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It was announced during last week's School Board meeting the School District Music Director, Andy Soucy, will retire after over 45 years with the school at the end of the school year. Photo by Chris Paul

### **School Staff and Alumni Applaud Beloved, Retiring Music Director**

MELISSSA BETH RUIZ LONDONDERRY TIMES

"I just didn't even count the years," Londonderry High School Music Director, Andy Soucy laughed. "They kind of snuck up on me!"

After 46 years of teaching at LHS, Soucy announced his plans to retire, much to the resounding disappointment of students, colleagues, parents and alumni.

Soucy began teaching in 1972 at the age of 21 when he was freshly graduated from Keene State College.

During his 4 decades at LHS he has influenced and encouraged generations of students to follow their passions.

"Like many other former students who chose to make music a career, I find myself inspired still to this day by Mr. Soucy," said 2008 LHS graduate, Laura Chicarello. "I now live in Texas and teach a large studio of over 50 private students, all of whom play my beloved instrument, the French horn.'

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## **Town Elections Offer Some Competition In Two Positions**

KATIE O'DONNELL LONDONDERRY TIMES

◀ back upon us and this year two very important roles are being contested: the Town Modmoderator oversees the to keeping elections "fair," running the Town Deliberative Session, Town Counduring elections. The coverage of elections. Town Clerk manages regrecords for the town. each running to fill them. Luisa Piette is a 58-

year old media communi- possible.

cations consultant who moved to town in 2016. Lection season is She has "a degree in government and an interest in the democratic process."

She said her experience in broadcasting and erator and the Town international law makes Clerk. Both positions are her an excellent candiimportant to everyday life date for town moderator. in Londonderry. The town She said she is dedicated and will advocate for "justice" and "opportunity for cil meetings and protects all." She used to work for the integrity of the vote non-profits promoting fair running for town modera-

Piette said she would

"If elected I promise to do my best to be a fair, effective town moderator," she said.

Piette speaks five languages, (Portuguese, Spanish, French, English, Swedish and Creole) which can be useful to explain ballot laws to all voters.

"I think we have to respect the voters," Piette said. "We have to see what the voters say.'

Thomas Freda is also tor. The 60-year old attorney and CPA has been a istrations, licenses and like to see Londonderry resident for 20 years. He "modernize and get more served on the town coun-Each have two candidate interactive" in running cil for two terms, a total of elections, so they can be six years. During that as efficient and safe as time, he said, he worked continued on page 6

## **School Board Discusses** Latest in College Credits

LORI COSTA LONDONDERRY TIMES

informed of recent developments in dual enrollment and AP college credschool.

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these college courses are courses are a bit more of still in high school.

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## **Number of Residents Seek to Take Town Official Spots**

KATIE O'DONNELL LONDONDERRY TIMES

oters will have some easy choices to make this year when it comes to their elected officials. Most of the elected positions in make sure the cemeteries town are uncontested, in town are properly but still it's important to know who these people are and why they are running in the first place. From Town Council to the Trustee of the Trust Funds, each citizen vying for office is dedicating his or her time to serving the it for the next couple community at large.

Jim Butler is seeking reelection for Town Counrequests for comment in time for print.

Howard Bookman originally ran for the trustee he was looking for a way to give back to the community he's called home since 1973. The 69-year

old retired dentist saw is today. there was an opening and calls the job more of a "cemetery committee," because the official title can be confusing. He and the other two trustees cared for and funded. They are also in charge of making sure those buried in town are following the proper protocols.

"It's a good group of people," said Bookman. "I'd like to continue doing years."

Rep. Betsy McKinney is running for reelection cil, but did not respond to as a library trustee, and serves as the current chair. The 78-year old retired accountant and current state representaof the trust funds because tive has lived in town most of her life. She watched the library program grow from its hum- PhD program in history. ble beginnings to what it She grew up in London-

"I really want to see took the opportunity. He the library prosper and grow and keep up with the new technology," said McKinney.

> She said her greatest achievement in her 10 years as a library trustee is helping to get the online catalog up and running. People can request or renew a book, pay a fine or look up other information through the catalog.

> "I think it helps the patrons the most," explained McKinney. "It's the biggest improvement we've had" in 10 years.

Kirsten Hildonen is pulling double duty by running for reelection as both supervisor of the checklist and the budget committee. The 38-year old likes to keep busy by working for the New Hampshire Historical Society while finishing a

Paid for by Martha Sn

fession."

She was first elected to the Budget Committee in 2017 for a one year term and decided to seek reelection because she felt the first year was good for learning, but another term would allow her to do more for the community.

"I liked the idea of being on an independent advisory board to both the school and town," said Hildonen. "It gives you an overall picture of

derry and considers her- me to see and think about ue working with voters self a "researcher by pro- the diverse needs of Londonderry residents."

Hildonen was appointed to be the supervisor of running unopposed for the checklist when Gerry Van Grevenhof retired.

"I chose to step up to fill the position when for comment. Gerry retired because I believe that maintaining accurate and updated voter records is absolutely crucial to ensure that citizens both are able to execute their right to vote Saturday, March 3, from and follow the laws gov- 10 to 11:30 a.m. to update erning voting in New and correct the voter Hampshire," said Hildothe community and helps nen. She wants to contin- March 13 election.

and preserving electoral integrity in her next term.

Kyle Ramon Foden is the other open position on the budget committee, but could not be reached

Carole Introne is seeking another term as a library trustee. but could not be reached for comment.

Hildonen will be at the Town Clerk's Office on checklist before the

# Tree Tapping

Though the town hasn't seen much of this since the passing of Hank Peterson over two years ago, Mark Falardeau of Litchfield has quite a few odd-looking maple sap catchers positioned on quite a few maple trees throughout Londonderry. THe full-time electritian has an evaporator set up at his home and hope to add to his maple Syrup totals this year by tapping some of the town's many maple trees.

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### **Candidates Look to Fill Two School Board Seats** ATIE O'DONNELL

LONDONDERRY TIMES

wo spots on the Londonderry School Board are up for grabs this year with five fresh faces vying for the positions currently being held by Leitha Reilly and Steve Young. Young is running for reelection while Reilly is not. The backgrounds of those running for the board are diverse but the main reason is the same- to make the school system even better than it is now.

Michael Saucier is a 39-year old high school history teacher who has been in town for 12 years.

His two daughters are currently enrolled in local schools and said being on the school board is "something I've always wanted to do." He feels he's qualified to serve on the board because he's been all sides of education as a parent, a teacher, a coach and a department head.

"I think the key is to have a long-term plan in place," said Saucier, referencing the projected growth in town. He feels making sure the schools are properly staffed and supported is the best "be forward way to thinking."

"We need to sit down with everybody and make a 5 to 10-year plan to cut budget costs," said Saucier.

He supports the proposed budget because he feels it gives the schools "the increases we need right now." He was disappointed with the board's because she is both an Depasse. "I love it here!"



Michael Saucier

previous decision to cut educational assistants after the money was already allocated for them. He believes "anytime we can keep educators in the classroom, we should do it."

Another educator running for the school board is 23-year old Katlyn Brutus-McKenzie. She is the owner of The Learning Tree where she also teaches kindergarten. She was raised in Londonderry and considers herself a "townie." She's running for the school board because she feels an educator should be part of the decision making.

"How else will people on the school board know what [teachers] need" if they are not represented on the board, said Brutus-McKenzie. "If we're giving teachers what they need... that will help overall."

She supports the proposed budget because "I feel the kids are worth the 11 cents."

Brutus-McKenzie said she is qualified for the job



Katlyn Brutus-McKenzie

educator and a business owner. She has the experience and the education to serve the board, despite her age.

Greg Depasse also has experience with the Londonderry school system. The 45-year old architect has lived in town for 15years and has three kids in the school system.

He said he ran for the school board because he "wanted to bring another voice to the table." He was inspired to run for office after seeing the district reallocate funds that were originally supposed to go to hiring classroom aides.

"It didn't sit well," said Depasse. "It really seemed to go against all the organized efforts of a lot of people."

He wants to increase communication between the board, parents and the community. If elected to the board, he said he wants to create a 5 to 10-year plan "with involvement from across the town."

"I've been pretty involved in the schools, in the community," said said he also wants to keep



Greg Depasse

in town since 2010, where he currently works with natural food companies to develop their brands, as well as working on becoming a real estate agent. The 57-year old has two children in the school system. He is very much a part of his kids' lives, getting them ready for school and helping with school parties. He decided to run for the school board when he noticed the space issues going on at Moose Hill School.

"I saw that there was a lot of miscommunication," said Katz, regarding the new district office and he wanted to get the full story of what was going on. He felt being on the school board was the best way to get all the informa-

trict "into the future." Katz is passionate about the programs at Moose Hill, since his youngest son participated in the LEAP program when he was there. Katz promoting STEM educa-

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tion and help take the dis-



Jeffrey Katz

Jeffrey Katz has been tion through the district and was upset when the 2015 budget did not allow for new technologies in the classroom.

> One thing he would like to see, if elected, is having an auditorium built at the high school.

> "I don't believe in the Band-Aid approach," said Katz, who is a firm believer in "long term solutions." "I thought the school

> board would be a truly excellent way to give back," Katz said.

With all of the newcomers coming to test their merit, Young is looking "to continue what I've been doing for the last 15years." He said he has been trying to advocate for "right-sizing" in the classroom, which is giving the schools and teachers what they need for appropriate staffing and support, while being what he calls, "yankee frugal."

Young voted against this year's proposed budget, saying, "my issue with the budget was that is was the superintendent's budget and not the board's budget." He felt the board should have examined it more closely and found ways to cut it down. He also dislikes that the district office ia on both the proposed and the default budgets, while the extra space for Moose Hill is not. No matter what, the district gets a new office, but the kids will only get the portable classrooms if the proposed budget is passed.

"I think that's wrong," said Young.

He felt his greatest achievement while serving on the board was successfully suing the state government to equally fund students, regardless of what district they live in.

Young said he likes having others run against him because it promotes more voices and brings more opinions to the board.

He said being a member of the school board "makes you a sharper, stronger person.'

The final person running for the school board, Owen McAlister, could not be reached for comment.







# Editorial

### Winter Clearing Reveals Clean Up Work

We're not sure what happened to winter while it has certainly been chilly, the absence of snow has been weird to say the least. Even the die-hard snow haters are commenting on the very little just enough to be annoying snow we have had. But whether you love snow or hate it, one thing is certain it tends to hide the trash that litters our roadsides every day of the year.

And now that the last remnants of ice/snow are disappearing, we can make up for some of the exercise we missed by not shoveling or having anywhere to ski or snowshoe by engaging in a new winter activity picking up the fast food containers, coffee cups and beer cans that end up in ditches and along our roads. We've been seeing all kinds of things popping up along the road and we don't mean spring flowers.

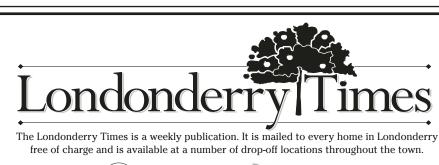
The mess along our streets paints a picture that is far from pretty. It's disheartening to realize how many people are dumping trash and garbage from their cars as they drive by. And even sadder is the realization that much of what's tossed could easily have been recycled.

Most towns have some sort of spring cleanup. And they all offer a way to recycle, whether by putting out recycling containers with the weekly trash pickup or making a collection available at the town transfer station. Londonderry perhaps has the most extensive spring cleanup, with its Beautify Londonderry campaign that lasts several weeks and involves volunteers cleaning up and planting public spaces.

The town also has a Anti-Littering Advisory Committee focused on combating litter, and is ramping up its activity as the warmer weather approaches, with a focus on "Roadside Pride." That's a concept that isn't specific to Londonderry wherever we live, we should expect our streets and lawns to be clean, not repositories for someone's casually tossed out refuse. We don't know why people litter, but we do know that it pollutes other people's property and is against the law.

Whether you decide to join a formal, town organized clean-up, or you take it upon yourself to keep a portion of the road where you live or the land where you walk free of litter, we urge everyone who's physically able to make a commitment to help their town look its best as winter wanes and spring approaches, and for the foreseeable future.

Help keep our towns beautiful and clean. We're all in this together. No littering, please!





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### **Vote for Farrell**

To the editor,

Over the past four opportunity to interact with Sherry Farrell in her position as Town Clerk on numerous occasions.

Sherry brings an upbeat atmosphere of friendliness and a high standard of professionalism to our Town Hall.

Sherry is kind and caring, and often takes time outside of her regular working hours to accommodate the needs of the citizens of Londonderry.

Sherry takes great pride in her job, and goes above and beyondthe expectations of her position. Never expected, always appreciated.

A vote to re-elect Sheron March the 13th is a vote to continue the current level of excellent service to the citizens of Londonderry.

> Jim Butler Londonderry

#### In Support of Sherry Farrell

To the Editor;

It has been my good fortune to know Sherry Farrell and her family for the last nineteen Years. They have been good, good friends and at times saviors. On a personal note, I am Eighty-fours years old and have had occurrences and reoccurrences of various illnesses.

Sherry has on three occasions brought me to the hospital and saw to it that I was cared for. Five years ago She drove me to the leahy Clinic and then slept over in Burlington, so that I would see a familiar face when I awoke from anesthesia.

Sherry grew up in Londonderry , Has two wonderful daughters and a good husband (John

## Letters

comes over and aids me in chores that I can no longer do). She earned a Master's

years, I have had the Degree in Education and of current Town Clerk Administration from Harvard.

The masters in Administration has served her has and the town of Londonderry well over the last fours years that she has served as town clerk of Londonderry.

She has earned multiple state certifications, including tier two of the State Certification for Town and City Clerks. She also participates in several legislative committees.

over the week-end, She will meet with citizens at town hall, to accommodate their schedules.

She loves her job, loves ry Farrell as Town Clerk the people she works with and loves the people that she works for, the citizens of Londonderry.

> A vote for Sherry Farrell on March the 13th would be vote to retain an experienced and active Town Clerk.

Sincerely Bart N Quirinale MD Londonderry

#### **Vote Martha Liff Smith**

To the Editor

I work in the Londonderry School System and have known Martha Liff Smith for almost 20 years. Her children are the same age as mine and together, made an impact on both they were educated in the residents of London-Londonderry. Martha is a kind, decent, and smart person. While she is a lawyer, she has volunteered countless hours helping others in town as a member of the Londonderry Women's Club. On election day please vote for my friend and Londonderry resident of 35 years, Martha Liff Smith.

Penny S. Webster Londonderry

#### **Vote for Farrell**

#### To the Editor:

I am writing in support Sherry Farrell. Sherry has been in this position for the past four years and the experience, integrity and dedication required to continue to fulfill the obligations of the Town Clerk.

Her position is executed in a very gracious, upstanding, humble manner. She is not only the Town Clerk but also a Justice of the Peace and has performed many ceremonies for happy cou-On Many occasions ples. Mrs. Farrell has a sincere love for the town of Londonderry and its residents. She is truly a woman who has passion for her position and thinks nothing of going above and beyond to help individuals in need. Sherry freely gives out her personal cell phone number and is on call 24/7 to help any resident.

She is very active on towns Senior the Committee, Resource coming up with ideas and alternative ways to help seniors whether it be transportation issues or other basic needs. As a dedicated member of the State Clerk Legislative committee, she has a voice for any legislation that affects Londonderry has directly. Sherry earned the respect and derry as well as her working relationship with her colleagues.

I feel it is important to maintain continuity in this position and based on her experience and history, Sherry Farrell is our best choice for Town Clerk.

So, Voters of Londonderry, when you head to the polls on March 13th, I urge you to think about

Art Director - Chris Paul

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your choices. Do you their platform on the want a Town Clerk with statement "no one should experience who genuinely run unopposed"? continues to dedicate their life to helping the citizens of Londonderry

on both a professional and personal level? OR someone who is running Alex Apostol

Londonderry

### **OBITUARY Ruth Honnors**



Ruth A. Honnors, 92, formerly of Derry, passed away peacefully on Thursday Feb. 22, 2018 in the Grace House of Windham. She was born in Boston, MA on Aug. 29, 1925 and was raised by her mother Claire Honnors.

She spent most of her career working as a nurse including Raytheon from 1967 until retirement in 1987. She worked in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia for many years and was known as "Aunt Ruth" to most everyone. Ruth traveled extensively around the world. She was an avid golfer and tennis player. She was passionate about giving back to society and was a volunteer for many organizations including the American Red Cross. She was a member of the First Parish Church where she enjoyed volunteering alongside her many friends.

She is survived by four nephews, Glen Grubbs and his wife Debra of Salem, NH, William Grubbs and his partner Richard Bergstrom of Brookline, MA. Wynn Grubbs and his wife Susan of Seabrook, NH, and Todd Grubbs and his wife Susan of Windham; four nieces, Leni Grubbs Squires of Manchester, NH, Lugene Grubbs Pitman of Waterbury, VT, Laurie Grubbs Stone of Seabrook, and Lee Grubbs Burke of Salem; 15 great nieces and nephews; 12 great-great nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister, Jean Louise (Honnors) Fittin in 1999.

Following cremation, a memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 2 p.m. in the First Parish Church, 47 E. Derry Rd, E. Derry. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Red Cross, PO Box 37839, Boone, IA 50037-0839 or the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20090-6011. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

### **Vote for Farrell**

#### To the Editor:

I am writing regarding the upcoming town election in Londonderry. Sherry Farrell is running for reelection for Town Clerk. I think she has done a great job and deserves to be reelected. I have dealt with her many times when I had a question about town services and other things. She is very knowledgeable, and if she doesn't know the answer to my question, she knows exactly who to ask.

She is also very polite, and always has a smile on her face. She is the go to person for me any time I have a question about anything in Londonderry. I hereby heartily endorse Sherry Farrell for reelection as Town Clerk.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Brian Macdonald Londonderry,

To The editor,

system, and She has a big

stantly gives of herself unselfishly and asks for nothing in return. Sherry is an amazing wife, mother and friend. It has been our honor and pleasure to be able to call Sherry Farrell our friend for so many years. Sherry has done so much for our Rotary Club as well. Rotary motto is "we make a difference" and truly Sherry's is the same -Sherry makes a difference in our wonderful community.

We wish our friend, Sherry, the best of luck. Fave and Bert Sell Londonderry

**Support Martha Smith** 

To the editor:

I am writing this letter to the editor in support of Martha Smith who is running for the position of Town Clerk. Martha and her husband Tim built a home and moved to Londonderry just after they were married 35 years ago. They raised two children who have gone through all levels of Londonderry schools. During this time. Martha has been an active member of the Londonderry community. Whether it was volunteering as a mom at school or working as a ballot clerk for many elections, Martha has always willing offered her time. She is also an active memof Londonderry ber Women's Club and a member of St. Jude's Parrish.

As a practicing attorney ballot clerk on Election for over 30 years Martha Day. Her children went to is well equipped to handle any aspect of the Town Clerk position. Over the years that I have known Martha, I have always found her to be a thoughtful, caring, and supportive friend who would do whatever she could to help those in need. I urge the people of Londonderry to vote for this very qualified candidate.

Susan E. Nerney Londonderry

#### **Vote for Martha**

To the edotor I'm writing this letter Martha Smith for the posiknown Martha for over 20 years. I got to know her Londonderry Women's club. She held many positions in the club, and many fundraisers to help town. She has also spent have yours as well. countless hours volunteering for the town as a

school in town, both were active with the band and she helped with fundraisers to benefit the band as well

Martha is a lawyer, and with that back ground I think she will bring a high level of understanding with state regulations and documents. We need someone that can review and understand the needs of the town, and then be able to go to the state and get it done. We need someone who is efficient, organized and independent. We need someone who has no other relato show my support for tionships or relatives within the town governtion of Town Clerk. I've ment, who will not be influenced by anything other than the needs of while a member in the the town. We need someone with integrity and honesty.

Martha Smith is all served as Vice President those things and more. and President. While in Our town needs those the club we worked on attributes to help us improve, be more effidifferent organizations in cient and to strive for both the Londonderry excellence. She has my schools as well as the vote, and I hope she will

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#### **Vote for Farrell**

We would like to let everyone know we are voting for Sherry Farrell to continue to be our Town Clerk. Sherry is truly an asset to town and has done so much for so many for so many years starting way back when she was involved with the school sports. heart and cares so much for everyone. She con-

## Positions

Continued from page 1 on elections, trying to make them "as efficient and fair as possible."

Freda explained that being on the town council was "an interesting duty and I think I gained a lot of experience."

He said he believed the town moderator should be someone with experience as a town official, since they are the "chief election officer" in town. It's an "involved process," as he called it, to make sure that everyone gets in and out of the ballot boxes with few to no issues.

Freda previously ran for the position back in 2008 and was unsuccess-



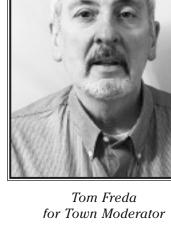
Luisa Piette for Town Moderator

be different. "Experience matters,"

said Freda.

Sherry Farrell is hoping is involved with the state her experience as town town clerk legislative comclerk will gain her another mittee. Farrell said she has

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of the peace.

She said all that experience is what makes her a more qualified candidate for what she considers to be a 24/7 job.

"I know the residents." said Farrell, "and I'm so honored to serve them."

Besides being the town clerk, Farrell also serves on the Senior Resource Committee and is a member of the local Rotary Club and Grange.

She said her greatest achievement as town clerk is simply "representing the people."

"We try to make it a positive experience for all residents," remarked Farrell. She was also proud of the new boat registration process started this year and foresees it bringing even more revenue to Londonderry.

Chair John Farrell.

run if there was a conflict." Farrell said.

Both she and her husband spoke with the town make a choice. attorney and Secretary of

**Do You Have the** 

**Right Plan?** 

ful. He hope this time will term. She currently teach- taken classes, run elec- her running for reelection es classes with the New tions in town, and pro- was in compliance with Hampshire Town Clerk vides services as both a RSA 669.7, which dictates public notary and justice the rules surrounding potential incompatibility of offices.

> "Both of our positions are elected," said Farrell and the people chose them for those positions.

Martha Liff Smith, also running for town clerk, er, is a past president of wants everyone to know the Londonderry Wothat she also has no conflicts of interest, and that despite her last name, she Health Collaboration. She is not related to Town Manager Kevin Smith. She laughed about having such a common last name.

Smith is running against Farrell for town clerk and has lived in town for 35 years. When the 64-year old attorney saw that Farrell was running unopposed, she decided to run.

"I felt I had the time to give my service to the town, so why not?" asked Smith.

She felt there is low Farrell sees no conflict voter turnout because a of interest being married lot of positions in town to Town Council Vice- tend to go unopposed and no one had a vested inter-"I never would have est in the election. But with her candidacy, she hopes people will feel the drive to come out and

State's office to make sure never served as town ry the most," said Smith.

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Martha Liff Smith for Town Clerk

clerk, she said it seemed straightforward.

"Running free, fair, independent elections is part of the job," said Smith. "I want to be able to assist the people of Londonderry."

Smith served on C3, was a PTA member when her children were youngmen's Club and serves on the Greater Derry Oral said her background as a lawyer sets her apart from Farrell.

"I think my legal background is a big thing I bring that's different," said Smith.

If elected, Smith wants to bring back the "Leadership Londonderry" program that invited residents to Town Hall to learn about how the local government works and what everyone's jobs were. Smith believes that understanding how government functions is key to a prosperous democracy.

With that in mind, Smith invites everyone to come out and vote on March 13.

"Local elections are the elections that affect Although Smith has the citizens of Londonder-

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for Town Clerk

## Londonderry PVC Pirates to Compete in 8-Bit Tech Challenge

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ince 2012, career STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math - fields have been Labor Statistics. While traditionally tedious subjects, many schools across the country have begun efforts to peak students' interest in STEM studies.

tion and Recognition of the Pirates' Business, Out-Science and Technology, reach, Awards, and Softwas founded by accomplished inventor Dean ney. Kamen in 1989 to inspire an appreciation of science and technology in young people. Since then, FIRST has held many meets and competitions and inspired many STE groups such as the Londonderry High School FIRST Team 1058. also known as the PVC Pirates.

Originally known as the Londonderry Dragoons, the Robotics team at LHS test what they have been had a small start during their first year in 2003.

Working with what they large amount of PVC tubing to use in creating their robots. In their second year of operation, the Dragoons received a lot of worked for 3 hours after attention at a competition, school

as their robot resembled a through Friday and for 8 pirate ship. It was not long after that the Dragoons opportunities in the changed their name and mascot to what it is known as today.

The Pirates' mission is projected to grow to more to inspire students within than 9 million through and outside of Londonder-2022, says the Bureau of ry to expand their horizons into the STEM fields considered and to prepare them for whatever school or career opportunities come their way. The founding intention was to make STEM activities in school as FIRST, or For Inspira- exciting as sports are, said ware mentor, Kenny Kut-

> "Every one of these (competitions) has a sports playoff atmosphere," Kutney described of the FIRST events, "High energy, light shows. music...uniforms, dancing, really getting excited about the whole thing."

This coming weekend, the students of Team 1058 will have the opportunity to show off and put to the working day in and day out for a month and a half.

Kutney explained that had, the team purchased a the team, comprised of roughly 50 students, had 6 weeks to complete a robot to compete in the event. During this time, students Monday from

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hours on Saturday, in addition to any extracurricular jobs, homework, or other commitments they may have had.

"It is a big time and energy commitment," said Brendan Browne, Computer Aid Design, Strategy, and Business mentor of the Pirates.

Kutney says that unlike in sports teams, where coaches are the ones who direct and influence the team members, the PVC Pirates are a student-lead operation.

"They select their leaders, they're making the parts, they're having discussions," said Kutney. "We just mentor, we answer questions when necessary.'

Kutney also mentioned that in aside from serving at the FIRST Champias a sounding board for the group of students, adult mentors are on standby to keep the students safe, as the equipment used for building the robots is still fairly complex and somewhat dangerous if not handled properlv.

Many of the students are forced outside of their comfort zones, said Browne, and are placed in an environment that is less about memorization and facts and more about practical experience and inde- p.m., continuing Saturday,

pendent decision-making. March 3 from 8 a.m. to 7 tance, even though their He added that the team also has the opportunity to get their feet wet in aspects outside of STEM such as business and programming, along with graphic design, public relations, and public speaking, according to Kutney.

Kutney also added that just about all of the students involved in the PVC Pirates Robotics team who have decided on а major/career path after high school have chosen to pursue something in the STEM field.

From March 1 through the 3rd, the students of the PVC Pirates will be competing with teams from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maine, Connecticut, and Vermont for regional awards and a spot onship taking place April 18-21 at the George R Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas, and April 25-28 at the Cobo Center in Detroit, Michigan.

The Granite State District Event for the FIRST Robotic Championship will take place at Windham High School located at 64 London Bridge Road in Windham. The weekendlong event will begin with Pits and Inspection on Friday, March 2 from 5-10

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p.m., and will conclude robots will soon be bat-Sunday, March 3 from 9 a.m. until the awards ceremony from 5-6:30 p.m.

is free.

year's This FIRST Robotics Competition game is FIRST POWER UP, in which competing teams find themselves trapped in an 8-bit video game. Each three-team alliance is given three ways to help their robots defeat the game's boss level: Tipping the scale or alliance's switch in their favor to earn points, exchanging He also explained that power cubes for power ups such as force, boost, and levitate to gain a timed temporary advantage during the match, and climbing the scale tower to face the boss. The alliance with the highest score at the people involved in science end of the match, will be declared the winner.

"FIRST puts forth a number of ideals, one they call gracious professionalism," Explained Kutney, which is precisely what the Pirates exude when they step foot into the arena, asking competitors Londonderry PVC Pirates,

tling.

"It (shows that) what they're learning has a tan-Admission to the event gible outlet," Browne said regarding spectator attendance, as the students have these competitions as a chance to apply what they have learned and to inspire others with their accomplishments.

Kutney added, "Everyone has the opportunity to...talk to these kids and get an outstanding sense of what they're doing and why they're passionate." STEM avenues are critical for the future, and reiterated that it is often difficult to get young people involved and interested in these fields.

"We need more young and technology," Kutney stated, and thanks to efforts like FIRST, in the coming years, more are expected to do just that.

For more information on this event and FIRST, visit www.firstinspires.org, and for more information on the how they can be of assis- visit www.team1058.com.







## Zoning Board Considers Rehearing for Credit Union Variance

ALEX GUITTARR LONDONDERRY TIMES

s part of a rather Zoning Board of Adjust- back on Jan. 17. Reprements, a request for the sented by attorneys Ken rehearing of a case con-

Feb 21

The case concerned short meeting for CC Properties, LLC and a the Londonderry variance they requested Gould and Justin Belair, cerning a credit union the company hoped to

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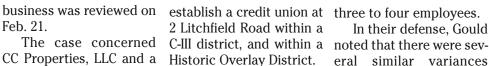
### **Marie Abbene**



Marie (Sordillo) Abbene, of Londonderry formerly of Revere passed away on February 25, 2018 at the age of 93. Born on April 18, 1924 to the late Angelo and Margaret (DeAngelis) Sordillo. Beloved wife of the late Dante Abbene.

Devoted mother of Frances Gaudes and husband Edward of Derry NH, Paula Abbene of Dover NH and her husband Edmond Turgeon, Dante Abbene and wife Grace of New Boston NH, and Margaret Milano and husband John of Londonderry NH. Dear sister of Alfred Sordillo of Peabody and the late Florine Magno and Frances Matthews. Cherished grandmother of 12 and adoring great grandmother of 11. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral Service will be held at St. Mark the Evangelist at 1 South Rd, Londonderry NH, on Saturday March 3, 2018 at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. A visitation will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home 128 Revere St, Revere on Friday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to St Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude PL, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 or to Tidewell Hospice House, 1144 Veronica St, Port Charlotte, FL 33952.For guest book please visit www.Buonfiglio .com.



The property was established by Gould as being the only privately owned property within the historic district in town. and as a result, their request would also have to go through the town's Historic Commission for approval

The project itself would convert the bottom floor of one of the property's buildings into the aforementioned credit union, complete with a fully aware of the signifidrive-through on the existing lot that would be outside of public view. Gould noted that it would be a rather small credit union, only requiring

## **School**

**Continued from page 1** "Fail" and would not affect a student's overall GPA. This opens up doors for students who wish to take more advanced courses before they even begin their high school career. The reason for having the pass/fail courses on a student's transcript is to be able to take advanced courses in middle school and get to an advanced class faster in high school according to Assistant Superinten-

In their defense, Gould

located within the surrounding neighborhood, as well as similar variances granted to other credit unions throughout Londonderry, including St. Mary's Bank. Ultimately, they felt that what they were doing was nothing more than a minor expansion of what is allowed in the C-III district, which is preserved for the likes of professional offices.

The applicants were cance of the area that they were working in, not to mention that the state of the lot was not exactly in the best of shape.

"The whole property

dent Dan Black. It can also school level. This expla- school on that Friday. The work as a signal to show that the student did indeed take an advanced courses (or courses) while they were in middle school. Although a student may get an A in the advanced course, it will only show up on their transcript as "Pass". This can lead to a slippery slope, because the middle school and high school may see grades differently and may not translate well. By middle school standards, an A might be actually an A- on the high

is in disrepair right now", Gould noted.

Thus, the applicants eral similar variances noted that on top of creating this credit union, they would also work to restore and preserve and old English barn on the property, as well as possibly use it for some parking, as a means of serving the local community by rejuvenating an old part of it.

However, residents did not see things the same way, as some in attendance during the prior meeting, who were also living next to the property in question, argued that having such a business here would create a litany of issues, including property devaluing, noise issues and additional traffic complications.

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School Board was the

2018-19 school calendar.

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the same at both levels.

The board agreed and proceeded to deny the variance request.

The case did not seem to have much life left in it afterwards, as once the board proceeded to decide whether or not a rehearing would be granted, Vice Chair Jacqueline Benard was quick to note that no new evidence in favor of the developers was presented, nor was there any new information about the project or change in the conditions of the variance request.

"Upon my review, I didn't find any errors in our decision making process", Benard stated

Thus, the board decidunanimously ed to decline the developers a rehearing on the matter.

6 of November is scheduled for a teacher's workshop. The final day of school in 2019 is slated for Thursday, June 13, but there is wiggle room allowed in case of snow days or weather related cancellations. The calendar has designated ten days of extra days to prepare for the inevitable weather in the winter and early spring months (the final day of school could potentially be Thursday, June 27 of 2019). The only stipulations made by the School Board were the continuing inquiry of why there is no school on the day before Thanksgiving and why there are days off for parent/teacher conferences. Although these issues were discussed amongst the members of the School Board, the motion was still made to accept the 2018-19 school calendar by a vote of 5-0.



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### Soucv

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say that the thing that stuck with her most about Soucy was that he made every one of his hundreds ship roles in her section of students feel included. "(he) remembered all of our names, celebrated our birthdays, and if we let us hang out in his dents, but to his students' office and have a nice conversation." Chicarello recalled.

Sean Meagher, a fellow 2008 alumnus, recounted a significant interaction with the music teacher.

"Mr. Soucy stopped me in the hallway one day during my senior year," Meagher said. "He asked me what my plans were for college. Before that moment, I had never considered college as an option. I didn't think it was financially a possibility and didn't consider myself smart enough or worthy enough to attend college. Mr. Soucy may not fully realize it but with that one question in a year, when a commemorahallway he changed my life."

the story of his father's unexpected death during his first year at Keene State College. He explained that Soucy had come to show his support at Meagher's father's funeral. After having received his Master's in conducting, Meagher said that he's, "...had the pleasure to call him my teacher, mentor, and even a colleague...I now go to work every day to share my passion in the hopes of illuminating and fostering the passions of others; whatever they may be.'

Meghan Yankowskas, LHS graduate of 2009, thanked Soucy for his support and encouragement through her time as his student.

"As I left LHS to start my journey as a music major and now as an Air Force musician, I brought the skills and enthusiasm for music that he fostered so well within me—and they have brought me some incredibly reward-

ing moments!" Yankowskas said, stating that Soucy was, "A fundamen-Chicarello went on to tal person" during her time at LHS, and that her experiences in band trips and assignment of leaderby Soucy were significant in keeping her motivated in her "Musical Journey." Soucy's influence is

were lucky, he would even not limited to his stuparents, as well.

"To this day, if he called me, I would do whatever he needed to do," said Julie Lee, member of the Londonderry Friends of Music and FOM president from 2006-2008. as they are who have his That's the impact he has...because you know he's dedicated to the although he was going to music program, and the miss being the one to contown.'

"I don't think he realizes what he's done for the town of Londonderry. and the kids," said former Friends of Music secretarv. Fiona Moran, remarking on how humble Soucy is. She recounted the story of Soucy's 40th tive pin was made in his honor using pins that stu-Meagher recounted dents had collected from various events they had been to with the marching band. However, when he was presented with it...

> "He was mad!" Moran last thing Soucy wants is the spotlight to be taken away from the students, mentioned that the three



Andy Soucy will be retiring at the end of the school year after over 45 years of service.

undivided focus.

Soucy remarked that duct the students, helping them to learn and perform, he had confidence in those who would follow in his footsteps, regardless of the size of the shoes to fill.

"The good thing is that we have superb music staff at all levels," Soucy said. "It's a good feeling to know that I have good people around me, and continue to do the work."

Assistant Marching Band Director, and Music Director hopeful Serge Beaulieu, mentioned that it would be an "anxious chuckled, adding that the time" for him and Choir teacher, Danielle Loschiaco (nee Lucas). Beaulieu

ing closely together for nearly 20 years, and although their dynamic would be shifting drastically, he was happy to see Soucy get time to enjoy himself and his family after his many years of dedicated service.

"It's been great to be able to work with him," Beaulieu said. "He allows me to sort of be creative with certain ideas I've had over the years...I've done a lot of things that have changed the program, and he's been supportive of all of that."

Loschiaco echoed those sentiments on the change in dynamic, as her 17 years working under Soucy at Londonderry High have been the only teaching environment she has known.

"I think the reason he's touched so many lives is not just for his teaching ability, but from who he is

of them have been work- est, good...just a class act, transform for the better. truly.'

> messages have flooded in said that aside from dabto commemorate Soucy's bling in music composiyears of service, and a tion, he will still be at Lon-Facebook page, "Thank you Mr. Soucy" has been created in his honor, with teacher there, and his alumni, students, Friends Of Music members, and all who have known Soucy leaving messages of thanks to the Music Director.

After fondly describing his memories of traveling far and wide for events from Rose Bowl parades to Presidential Inaugurations, and expressing the pride he has for his students, Soucy had one parting message:

"Remember how important music is in society and in schools." said Soucy, adding how he's seen music programs take insecure freshmen and make them confident seniors vying for leadership soring the LHS Marching as a person," Loschiaco positions, advocating for Lancers said. "He's genuine, hon- the power of music to www.lancermusic.org.

After his last day as Heartfelt thank-you Music Director, Soucy

donderry High School every day, as his wife is a daughter is currently a student. According to Loschiaco, he will also be serving as a board member for the Friends of Music.

"People are going to see me every day," Soucy laughed, "And they'll say, 'I thought you retired!'"

Those who would like to share their thanks with Andy Soucy may visit Facebook.com and search the group, "Thank you Mr. Soucy." Those with children involved with music in the school who would like to support the music program, and individuals and businesses interested in learning about sponmay visit





# Mixed Feelings Still Haunt Plans For The SAU Building

LORI COSTA LONDONDERRY TIMES

Board meeting addressing a subject that of a building for their left residents wondering if administrators. the right deal has been combatted this point saymade. "I've seen a lot of ing that he has noticed feedback from the residents about the SAU Londonderry boards is offices and its more feed- that everyone gets up and back I've received on any wants the most "bang for other subject in my four years on the School board had leased a build-Board," Lekas said. The ing that wasn't very nice, subject of the SAU build- there would be a big ing has the smallest budg- uproar that the board et impact. The cost of could have done better leasing of Kitty Hawk for the money they were Drive is \$650,000; the spending. Lekas also did overall impact to the his research and found budget is less than one both half of one percent to the throughout the town for overall budget according the SAU building and the to Lekas. Even if the town pricing was too high. "A budget, the number will still remain at less than looks, because it has extra one half of one percent.

new SAU building and hairman Dan Lekas found that people are conbegan the School cerned that the School Board has leased too nice Lekas over his ten years on the their buck". If the School limited space decides to use the default misconception about the building is how fancy it windows and a pretty Lekas has listened to fountain in the front,"

their concerns with the that, it is a big empty nity for the School Board presentation, because he amount of carbon dioxide warehouse with a cement to possibly save money floor- nothing else. "There are no gilded toilets, no chandeliers hanging from the ceiling- nor will there be." Lekas also pointed out that all the furniture will be recycled from the current SAU building and will be used in the new office. It was also very important to the School Board that the employees who occupy the building are well taken of, due to the fact that the current building is a safety hazard. Lekas concluded his statement by saying he respects the decision of the voter that goes to the poll and feels that the school spends too much money all over, but the overall budget will only be affected by less than one half of one percent.

In addition to Lekas's comments. resident Robert Slater presented to multiple residents about Lekas said "Other than the board a new opportu-

on the new SAU building. Slater felt that the ten year lease agreement is not a short-term lease and it is too much money if it can be done in five years. The issue had been brought to Slater's attention by multiple people who felt his business expertise could help the school save money. Slater originally had hoped to give his presentation at the deliberative session on Friday, February 9, but was unable to. It was also expressed by Slater that he wished for the Board to

had some information the Board may find useful before signing on the dot- the School Board were ted line. With Slater's presentation, his idea was to use half the space at Kitty Hawk Drive while still utilizing the space at the current SAU office on Mammoth Road. The current SAU building is built for 12 people with 24 currently working there. Slater suggested cleaning the building up and turning it into a conference room for an hour or two or having eight or nine Unfortunately, people working out of the office to alleviate some of hold off on signing the the tension of the building ble, because of the health lease before he gave his currently faces with the concerns.

still in the building.

Although members of very grateful for Slater's input, they were frustrated that this plan was not brought to them much earlier when there was a public hearing about this issue and talks began in October of 2017. Slater told the Board members that he only gets involved when the public comes to him and he felt he could help the school district save money overall. keeping any employees in the current SAU office is not feasi-

### **Hundreds** of Items

During the month of February, students at Mosse Hill Kindergarden collected food items for the St. Jude Food Pantry. Each class collected 100 items, in part to celebrate the "100th Day of School." Last week, Dick Doyle, from St. Jude, had two little helpers while he loaded the truck. Adalynne Domeny and Levi Proulx came out to lend a hand.

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## Lancer Wrestlers Take on State's Best at Meet of Champions

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The Londonderry High School wrestling squad had eight of its stalwarts test their mettle against the very best competition Granite State high schools have to offer at the state Meet of Champions at Nashua High School South last Saturday, Feb. 24.

The Lancers had had 10 of their grapplers compete in the Division I Meet on their home mats at LHS the previous Saturday, with eight of them advancing to the prestigious MOC's.

Along with 145-pound weight class winner Craig Freshmen Aiden O'Lough-Santos the 195-pound division runner-up Alex Boucher, the home-standing Lancers had junior

Vincent Del Signore, sophomore Michael Watts snare fourth places at fifth place at 126 pounds, and freshman Johnny McKinnon and junior Tay- unless you get everybody lor Dyer claimed sixth qualified. You set the bar 220 pounds respectively. be.'

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Craig Santos was a fouth place finsher at the Meet of Chamions. Photos by Chris Paul

but didn't advance to the day's MOC tourney. MOC's.

junior Ben Psaledas, and eight are going to the standing Wrester," Craig MOC's," said LHS coach Santos (145 lb.) was taken Jason Cucolo following out of first place con-160, 182, and 170 pounds the D-I competition, at respectively. Sophomore which his Lancers fin- Dylan Musgrave. Santos Brandon Drake bagged ished sixth as a crew. "Obviously we wanted all fourth place with another 10 to go. It's never enough place finishes at 126 and high, because it has to also wound up in fourth

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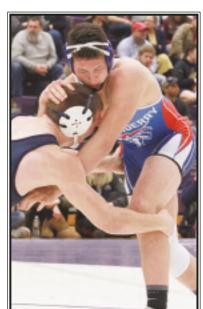
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Alex Boucher finished in fouth place at the Meet of Chamions on Saturday.

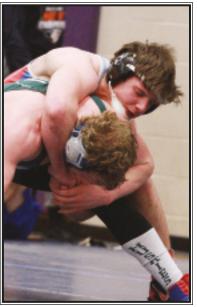
Londonderry Lancer "We brought 10 and star, and Division I "Outtention by Timberlane's wound up settling for tough loss to Julien Hovan of Merrimack High.

Alex Boucher (195 lb.) place that evening also,



Michael Watts made his way back from an early loss to take fifth place.

But things didn't go as losing 7-0 to Clement the recipients of the annulin and Dylan Barnes also well as planned for the Sherwood of Hollis Brook- al Referee Scholarship competed at the D-I event Lancer squad at Satur- line in the medal round. that was awarded at the Boucher was one of meet.



Junior Ben Psaledas finished his long day at the MOCs in fifth place.

Ben Psaledas, (182 lb.) and sophomore Michael Watts (170) both metaled with fifth place finishes.



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### LHS Hockey Gets Record to .500 Prior to Last Regular Season Game

**CHRIS PANTAZIS** LONDONDERRY TIMES

There's nothing anywhere in the rules of ice hockey which state that a victory has to lar season-closer last be a work of art. That is to weekend, tallying a threesay, a stylistic success with almost nothing but smooth play and pretty goals and goalie saves.

High hockey team's recent 2-0 defeat of the its last nine games with Manchester Memorial one regular season con-High Crusaders certainly test remaining at Salem wouldn't fit anybody's the following Saturday, definition of an artistic success. But it was a success, and one which the the Londonderry/Memor-Lancer icemen wanted ial game were the play of quite badly.

The slim shutout vicdonderry's home ice at Lancers' ability to kill off the Tri-Town Arena in a bunch of penalties. Of Hooksett last Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 21 - placed the Lancers' 2017-18 Division I record right back at the .500 mark at 8-8-1 as tournament seedings were still being battled for in that tough league.

The now 4-11 Crugame playing fairly well, having won two of their previous three games. Londonderry has gone all

fied by the fact that the keeper Degust in the absolutely locals had only won consecutive divisional games once going into their regugame winning streak very early in the campaign.

With the 2-0 success against Memorial, coach And the Londonderry Peter Bedford's LHS bunch had gone 4-4-1 in Feb. 24.

goalies Cam Donovan of LHS and Chuck Degust of tory - which came on Lon- Memorial, and the host course, the second period goals potted by Londonderry's Patrick Murphy and Jack Thompson were certainly decisive as well. But if Crusaders' keeper Degust hadn't played as well as he did, this certainly could have been a added an insurance marksaders came into that 5-0 or 6-0 game with Donovan doing his fine work in his squad's third shutout of the season.

The season looking for consis- Lancers thumped some behind Memorial's goalie.

tency, as partly exempli- 10 shots on opposing scoreless first period, while Londonderry goalie Donovan only had to come up with three stops.

The hosts had their best span of offensive chances late in that first period, with Murphy get- ial put five testing shots ting stopped by Degust on on Donovan but didn't a 2-on-1 chance with 3:25 to go and Anthony Federico getting robbed shortly thereafter attempted to zip the puck between the leg pads of the Memorial keeper with The centerpieces of Degust coming up with starting period three a another big stop.

The visiting Crusaders had enjoyed the first of the six power-plays they'd have in the contest in that opening stanza, but they couldn't do much with it.

potted the only goal it the one which they would end up needing received with just 11.3 when Murphy was set up by Federico with 9:13 to go in the second stanza. And Jack Thompson er less than two minutes later when he took a pass from Pat McKinnon and whipped a stinging wrist home-standing shot into the netting

The Crusaders had an glittering chance to pot their first goal and perhaps even knot the score with 3:29 left in the second when Londonderry drew two minor penalties at once.

Skating 5-on-3, Memormanage to get one past him.

The Crusaders went when he on another power-play with just 8.5 seconds left in that stanza, virtually assuring themselves of man up.

But the Queen City team wasn't able to do anything with that manadvantage, nor the one they enjoyed starting with 9:49 left, nor the one which they got with 3:50 Londonderry finally to go, and certainly not seconds remaining in regulation time.

Memorial enjoyed man advantage after man advantage, and LHS goalie Donovan and the penaltykillers around him stood up tall and assured their team of the shutout.

Bedford and his nerves certainly could have done



Lancer Austin Cardosi keeps a Memorial Crusader from handling the puck last week during the teams win. Photo by Chris Pantazis.

So it was on to the

placement in the D-I tour-

best the host Salem High

ended the regular season

with a 2-1 win over their host, the Blue Devils on

The LHS crew finished the season at 9-8-1 and

will move on to the play-

offs with a two game win-

ning steak. They now

head into the playoffs as

the number seven seed

and will play at Hanover,

number two seed, on Sat-

urday, March 3 at 4 p.m.

Saturday, Feb 24.

In that pivotal game,

squad, but his Lancers rose to the occasion and Salem Icenter for the claimed the important if Lancers three days later, somewhat lackluster win. with the locals facing the Donovan finished with chance of ending the reg-16 saves in the LHS suc- ular season over .500 and cess, while Degust made with a chance for good 24 in his net.

"One of the highlights ney setup if they could for us over the last seven Of course, LHS coach or eight games has been Blue Devils. the play of Donovan," said Bedford. "He has been the Lancer contigent without that much penal-very solid, and he was ty-killing time for his very good again today."



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# Lady Lancer Hoops Crew Fights Off Dover and Keene

CHRIS PANTAZIS LONDONDERRY TIMES

teams ometimes. which face opporecords than their own need to be reminded that just about any rival can night, and you can never take a victory for granted.

Tuesday night, Feb. 20, the surging and 7-9 Londonderry High girls' basketball squad played host to a Dover High crew ing with 15 points. Sophowhich stepped into that more guard Courtney evening's play with a Shay finished with 14 lowly 3-11 record and a losing streak which had Ashley reached eight games.

However, Londonderry coach Nick Theos had no trouble remembering the 2016-17 game which his Lady Lancers played against the Dover Green task defensively, and she Wave in which that sea- was outstanding on coast squad rebounded offense too. A great allfrom a double-digit deficit around night for her," said late to dent the LHS post-season squad's hopes badly. Hence, he was fully aware of what the first and fourth quar-Dover - with its center- ters and had Londonderpiece pivot player Katrina ry's lead down to just six Krenzer - was capable of points with just under in last week's game, record and losing skid be contest. But the Lady damned.

came fairly close to wiping out the Lady Lancers' hopes of ending the cur- the end of the high-scorwith a .500 record and donderry outscored its stronger positioning in guest by a 10-3 margin in

But in the end, strong play from several of his reserves and several starters helped the Lady Lancers move to 8-9 on nents with far weaker the campaign with a 57-51 defeat of the struggling opponent.

One pivotal performsurprise you on a given ance came from LHS junior forward Michelle Marino, who gave up quite a Case in point, last bit of size to Dover stalwart Krenzer in effectively pestering her all night defensively and also leading Londonderry in scorpoints, freshman stalwart Rourke contributed 10, and junior reserve Paige Velie was good for nine. All in all, the victorious locals had seven players net points.

> "Marino was up to the coach Theos.

The Green Wave wound up winning both three minutes left in the Lancers were able to hang And the Green Wave on tight and bag D-I win number eight.

Dover was up 19-17 at rent 2017-18 campaign ing first period, but Lon- grew to as many as 15 the Division I tournament. the second stanza to



The Londonderry Girl's Basketball squad had just one twelve grader to honor during the teams Senior Night last week. Michaela Downing was on the court much of that evening. Photo by Chris Paul

carry a 27-22 lead to the at 50-44 with 2:55 showing halftime break.

The Green Wave sank a three-point shot mere seconds into the third that the rest of the way, quarter to slice the LHS lead down to a paltry two to go away until the final points at 27-25, but the Lady Lancers ended up doubling up on Dover's a shot right at the buzzer point output (16-8) in that to leave the Londonderry period in carrying a double-digit lead of 43-30 into the last stanza.

points several times early in the final period, but those nights where a few Dover had it down to six of the kids had rough

on the game clock.

The LHS advantage never got any lower than but Dover was unwilling buzzer sounded. The Green Wave actually sank margin of victory at six points at 57-51. And the visitors outscored their Londonderry's lead hosts by a tally of 21-14 in quarter four.

"Tonight was one of

Theos. "But some other holding Keene to 18 seckids stepped up and got ond half points. the job done."

gave the locals a fine 5-2 record in their last seven contests - placed the team win tonight and young Lady Lancers into a going forward we will position where they could need to be a strong team. end the regular season The playoffs are tough right at the .500 mark at 9-9 if they could defeat the struggling Keene High Lady Blackbirds (5-12) on learned all the lessons we the night of Friday, Feb. needed to learn this sea-23.

night the Londonderry tonight we are happy we girls came away with a won and we get to celecommanding 62-38 win Keene, which over puthem in the postion of hosting their first playoff game.

The final home game of the season meant it was senior night for the team, and the young team celebrated their only senior, Michaela Downing. It was a tough hard fought game for the first half with Lhs holding only a 5 point lead. Marino paced the Lancers in the first half with 7 points and Rourke with 9 first half day, Feb. 28 at LHS, after points. We just kept fighting and trying to put together good trips up the floor. And in the third and fourth quarters we finally did. Shay took over Academy for the third on offense scoring 16 sec- time this season. ond half points while the

ones," said LHS coach defense tightened up

"The kids worked so That victory - which hard to get here and I couldn't be prouder." said Theos. "It was a good and energy gets drained and bench will be key going forward. I hope we son and we play our best And on that pivotal the next two games. But brate with our senior Michaela."

> The Lady Lancers outscored Keene in three of the four quarters, 20-13, 5-8, 13-8, and 24-10.

> Scorers for LHS were Shay with 20 points; Ashley Rourke, 13; Colleen Furlong, 9, and Michelle Marino with 7 points.

With the final game of the regular season win the team will host the Exeter High Hawks, who finished at 8-1. The game is scheduled for Wednesthe Londonderry Times press time.

With a win in that game, the girls will move on to face Pinkerton



# LHS Boys' Basketball Lose to Green Wave Beat Keene

#### **CHRIS PANTAZIS** LONDONDERRY TIMES

he up-and-down 2017-18 season hit something of a val- Hudson and Manchester ley over on the seacoast Central in its two contests last Tuesday, Feb. 20, the previous week, so where the Lancers were coach Nate Stanton and dealt a truly lopsided loss his charges were hoping by a Dover Green Wave to build upon a modest contingent which came two-game winning streak. into that contest with a sub-.500 record.

that evening's play with a that to be the fact in an mark, having been bested donderry in which the by their rivals from Exeter Dover crew outscored its High in their previous guest in each and every contest. Londonderry, quarter.

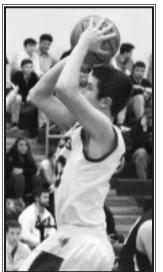
meanwhile, held a 9-5 record and was looking at building up a head of Londonderry steam as it headed High School boys' toward the Division I tourbasketball squad's nament. The Lancers had bested both Alvirne of

However, the host Green Wave group had The hosts had entered other ideas and showed rather lackluster 6-8 81-45 walloping of Lon- usual job of leading the

The Green Wave vaulted out to a 28-12 lead in the first period, grasped a 25-point advantage of 48-23 at halftime, and was up by 26 points at 64-38 as quarter number four commenced

One key factor on this night was that Londonderry played without rock-solid court general Cole Britting, who was nursing a knee injury. And without its rudder to guide it, the local team struggled.

Jack Anderson did his Lancers in scoring, but he finished with 12 points instead of his usual 20. Dakota Bertrand con-



Jack Anderson had 24 points during the Lancer's game against Keene last week. Photo by Chris Paul

tributed nine, and big ground 19-10. man Pat Zepf was good for eight.

That decision left the LHS crew Macnamara, 21; Chislooking toward its long holm, 1; Connors, 4; and distance Friday night Buttafuco with 1. road battle against Keene High School who have the week at 10-6 and will only seen four wins dur- host Manchester Memoriing the winter season.

Lancers took care of busi- on Tuesday, Feb. 27. ness with a 77-51 win, despite still playing with- team will pay tribute to out forward Britting.

The Lancers outthe four quarters.

Starting in the first, 21-9, second 21-7, third 25-16 before playoffs will be at and in the fourth the Nashua North (4-12). Blackbird made up a little

Anderson had 24 points, Keegan, 3; Bertdisappointing rand, 3; May, 18; Zepf, 2;

The LHS crew finished al (12-4) for their final In that game the home game of the season

Before that game, the the eight, twelve-grader players they will be losing scored Keene in three of to graduation during their senior night ceremony.

The teams last game

		ABSENTEE OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION ONDONDERRY, NEW HAMPSH MARCH 13, 2018	BALLOT 1 OF 3 IIRE Shaven Firmell TOWN CLERK		
	B. Follow direction C. To vote for a person w	INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS pletely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of you s as to the number of candidates to be m hose name is not printed on the ballot, w he line provided and completely fill in the	narked for each office. rite the candidate's name on		
-	TOWN COUNCIL Vote for not more than One IM BUTLER	SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST Vote for not Six Year Term more than One	LIBRARY TRUSTEES Vote for not Three Year Term more than Two CAROLE INTRONE BETSY McKINNEY		
٦	WODERATOR           Vote for not more than One           'o'M FREDA           UISA PIETTE           (Write-in)	(Write-in)       BUDGET COMMITTEE       Vote for not more than Two       KYLE RAMON FODEN       KIRSTEN HILDONEN     ( )	(Write-in) (Write-in) TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS Vote for not Three Year Term more than One		
\$	TOWN CLERK Vote for not more than One CHERRY FARRELL MARTHA LIFF SMITH	(Write-in) (Write-in)	HOWARD BOOKMAN		
		ARTICLES			
ARTICLE NO. 2:       [BOND ISSUE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO CENTRAL FIRE STATION]         To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate SIX MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,400,000) for the purpose of making improvements to Central Fire Station.         Said sum to be raised by the issuance of serial bonds or notes not to exceed SIX MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,400,000) under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (NH RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the Town Council to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate(s) of interest thereon and to take such other actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Londondery, and to authorize the Town Council to issue and pass any vole relating thereto. (3/5 Ballot Vote Required)       YES       NO         (If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.02 in FY 19; \$92,800 in property taxes, resulting in a tax impact of \$0.02 in FY 20; \$505,600 in property taxes, resulting in a tax impact of \$0.13 in FY 21, based upon projected assessed values.)       NO         The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a YES vote.       PES					
	TURN	BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE	VOTING		

ARTICLES CONTINUED		
ARTICLE NO 3: [TOWN-WIDE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS UPGRADE]		
To see if the Town will vote to raise <b>TWO MILLION THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,300,000)</b> for the purpose of upgrading the town-wide communications system and to authorize the use of <b>TWO MILLION THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,300,000)</b> from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance toward this appropriation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7. VI and will not lapse until the earlier of the completion of the town-wide communications system upgrade or June 30, 2021. (Majority vote required). (If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact	YES NO	
of \$0.00 in FY 19 based upon projected assessed values.) The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a <u>YES</u> vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0		
recommends a <u>YES</u> vote.           ARTICLE NO. 4:         [FISCAL YEAR 2019 TOWN OPERATING BUDGET]		
Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$31,707,838? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$31,707,838, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.	YES	_
(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$19,153,055 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$4.901 in FY 19 based upon projected assessed values.)	NO	-
The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a <u>YES</u> vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a <u>YES</u> vote.		
ARTICLE NO. 5: [POLICE OUTSIDE DETAILS]		-
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate FIVE HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$505,644) for the purpose of covering Police Outside Details with said funds to come from the Police Outside Detail Special Revenue Fund.	YES	
(These services are funded through user fees and require no property tax support.)	NO	
The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a <u>YES</u> vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a <u>YES</u> vote.		-
ARTICLE NO. 6: [FUND SEWER FUND]		
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate FIVE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINE DOLLARS (\$5,703,609) for defraying the cost of construction, payment of the interest on any debt incurred, management, maintenance, operation and repair of constructed sewer systems. Such fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, shall not be commingled with town tax revenues, and shall not be deemed part of the municipality's general fund accumulated surplus, all in accordance with RSA 149-I.	TEO	
(These services are funded through user fees and require no property tax support.)	NO	
The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a <u>YES</u> vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a <u>YES</u> vote.		-
ARTICLE NO. 7: [FUND SEWER FUND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS]		-
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate <b>TWO HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS</b> (\$220,000) for defraying the cost of debt service and administrative costs of operating the sewer department in accordance with RSA 149-I.		-
(These services are funded through user fees and require no property tax support.)	YES	_
The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a <u>YES</u> vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a <u>YES</u> vote.		
ARTICLE NO. 8: [APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE ROADWAY MAINTENANCE ETF]	_	
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$650,000) to be placed in the Roadway Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund and further to authorize the use of THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$325,000) from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation.	YES	
(If passed, this article will require the Town to raise \$325,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.083 in FY 19 based upon projected assessed values.)	NO	
The Town Council by a vote of 5-0 recommends a <u>YES</u> vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 recommends a <u>YES</u> vote.		
GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING		

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## Local Men Bag Medals at **Bay State Jiu Jitsu Tourney**

CHRIS PANTAZIS LONDONDERRY TIMES

ondonderry resipractitioners Simon and Ed Tapia Before and after fighting, attended and tested their it's about learning and mettle at the Fuji Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Massachusetts ning or losing," said the tournament anyway State Championships in Danvers on Sunday, Feb. 4. And both men walked away from that competi- larly collected medals tion with multiple medals and awards at Jiu Jitsu around their necks.

Simon tallied silver medals in both the Blue afield as Pennsylvania Belt Masters' 140 to 149- over the last year, also pound Gi and No Gi divi- strode away from the age held for the rest of the sions, and Tapia bagged Massachusetts event with bronze medallions in the part of his face bandaged

competitions.

"It's always awesome dents and Jiu Jitsu to be supported by such Ben great friends and family. getting better, not win-Simon in the wake of his noteworthy successes.

Tapia, who has regucompetitions around New England and from as far Blue Belt Masters' 180- in a manner which was

194-pound Gi and No Gi sure to spark conversations with folks with whom he interacted over the next day or so.

> 'The day before the tournament I got an accidental cut under my eyebrow," he said. "I went to and I wrapped it up as best as I could. It opened up in my last match in the (competition). The gi medic wrapped it up and I was able to finish. I then had the cut re-wrapped before I went into the No Gi division and the bandtournament."



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The fifth grade People to Paws club and their advisors, Special Education teacher Pat D'Avella, and Office Assistant Diane Fisher, had a very busy February. February was the 10th annual 'Food for Furry Friends' drive at South Elementary School. The club collected items for the Salem Animal Rescue League and Kristie Nardini, Director of Development, came to pick up the items on Feb. 23. The fifth grade class presented her with their \$100 class donation. Miss Nardini thanked the school for their generosity and spoke about the lifelong commitment of adopting a pet.

	ADSENTEE OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION LONDONDERRY, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 13, 2018	
		LERK
	[APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT]	
to be placed in the fire	te to raise and appropriate ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000) equipment capital reserve fund and further to authorize the use of SEVENTY-FIVE (\$75,000) from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation.	YES () NO ()
	will require the Town to raise \$75,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate 19 based upon projected assessed values.)	
The Town Council by a recommends a <u>YES</u> vo	a vote of 5-0 recommends a <u>YES</u> vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 te.	
	[APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS)	
placed in the geographic	ote to raise and appropriate <b>TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$28,000)</b> to be information systems capital reserve fund and further to authorize the use of <b>FOURTEEN</b> (\$14,000) from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation.	YES () NO ()
(If passed, this article impact of \$0.004 in FY	will require the Town to raise \$14,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate 19 based upon projected assessed values.)	
The Town Council by recommends a <u>YES</u> vo	a vote of 5-0 recommends a <u>YES</u> vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 te.	
ARTICLE NO. 11:	[APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO EXPENDABLE MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND]	
DOLLARS (\$180,000) to	vote to raise and appropriate the sum of <b>ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND</b> be placed in the Town's Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund and further to authorize USAND DOLLARS (\$90,000) from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this	YES () NO ()
	will require the Town to raise \$90,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate 19 based upon projected assessed values.)	
The Town Council by a recommends a <u>YES</u> vo	a vote of 5-0 recommends a <u>YES</u> vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 te.	
	[APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR PILLSBURY CEMETERY EXPANSION)	
placed in the Pillsbury	ote to raise and appropriate ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) to be Cemetery Expansion capital reserve fund and further to authorize the use of ONE D DOLLARS (\$100,000) from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this	YES () NO ()
	vill require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact I upon projected assessed values.)	
The Town Council by a recommends a <u>YES</u> vo	a vote of 5-0 recommends a <u>YES</u> vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 te.	
ARTICLE NO. 13:	[APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR CEMETERIES]	
Cemetery capital reserve	te to raise and appropriate <b>TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000)</b> to be placed in the f und and further to authorize the use of <b>TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000)</b> from Fund Balance towards this appropriation.	YES 🔿
	vill require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact I upon projected assessed values.)	
The Town Council by a recommends a <u>YES</u> vo	a vote of 5-0 recommends a <u>YES</u> vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 te.	
	TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING	

ARTICLE NO. 14: [/			
	APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCKS)		
To see if the Town will vot in the Fire Truck capital r	te to raise and appropriate SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$70,000) to be placed reserve fund and further to authorize the use of SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation.	YES NO	
	ill require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact upon projected assessed values.)	NO	
The Town Council by a recommends a <u>YES</u> vote	a vote of 5-0 recommends a $\underline{YES}$ vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 ie.		
	APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RECREATION MAINTENACE BUILDING]		
HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$ to authorize the use of O	vote to raise and appropriate ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE THOUSAND NINE (189,900) for the purpose of constructing a recreation maintenance building and further NE HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$189,900) gned Fund Balance towards this appropriation.	YES NO	
	ill require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact upon projected assessed values.)		
The Town Council by a recommends a <u>YES</u> vote	vote of 5-0 recommends a <u>YES</u> vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 e.		
ARTICLE NO. 16:	COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ASSESSMENT UPDATEJ		
the purpose of completing 75:8-a, and further to auth	ote to raise and appropriate <b>ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000)</b> for a comprehensive review of all commercial and industrial properties as required by RSA horize the use of <b>ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000)</b> from the June ance towards this appropriation.	YES NO	
	ill require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact upon projected assessed values.)		
The Town Council by a recommends a <u>YES</u> vote	vote of 5-0 recommends a <u>YES</u> vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 e.		
ARTICLE NO. 17:	AIR & WATER QUALITY STUDY]		
	e to raise and appropriate THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$35,000) for the pur- dy of the town's air and water quality.	YES	$\bigcirc$
	vill require the Town to raise \$35,000.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate I9 based upon projected assessed values.)	NO	$\bigcirc$
The Town Council by a recommends a <u>YES</u> vote	$a$ vote of 5-0 recommends a $\underline{YES}$ vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 5-2 e.		
ARTICLE NO. 18:	CONTINUATION OF PATHWAY FROM PILLSBURY ROAD TO WILSHIRE DRIVEJ		
To see if the Town will vote for the purpose of continu Drive.	e to raise and appropriate <b>TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000)</b> uing the multi-use pathway along Pillsbury Road from Moose Hill School to Wilshire	YES NO	
	vill require the Town to raise \$250,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate 9 based upon projected assessed values.)		_
The Town Council by a recommends a <u>NO</u> vote.	vote of 3-2 recommends a <u>YES</u> vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 .		
ARTICLE NO. 19: [I	PURCHASE OF LAND ON SARGENT ROAD]		
	ote to raise and appropriate <b>NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$95,000)</b> for the proximately 1.3 acres of land on Sargent Rd. Said land shall be subdivided from land merican Legion.	YES NO	
	will require the Town to raise \$95,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate I9 based upon projected assessed values.)		_
The Town Council by a recommends a <u>YES</u> vote	vote of 5-0 recommends a <u>YES</u> vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 e.		



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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 londonderrytimes@nutpub.net.

#### Purim Celebration

Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Road, Derry, is having a musical Purim celebration on Saturday, March 3 at 7:15 p.m. with a Sphiel (Play) enacting the story of Purim adapted to a Beach Boys theme with songs to the music of the Beach Boys. Refreshments (BYOB) and hamantaschen (3 cor-

filling) will be served. Admission is free.

Granite State Raiders

**Basket Ball Tryouts** 

nered cookies with sweet 9th & 10th at 10 - 11:30 a.m. At the Bishop Brady High School Any questions call 491-2495.

#### Model Railroading

Basketball AAU Tryouts Sat-Seacoast Division of the urday March 24. For 6th, National Model Railroad 7th, 8th graders at 12 - 1:30 Association is running their p.m., for 9th & 10th graders Derry Fun Night program. at 1:30 - 3 p.m., on Sunday The program is held the sec-March 25. For 6th, 7th, 8th ond Friday night of each graders at 8:30 - 10 a.m., for month, 7 - 9 p.m., at the Mar-

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	ARTICLES CONTINUED	
ARTICLE NO. 20:	[WITHDRAWAL FROM POLICE DETAIL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND]	
(\$200,000) for the pur equipment, and to auth	Il vote to raise and appropriate the sum of <b>TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS</b> pose of equipping the Police Department's vehicles with emergency communications norize the use of <b>TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000)</b> from the Police le fund towards this appropriation.	YES () NO ()
	will require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact ad upon projected assessed values.)	
The Town Council by recommends a <u>YES</u> v	a vote of 5-0 recommends a <u>YES</u> vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 rote.	
ARTICLE NO. 21:	[WITHDRAWAL FROM POLICE DETAIL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND]	
(\$28,000) to be added the Police Details Spec	Il vote to raise and appropriate the sum of <b>TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS</b> to the Town Facilities Expendable Maintenance Trust fund with said funds to come from sial Revenue fund. This represents the funds previously withdrawn from the EMTF which rovements to the Police Departments cruiser maintenance facility.	YES () NO ()
	will require the Town to raise \$0.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact ad upon projected assessed values.}	
The Town Council by recommends a <u>YES</u> v	$\prime$ a vote of 5-0 recommends a $\underline{\rm YES}$ vote; the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-0 ote.	
ARTICLE NO. 22:	[NON LAPSING SPECIAL ARTICLE FUNDING OPEN SPACE]	
THOUSAND DOLLAR: mission of the Londor Special Fund for such p space. This will be a no	Town of Londonderry, vote to raise and appropriate the sum of <b>TWO HUNDRED FIFTY</b> S (\$250,000) for the purchase of land, easements or any other transaction that meets the aderry Conservation Commission? Such funds shall be placed in the Conservation surposes as allowed by New Hampshire law, including the protection of open and wetland nn-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until June 30, 2022 or all funds rer is sooner. (BY CITIZENS PETITION)	YES () NO ()
	will require the Town to raise \$250,000.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate Y 19 based upon projected assessed values.)	
The Town Council by by a vote of 6-1 recon	a vote of 4-0 and one abstention recommends a <u>NO</u> vote; the Budget Committee nmends a <u>NO</u> vote.	
ARTICLE NO. 23:	[RECREATION COMMISSION – REPLACING LIGHTS AT NELSON ROAD SOFTBALL FIELD]	
	ill vote to raise and appropriate <b>ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS</b> soose of replacing the lighting system on the softball field located on Nelson Road. <b>(BY</b>	
	will require the Town to raise \$130,000.00 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate Y 19 based upon projected assessed values.)	
The Town Council by <u>YES</u> vote.	a vote of 5-0 recommends a YES vote; the Budget by a vote of 7-0 recommends a	

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ion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. Dave Kotsonis will show his technique for carving rocks out of Plaster, small rocks outcropping or a full mountain range lean the steps of carving the rocks as well as how to prepare your base before you start to carve rocks, tips on painting rocks and how to add scenery and trees to your finished scene.

If you are interested in model trains and would like to join other like-minded hobbyists from beginner to expert for a fun evening program come to Derry Fun Night the second Friday of each month. For additional information go to the Division's website at seacoastnmra.org/calendar.

#### **Bake Sale**

The Londonderry Historical Society is having their annual Bake Sale on March 13, Voting Day, High School Gym. To support the Society please consider bringing baked goods to the Gym by 10 a.m.

#### **New England Lighthouse Presentation**

The Amoskeag Questers will host the New Hampshire Humanities presentation of "New England Lighthouses and The People Who Kept Them" by Jeremy D'Entremont at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway on Wednesday, March 14 at 10 a.m. The program is free and open to the public. For additional information contact Meredith Hatch at 434-8673.

#### **Greater Manchester** Lyme Disease Support Group

Hosted by David Hunter this group meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm at the: Bedford Presbyterian Church 4 Church Road Bedford. For more information call 660-3425 or email dhunter31@gmail.com

#### **Aspiring Female Med**ical Professionals

On March 8, at 7 p.m., Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry, will hold a program on women in the medical profession. If your daughter is thinking about a career in medicine, please join us for a panel discussion by female doctors working in different medical specialties. Bring all your questions: "What's it like cutting into someone's stomach?" "How hard is it to get into medical/dental school?" "What if I got a C in geometry in high school?" "Will I really be able to manage a family?" Our doctors will be "on call" for you. The program is part of Etz Hayim's "Hot Topics, Cool Contemporary Stuff" continuing education program. It is open and free to the public.

#### **Leach Library Hours**

Library hours for the month of March are as follows: Mon. - Thur., 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri. & Sat., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### Small Space for Growing Fruit

On Thur., March 15 at 7

p.m., a "Small Space for Growing Fruit" hosted by Mr. David Quigley. The event is free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. It will be held in the Leach library's lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served.

#### Movie Time

On Thur., March 8, from 3:15 - 5:30 p.m. for the Leach Library's Young Adult movie is The Adventurer: The Curse of the Midas Box. All participants in grades 6 through 12 will enjoy the movie, along with popcorn and beverages. In addition, at this special event, there will be a raffle for fun door prizes. No sign up is necessary.

#### **Dragon Tales with Taco** Dragon

Hear stories of dragons big and small on Mon., March 19 from 4 - 5 p.m. at the Leach Library. One lucky participant will win a very special dragon plush friend. There will be plenty of time for a hug and pictures with Taco Dragon. This program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room, or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Mon., March 12.

#### Spring Session 1 Programs

The Leach Librarys Children's Room will be offering the following programs as part of Spring

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## **Small Space For Growing** Fruit At Leach Library

#### LORI COSTA LONDONDERRY TIMES

donderry community on Thursday March 15 at 7 p.m. On this date, the and for sale. He also Leach Library will host makes his own jams, jel-Mr. David Quigley for his presentation of "Small Space for Growing Fruit." David Quigley has been growing fruit for over forty years.

Quigley first became els to Europe. While food source. He will also

there, he learned how to utlize green space. The Leach Library Quigley applied what he will be hosting an learned on his travels to event for the Lon- his one-acre property in Milford, where he grows fruit for both his own use lies, and bottled wine.

While giving his presentation, Quigley will share with the public how any space, no matter how small the property size can be used to create a interested in growing fruit beautiful green space to during his business trav- be used as a sustainable

discuss the challenges of growing your own fruit that many homeowners face and how to overcome them

The event is free for everyone and open to the public. The seating, however, will be limited to the first 90 individuals who walk in the door.

It will be held in the library's lower-level meeting room where light refreshments will be served. Again, the event will be held on Thursday, March 15.

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## **Londonderry Police Log**

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Feb. 19 8:28 a.m. Services rendered at Neighborhood Disputes on Hall Road. 9:10 a.m. Motor vehicle accident services rendered on Chase Road. 12:55 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the

peace on Winding Pond Road. 1:32 p.m. Services ren-

dered for Suspicious Activity on Buttrick Road. **5:47 p.m.** Peace restored after Neighborhood Disputes on Vista Ridge Drive.

6:17 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Pillsbury Road.

8:55 p.m. Response to Overdose results in transport to hospital on Charleston Aveune.

9:32 p.m. Six officers respond to Domestic Disturbance which results in Arrest on Ash Street. Corenne Silva, 49, of Londonderry charge with Domes-Violence Simple tic Assault.

11:37 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated at New Construction Site on Stonehenge Road.

Tuesday - Feb. 20 7 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Old Nashua Road. 7:54 a.m. Four officers

investigate a Motor Vehicle Accident on Mammoth Road at Adams Road.

8 a.m. Attempted suicide investigated on Anthony Drive.

8:11 a.m. Report of Prowler investigated on Thornton Road.

activity investigated on Property and Driving 9:35 a.m. Warrant served Rockingham Road. 1:37 p.m. Three officers assist Litchfield Police Dept. with investigation on West Road at Wiley

Hill Road. 3:51 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Threatening on Apple Blossom Drive. 4:26 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated at Londonderry High School.

4:55 p.m. Services rendered for Drug Offenses on Haywood Road.

**5:46 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on South Road at Kendall Pond Road.

#### Wednesday - Feb. 21

10:28 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Tanager Way.

10:47 a.m. Juvenile offenses investigated at Middle Londonderry School.

11:41 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with transported to hospital on Mammoth Road.

activity investigated on Fieldstone Drive.

12:53 p.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses on Londonderry High School

4:35 p.m. Drug offenses 11:06 a.m. Suspicious investigated on Old Nashua Road.

11:37 p.m. Motor vehicle check results in warning issued at Aviation Museum on Navigator Road.

#### Thursday - Feb. 22

Conservation Area Building Checked/Secured on South Road.

1:07 Suspicious a.m. activity vehicle towed on Maureen Circle.

7 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Dresden Way at Hardy 5:46 a.m. Trespassing in-Road.

2:52 p.m. Arrest made at motor vehicle stop arrest at Hannaford Food & Drug on Hampton Drive. Jared Lampassi, 34, of Lawrence, Mass. charged 12:45 p.m. Suspicious with Receiving Stolen After Revocation or Suspension.

**3 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Charleston Avenue. Christopher MacDonald, of Londonderry 37. charged with Theft by Deception.

**3:28 p.m.** Peace restored after neighborhood disputes on Boulder Drive. 6:37 p.m. Services rendered for neighborhood

disputes on Constitution Drive.

6:48 p.m. Domestic disturbance investigated on Elwood Road.

9:05 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Exchange Street, Lawrence Mass. Edgar Zapata, 43, of Lawrence charged with Criminal Threatening (intimidation, Etc) and Littering-unlawful Activities. 10:14 p.m. Response to overdose results in transport to hospital from McAllister Drive.

### Friday - Feb. 23

12:34 a.m. Three officers 11:46 a.m. Suspicious investigate suspicious activity at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

6:49 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Rockingham Road at Symmes Drive.

activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

12:16 p.m. Services rendered for motor vehicle accident on Pettengill Road

8:29 p.m. Sex Offenses 12:11 a.m. Kendall Pond reported at All American Assisted Living on Button Drive. Transported to hospital.

9:28 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Adams Road.

#### Saturday - Feb. 24

vestigated at Pro Con on Kelly Avenue.

7:38 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Old Derry Road.

7:41 a.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity on Berlang Road.

and arrest made on Mercury Drive. Tarsha Hassam, 37, of Londonderry charged with Theft.

2:38 p.m. Motor vehicle stop results in arrest on Mammoth Road near Mack's, Jakeila Brewer, 25, of Manchester arrested on a warrant.

8:37 p.m. Peace restored after disturbance at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

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## **On to Phase Five**

Londonderry Trailways received a substantial donation from Eversouce Energy last week toward their efforts with the Rail Trail that stretches from the Rockingham Road to the Manchester Regional Airport. Eversource representatives presented Trailways members with a check for \$5,000, which will go toward their efforts in Phase Five of the project, connecting Mammoth Road to Harvey Road near the end of the airport runway. The funds are part of a Community Grant that Eversource gives to communities that have been impacted by construction in the area. Presenting the check were Allison McLean, Community Relations Manager, Kevin Bemis, Environmental Coordinator and Community Relations Specialist Elizabeth LaRocca. Receiving the check were Bob Saur, Pollyann Winslow and Bob Photo by Chris Paul Rimol.

### Around Town **Continued from page 16**

Session 1: Craft Time; Shake, Move and Read; and Toddler Time. Spring Session 1 will start March 21 and end April 12. Advance registration is required and begins at 9 a.m. on Mon., March 12.

#### Renew

Renew will be open Saturday, March 10 from 8 -10:30 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road, Derry. Arrive by 10 a.m. Renew will also be open every Thursday 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., please arrive by 11a.m. Derry residence not required. Renew offers free, gently-used apparel. Each household is limited to 20 of the newest items, plus a reasonable number of older items. Enter at the church marquee sign. Donations of good condition, modern clothing may be placed in the donations bin by the door at any time. No donations of money are asked or accepted. For details, search for Renew Derry on Facebook, or email renewcalvary@gmail.com

**Police Log** 

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8:40 p.m. Suspicious act-

ivity results in arrest at

Super Petroleum on Nash-

with Theft by Deception.

11:13 p.m. Motor vehicle

stop leads to arrest on

### **Looking Good for** Lou Gehria!

2nd Annual Run for Healing for ALS, to raise funds for ALS and to highlight Israeli advances in research and treatment of this heart breaking disease. On Sunday, April 22 from noon - 3 p.m. is the Run/Walk for Healing for the whole family, even people who cannot walk or run can come and celebrate. The event will begin with an interfaith 'Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem' for Israel's 70th birthday. Our unity can multiply the power of our prayers. NH4Israel, a 12 year old, organization, is a committed group of Christians and Jews passionate about Israel. The event will take place at Etz Hayim Synagogue on Derry NH's Interfaith Campus 1/2 Hood Road, Derry. Please consider participating, donating, sponsoring and/or volunteering. For more informaplease tion visit NH4Israel.org

#### **Londonderry Republican** Committee

The Londonderry Re-

We now have a new "home" for our meetings. The Victory Baptist Church under the direction of Pastor Tim Hawkins has graciously offered the use of their conference room for our monthly meetings. These meetings will be held there on the third Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. St. Gianna's Closet St. Gianna's Closet pro-

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Committee

(LRC) has exciting news.

vides free children's clothing to any family in the community that is in need. It is now well-stocked with sizes birth to teen as well as winter coats. Please contact Liz at 437-6678 to receive clothing.

#### **Needle Crafts**

Although the long winter months lie before the needlecraft us. books we have on display at Leach Library this month will help you have fun and keep warm indoors. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned expert, we have

have a specific craft or project in mind, the Leach Library Reference Staff can help find the right book for you.

something for you. If you

#### **Continuing Education** Program

Programs are open to the public at no charge, except as otherwise indicated. Donations to the Etz Hayim Synagogue will allow us to continue to offer these and other programs, and are gratefully accepted. Thurs. Nights, at 7 p.m. Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Road, Derry. For more information, please contact: Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol.com or 603 895-6120.

#### Lamplighters

A womans group with the goal of helping less fortunate woman and people in NH meets every 4th Thursday of the month 7 p.m. at Londonderry Presbyterian Church at 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

misano, 39, of Concord dered in keeping the charged with Speeding, Driving Under the influence of Drugs or Liquor, investigate weapons offhaving an Open Contain-

er of Alcohol, Possession ua Road. Steve Azegza, 56, of Controlled/Narcotic of Lynn, Mass. charged Drugs and Possession of Drugs in a Motor Vehicle.

### Sunday - Feb. 25

peace on Priscilla Lane. 10:55 a.m. Three officers enses at St. Marks Church on South Road.

12:07 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Litchfield Road, east of Yellowstone.

Smith Lane. Samuel Pal- 8:17 a.m. Services ren- dered for suspicious plaint on Hovey Road.

activity on Wilson Road. 4:48 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. at Papa Gino's on Nashua Road.

4:57 p.m. Peace restored after complaint at Elliot Primary Care Urgent Care on Buttrick Road.

7:03 p.m. Could not 2:10 p.m. Services ren- locate fireworks com-

#### Walk with Me

Are you losing or have lost someone? A child, a parent, a sibling or a friend? It can be a painful journey but you don't have to walk it alone anymore. Just come "Walk With Me". Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m., at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

#### **LEEP** Applications

Are you considering preschool for your child? If your child turned 3 by September 1st and is a Londonderry resident, consider enrolling your child in the Londonderry Early Education Program (LEEP) preschool program. We are a developmentally appropriate preschool that is

respectful of the talents and needs of individual children. Our teachers are all certified educators and the program is provided by the Londonderry School District. Programs for threeyear old preschoolers meet from 8:45 - 11 a.m. either 2 or 4 days per week and our program for our prekindergarten students meet from 12 - 2:30 p.m. either 3 or 4 days per week. How do I apply? Applications are available online on the Moose Hill School website. We also have our LEEP Handbook available online on the Moose Hill School website if you'd like additional information on the program. For more information, contact Kathy Kelley at 437-5855 ext. 7223 Please email Kathy Kelley at kkelley@londonderry.org or Kim Speers at kspeers@londonderry.org.

### TOWN OF LONDONDERRY **DROP-OFF CENTER ASSISTANT ATTENDANT**

The Town of Londonderry is accepting applications for an Assistant Attendant position for the Town's Drop-Off Center. This seasonal part-time position consists of 8.5 to 13 hours per week (Wednesdays and Saturdays) generally from April through November. Knowledge of construction materials and solid waste/recycling disposal procedures is a plus. Must be responsible, dependable, and cus-tomer-oriented. Hourly rate is \$15.25/hour, no benefits.

Application forms are available on the Town's website at www.londonderrynh.org or at Town Hall, Human Resources. Mail completed application to: Town of Londonderry, Human Resources - SWA, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053; or send via e mail to Idrabik@londonderrynh.org. Application deadline: March 16, 2018. FOF



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