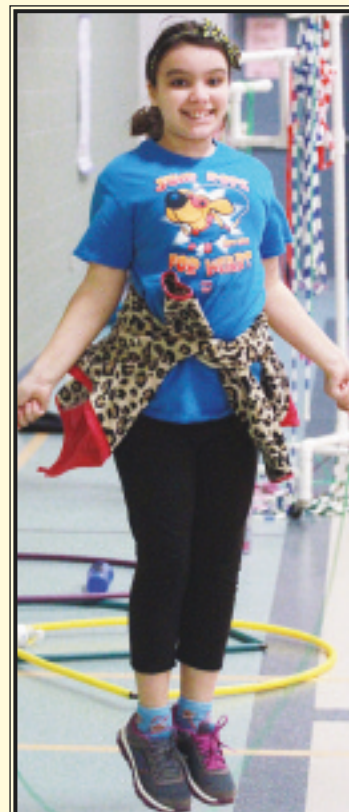
But, Lopez said, this didn't solve the question of what would happen in phases 2, 3 and if the infrastructure was built, "and then we find problems with the wells."

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South School Students Jump for Hearts in Annual Jump-A-Thon



Students at South Elementary School held their annual Jump-a-Thon for the American Heart Association last week and raised over \$15,000. There were six stations set up for students in all grade levels to exercise in over throughout the day.

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Heroes and Villains Compete for Mr. LHS Title This Year

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Thursday night, April 20, good guys and bad guys will be battling for the chance to be crowned Londonderry High School's 11th "Mr. LHS".

Following last year's "Decades" theme, commemorating the 10th anniversary of the event, this year's theme will be "Heroes and Villains", and the 9 Mr. LHS contenders will be dressed for the occasion.

The idea for the very first Mr. LHS pageant arose when back in 2006, the editors of the Lancer Spirit, LHS's source for the high school's happenings, were in need of money, so brainstorming began for ideas for

fundraising. English Teacher and Journalism Advisor, Mary DeWinkleer, had the idea to put on a talent show of sorts, but it never came to fruition as she had taken maternity leave at that time. That's when fellow English Teacher, Corrine Murphy, chimed in.

Murphy had gone to Pinkerton Academy, where they had a "Mr. Pinkerton" competition, so she suggested adopting it for LHS. After the first event proved to be a hit amongst the students, DeWinkleer has been running it since, and it has become much bigger throughout the years.

"It's less about talent and more about the laughs," DeWinkleer explained.

Lancer Spirit Student Editor, Shea Robinson,

explained that at each event, the boys will strut their stuff on a catwalk wearing tuxedos donated by Men's Wearhouse, followed by a group dance, where the guys will be scored individually based on performance. Afterwards, contestants will break up into their individual acts, with the exception of one dynamic duo. Individual performances will include a magic act, dancing, and a cover of Beyonce's "Single Ladies", just to name a few.

"You don't really need to have a talent," Robinson explained, adding that the variety of performances reflects on each individual's personality and is what puts Mr. LHS among the "must see" events, along with hits such as Mack Plaque

and the Hypnotist show.

Competitors for the Mr. LHS crown will be judged based on their performance in the catwalk, their "talent", how they fare in the question and answer portion, and bonus points will be awarded to the young man who raises the most funds through ticket sales, and raffle tickets for "man cans", inside of which contain several chances to win gift cards to great local restaurants and businesses.

Judges this year include Assistant Principal Stephen Secor, Math Teacher Leokadia Koch, fellow Math Teacher Scott

Milne, and one vacant spot that at press time had yet to be determined.

When contestants were asked why they should be crowned Mr. LHS, some of the boys came up with compelling answers.

"I wanted to be Mr. LHS because I've always looked up to the funny guys on stage," explained Mr. LHS contestant Sean Snyder. "and since freshman year, I told myself I would do it. I should be the next Mr. LHS because I'm a great singer, a wonderful charm with the judges...and, because I'm Batman."

Contestant Andrew

Chase countered, "I think I'm going to win this because I'm the best singer, and I have better charm than others." He also mentioned that he entered "For the laughs, and if anyone should join, it should be me, from my (group of) friends."

The show starts at 7:30pm the night of the event. Tickets are available for \$10 at the door. All proceeds will benefit the Lancer Spirit, helping to publish the news magazine, and helps to provide journalism students with opportunities to attend conferences such as the Columbia Scholastic Press Association convention.

Londonderry Girls Make The Fire Calendar Cut

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Two Londonderry third-graders will have their artwork featured on a calendar to be distributed state-wide.

Fire Chief Darren O'Brien announced this week that Charlotte Sevia, a student at Matthew Thornton School, and Azura Rose Owre, a student at North School, were chosen as winners in the State Fire

Marshal's Fire and Life Safety calendar contest.

O'Brien explained that a call for contest entries goes out to every elementary school in the state, with third-graders eligible to compete. The pictures submitted are judged at the Fire Marshal's office, and one chosen for each month, plus a cover.

Charlotte's picture was chosen for the cover, and Azura's for the month

of November, focusing on Electrical Safety.

The calendar is for 2018 and copies will be given to each school and each winner, O'Brien said. There will also be a few available at the Central Fire Station, he said.

O'Brien said he was proud of Londonderry to have children qualify for two of the 13 spots, against kids from around the whole state.

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Editorial

Let the Sun Shine In

Open and transparent government - you could call it the battle cry of community newspapers.

That's what the public deserves from its officials, on the local, state and national level. Providing information about the activities of government at the local level is a job this newspaper continues to take very seriously.

Sunshine Week is to remind us that government business being conducted in the open is at the heart of Western Government philosophy. If we don't know what our officials are doing, we don't have the information to hold them accountable. The more information we have, the better.

Knowledge, as the saying goes, is power. Power in our Government is derived from the people, and ultimately belongs to them. It is only on loan to elected officials and to those they delegate. It is a power not of right, but of service to fellow mankind. That power is not something to be held close to the chest by politicians; it belongs in the open, available to everyone, especially to those who put politicians in office and depend on them for services, fair budgeting and just plain listening to the will of the people.

The key, of course, is open access to meetings and records. We hear a lot about government transparency on the national level; it's at least as important at the town and school level, where decisions have more immediate impact on our pocketbooks and our lives.

Open government means newspapers,

if they're doing their job, media must act as watchdogs, asking the uncomfortable questions, getting the information, and providing it to their readers. If documents are not readily made available, the state's Right to Know process is there for anyone to use.

The motto of Sunshine Week is "Your Right to Know." That's the heart of what government is all about. As a citizen in a democracy, you have the right to know how your government operates, and your elected officials have the obligation, except in carefully spelled out specific situations, to conduct their business in the open.

Sure, it's a lot easier for officials to discuss public business in private, where negotiations and off-the-cuff comments and hypothetical situations can be aired in a controlled atmosphere, but that's not the way things are supposed to work.

Discussion is to be done in public. Being in public office isn't supposed to be easy, and it requires following the rules, whether you like them or not. Making it hard for the public to find out what's going on is playing loose with open government and subverting the spirit of Western government and the law.

That's why we report the details of what's been discussed. Then it's up to all citizens to get involved and make sure their voices are heard.

So, in the midst of what seems to have turned into a rainy season, we're happy to do our part to let the sun shine in.

Letters

Not a Friendly Town

To the Editor

Londonderry is not a friendly town to their elderly and poor! My husband died last year and I am a 90-year-old widow. I applied for a property tax exemption and they asked for a financial record - which is appropriate, but they still calculated the income of last year on his income also.

Our combined income was a little over the "income limit" so they refused my request.

But how am I, with just one income be expected to pay the big tax on my property? We have lived in Londonderry over 50 years and have paid our taxes faithfully. Now in time of need, they fail the needy.

Respectfully,
Freda Potter
Londonderry

Stonehenge Nightmare

To the editor,

The Londonderry Planning Board (PB) stated that they must "reconsider" the earlier vote to deny the 280 unit Stonehenge road project. A new vote will be taken on May 3, 2017.

It seems that the PB did not follow proper procedures on the initial "no" vote to deny this development.

Stonehenge road has many intersecting roads at or near failure. Perkins and Hardy intersections will be in failure if 300-500 extra cars become reality. The Route 28 intersection is at failure and will

remain in failure if the project is passed. The developer's road engineer stated that the only way to fix this issue is to install a traffic signal and appropriate turning lanes on Route 28.

The developer will not fix the road intersections. They have suggested a right hand turn lane at Route 28 intersection with a max volume of five cars. However, it is the left hand turn onto Route 28 that is a severe traffic safety issue.

Even with the right hand lane improvement, the Route 28 intersection remains in failure. Route 28 is a State controlled road.

If the PB knows that there is major concerns from affected residents over a proposed development due to safety/traffic issues, why didn't the PB make sure they understood the rules and procedures for this meeting?

The town lawyer was present. If the Town lawyer isn't meant to provide input to the Planning Board on procedural issues during the meeting, then why is the Town paying for the lawyer to be present?

Why doesn't the PB have a checklist to ensure that all procedures are followed?

If Route 28 intersection is a State controlled road and the State mandates that Towns must be accommodating to Workforce Housing, then why can't this development be denied until the State fixes the "failed" road?

Is it fair to existing residents to endure the traf-

fic and safety issues if no road improvements are made?

If the Town approves a development where there are known safety issues, is the Town now liable for any traffic related incidents that occur on Stonehenge?

If the Town approves this development will the Town pay and fix the Route 28 intersection? Will the Town install 4 way stop signs at Hardy Road? Will the Town reduce traffic speed on Hardy Road? Will the Town try to widen Stonehenge road at the development entrance?

The Town Workforce Housing Guide, RSA 674:58-61 states that it wishes to create "... housing which is decent, safe, sanitary and affordable...". Is traffic safety not included in the word "safe"?

The Town 2009 Northwest Small Area Plan (includes Stonehenge Road) describes traffic and pedestrian safety and the concept of Transit Oriented Development with a goal of "creating a pedestrian friendly environment".

Does adding 400-500 extra cars on a failed road meet the above goal?

The Town should vote No on this development. The Town has tried to purchase the property from the developer. The Town has been accommodating. This can easily be argued in Court. Deny the applicant on grounds of Safety.

Greg Stanley
Londonderry

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Correction: In the April 6 edition, resident Deanna Mele was incorrectly quoted in a discussion regarding the expanded Veterans Tax Benefit, "If it's only \$50, you might as well not do it." Mele stated in the meeting, "It's going to be a pittance, you might as well not do it."

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Woodmont Village Phases Clarified at Planning Board

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The picture is becoming clearer. In the April 5 Planning Board meeting, the board and television audience received more information on how the Woodmont Village (formerly known as Woodmont Commons) mixed-use development will be phased in.

Ari Pollock, an attorney with Pillsbury Realty LLC, and engineer Jeff Merritt appeared before the board with an update to the plan.

Pollock said, "On Nov. 30 we presented Phase I and received conditional approval." There was a "big list" of conditions to fulfill, appropriate for such a large project, and there were two conditions necessitating a return to the board: a phasing plan for Phase I and a financial impact statement.

Pollock said that the Phase I plan involves

infrastructure for different areas of the project. The New Hampshire Department of Transportation has given approval to a traffic mitigation plan, he said.

"We need to refine our ideas so we're not building something that can't be serviced," he said.

According to Merritt, the traffic plan includes improvements to Michels Way from the Market Basket area to Pillsbury Road, including utilities and the detention pond; extending water from Pillsbury Road to Gilcreast; installing the sewer system; and several buildings including the following:

A retail/small office building; Two buildings with 29 residential units each; and a brew pub and brewery to the rear of the Market Basket loading dock.

Pollock said Phase II will include offsite improvements to the intersections, including Route

102 and Garden Way/Michels Way and Gilcreast/Pillsbury roads. In Phase III they will "work our way up Main Street," the walkable downtown that is the heart of the community.

Town Planner Colleen Mailloux noted that construction on several free-standing pads in the Market Basket complex has been deferred in order that the brew pub be constructed without adding too much to the traffic.

Pollock said the development team is working with the state DOT on the intersection with 102, since it is a state road, and they are working with the town on the intersection with Pillsbury and Gilcreast roads.

In the public comment portion of the meeting, Steve Barry, a business owner with an office in Londonderry Commons, expressed concern about the traffic that will be generated on Commons Drive.

The street is already used as a cut-through by people going to the Market Basket or other shops in that plaza, he said. Per now, who represented other owners of the business condos, said, "This needs to be addressed."

"We haven't been ducking that conversation," Pollock responded. "We need to know what's being asked of us."

Commons Drive is a private road, Pollock pointed out.

Chairman Mary Wing Soares suggested that the Commons Drive owners work it out with Pillsbury.

"We are ready, willing

and able to have a meeting," Pollock said.

But Soares also pointed out that many people who take the shortcut don't have an alternative and that Michels Way, when constructed, will provide one.

Resident Mike Speltz also expressed concern about traffic. "The Planning Board's job is to look out for the town in general," he said. He shared a photo of traffic on Gilcreast he had observed on a Thursday at rush hour.

"The conversation will continue," Soares said. "But the scope of this con-

versation is about the phasing and the fiscal impact."

"It is appropriate to discuss it," Speltz countered. "And it should be done up-front."

Pollock said a traffic plan for Phase I had been part of the site plan approval process and was available at the Town Office.

The fiscal impact statement was reviewed by a third party, RKG Associates, and deemed acceptable, Pollock said.

The board unanimously approved the phasing plan.

Letters

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Lancer Dugout

To the Editor;
The Lancers Dugout Club extends our grati-

tude to everyone in Londonderry that supported our recent coupon card fundraising program. The Lancers Dugout Club supports High School & Middle School baseball programs. The money raised helps us purchase equipment for the teams, and

contribute towards maintaining the fields and facilities. We wish all the players the best during the 2017 season. Go Lancers and Storm Baseball!

Thank you,
Lancers Dugout Club

Stonehenge

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chance to respond to this material," Soares said.

The other issue is the vote itself. Soares said she was aware that a tie vote did not stand by itself, and that she should have followed with a motion to declare the project unapproved. "The tie does not actually deny the application," she explained to her fellow members and a large audience of residents. "We need a specific reason to deny."

After consultation with the town's legal team, Soares said, "I should have paused and we should have voted to approve or deny."

Member Chris Davies observed, "If additional material shows up, it should be open for discussion."

Soares asked Town Attorney Michael Ramsdell if the board needed to go into nonpublic session and Ramsdell said no. He added that the board should discuss one of two options: to strike Butler's material from the record,

or to make it available to the applicant for perusal.

"You can't consider information without giving them a chance to review it," Ramsdell told the board.

Board member Leitha Reilly said, "We need to limit this to the scope of what was provided at the meeting, the information and photographs Councilor Butler presented."

The board voted 5-0 to reconsider the application in its May 3 meeting.

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High Schoolers Take on College Level Organic Chemistry

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

While many of their classmates may just be waking up, this group of Londonderry High School students is up bright and early to take a thirty-minute enrichment class before the first bells ring.

LHS Science teacher, Aurielle Nazro, offers an Organic Chemistry course, with material usually taught to college juniors, to seniors hoping to get a head start on their post-secondary education.

"It's all about them," Nazro said. She empha-

sized the importance of thinking outside the box on education, and help to guide students in a way in which they can expand their horizons.

"They can learn incredible things at a young age," she said. "and use (this experience) as a base to figure out what they want to do."

The enrichment course is offered Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 6:30am, and goes until 7:05am, just before the first bells signify students to prepare for their first classes. Nazro had started the program nearly 10 years ago, and had initial-

ly offered it towards the end of the school year, but has moved it to begin after February vacation, when academic momentum is still strong, to be ahead of the dreaded "Senioritis" that infects hundreds of students year after year.

The students learn from "Biochemistry" by Lubert Stryer, which is a textbook used in most colleges. According to Nazro, the copies they work out of are older editions, as newer textbooks cost close to \$200 each, but the chapters she follows contain material that has not changed through-

out the years.

When asked why they were willing to arrive at school so early and miss out on minutes of precious sleep, students chimed in with relatively similar answers.

"I knew I'd have to take it in college, so it's better to see it and struggle now and be able to help people if they're struggling in college," Valerie Shay answered. She also explained that the MCAT, the medical College Admission Test, is roughly 50% biochemistry.

Fellow student, Ryann Boudreau, answered "I

have to take it in college, so it's a good intro learning the first chapter, and I'll have a head start on everyone else." She later added that she and the other seniors in her class have the added benefit of previewing the college material for free.

And fellow student, Kristina Genthner, echoed the other seniors' sentiments of taking advantage of the jumpstart on college education.

Nazro mentioned that to this day, she receives emails from students who had taken her enrichment class from years prior that

they have come across the same questions on their tests and quizzes in college as they had covered in this very class.

"When I got hired here, (they) said take this class, and I made something of it," Nazro said. And based on her group of seniors', who are going above and beyond for their education, diligence in note-taking and dedication in attendance, these students, and the students who take the class after this group graduates, will surely make something of their enrichment in the years to come.

Water

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One solution may be to connect to town water. Lopez said he originally explored connecting with the Manchester Water Works line, which has an opportunity for four points of connection, but he rejected that idea when one point of connection proved to be cost-prohibitive.

But a Derry water line is 1,400 feet away at the Derry town line, and includes a 12-inch water main and hydrant, Lopez said.

"We started a conversation with Derry," he said. "We walked the route, and it seemed feasible."

Moving parts

But it's complicated, Lopez said.

Londonderry is served

by Manchester Water Works, but the Lorden Commons franchise area is served by Pennichuck.

The process to hook up to Derry water would involve Pennichuck releasing its rights to Derry; Derry taking over the part of the franchise area that is in Londonderry; Derry purchasing the water from Manchester; and everything being approved by the Public Utilities Commission.

The process will involve a 12-inch water main running down Old Derry Road, with hydrants, and changing to 8 inches at Lorden Commons. It will serve Phases 2, 3 and 4, but not the 50 existing homes, Lopez said.

Derry will lead the charge, Lopez said, noting, "Ultimately, the sys-

tem will be theirs."

Lopez acknowledged that there are water issues with those 50 existing homes. He said Chinburg had submitted a survey to residents of their concerns. "We sent out an irrigation contractor and a well contractor," he said. "We were able to correct the issues through mechanical items or education. They have been resolved."

But residents were not so sure.

What about us?

Resident Meghan Ivey questioned the need to be "educated." "I have been in my house for three years," she said. "I know I have water problems. I don't need to be educated."

Ivey also questioned statements in earlier meetings, where she heard that "Chinburg hadn't heard about the well issues."

"They paid for my sec-

ond well," Ivey pointed out.

Ivey also expressed concern about blasting that Lopez had said would be necessary in the upcoming phases. "How will that not affect my water?" she asked.

"If you do blast, you need to look at the existing houses' foundations," she said.

Ivey said she was willing to pay for a hookup to town water, and also observed that with town water, the property values in Phases 2, 3 and 4 would be higher than hers.

Resident Mike Boyle owns two homes on Old Derry Road and said they would be affected by the blasting, because they had been affected by the blasting for Phase I. "There was considerable shaking," he said. "There

are cracks from the blasting. One of the houses is only four years old."

Lopez and Chairman Mary Wing Soares pointed out that the state regulations for blasting have been tightened, and that a "baseline survey" was required of all homes that could be affected.

"But you have to be amenable when they knock on your door," staff engineer John Trottier warned.

The proposed Phase II will go in 50 yards from his property line, Boyle said, adding, "I have lived here 35 years. I don't want my life disrupted."

Resident Charles Armstrong cited a low "quantity and quality of water" in Phase I homes. "It is barely tolerable." With new homes going in, he said, he's alarmed that he might have even less water. He said he had written to Paul Kerrigan, Chinburg CEO, and received no response.

"I am disappointed to hear the comments that people have been contacted and that they're

happy," Armstrong said.

"This is important to us," Ivey said. "It's not fair to the first 50 residents."

The board agreed, with member Kyle D'Urso saying, "I appreciate you looking into the water line. But the Phase I owners will be interested in public water."

"If the issues are already there, you need to consider how to remediate them," member Chris Davies said.

"You need to prepare yourselves with a plan on how these residents can tie in," member Leitha Reilly said.

"Phase I is just as important as Phases 2, 3 and 4," Soares said. "You should make an effort."

Some abutters and affected residents expressed concern that they had not been notified of the hearing. Soares and the board voted to continue the application indefinitely, while Lopez and Chinburg work out the water issues, and to notify the abutters when a date is set.

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South School Newspaper Gets the Word Out to Students

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

South School fifth-grader Kiara Edmunds wasn't scared when she interviewed fellow student Ashleigh Leone on Ashleigh's competitive swimming career. "I've been a swimmer, so I knew what questions to ask," Kiara said.

Asking the right questions is only one of the skills South School's student journalists are learning this semester, along with writing, editing, photography, layout and computer skills. They are putting their new knowledge to work on the school's monthly newspaper, "The Daily Hawk," with two editions already in print.

Fifth-grader teachers Jodi Daron and Melanie Lantagne are the advisors and originators of the project. Lantagne said, "I thought it would be a way for students to get in more writing practice, choosing what they want to write about." She recruited Daron, who thought it was a great idea.

They began as a project for their combined classrooms, but the paper

took on a life of its own, Daron said. "It was like everybody said, 'I wanna do this!'" They opened participation to the full fifth grade, and while some kids dropped out when they realized the volume of the work, many stayed on to form the nucleus of a staff.

Though the paper is a monthly, they voted on a name and "Daily Hawk" came in first, the teachers said.

Lantagne described the process. The students come up with article ideas and write a draft. Then the group comes in the articles and short stories are displayed on a Smart Board, and the team votes on what should go in the next issue. They use a rubric of "Is it accurate? Exciting? Entertaining? Informative?" according to Lantagne.

They peer-edit the chosen pieces and the advisers lay out the paper on the computer, using a program called Print Shop. "My college-aged son showed me how to do it," Daron said with a laugh. But they're working toward having the chil-

dren do more of the layout, she added.

The first edition, released Friday, Feb. 4, had an article and photos on a recent all-school talent show; a piece on the Super Bowl; health tips and a healthy recipe; and Kiara's interview with Ashleigh. There is also a corner devoted to POP, the school's standards of Perseverance, Ownership and Practice. There is also a "Weather" column on the back page.

The second issue, released the first week in April, featured the Jump Rope Team's trip to Boston, the annual Constitution Play, tips on test-taking, staff interviews, more weather and a preview of the upcoming production of "Aladdin."

Daron noted that the students most interested in the newspaper also tend to be involved in "so many other clubs," so she and Lantagne determined to have the group meetings during the school day. But these students are motivated, she added, and do a lot of work on their own. "We share



The South School in Londonderry recently launched its first school newspaper, "The Daily Hawk." From left, Ashleigh Leone, adviser Melanie Lantagne, Kiara Edmunds, adviser Jodi Daron, Killian Daron and Natalie Washington look over a recent issue and plan for the next. Photo by Kathleen Bailey.

everything on Google Docs," she said.

Group member Killian Daron said he got involved because "I like to write, and I thought it was cool."

"I like writing about different things and learning about people," Kiara said.

Ashleigh said, "I think it's fun to write. Our class was the one that started it, and I signed up right

away."

Student Natalie Washington said, "I like to write and share what I write with other people. This gives me the chance to choose what I write." And, she said, it was exciting to see her first byline.

The children have high hopes for the future of journalism and strong opinions about "fake news." "If it sounds like

it's out of a movie, it's fake news," Kiara said.

"You have to look at the facts," Ashleigh said. "Your editors want to look at the facts, too. You can find the facts in books and on Web sites, though you have to be careful."

"And if it's on Wikipedia, that doesn't mean it's true," Kiara added.

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grade. "That was the first time I got all A's," she said, "and I decided I wanted to keep doing it."

Pursel's favorite courses are in science and the arts. She's a visual artist, focusing on watercolors and sketching. She plays piano and also plays clarinet in the Lancers Marching Band.

She enjoys the sciences, and said the course she had the most struggle with over her four years was Macro Economics. "It was more complicated than I'd realized," Pursel said. But she mastered it with her worksheet and vocabulary method, she added.

Writing things down is,

to her, the biggest part of studying. "If I can get it down on paper, I know I'm comfortable with it," she said. "Writing it down gets it in your head."

Pursel has very little homework, noting, "I do it in school." But she keeps busy in her spare time. She's a member of the school's PVC Pirates robotics team, a member of the Math French and Music honor societies, and takes private piano lessons. She's also a chemistry lab aide. In the summer she volunteers at a senior center in Salem, everything from playing piano to cleaning, and she's also an assistant art teacher at the Currier Gallery.

Pursel plans a career in chemical engineering. She has accepted at sev-



Alena Pursel



Kiersten Hoglund

eral colleges and is leaning toward Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute or Oregon State.

Her parents are in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) fields, she said, so it's always been part of her life. "I'm fascinated by the design process, and the

execution of the design," she said.

She is the daughter of Rekha Doshi-Pursel and Rob Pursel.

Hoglund said she has always liked to learn, "though I never particularly liked homework." She attended elementary school at North School.

"My favorite subject was definitely math," she said, and in middle school she expanded that to include science.

In high school her favorite courses were biology, chemistry and "definitely calculus," she said. English was her weak area and she had to work a little harder, she said.

This year she has had 1 to 1 1/2 hours of homework most nights, though she had three hours in junior year, noting, "the course load was the same, but the classes were tougher."

Hoglund said her study skills include time management, a skill she mastered because she's always been on sports teams. "I have a strict practice and game, sched-

ule, so it's forced me to prioritize," she said. She does her homework as soon as it's assigned, and recopies her notes and makes her own study guides, she said.

Hoglund played soccer her freshman, sophomore and junior years. She's played lacrosse all four years, and this year is a team co-captain. In school she's a member of the National Honor Society and Math Honor Society.

For college, she's deciding between Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and will major in biomedical engineering.

She is the daughter of Cari and Erik Hoglund, and has one younger brother.

Matthew Thornton Gives Back to Those Who Give

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Chris Maney isn't surprised that her daughter Regan Sochanek ended up being a PTA vice-president. "She went to school here," Maney said as she gazed around the Matthew Thornton School cafeteria. "Both my daughters went here," Maney said. "I was a room mother." With two grandsons now at MTS, she attends and helps with "every function I can," Maney said.

It doesn't skip a generation. Mothers, grandmothers and at least one dad gathered in the

Matthew Thornton cafeteria this past Friday for the school's annual Volunteer Breakfast. The event capped a week honoring those who give their time to children and education.

As members of the Tigers' Student Council dished out fruit, quiche, egg casserole and a dazzling array of pastries, Sochanek said she volunteers because she likes to be part of her children's school experience. One of her favorite activities is the Ski Club, though, she said, "I like anything around the kids."

A selection of first-graders read poetry in

honor of volunteers. As they walked out, mother Lindsay Vago gave her son Everett a high-five. Vago said she works with the school's Destination Imagination team and in the classroom. She has two other sons, Evan, a third-grader, and Ethan, a fourth-grader who was serving along with the Student Council.

"I like to watch the kids grow and change," Vago said.

It all comes together for Vago when she hears back from a parent, usually in an e-mail. "When they tell me their child is looking forward to the next Destination Imagination meeting, that makes me feel like it's all worth it," Vago said.

Second-graders presented the volunteers with construction-paper

flowers. The third grade's contribution was place-mats, and the fourth-graders gave out handmade cards. The fifth grade created a giant card displayed on the wall, with signatures and messages from each student.

Principal Sharon Putney said about 50 people were in attendance. The food was provided by staff members, and the Student Council, under the guidance of teachers, Ann Smith and Katie Miller, were responsible for setup, serving and clean-up.

How important are volunteers? Putney said, "They are the heart and soul of a school."

What these particular volunteers accomplish is "amazing to me. Some do more than others, but everybody does what

they can."

The volunteers at breakfast included Richard Gray, who has two children at MTS. Gray said he likes to be involved because "it gets me closer to the kids, and I can help out the school." Gray is an event guy, lending his time and talents to the annual Book Fair and the Winter Wonderland in December.

As her fellow parents visited and picked at the last of their meal, PTA president Aaron Duffy said she's been a volunteer since her daughter, now a third-grader, came to school. "I think it's important for kids to have a community of parents around them," Duffy said.

The PTA, the chief avenue for volunteering, provides extra programs that the school cannot

but that are important for education, according to Duffy.

Her favorite event to work on is, hands-down, the Winter Wonderland holiday celebration, she said.

If she were trying to recruit another parent, say the mom of a first-grader, Duffy said she'd tell them, "It's beneficial to be part of the same community as your children. You will have school in common with your child."

And if that parent works outside the home, or has other time complications, Duffy said the PTA will still find a place for them. "We have a lot of events on the weekend," she said, "and we always need baked goods for things like the Teacher Appreciation week."

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Nutfield 300th Committee Prepares for Celebrations

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Committee members from towns representing the original "Nutfield" settlement continue to meet and to plan for one of the biggest birthday parties Southern New Hampshire has ever seen.

"Nutfield," encompassing parts of what is now Derry, Londonderry and Windham, was settled in 1719 by the Rev. James MacGregor and a group of Scotch-Presbyterians wanting to own land and worship freely. They settled in what is now East Derry, and worshiped in a congregation that evolved into the First Parish Church.

Londonderry Town Manager Kevin Smith is the chair of the combined committee. In a phone interview Friday, he said he's pleased with what's been accomplished so far.

"We are at the point where we have a general overview of what we want to do," he said. "Now it's a matter of having subcommittees work on each part."

The work is mostly planning and organizational at this point, Smith added. "There's not a lot of heavy lifting."

The celebration will begin in April 2019 in Derry and conclude during the August Old Home Days in Londonderry.

In the March 20 meeting, the group discussed having a commemorative coin minted Smith said he had reached out to NH Pewter, a Somersworth company, and gotten quotes. The company can provide coins for \$7.50 per coin, minimum of 200,

or \$5 per coin, over 200. The price includes set-up and processing, but not shipping.

Debra Paul, Nutfield publisher and representative of the Historical Society, brought in samples of brochures and booklets. The committee decided on a style and asked Paul to prepare quotes for 2,000, 5,000 and 10,000 pieces. The booklets will include an introduction, a map, a history of Nutfield and a calendar of events. The booklet is estimated to be 20 pages, with each town having five pages and responsible for its own calendar.

Paul has also taken responsibility for the cover art and reported that she has been in contact with the Londonderry Arts Council, and at least two members are interested in doing the cover.

The group discussed subcommittees and determined that each town should have four, in the areas of Sponsorship, Event Planning, Calendar and Program, and Media. The Media subcommittee will have one person from each town serving as an administrator for the internet.

In addition, the steering committee formed an Historic Landmark Tour subcommittee, with Londonderry resident Ann Chiampa at the helm.

In a phone interview Thursday, Chiampa said she is putting together a tour of historic properties in Londonderry, and is open to helping the other towns with theirs. She isn't sure yet if the tour will be by bus or self-guided, she said.

Chiampa really likes the idea of a "then and now" format, showing what was on the property 100, 200 or 300 years ago, contrasted with what's there now.

Some of the properties are well-known, such as the Mack family homestead and the Pillsbury house. Others don't have as high a profile, but were the setting for everyday people living everyday lives, she said.

She's open to commercial as well as residential businesses, and those that overlap, such as the Greenwood family store that was on the site of the current Crossroads Mall. "The family had a store in part of their house," Chiampa said. Other small neighborhood stores included Ralston's, at the corner of Mammoth Road and 102, and one at the site of today's Mobil service station at the junction of Route 28 and Route 128. The Historical Society has a couple of wooden vegetable signs from that store, she said.

There was also a horseback riding camp, where Papa Gino's is on Route 102, and a swimming hole where an older cousin was a lifeguard, she said.

Chiampa, who grew up in Manchester, remembers driving to Londonderry with her mother in the 1950s to buy eggs at Merrill's Farm. "We would go into the house, and the grandmother would be in the kitchen in her rocking chair and would sell us eggs," she said. Later, when Chiampa attended Memorial High School, she became friends with kids from North London-

derry, who attended the city school because LHS wasn't built yet.

The current Harvey Road was called Skim Milk Road in the early part of the 20th century, and the parents of a high school friend used to live there, Chiampa said. When Grenier Field came in they had to vacate their home, and they moved to a house on Mammoth Road, she said.

Chiampa wants to "tell a story" with her tour, she said. She's also thinking about a "Then and Now" calendar, and though the history of the town predates cameras, she's sure she can locate some pen-and-ink drawings of the earliest Londonderry.

"It is good to know the three towns are working together, that there is cohesion among the towns," Chiampa said.

One of Derry's most ambitious projects is the restoration of First Parish Meetinghouse, which has stood in East Derry since

1769. It was the second home of MacGregor's congregation and has served as a library, town offices, and venue for Town Meeting as well as hosting congregations.

Paul Lindemann, a spokesman for First Parish Church and a member of the 300th Anniversary Committee, said that the church building is being restored in an ambitious project that includes two Land and Community Heritage Preservation (LCHIP) grants, a hefty investment by the congregation, and a newly-formed 501 (c) 3 group.

The church members raised the first \$1 million for the renovation internally, according to Lindemann. For the remainder of the estimated \$2.5 million they are asking for community support. The 501 (c) 3 group is independent of the church, he said, noting that some private investors and some corporations weren't

comfortable donating to a church project, even though the project is of wider historical interest.

"None of the money goes to the operation of the church," Lindemann stressed.

The tower, or steeple, was removed a couple of years ago and is being repaired in Nottingham. LCHIP provided \$125,000 for the tower in 2015. An LCHIP grant provided \$59,000 for the roof restoration, he said.

Lindemann said the group hopes to finish interior work in 2018 and 2019, so the Meetinghouse will be ready for the Tricentennial celebration.

"We have huge hopes," Lindemann said.

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World War II Navy Pilot Receives Medals Earned



World War II Navy Pilot Eugene Shannon of Londonderry received his Philippine Liberation Medal and the Military Air Medal in a ceremony Thursday, April 6, at the American Legion Post 27 in Londonderry. The Military Air Medal is awarded for heroic actions or meritorious service while participating in aerial flights. The Philippine Liberation Medal is for service in the liberation of the Philippine Islands between October 1944 and September 1945.

Presenting his medals was Ritchie Taylor Deputy Commander, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and William M. "Bill" Gardner the current Secretary of State of New Hampshire. Shannon was joined by his wife Mary and nearly 20 family members. After receiving his medals Shannon spoke briefly about how he first wanted to join the marines but was denied due to a heart condition. He also talked

about how he was just one of many to serve and how he'd do it all again if asked.

His missions included strikes against Iwo Jima, Guam, Okinawa, Formosa, Hong Kong and Saigon, along with anti-shipping strikes in the South China Sea.

Shannon was on an island called Tianen, in the Marianas, when he learned of the surrender of Japan.

He and Mary married in 1951 and had two children, Paul, with whom they make their home, and Christine, an educator. They have four grandchildren, two from each offspring, and one great-granddaughter, he said.

In fall of 2016, Shannon started making inquiries about his medals. His son Paul contacted U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen's office, and set up the mechanism to receive them.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lady Lancer Tennis Team Looking to Develop and Succeed

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After winning just one of its 14 matches but still showing considerable growth last spring, the Londonderry High girls' tennis team has stepped into its 2017 campaign with a pretty solid mix of battle-tested veteran talent and determined newcomers.

Coach Betty Mak's youthful Lady Lancer bunch includes seniors Sarah DePasquale, Sarah Court, and Kathryn Dwyer, a big sophomore class including Amelia Brenner, Emily Hatem, Sydney Martin, Rachel Cook, Emily Hatem, Melanie Methot, Abigail Palmer, and Amanda Wells, and freshmen Rachel Court, Grace

Sanderson, and Alyssa Treanor.

"The keys for a successful season are grit, net play, and crisp cross-court returns," said coach Mak, who feels that Bedford, Exeter, and Winnacunnet of Hampton will be the front-runners in Division I this spring.

The Lancers opened its new campaign last Wednesday afternoon, April 5, with a home match against the Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals from Nashua. And BG bagged a 6-3 victory to begin its season at 1-0 and place the Lady Lancers at 0-1.

"All of my players performed well under the brisk conditions of the cold, along with wet courts," said Mak. "All

players performed with tenacity and grit."

Cook and Palmer were both unavailable for the opener, so Rachel Court and Sanderson had to step up on the locals' playing ladder.

Londonderry's lone singles victory was delivered at number one by Sarah DePasquale, with coach Mak stating, "The winning set was due to successful serves and swift cross-court returns."

The number two doubles tandem of Dwyer and Sarah Court snagged an inspiring victory, of which coach Mak said, "As darkness closed in, an amazing tie-breaker win of 8-8 (7-3). Great volleys and baseline play."

And the number three doubles duo of Rachel

Court and Sanderson notched the third LHS success, of which the coach stated, "The newest rookies are learning the game quickly. Communication and net-play were wonderful strengths."

Coach Mak's mob was then slated to make the short road trip South to Salem on Friday the 7th to take on the host Lady Blue Devils, but that match had to be rescheduled. And as a result, the Lady Lancers didn't play match number two until Monday April 10 when they hosted the team from The Derryfield School of Manchester.

The Lady Lancers saw their early-season record slip to 0-2 with a 9-0 loss at the hands of that tough Derryfield contingent.



Senior and number one singles player Sarah DePasquale and the LHS girls' tennis team began their 2017 campaign last week. Photo by Chris Paul

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Clear, Singular Vision is Key to Lady Lancer Tracksters' Success

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Year after year, Londonderry High School has girls' winter and spring track teams which vie with the very best in the state for top spots in regular season and post-season meets. And longtime LHS track coach Suzanne Johnson's key message to her athletes has long been the same, with an eye to maximizing the talent on the roster and the team's hopes for success.

"There needs to be a clear, singular vision presented by all the coaches and a big buy-in from all our student-athletes," said the coach.

This spring, the veteran mentor has a Lady Lancer outdoor crew which appears to be extremely versatile and all kinds of ready to try to build upon the 2016

team's 5-1 regular season record and fourth place finish at the Division I championship meet.

"We have the balance between veterans and rookies, between field and track events, and a good number of supporting competitors from all four grade levels. We all need to be on our game and do our job," said Johnson, who has taught and coached at Londonderry High since the 1980's.

The coach expects Pinkerton Academy and Bedford High to be among the top teams in D-I this spring, but there's certainly no reason to count the Lady Lancers out.

The veteran returnees include seniors Keira Fitzmaurice (middle distances), Devyn Enright (versatile), Lexy Freire (versatile), Ellie Goodspeed (sprints), Lyndsey Guenther (throws), Gretchen McGrath (versatile), Eliza-

beth Stubbs (mids), and Bella Ziolek (versatile).

The junior returnees include Jess Brien (versatile), Gianna DelViscovo (pole vault), Jill Doris (sprints and jumps), Addie Garofalo (throws), Kalin Gregoire (mids), Emily Lagasse (sprints), Kaylie Longua (versatile), Kiara Quitayen (sprints and jumps), Alex Seeley (mids), and Kiera Wright (throws).

Among the sophomore returnees are Maddy Croteau (versatile), Brittany Fernandez (sprints and jumps), Julia Fothergill (sprints and jumps), Hunter Langley (throws), Ashley Lynch (sprints), Suzie Moore (versatile), Theresa Nickerson (versatile), Alivia Proulx (versatile), Kaelyn Rourke (mids), and Paige Velie (throws).

And the list of skilled freshmen includes Caitlin Boufford (mids), Jasmine



Londonderry High girls' track and field coach Sue Johnson works on stretching with several of her athletes with lateral heel-up exercises during a team practice this past Monday afternoon. Photo by Chris Paul

Brown (versatile), Julia Ethier (versatile), Makenzie Gagne (throws), Alexis Groulx (sprints and jumps), Juliana Hamel (sprints), Molly Lagasse (throws), Lilly Law (mids), Cailey McDonough (mids), McKenna Muldoon (sprints and

jumps), Celia Ponto (sprints and jumps), Gillian Vilela (versatile), and Akolam Wambu (throws).

"We are very enthusiastic about the new team members we have and the abilities, skills, and great attitudes they have

brought to our team," said coach Johnson.

The Lady Lancers were expected to get their 2017 season officially started this past Tuesday the 11th at home against Concord, but field conditions forced the cancellation of that event.

Local Training Center's Level 4 Crew Claims State Crown

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

No other New Hampshire team was able to find the key to defeating the New England Gymnastics Training Center's Level 4 team at the recent state championships in Kingston. And Londonderry youngsters contributed to that major success and the strong work of other NEGTC

teams on other levels.

"We are very proud to say that our Level Fours became state champions," said NEGTC press liaison Daysha Hatfield. "These ladies have worked hard all year, and they are very deserving of being number one in the state. The Level 6 team placed sixth at the state meet as well, and the Level 7 and Level 8 teams

are regional qualifiers."

The Level 4 state champs had Londonderry athletes make significant contributions in the seven and eight-year-old, 9B, and 12-and-over divisions.

In the 7-8 grouping, Katherine Rowan claimed second place on vault (score of 8.95), fourth on the uneven bars, fifth in the all-around, and sixth places on the balance beam and in the floor exercise.

In Division 9B, Rowan's fellow Londonderry resident Faith Carrier ended up fifth in the all-around and had other top-10 placings on vault, bars, beam, and floor.

In the Level 4, 12-and-over class, Londonderry's Olivia Colliton snagged third places in the all-around, on vault, and on bars, and she also went top 10 on beam and floor.

In Level 5 competition, town resident Ella Houghton was a standout

in the 12-and-over division with a tie for first place on vault (9.125), second places in the all-around (36.575) and on floor (9.5), a tie for third on beam, and a fifth place on bars.

In Level 6 competition, Londonderry's Lillian MacDonald excelled in the 12A division with a second on beam (9.4), a fourth on vault, a fifth in the all-around, and a pair of eighth places as well.

And in Level 7 action,

Londonderry 14-year-old division competitor Haley Rustad notched a slew of second place finishes including ones in the all-around (37.775), on beam (9.4), on bars (tied at 9.425), and on floor (tied at 9.6). She also went top 10 on vault.

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

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Lancer Spikers Battle Hard But Drop Season-Opener at Home

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After getting over run in the first game of its season and home-opening match against the perennially-tough Salem High Blue Devils at home this past Monday, April 10, the Londonderry High boys' volleyball squad showed that it has no shortage of either intestinal fortitude or fight in its makeup.

The Lancers lost game one by a lopsided 25-11 margin, but they were full of fight in games two and three despite dropping decisions in both cases. The visiting Blue Devils won game two by a 25-22 score, and game three by a 25-21 count, having had to work considerably

harder than in game number one in collecting the 3-0 match success.

"We had to overcome a little adversity in set two when Bryan Murphy suffered a cut to his skull," said LHS coach Dave Starin. "All in all, given the experience and limited gym time we've had this spring, I have to be encouraged with the team. Our serve-receive was good, and we just have to learn some of the finer points of blocking and hitting to limit some of our errors. It was especially good to see improvement as the match progressed."

The Lancers have returned six players from their 2016 crew - helmed by now-retired coach

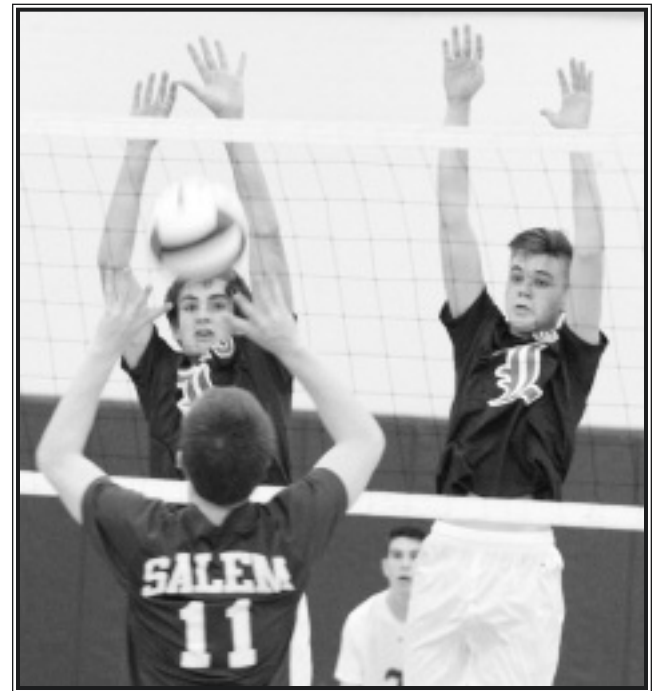
John Vaughn - including seniors Mike Vivian (a setter), Tim Sullivan (middle-hitter), Murphy (outside-hitter), and Danny Bears (libero), along with junior middle-hitter Tim O'Neil and sophomore defensive specialist Matt Nickerson.

Newcomers to the Lancer squad, who new coach Starin is working diligently to place in the most productive positions, include seniors Ryan Pitard, Nick McCann, Jackson Lycars, Nalen Iarrobino, and Ian Candela, juniors Abhy Patel and Logan Agrella, sophomores Alex Crutcher, Patrick Cohen, and James Buttafuoco, and freshman Jacob Cullen.

In the opener against Salem, Londonderry

received nine assists from Vivian, five service points from Iarrobino, four kills from Lycars, and three digs from Bears.

In the wake of that season-opening defeat, the Lancers continued on through a slate this week which had them traveling to New Ipswich to take on the Mascenic Regional contingent on Wednesday the 12th - after Londonderry Times press time - followed by a home match against those arch-rivals from Pinkerton Academy at LHS this Friday night the 14th. Pinkerton began its 2017 campaign on Monday night with a pretty convincing 3-1 defeat of the defending state champs from Hollis-Brookline in Derry.



James Buttafuoco (left) and Jackson Lycars try a block against Salem during the LHS boys' volleyball team's season-opener. Photo by Chris Paul

LHS Boys' Tennis Crew Aims to Continue Development

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After winning just one match in 2015 and then three last spring, the Londonderry High boys' tennis team will look to continue its growth in its 2017 incarnation this spring.

The Lancers only return one starter from the 2016 crew, but there are five other varsity returnees and three newcomers who are hoping to make their contingent a going concern in tough Division I.

Junior Ryan Leo is back among the top six singles players, starting the campaign in the number two position. Other varsity returnees include juniors Tyler Cullen (at sixth singles) and Quentin

Caruso (third singles) and sophomores Cam Ness (number one singles), Josh Galluzzo (fourth singles), and Ben Doris (first alternate for the top six).

The varsity newcomers are freshmen Jay Hayes (fifth singles) and Ryan Cullen and sophomore Jacob Escott.

When asked to point out her team's keys to success for the new season, coach Janice Norwesh stated, "Accomplishing our weekly goals and success will follow. I want to continue to strengthen and grow my players in their ability to play strong, solid net games and develop our doubles play."

The coach considers Bedford and Derryfield of Manchester to be front-

runners for top team placements in D-I.

And the locals began their new season with success in Nashua in the form of a 5-4 defeat of the host Bishop Guertin Cardinals last Wednesday, April 5.

"It wasn't the win that was so cool, it truly was the way these boys played. They all fought very hard," said LHS mentor Norwesh. "We had some very close matches. My number one Cam Ness had a two-hour match and just fell short, losing 7-9 in the match tie-break. My number two Ryan Leo also had a heated battle, staying on serve until the very end and just falling short at 6-8. First-time starters Josh Galluzzo and Jay Hayes came up

with big wins at four and five. And captain Tyler Cullen took care of business to give us our third point going into doubles."

In doubles competition, the number two tandem of Ness and Doris snagged a decisive 8-2 victory and the number three team of Caruso and Hayes then handed the 5-4 match success to LHS.

"In spite of a slow start, the new team of Quentin Caruso and Jay Hayes clinched our team win with a huge 8-3 victory. Jay received our game ball for winning his first

two varsity matches, and we are officially undefeated," said the Lancer coach.

The Londonderry crew was then scheduled to play host to the Salem High Blue Devils on Friday the 7th, but Mother Nature had other ideas and that contest was postponed.

That left the Lancers looking forward to a short trip over to Manchester this past Monday the 10th to take on the highly-touted Derryfield School contingent on its home courts.

And the Lancers saw their season record evened up at 1-1 with a 7-2 loss to that Derryfield crew.

Freshman Hayes continued to show his great ability and lack of awe regarding high school varsity competition by winning his singles battle by an 8-5 score and then teaming up with Galluzzo for an 8-6 success at number three doubles.

"A very respectable day," said Norwesh. "My boys showed grit and fight and are definitely learning how to win games."

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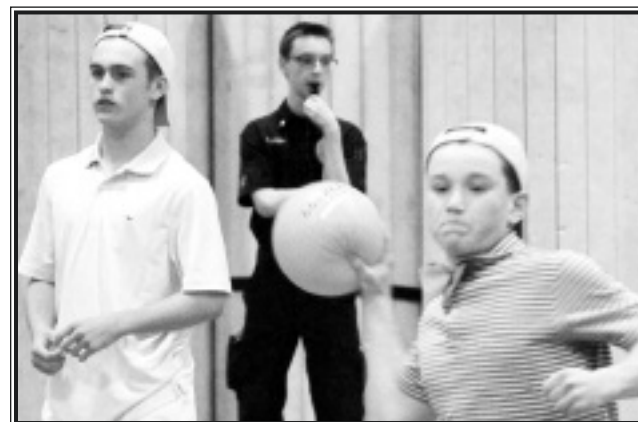
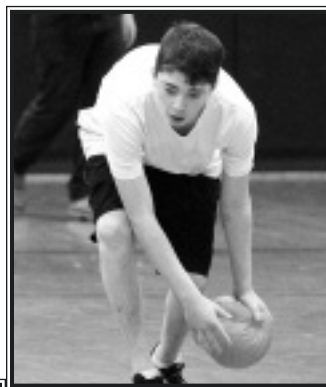
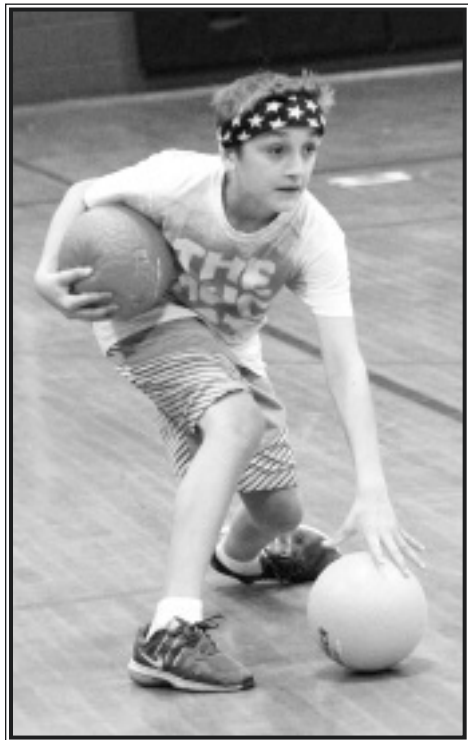
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Explorers Host Dodgeball Tournament at Middle School



Team "BETA," this year's winners of the Explorers Dodgeball Tournament. Courtesy photo

The Third Annual LMS Dodgeball tournament hosted by The Police Explorers didn't have as many participants this year, but there was just as much fun. Teams competed for bragging rights as well as medals. The Explorers will use the money raised to pay the entry fees, and to rent a van, to a Weekend Challenge in May, in Center Strafford. The challenge pulls in posts from all over New England.

The winners of the tourney were team "BETA" which included Hunter Smith, Zach Fawcett, Luke Romanek, Dean Haggett, Lance Martineau and Dylan McEachern. The second place team was "Minecrafters." Team included Logan Wyman, Ryan Severn, Colin Laconto, Conner McKinnon, Will Bieler and Tim Breau.

Photos by Chris Paul

Athletes of the Week

Week of April 3



Sarah DePasquale, Senior, Girls' Tennis

The Lady Lancers' battle-tested number one singles player notched an amazing first win of the season against Bishop Guertin, using crisp cross-court volleys and consistent serves.



Camden Ness, Sophomore, Boys' Tennis

This skilled 10th grader has shown great dedication and hard work in earning the number one singles position. He also helped post a doubles win in the Lancers' season-opening match against BG.

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Upper Room Educating Community on Distracted Driving

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

As a parent educator and therapist at The Upper Room, and as the parent of two young adults, Susan Schick thought she'd heard it all. But even she was taken aback in a discussion with her teenage son, when he informed her that some of his peers watch videos on their cell phones while driving.

"He said, 'don't be surprised, Mom it's happening,'" Schick recalled.

This spring Schick is conducting workshops for both parents and their

teens, in order to educate them on the importance of not texting, talking, viewing or even eating while behind the wheel. It's a conversation that she hopes will happen sooner rather than later.

Schick described "distracted driving" as a laundry list of "texting, using a cell phone or Smartphone, eating and drinking, talking to passengers, grooming one's self, adjusting the radio," or even using a navigation system, which should ideally be programmed before beginning the trip.

But text messaging is by far the most alarming

distraction, because it involves visual, manual and cognitive attention from the driver, and because it is so very attractive to teens.

A fact sheet offered by Schick includes the following:

- Nationally, in 2014, 3,179 people were killed and 432,000 injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers;

- Ten percent of drivers 15 to 19 involved in fatal crashes were distracted at the time of the crash;

- The percentage of drivers text-messaging or

visibly manipulating hand-held devices increased from 1.7 percent in 2013 to 2.2 percent in 2014; and

- When texting, five seconds is the average amount of time a driver's eyes are off the road. If traveling at 55 mph, that's enough time to cover the length of a football field blindfolded.

New Hampshire passed its hands-free electronic devices law in 2015, and it went into effect in July of that year. The law makes it illegal for any driver to use a hand-held electronic device that provides voice or data communication while driving, and includes when stopped at a red light, stop sign or by roadwork or a train crossing

"I have Bluetooth, and even that comes under the law," Schick said.

Why do they do it?

Though social media has many positive aspects, it can be hard for a teen to put it on hold, Schick said. "It's hard to resist a 'ping,' even when you're driving." And it's a different world today, with instant communication and gratification.

"When I was a teen, our phone was attached to the wall and my mother could monitor everything I did," she said.

While teens find it hard to put down a cell phone or Smartphone, today's parents are just as busy, and can be distracted behind the wheel by a fast-food meal, much-needed jolt of caffeine, or even a cell phone conversation of their own. But as with any other behavior, parents model what kids often do.

"Unfortunately, parents are always 'on' as models," Schick said. "It's not, 'It's okay for me and

not for you.' We need to be mindful of that."

Schick urges parents to have the conversation with their young drivers. "Make a date with your kid, at a time that is predetermined, so it won't be stressful," she said. "Tell them, 'I want to check in with you on something.'"

And Schick knows from personal experience that it does pay to have that conversation. "My son was a passenger in another kid's car on the way back from a conference in Washington, D.C.," she said. "The driver was using the phone while he drove, and my son spoke up and said, 'Dude, you can't do that.'"

Schick urges both teens and parents to sign a pledge available at her office, committing them to a hands-free lifestyle. For more information, contact her at 437-8477.

Man Arrested on Multiple Incidents

A Londonderry man was arrested Friday, April 7, and charged with several violations of the law, after first violating his bail conditions.

Peter John Roarty, 45, of Londonderry was first arrested Friday at midnight, after police were called to his residence at 26 Lantern Lane for a report of a domestic dispute. Roarty was arrested with a charge of Domestic Violence, and his bail conditions prohibited him from returning to 26 Lantern Lane. Several firearms were also seized



Peter John Roarty

during the first arrest.

The party who called informed the police that Roarty had returned to the residence in violation of bail conditions. Upon arrival, police saw Roarty

outside the residence and he ignored the commands of the officers. He returned to the residence and after a three-hour stand-off, he surrendered peacefully at 2:45 p.m.

Londonderry police were assisted by the Southern New Hampshire Special Operations Unit.

Roarty was arrested and charged with Criminal Trespass, Criminal Threatening, Stalking, and Resisting Arrest. He was held without bail and was arraigned on Monday, April 10, in the Derry District Court.

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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 tox-

ins 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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Experience the Rainforest

The Children's Room of the Leach Library will host "Wildlife Encounters" Monday, May 15, from 4 to 5 p.m. Participants will learn how these animals' adaptations help them live in the rainforest, and how they help the rainforest to grow. Live animal visitors may include a tegu, tree frog, macaw or coatimundi (live animals). The program is open to 90 participants and registration is required. For more information and to register, call 432-1127.

Easter Family Fun

The LHS class of 2020 will be hosting a morning of Easter Family Fun on Saturday, April 15, from 9 a.m. - noon in the Londonderry High School Gymnasium. Ages 12 and under will be admitted for no entry fee, although donations are welcome. Activities will include crafts, raffles, face-painting, games, and an Easter Egg Hunt starting at 11:30 on the Track Field, rain or shine, with a separate patch for "little bunnies". Please bring your own basket, and your own camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny for just \$3.00. Please email questions to atebbetss@londonderry.org or hlafore@londonderry.org

Rail Trail Clean-up

Londonderry Trailways has scheduled a clean-up day for Saturday, April 22 from 9 - 11 a.m., rain or shine, to pick up litter and trash along the Rail Trail. Volunteers are asked to meet at the North Elementary School parking lot. Pick-up trucks are needed and work boots and work gloves are recommended.

Easter Sunrise Service

April 16 at 6 a.m. Park on street or in parking lot of Londonderry United Methodist Church, and take 8-minute walk to gazebo located in the orchard

behind the church. *Rain location at Orchard Christian Fellowship. Contact Lisa Powers, (603)425-6231 or www.orchardnh.com for more information.

Derry Fun Night

Seacoast Division of the National Model Railroad Association is running their Derry Fun Night program again on April 14, 7 - 9 p.m., at the Marion Garish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry, NH. For additional information go to the Division's website at seacoastnmra.org/calendar.

Leach Expanded Hours

Library Director Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp is pleased to announce that, starting the week of May 1, 2017, the library will be expanding operating hours on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Currently, the library is open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. that day.

Easter at LPC

He is Risen Indeed! Londonderry Presbyterian Church's 2017 Easter Service will take place April 16 at 10 a.m. There will be a service of lessons and worship music.

36 Years in the Amazon Forest

Londonderry Presbyterian Church proudly brings the MEVA Missionaries, Edson and Myriam Silva, to the community. The Silvas had spent 36 years among the native people of the Amazon Forest, and will be showing a powerpoint presentation and videos at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, located at 126 Pillsbury St., on Tuesday, April 18 at 7 p.m. Admission is free, however, free-will offerings will be accepted.

"Magic of West"

"The Magic of the West: Yellowstone and Big Sky Country" will be the topic of a program by Rick Little to be presented Thursday,

May 18, at 7 p.m. in the Leach Library. Audiences may explore the beauty of the Bighorn River region in south-central Montana, the canyons of the Missouri in central Montana, and finally the magnificence of Yellowstone National Park and the Beartooth Highway. The program is free and open to the first 90 individuals. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 432-1132.

Come to the Fiesta

Children are invited to celebrate the coming of summer with a Fiesta event Tuesday, May 30, from 4 to 5 p.m. In the Leach Library. Children will learn of animals of Latin America, folk tales, and some Spanish words. Each participant will leave with a colorful plush parrot to commemorate the trip. The program is open to 90 participants of all ages, registration is required. For more information, call 432-1127.

"Storm Runners"

The Leach Library will hold a Young Adult discussion on "Storm Runners" by Roland Smith Thursday, May 11, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The book is about a boy and his father's lives as "storm runners," racing across the country in pursuit of hurricanes, tornadoes and floods. A limited number of copies will be available with registration, which begins April 10. Refreshments and door prizes will be included.

Affected by Lyme Disease?

There is new support group offering support to those who are affected by Lyme Disease. The group meets to raise awareness and share information about this devastating and sometimes misunderstood illness. We will be meeting the fourth Wednesday of each month at Market Basket Café in Londonderry.

Meetings start around at 6:30 p.m. 4/26/17 for more info contact Deb Paul 537-2760 or dpaul@nutpub.net

Free Meals

The following free meals are offered in the Derry/Londonderry area in April: April 15, Dinner at St. Luke's Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry, 5 to 6:30 p.m., call 434-4767 for more information; April 16, Dinner at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Road, Derry, 5 to 6:15 p.m., call 432-0004 for more information; April 20, Dinner at West Running Brook Middle School 1 West Running Brook Lane, Derry, 5 to 6 p.m., call 432-1350 for more information; April 23, Breakfast at Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Road, Derry, 9 to 10 a.m., call 432-2130 for more information; April 26, Spaghetti Dinner at First Parish Church, 47 East Derry Road, Derry, call 434-0628 for more information; and April 30, Lunch at Lions Club in Londonderry, 435 Mammoth Road, provided by St. Jude parish, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., call 432-3333 for more information. In addition, a free meal is served every weeknight at Sunshine Soup Kitchen on Crystal Avenue in Derry.

Ballroom Dancing

The United Methodist Church of Londonderry, SE corner of Mammoth and Pillsbury Roads, offers learning to Foxtrot, Waltz, Rumba, Tango, and more, on Thursday nights, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall (enter thru rear door) beginning April 13. Cost is \$5 per person, per session. For all dance-related questions, call (603) 537-0799.

The Run for Healing.

The 5K Run & 3K Walk is a fun, affordable, family event to be held Sun. May 7 at 2 p.m. at Pinkerton Academy in Derry. \$18 for adults and \$10 for those under 18 years. The number 18 translates to "life" in Hebrew. Sign up at NH4Israel.org before April 21 for your free t-shirt. See you at the starting line!

Treasure Hunter's Hobby & Historical Show

The 24th annual Treasure Hunter's Hobby & Historical Show will be taking place April 29, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Keene Rec-Center's Multi-Purpose Room, located at 312 Washington St, Keene NH. There will be a \$5 cover charge, \$1 for children under 16 and seniors

over 75. Events include a mini XP Deus Boot camp, and 6 other workshops, contests, historical & valuable find displays, and charity silent auction (also benefiting the Wounded Warriors & Dublin Christian Academy). For more information, please visit www.streeter.org.

Risk of Fentanyl

Narconon wants to educate families on the new escalated risk Fentanyl has added to opiate abuse. Fentanyl has been found to be 50 to 100 times more potent than heroin and has a greatly increased chance of overdose. Learn more about the new dangers of opiate addiction and the details on Fentanyl. Learn more by visiting narcononnewliferetreat.org/blog/fentanyl-laced-heroin-worsening-overdose-crisis.html

Run for Freedom 5K

Tue. 6 p.m. & Sat. at 8:30 a.m. May 9 to July 4, starts an 8 week program designed to help train anyone who has ever wanted to try to run a 5k (3.1 mile) road race. Training starts off slowly and progresses with the goal of running in the Run for Freedom 5k on July 4 in Derry, NH. This is the only known FREE Couch to 5k training program in NH. Receive a free t-shirt to wear during the race as well as a free membership to the Greater Derry Track Club. Please go to www.gdctc.org to register.

School Budgeting Workshop

School budgeting workshop April 22 hosted by School District Governance Association of NH. Guest Speaker, Peter Bragdon past President of the New Hampshire State Senate, past Executive Director of NH HealthTrust. This event is designed to benefit elected school district officials, but the public is also welcome by advance registration. A continental breakfast will be provided. Sat., April 22, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 749 East Industrial Park Dr. Manchester, NH. Advance Registration is Required. Registration fee: \$10 SDGA members, \$15 Guests. Registration contact: azgreen@comcast.net, 603-218-9910.

Legion Karaoke

April 14 Karaoke with DJ Sharon. Starts at 7 p.m. Non-members interested in joining Post 27 are welcome to attend. At American Legion

Post 27 located at 6 Sargent Rd in Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Road). For more information go to our website www.alpost27.com, call us at 437-6613.

Legion Bingo

April 24 Post 27 will be playing bingo with patients at the VA Hospital in Manchester from 7-8:30 pm. We'll be serving pizza and diet soda as well as providing \$150 in prize money. At American Legion Post 27 located at 6 Sargent Rd in Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Road). For more information go to our website www.alpost27.com, call us at 437-6613.

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.

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'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.

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.

Book Bingo

Flower Power Book Bingo will be offered Mon-

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day, 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.

"Galileo" Library Stop

A living history per-

formance, "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.

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 22, 2017 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. 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.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Wednesday - April 5

1:24 a.m. Criminal Mis-chief Investigated at Man-chester Boston Regional Airport.

9:35 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated and arrest made on Lawson Farm Road.

12:54 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Hovey Road. Adam Had-ley, 20, of Londonderry charged with being a Fugi-tive from Justice.

4:23 p.m. Criminal mis-chief Investigated on Vista Ridge Drive.

8:07 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Rt 102 at the I93.

9:34 p.m. Domestic Dis-turbance reported, peace restored on Calla Road.

10:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Investigated on High Range Road at Wiley Hill Road

Thursday - April 6

12:52 a.m. Motor vehicle accident reported on Har-vey and Webster Roads.

8:39 a.m. Criminal Threat-ening investigated at Lon-donderry High School.

6:12 p.m. Motor vehicle stop results in arrest at intersection of Hardy and Hovey Roads. Phillip Mor-rison, 40, of Londonderry Charged with Driving Under the Influnce of Drugs or Liquor and Following Too Closely

7:44 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nashua Road at Town Fair Tire

Friday - April 7

8:33 a.m. Drug Offenses reported and arrest made at Manchester Boston Regional Airport. Russell Williams, 53, of Manches-

ter charged with Posses-sion of Controlled/Narcot-ic Drugs.

11:03 a.m. Domestic Dis-turbance reported and an arrest made on Lantern Lane. Peter John Roarty, 45, of Londonderry charged on Stalking and Re-sisting Arrest or Deten-tion.

2:07 p.m. Sex Offenses investigated at Londen-derry High School.

2:26 p.m. Assault report-ed, peace restored on Horseshoe Lane.

3:34 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Black-berry Road, Derry. Haley James, 19, of Derry charged on filing a False Report on an Accident.

4:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident reported at Citi-zen's Bank on Nashua Road.

5:03 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nashua Road near exit four.

6:03 p.m. Shoplifting re-ported and arrest made at Market Basket on Garden Lane. Shelly Peterson-Raza, 53, of Londonderry charged with Theft/Shop-lifting.

7:57 p.m. Suspicious act-ivity investigated on Hovey Road.

10:13 p.m. Overdose re-port on Nashua Road results in transport to hospital.

Saturday - April 9

12:44 a.m. Motor vehicle stop results in arrest and citation issued on I93 at exit four. Anthony Cap-ozzi, 22, of Windham charged with Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs.

1:12 a.m. Motor vehicle stop results in arrest on Nashua Road near Devon-shire Lane. Jonathan Pol-lock, 25, of Leominster, Mass. charged with Pos-session of Drugs (in A Motor Vehicle) and Pos-session of Controlled/Nar-cotic Drugs.

1:21 p.m. Criminal Mis-chief investigated on Wilshire Drive.

2:50 p.m. Drug Offenses investigated on Mercury Drive.

5:38 p.m. Drug Offenses reported and Services Rendered on Capitol Hill Drive.

5:42 p.m. Weapons Of-fenses investigated at Brook Hollow Pit on Auburn Road.

Sunday - April 8

12:41 a.m. Welfare Check results in transport to hospital on Hardy Road.

1:03 a.m. Welfare Check results in transport to hospital on Nashua Road near Young Road.

3:18 a.m. Motor vehicle stop and arrest made on Matthew Drive.

4:06 p.m. Suspicious act-ivity investigated Crosby Lane.

4:20 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nashua Road at I93.

4:23 p.m. Motor vehicle accident results in arrest made on Nashua Road near Buttrick Road. Wil-

liam Medairos, 67, of Derry charged with Dri-ving Under the Influence of Drugs or Liquor.

11:42 p.m. Domestic Dis-turbance investigated at Shell Food Mart on Nashua Road.

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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.

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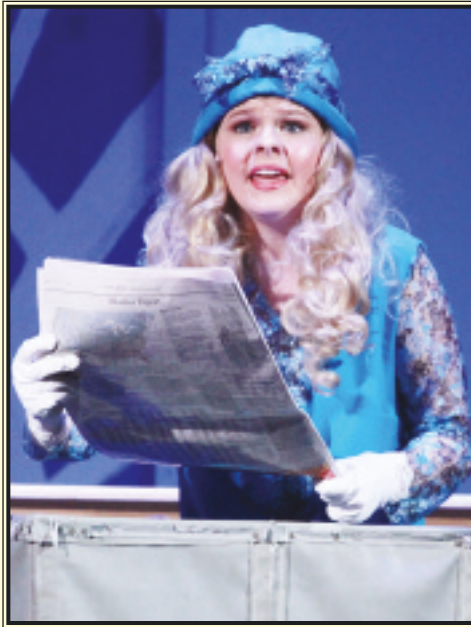
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The Londonderry Town Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on the following item:

- 1.) Ordinance #2016-07A – An Amendment to Ordinance #2016-07 Relative to a Restriction on Outside Water Use.

The Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, April 17, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053. A copy of the proposed amendment may be viewed at the Town Manager's office during regular business hours and online at www.londonderrynh.org.

Londonderry Town Council



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY ZONING BOARD

Agenda - April 19, 2017 7:00 p.m.
Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Rd

- I. Draft minutes to approve: March 2017
- II. Report by Town Council liaison (if any): n/a
- III. Public hearing of cases:

A. **CASE NO. 4/19/2017-1:** Request for a variance from LZO 2.3.1.3.C.1 to construct buildings within an elderly housing community 30 feet from the front setback where 40 feet are required, 57 Adams Road, Map 6 Lots 59-1 and 84, Zoned AR-1 and Route 102 Performance Overlay District, Cross Farm Development, LLC (Owner & Applicant)

B. **CASE NO. 4/19/2017-2:** Request for variances from LZO 2.5.1.3.L.2 to allow a portable storage unit over 20 feet in length where only 20 feet in length are allowed and from LZO 2.5.1.3.L.3 to allow a portable storage unit (a model unit) to remain on the property in excess of the allowed 45 consecutive days and in excess of the allowed 90 days annually, 154 Harvey Road, Map 28 Lot 31-30, Zoned IND-II, Wire Belt Co. of America, Inc. (Owner & Applicant)

C. **CASE NO. 4/19/2017-3:** Request for a variance from LZO 3.11.7.E.3 to allow an electronic price changer which is otherwise prohibited, Six Nashua Road, Map 10 Lot 120, Zoned C-II, Rana Realty 3, LLC (Owner) and NH Signs – Peter March (Applicant)

- IV. Communications and miscellaneous: Training
- V. Other business



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