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Jumping for a Cause

South School second graders Megan Corbett and Madison Couturier participate in the annual Jump for Heart fundraiser last week. See more photos page 18.

Photo by Chris Paul

Snow, Freezing Temperatures Put Damper on Maple Sugaring

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

An abundance of snow and freezing temperatures have made for a short maple sugaring season in New Hampshire - one of the worst Hank Peterson of Peterson's Sugar House in Londonderry said he remembers.

Trudging through several feet of snow has made collecting the sap that has run from his 500 taps especially difficult, according to Peterson.

"We'll be lucky if we produce half a crop," he said.

In an average year, Peterson, who has been sugaring in Londonderry

for 30 years, said he produces about 125 gallons of pure, sweet maple syrup.

It takes 40 gallons of sap to produce just one gallon of maple syrup; and for the sap to run into the metal buckets hanging from the taps, Peterson said producers need

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Despite Residents' Pleas, Zoning Board OKs Stonehenge Variances

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The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) approved three variances in a re-hearing for a workforce housing development on Stonehenge Road, despite testimony from members of the public that the variances requested will affect the character and property values of their neighborhood.

Windham developers Raja and Samir Khanna argued the workforce housing project is needed to satisfy a demand in Londonderry for affordable rental units, and that the project isn't economically viable without all

three variances.

Samir Khanna said their business has been located in Londonderry for years, but they have never built any properties in the community.

"For years we have gotten calls about Londonderry. It's embarrassing to be located in Londonderry and not offer units there," he said when asked why they want to develop workforce housing on the property. "There isn't some mysterious tax break or magical wish I'll get at the end of this. There's a lot of growth in Londonderry and we believe there's enough demand here."

"The proposed use is a

reasonable one, and this site was identified as suitable for workforce housing by the Town's Workforce Housing Task Force," said Manchester attorney William Tucker of Wadleigh, Starr and Peters, who represented Khanna at the re-hearing, which was continued from the Board's Feb. 18 meeting.

Tucker argued that not granting the variances would create a hardship for the applicant, saying the variances are necessary to enable a reasonable use of the property.

But Pauline Caron of 369 Mammoth Road, who lives about a mile south of

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Elder Affairs Members Note Concern with New Appointment Process

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Members of the Elder Affairs Committee expressed concern that they didn't have a chance to vet candidates for open seats on the committee before the Town Council interviewed them at their March 16 meeting.

Some of the applicants haven't attended meetings of the Committee, according to members, who said they would have liked an opportunity to ask the applicants about their interest in serving.

"I have no problem with the Council approving appointments to the boards and committees, I just think applicants

should have to go through the committee first to explain their interest before getting to the Council. Even re-appointments should have to come through the Committee first," member Dan Lekas said. "What if someone puts something in for re-appointment and they haven't been to any of the meetings. There should be a protocol, and it should all start with the Committee."

Former chairman Al Baldasaro said it's important the Committee has an opportunity to meet and interview applicants before they go before the Council.

Members of the Elder Affairs Committee said

they never received notification of the new applicants whom the Council interviewed at their March meetings and didn't have an opportunity to make a recommendation regarding whom they would like to see appointed to the open seats.

The Council recently amended the policy related to board and committee appointments to re-

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LHS Robotics Team Wins Chairman's Award, Advances to Districts

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Londonderry High School's FIRST Robotics team will advance to the New England Championship, after earning the Chairman's Award at the FIRST Robotics District event, held at the University of New Hampshire last weekend.

The Chairman's Award, the most prestigious FIRST award a team can earn, honors the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate, and embodies the purpose and goals of FIRST.

"The Chairman's Award doesn't really honor the robot, it honors the team for their activities in representing the ideals of FIRST, such as outreach in the community and getting other people interested in FIRST," said Mike Pettengill, who has been coaching Londonderry's team for 13 years. "It's more of an overall team performance award."

Pettengill notes FIRST "isn't all about building robots, it's just a vehicle for getting there."

FIRST is an acronym of: For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology.

There are approximately 175 teams in the New England Championship,

set for April 8-11.

Londonderry's team, the LHS PVC Pirates, will compete for the Chairman's Award, an invitation to the World Championship in St. Louis, Mo., from April 22-25.

At the District competition, which was held March 21 at the Whittemore Center on the UNH campus, the PVC Pirates presented to judges about the team's efforts to promote the purpose and goals of FIRST.

The team hosts an annual event at the Pheasant Lane Mall, which they call the Robo Expo; they hosted a FIRST LEGO League (FLL) qualifier event at the middle school; and they attend FIRST Night in Boston and the Robo Zoo in Cambridge, Mass.

"Presenting to the judges, it's cool to see all that work shown off. All the effort, setting up the events and speaking with all the kids really pays off," said Team Captain Jaye O'Donnell, noting it's rewarding to see the impact their events have on the young people who attend them.

Teams that participated in the PVC Pirates' FLL qualifier event at the middle school said it was the best they had ever attended; and the team is in the process of forming a part-

nership with Simon Malls to make their annual event available to other teams nationwide as part of their efforts to promote FIRST, according to Pettengill.

"We're putting together a how-to book and website that other teams around the country could use to plan the event. Teams will be able to plug in their address on the website and it will show them Simon Malls in the area where they could hold the event," he said. The PVC Pirates also mentor FLL teams.

O'Donnell said the judges seemed impressed that the team takes their robot to their annual Robo Expo at the mall, and that they're trying to expand the event to other teams in malls around the country.

Team members Alex Peterson, Tiffany Miller, and Kelly Plakyda presented to the judges at the District competition.

Other team members include Erin Janas, Luc Velie, Justin Lagree, Chris Monk, Abraham Gable, Ryan Leo, Tim Meuse, Jonathon Burpeau, Dave Lawton, Caleb McCune, Noah Carrey, Mike Agostino, Dan Pleva, Julia Turk, Evan Plevinsky, Nate Robillard, Spenser Kutney, Karamel Quitayen, Chase L'Heurux, Seamus Rioux, Yuly Cabeza, Becca Fondo, Emily Dawson, Alex Ashman, and Sarah Moriarty.

"I think we have a good chance of moving on with a Chairman's Award, or by getting



LHS PVC Pirates display their winning banner at the district competition.

enough points from our robot competing in matches," said O'Donnell, whose team earned the Chairman's Award his freshman year.

The team hopes the efforts will earn them one of four Chairman's Awards at the District Championship for an opportunity to compete at the World Championship.

"We're pushing hard for that one," Pettengill said, noting the team last competed in the World Championship in 2010.

The team invested hundreds of hours of work just to put on the FLL qualifier event at the middle school.

"It's a huge amount of work, and to me that's what it's all about," Pet-

tengill said. "And to see kids who come into the program with no clue what they want to do and leave with skills they can use for the rest of their life and find a direction, whether they want to be engineers or businessman. It gives student the opportunity to put their education to work in real world situations."

Young Named School Board Chair

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In its first meeting since the School District's March 10 election, the School Board voted to approve several appointments and re-adopt two policies.

Among the appointments were those re-electing member Steve Young as chairman and John Laferriere as vice chairman.

The Board also voted 5-0 to appoint School Resource Officer Coordinator Brad Warriner as attendance officer, and to appoint Lisa Muse as the

School Board's secretary.

Additionally, the board voted 5-0 to re-adopt a policy related to temporary administrative arrangements for schools in the District in the 2014-2015 school year: At the District level, Scott Laliberte, Peter Curro and Richard Zaccilli; at the high school, Jason Parent, Katie Sullivan, Greg Warren, Abbey Sloper and Amity Ferraro; at the middle school, Zaccilli, David Sutherland, Donna Dyer and Joan Campo; at North School, Paul Dutton and Jill Connors; at Matthew Thornton, Sharon Putney and Ace Thompson; at South School, Linda Boyd and Chelsea Hunnewell; and at Moose Hill, Bonnie Breithaupt and Thompson.

The Board also voted 5-0 to re-adopt its Investment Policy, which establishes a framework for safe and prudent investment of public funds. "This is an extremely conservative policy for investments," Young said.

The objectives of the policy are to ensure the preservation of capital and the protection of investment principal; to maintain sufficient liquidity to meet operating requirements; to satisfy all legal requirements; to attain a competitive rate of return on investments, taking into account risk and legal constraints and cash flow considerations; and to ensure full transparency of investment strategies, transactions and results.

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Zoning

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the intersection of Stonehenge and Mammoth roads, said, “a hardship refers to land use only.

“If the land is reasonably suitable for a permitted use, then there is no hardship and no grounds for a variance,” she said.

The Board granted variances to the ordinance to allow construction of 24-unit buildings where 16-unit buildings are permitted; to allow the percentage of workforce housing units in the development to be limited to 50 percent where 75 percent is required; and to allow phasing of the development over three years, exempting the development from future implementation of growth control regulations.

Laconia-based Applied Economics researcher Russ Thibeault said it would cost the developers \$4.5 million more to build the project without the variances, and that the profit margin for the project is “razor thin” even with all three of the variances.

Before continuing the public hearing to the March 19 meeting, the Board asked Khanna to provide specifications for the proposed units to Thibeault to analyze and share his conclusions with a third-party consultant.

“My fear was if they’re putting in fountains and gold painted fixtures,” member Neil Dunn said.

Khanna hired Jack Mettee of Mettee Planning Consultants in Dover to serve as the third-party consultant. Mettee concluded the proposed development features standard building construction.

“It may have high-end appliances, but nothing that would blow the numbers out,” Dunn said.

The workforce housing units are to be rented at a price that is no greater than 60 percent of the area’s median income - for Rockingham County that’s \$1,440. The units at market price would be rented at higher prices to subsidize the workforce housing units.

Neighbors of the work-

force housing development expressed concern that a healthy inventory of rental units substantially less expensive than the ones proposed will create an additional financial strain on the developers, who have said they anticipate a 5.5 percent return.

“Brady Sullivan has available units across the street for \$1,200,” said Deb Paul of 118 Hardy Road, publisher of the Londonderry Times.

And other neighbors noted there are available units in town for under \$1,000.

Samir Khanna told the Board vacancies are built into their business plan, and that “apartments are meant to operate with vacancy.”

Perhaps of greatest concern to neighbors was how the variances to allow taller, higher density buildings in a shorter period of time than required by the Town’s Zoning Ordinance will affect the rural, residential character of their neighborhood.

Members Jim Tirabassi and Bill Bernardino

agreed, voting against the variance to allow 24-unit buildings where 16-unit buildings are permitted. The final vote to approve the variance was 3-2.

The Board voted 5-0 to approve the additional variances related to phasing of the project and the percentage of workforce housing units required.

“Build something smaller that’s more in scale with the neighborhood so it doesn’t have as much of an impact on the existing neighborhoods,” Paul said. “Part of the reason we live in Londonderry is because of the rural character. That’s why we have the ordinance, because we didn’t want big, box-style apartment complexes being built in the neighborhood.”

Paul noted that when local real estate agents reported in the developer’s application that the project won’t affect property values, they’re speaking to the assessed values of homes.

When neighbors try to sell their homes, increased traffic and the size of the buildings will affect the re-sale value, according to Paul.

“I love my town, but you’re forcing me to move. I won’t be able to sell my house. The traffic is already so bad, and what if this fails and is abandoned? What about the undue burden to people who already live in this area who have been paying their taxes and bought their home seeing open space and thought only new homes would go in there? Never in my wildest imagination did I believe this is what would happen,” Paul said.

The ongoing maintenance of the property is what will have a longer-term impact on properties surrounding it, Greg Stanley of 112 Hardy Road said. “There are other alternatives,” he said. “They could build less. This area isn’t like Vista Ridge or Wallace Farms

with easy access to I-93. It’s in a much more congested area, where there are lots of accidents. Why can’t they move around some variables so they can use the land as they see fit so they won’t need a variance? We’re trying to preserve the character as much as we can; so, long term, it doesn’t have as much of an impact on us.”

Ultimately, the Board agreed that granting the variances was in the public interest, as doing so offers a realistic opportunity for workforce housing as required by state statute, which they noted trumps local ordinance.

The Town is in the process of amending the Zoning Ordinance related to workforce housing to address the issue of economic feasibility that the developer raised.

As a condition of the variance for accelerated phasing of the project, the developer must obtain site plan approval by the Planning Board.

Lost Child on I-93 Reunited with Mother

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A lost child located alone, on the side of the interstate, was reunited safely with his mother last week.

Police received several calls from concerned motorists who saw the 6-year-old standing near the guardrail of the southbound lane on Interstate 93, just north of Exit 4, Londonderry Det. Chris Olson said.

State and Londonder-

ry Police rushed to the location and found the child. He was unable to communicate his name or address.

“All he could say was ‘Trolley Car,’” Olson said.

The boy was transported in a police cruiser to Trolley Car Lane, where his mother was located searching for her son.

“The mother was running up and down the street, screaming for her child,” Olson said.

The young boy was reunited with his mother, and police are not investigating the matter any further.

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Editorial

Waiting for Spring

While this past winter may not have been the longest on record, it would be hard to convince us of that. It was the icing on the cake when the official start of spring arrived at 6:45 p.m. last Friday, followed quickly by a snow shower. And another one the next morning.

This year, except for the change in the sunlight, you could fool us that spring is here. Friends from other parts of the country send Facebook photos of flowering shrubs and remind us of how long our winter lasts. There may be sun and 50-degree temperatures in the forecast, but it's hard to keep the bright promise of springtime at the forefront in the midst of the non-stop sound of the furnace.

But if nothing else works, congratulate yourself on having just about gotten through an old fashioned, northern New England winter. Now, when old-timers talk about the winters of long ago, you can offer your own experiences and snowfall depths. And if nothing else makes you feel better, at least we aren't dealing with the 25 feet of ice off the coast of Nova Scotia.

So we rejoice over finally being able to see the bare patches of brown leaves left over at the edge of the lawn from last fall, we look forward to having soggy mud replace the treacherous ice patches in the driveway, and we smile when the temperature rises above freezing. We may even haul out a lawn chair and sit outside, however briefly, as that March sun shines down, even though we're still bundled up in gloves and sweaters.

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

But as stalwart New Englanders, we'll get through all that and get down to the business of waiting for the weather to warm up so we can enjoy the summer, however brief. There will be a summer this year, won't there?

Those of us who stick it out during the ever-extending winter know that blue skies and warm weather are just around the corner, and summer isn't far behind. Right? But can we please have a little bit of spring first?

Letters

Ignoring the Taxpayers

To the editor:

The first thing you see when you go to the town's website is its welcome statement, and the second sentence that reads: "Chartered in 1722, residents, elected and appointed officials and town staff have worked hard to maintain Londonderry's enviable quality of life by supporting an excellent school system, preserving thousands of acres of open space and encouraging land use practices to promote a healthy suburban lifestyle."

For four months, developers have come before the ZBA (Zoning Board of Adjustment) to fight to have three variances passed so that they can move forward with a 288-unit apartment complex to be built on Stonehenge and Hardy Roads. During the first meeting, all three variances were denied. But the developers, with their self-proclaimed "razor thin budget," threatened to sue the town and demanded a rehearing.

Three months later, in the span of four hours, the ZBA granted all three of these variances, sending the message that the ordinances that we have in place are all just pretend.

Never did a resident speak up in support of this project; rather, many residents expressed their opposition, and in the end, were left with the message that anyone who has gone to the ZBA with a variance request that was denied can follow the same steps these people have, and eventually, with persistence, have it overturned. Moreover, it is clear that the fact that those of us who will be directly impacted by this

development ultimately don't matter.

It seems that the north end of Londonderry has been designated the only part of town that qualifies for workforce housing, which, had further studies been made, we may have found that the town more than meets its requirements, even with the recent Wallace Farm decision.

A town is a human settlement larger than a village but smaller than a city. Londonderry is a town, not a city. But because the town felt threatened by this developer, and likely because they want to put the workforce housing requirement obligation to bed, the ZBA committee gave in, and once this project is underway, may regret their hasty decision.

Their mission, as it states, is: As a "quasi-judicial" entity, the main goal of the ZBA is to make exceptions to the ordinance without having to change the ordinance itself (something only the Town Council has that authority to do). They could add to that statement that while they will certainly hear the taxpayer residents, they will not listen.

Kerri L. Stanley
Londonderry

Thanks Londonderry Times

To the editor:

Wow, 15 years and still going strong, congratulations!

As your State Representative going on 9 years, one who believes in freedom of speech and honesty in reporting the news, Nutfield Publishing has been there for all, fair and balanced in reporting the local news, which

goes to every home in our town.

For the past 15 years you have been a cut above any other newspaper in the state in covering Londonderry's local events and especially the reporting of our veteran community, school activities, athletes and our awesome band. You kept us all informed and up to date in reminding us that we all live in the best town in the state.

I want to thank the Londonderry Times for keeping our residents informed on what goes on in our community, good or bad. Your reporters throughout the years have covered all our local events, made all our kids sporting events and never hesitated in ensuring that anyone in our community could write a letter to the editor to express their opinion.

Without your can-do attitude in taking the time to send a reporter to all the meetings in town and a photographer to take the pictures of our kids, we Londonderry residents would have never known how wonderful of a town we have, where parents are involved in their kids' education, or who all the wonderful volunteers are that step up to ensure that our bedroom community continues to move in the right direction.

Deb and Chris Paul, and staff, you all are Londonderry's unsung heroes because without your newspaper putting Londonderry school and town on the map, we would just be like many other boring towns, where people just go to work and come home and have no clue on what goes on in their community.

Thank you for the awe-
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some reporting for the past 15 years, your volunteerism and the many long hours you all spent ensuring that Londonderry is second to none.

Al Baldasaro
State Representative
Londonderry

Fighting Pipeline

To the editor:

Londonderry is not alone in fighting construction of a natural gas pipeline through its community. According to a recent article in Eco-Watch.com, communities in Texas, Colorado, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Ohio are all pushing back against proposed natural gas pipeline construction within their borders.

The article also points to grassroots activities in New Hampshire to oppose the Kinder-Morgan's Northeast Energy Pipeline proposed for Southern New Hampshire. It mentions New Hampshire Pipeline Awareness as a group fighting the pipeline. The NWPA group says "Building the NED pipeline to meet peak requirements in New England is like building a 6-lane freeway across Martha's Vineyard to accom-

modate 4th of July traffic."

To learn more about the pipeline and this group you can go to its web site, NHPipelineAwareness.org.

Bruce Fink
Londonderry

Teacher Aides

To the editor:

I was so proud that our teacher aides aligned themselves through their common desire to provide the best services for our children at the deliberative session for the School Budget held Friday, Feb. 6, 2015.

Consider this anecdote: Imagine you are a doctor. You have no less than 15 children in your examining room at all times. Each of these students has an individual learning style. Some are unruly. Some tell you point blank that they would prefer to be anywhere else on the planet than in your room. Some might at any time be crying or having a tantrum. It is your job to treat each one specific to their needs; five days per week for nine months. Some of these children are eager to learn and "get" your lesson plan on the first demonstration. Others are bored because they already know what you are trying to teach. Oth-

ers don't "get" it unless they receive the information through one-on-one teaching. One might be deaf or have vision issues, or ADD or ADHD; or is hungry, angry, lonely, or tired before they arrive. You are rated on the percentage that thrive and have learned the basic skills required to move to the next grade.

Certainly one cannot deny that even one adult helping you would benefit all the students every day.

The value of these teacher aide positions cannot be argued. We need them to ensure our children will all have access to a one-on-one experience as needed for success.

Our aides enhance our teachers' ability to deliver their curriculum according to the diverse needs of each learner. Human brains are wired to learn language and basic mathematics around age 5. Missing this window of time can result in a negative "trickle up" effect. Children's self-esteem and learning ability for the rest of their lives may be nurtured and enhanced or diminished, based on their early academic experiences. This translates to increased costs for a myriad of extra services attempting to play catch up through grade 12. In turn this will affect

our graduation statistics, in which we take so much pride.

Cherylann Pierce
Londonderry

Lucky to Have Londonderry Times

To the editor:

My family moved to town shortly after the Londonderry Times began publication, so we have never known a time here without local news. I suppose, therefore, I took it for granted.

It wasn't until this wild

winter, with its frequent blizzard conditions and slick roads, that I appreciated how fortunate we are to have Deb and Chris and the Times to keep everyone up to date on the happenings around town.

Of course I noticed a reporter on hand for every Planning Board, School Board and Town Council meeting I've ever attended. I've seen Chris taking pictures at every Old Home Day, Veterans Day ceremony, 9/11 remembrance, Memorial Day parade, school events,

Senior Center activities and church fairs. I've bumped into Deb at countless meetings and activities, even during the hard times when she was ill. It all added up to a background of dependable journalism that was easy to grow accustomed to. I can't imagine Londonderry without the Times.

So congratulations on 15 years of reliable, informative and insightful reporting. Please keep up the excellent work for another 15, at least! We are so lucky to have you!

Laura El-Azem
Londonderry



Energy Tour

Members of the House Science, Technology and Energy Committee were treated to a tour of the Granite Ridge Energy Facility last week. Local state Representatives Doug Thomas and Bob Introne are members of the committee and were present to hear how the facility operates and how energy produced at the plant contributes to the state.

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Enrichment Program Students Host Mythology Night

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry KEY students completed their Mythology unit with a culminating presentation to share with parents about what they learned about the Greek gods and goddesses.

The fifth grade students intensely researched their Greek character at the library, then completed a project, made a costume to wear during their presentation at Mythology Night and shared food that related to their character, according to Mary Coppinger, special curriculum coordinator at

Matthew Thornton Elementary School.

Students at North School also presented their Mythology Unit projects to a crowd of family and friends on March 16. South School KEY students will present the Greek Gods and Goddesses they researched on March 25.

Massimo Sessa, who participates in Destination Imagination and Chorus at Matthew Thornton, said he enjoyed learning about Poseidon, who ruled the sea; while Paige Boyon, an active member of the Drama Club, was

interested to learn Medusa was cursed, despite being innocent.

The project is one of the many enrichment activities students in the KEY program complete outside the school's curriculum. The students also complete Images of Greatness, where they research and present a great person of their choice, and other self-directed projects.

For example, fifth graders Massimo Sessa and Paige Boyon chose in third grade to complete projects about bears and horseback riding, respectively.

Boyon said she likes the KEY program because "it stretches your brain" and teaches problem-solving skills.

"It's very student directed," Matthew Thornton Assistant Principal Ace Thompson said of the District-wide, elementary Language Arts program for high ability students.

Students are selected to participate based on test results, student recommendations and student interest.

If a student doesn't qualify in third grade, he or she may still have a chance to participate in fourth grade.

"We cast a wide net and try not to miss anyone. It's a great opportunity," Thompson said.

The program speaks to the District's College



North School students Elizabeth Fish as Medusa, top left; Caitlin Shapleigh as Persephone, top right; and Nicholas Faucher as Cronus portray Greek gods and goddesses at Mythology Night last week. Photos by Chris Paul



Massimo Sessa portrays the Greek God Poseidon as he shares his project at Matthew Thornton's fifth grade Mythology Night. Photo by Kaitlyn G. Woods

and Career Readiness goals, offering students an opportunity to gain experience with public speaking, researching and accessing resources.

As part of the Mythology project, students walked over to the high

school to use their library, said Coppinger, KEY coordinator at Matthew Thornton.

Through their visit to the high school, Thompson said the KEY students earned a big advantage.

"When they get there,

they'll already know where everything they need in the library is and how to access it. They're really looking ahead and they're not going to be as intimidated when they get there," he said. "It's a big leg-up."

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Londonderry Seniors Go Green



Despite the snow on Saturday, seniors flocked to the Londonderry Senior Center's annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon featuring corned beef and cabbage, carrots and an apple crisp dessert - and the wearing of the green. Entertainment was provided by Town Manager Kevin Smith, left.

Photos by Chris Paul

Maple Syrup

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cold nights at 20 degrees, followed by warm days reaching 40 degrees.

Because the region has been seeing freezing temperatures throughout both the days and nights, Peterson hasn't had enough sap to boil down.

But last week, temperatures warmed up just long enough for Peterson to collect enough sap to fire up his evaporator, which is fueled by pine.

About six school groups were scheduled to visit Peterson's farm - one group traveled all the way from Exeter for a lesson on the process he uses to boil sap down to the sweet syrup they pour on their pancakes.

His sugar house is a traditional wooden shack, which Peterson said he built when he moved to Londonderry from northern Wisconsin, where he learned to sugar in his family's business.

New Hampshire has about 600 maple syrup producers, with about 400 members in the New Hampshire Maple Producers Association, according to Peterson.

Maple syrup produced at Peterson's Sugar House



Hank Peterson was busy boiling over the weekend and hopes to be doing a lot more during this weekend's New Hampshire Maple Weekend.

Photo by Chris Paul

is sold at his farmhouse, at Mack's Apples and in local gift shops.

This year's harsh winter could make a bottle even more coveted, with the sugaring season having started about two weeks late and expected to end early.

Generally, Peterson said the sugaring season ends the first week of April.

If you do happen to get your hands on a bottle of Peterson's maple syrup, he said his favorite combination is maple syrup over ice cream.

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Londonderry Mother Promotes Epilepsy Awareness

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A local mother whose son has suffered from epilepsy since infancy is teaming up with members of the community to raise awareness and funding for what is described as a “stealth disease.”

“My son, Seth, is 11 years old now and in the past 10 years I have learned a lot about epilep-

sy, trying to help control his seizures. And what I have learned is this is a disease that affects so many people, but epilepsy research is very underfunded,” Joy Buzzell of Londonderry said. “So few people know about epilepsy and understand the facts about it and how devastating it can be, and how common it is.”

Some of those facts include the following: One

in 10 people will suffer a seizure in their lifetime, and one in 26 people will develop epilepsy. More people live with epilepsy than with autism spectrum disorders, Parkinson’s disease, multiple sclerosis and cerebral palsy combined. Up to 50,000 deaths occur annually in the U.S. from seizure related causes - that’s more than deaths from breast cancer.

And one of the facts of greatest concern to Buzzell is that each year, the state spends \$30 billion on medical research, but only half of 1 percent is spent on epilepsy research.

“The facts are scary and shocking,” she said. “Seth is on five seizure medications and he still has daily seizures. It’s still so hard to control. I’m doing this for more awareness to lead to more research to find a cure.”

Buzzell gave purple ribbons to the Police and Fire Departments in Londonderry and Hooksett, where she works, to wear on Epilepsy Awareness Day March 26.

Londonderry Police additionally plan to hang

the purple ribbons on their cruisers.

And to raise funding for epilepsy research, the New England’s Tap House Grille in Hooksett will serve a purple martini they created in honor of Epilepsy Awareness Day, with \$1 of every martini sold to benefit the Epilepsy Foundation New England.

“Everyone has been so supportive - the Police

and Fire Departments, and the Tap House,” Buzzell said, noting Matthew Thornton Elementary School will be celebrating “Purple Day” at school, and her older son’s art teacher at the middle school will be having students make posters to raise awareness for epilepsy.

“It’s helpful for him to see people supporting

the condition his brother has,” Buzzell said.

Buzzell plans to continue promoting Epilepsy Awareness Day and hopes to make its presence bigger each year.

“This is something I can do that’s positive,” she said. “Sometimes, I feel so defeated because everything I give him doesn’t help. But this will, in some way.”



Joy Buzzell of Londonderry presents Det. Chris Olson with purple ribbons that members of the Police and Fire Departments will wear on Epilepsy Awareness Day March 26.

Athletic Leadership Council Sells Hats to Support Veterans

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Athletic Leadership Council at Londonderry High School is selling camouflage hats in support of veterans through Operation Hat Trick and the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA). Operation Hat Trick generates awareness, support and funding for the recovery of American service men and women, both active service members and veterans.

The students expect to receive 142 camouflage hats to sell for Operation Hat Trick on May 1.

The shipment includes 72 adjustable clamp hats, the style they sold last year, for \$15; as well as 72 flex fit caps for \$20.

Those who would like to purchase a hat may contact Crystal Rich by email at crich@londonder-

ry.org.

Matt Freda, a Londonderry High School senior who serves as a member of the Athletic Leadership Council, said the hat sale for veterans is just one of many fundraisers the student organization runs.

The students also raise money for Lancer families in need.

“Every week, teachers will drop off recommendations of families who are in need, and we try to send them a gas card or something else to help out a little bit,” Freda said.

In addition to hosting fundraisers, the students serve as leaders on their sports teams and participated in the process of amending the school’s behavior policy to help students who have engaged in unhealthy behaviors get back on track.

“The policy tries to be understanding that everyone has made a stupid

decision in high school,” Freda said. “Removing a student from sports completely is not really helping. We’re trying to help students learn from their mistakes. It’s supposed to promote a healthier lifestyle.”

The Council is a small group of about nine or 10 students, nominated by coaches and the school’s athletic director, who serve as leaders other student athletes can turn to and look to as role models - particularly underclassmen.

The majority of students serving on the Council are seniors, but starting next year, at least one underclassman will always be selected to serve as a liaison to the younger students.

Freda said it’s nice having another voice on the sports teams promoting good choices and guiding the younger athletes.

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North Students Get Musical Message on Bullying

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Students at North School learned about preventing bullying through song and dance last week.

The school hosted a Theatre Integrating Guidance, Education and Responsibility's (TIGER) "I've Got Your Back" performance, which educates children about treating others with respect and kindness, offering tools they can use if they witness or experience bullying.

"Educating through the arts is such a fun and entertaining way," TIGER tour manager Pam Irish said. "Children seem to really respond to it. It captures their attention and gives them an important message at the same time."

Each of TIGER's performances features a dif-

ferent acronym - for North School's anti-bullying presentation, it's TIGER: Take action, I can say no, Get help, Empathy and Respond with respect.

TIGER has performed annually at schools in Londonderry for seven of the eight years it has been touring in New England, according to Irish.

This year's performance featured new, updated songs, as well as a change to the meaning of the 'E' in TIGER from "exit when necessary" to "empathy."

"Empathy is something important to start teaching children very young, to teach them about showing kindness to the person next to you and general human kindness," Irish said.

Members of TIGER's cast told students during the March 19 perform-

ance that "empathy is the ability to share the feelings of another."

The cast is comprised of five professional performers: Hannah Judas, Bartley Mullin, Samuel Bennett, Caralivia Levanti, and Kaoru Yano, an exchange student from Japan.

"Telling isn't tattling if someone else gets hurt," they sang while teaching students about "getting help."

Irish said if a song is catchy, it helps children remember the message behind it.

"Changing up the music is a smart thing to do, it keeps the performances more engaging for students," she said. "We try to stay current. They're really listening more when the music is more engaging."

Principal Paul Dutton

said the assemblies have become a tradition in the School District, and that TIGER's message reinforces the schools' culture of Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS), a system of incentivizing good behavior.

"It's a proactive approach," he said. "We have a lot of small assemblies to talk about behaviors."

The TIGER assembly helps reinforce the school's message, particularly with regard to behavior outside of school, according to Dutton, who thinks the approach has definitely been successful at North School.

"It's reflected in the culture of the building," he said. "Whenever we go on field trips, we always get comments on how well behaved the students are."

To reinforce TIGER's



Hannah Judas and Caralivia Levanti sing to students about empathy during North School's anti-bullying assembly with Theatre Integrating Guidance, Education and Responsibility's (TIGER).

Photo by Kaitlyn G. Woods

message after they leave, Irish said the group leaves a papier-mâché tiger at the school to serve as a visual reminder of what the students learned.

Elder Affairs

Continued from page 1
quire every position to be posted when terms expire in an effort to open the process to new people interested in serving the Town.

"It would be great if more people could get involved," Town Council Chairman John Farrell said.

When the Elder Affairs Committee raised concerns about the recent interviews of candidates they hadn't vetted themselves, Town Manager Kevin Smith said he explained to members they can still make recom-

mendations to the Council and interview applicants.

"If the board wants to make a recommendation to the Council, they can do so, and the Council will take that under advisement," Smith said. "Going forward, when we get names submitted who are not already members of the committee, we'll provide those names to the committee so they can see who has applied and contact them to interview them themselves if they want to."

However, nothing in the Town Charter states the board or committee has to interview people

first and make recommendations to the Council. The responsibility of appointments is exclusively that of the Council, although the boards and committees are encouraged to make recommendations if they wish to do so, according to Smith.

"We appoint or accept resignations, or don't appoint or accept a resignation," Farrell said, noting there is, however, a provision in the Charter that says each board and committee should come to the Council every year and provide an update on where they stand.

Baldasaro told the Council if there were

more applicants than open seats, he would step down to allow "new blood" on the Committee.

At the Elder Affairs Committee's March 17 meeting, Baldasaro told members it has been an honor serving with them and that he will remain available to assist them in any way possible moving forward.

The Committee appointed Bonnie Roberts chairman and Susan Haussler vice chairman.

At its March 16 meeting, the Town Council decided to investigate

whether or not the Charter restricted the Council from appointing to the Elder Affairs Committee all applicants who wish to serve.

When Smith looked at the original documents that established the Elder Affairs Committee, he found two different documents - the original resolution creating the Committee, and an adopted amendment.

"Neither speak to there being any alternates on the Committee, they just speak to full members," he said. "The Town

Attorney recommended if we're having alternates, the resolution ought to be amended by the Council to include alternate positions."

Additionally, Smith said the resolution could be amended to include more positions on the Committee.

Although the Council would not be required to hold a public hearing on an amendment to the resolution, Smith said he would be surprised if the Council did not take public input on the matter.

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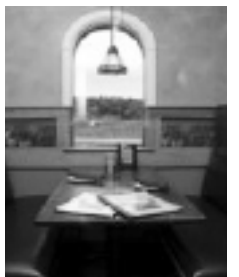
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LHS Class of 2016 Hosts Annual Easter Egg Hunt

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School's Class of 2016 invites the community to attend the third annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4. Featuring a visit with the Easter Bunny, crafts, games, and, of course, an Easter Egg Hunt, the fundraiser has quickly become a crowd-pleaser families look forward to as spring approaches.

"The kids really wanted to do an event that gave back to the community in some way and they thought it was an event they hadn't seen around town yet - something new and fresh," said Ashley Tebbetts, Class of 2016 advisor.

The first year they hosted the event, the egg hunt was held in the high school's cafeteria and 200 children attended.

"It was mayhem that first year," Tebbetts said with a laugh. "We moved

into the gym last year, where there's a lot more space, and the egg hunt is held outside, rain or shine, snow or grass. Last year there were over 6,000 eggs, and we added a little bunny patch so the smaller kids have a chance to find the eggs. We got a lot of great feedback last year from parents thanking us for transitioning into the gym and having the hunt outside rather than indoors."

The Easter Egg Hunt is free to all members of the public, but donations are accepted and guests may take a photo with the Easter Bunny for \$3.

All the money raised through the events has traditionally gone directly toward funding primarily senior year activities, such as the senior trip, graduation, and the Baccalaureate, according to Max Hastings, president of the Class of 2016.

But this year, the students decided to use a

portion of the funds to establish a scholarship in honor of their friend Craig Fairweather, who was killed in a car crash late last year.

"After we graduate, our advisors (Tebbetts and Holly Lafore) are going to try to continue to host the event, and all the money will go towards the scholarship," he said.

Tebbetts said the students work hard to organize and execute the event, creating a backdrop for a photo station where guests can take a photo with the bunny (bring your own photo device); planning decorations, crafts, games, and prizes; and stuffing and hiding all the eggs.

"We have a big bake sale and hang decorations. Getting it festive takes a lot of effort from class representatives," Hastings said. "The main thing is getting all the candy in each egg. Last year there were about 1,000 eggs, and this year we're looking at more."

"The kids donate all the supplies, everything, to make this happen for the kids in the community," Tebbetts said. "You

can see the joy in them working with the little kids, teaching them the games. We really see our kids shining in their interactions with these little kids. We have genuine, amazing kids. There are a little under 70 representatives in the class, and they are all very involved. They want to be there, and it's nice for the parents to see these are high school kids who stay all day Saturday and love it."

"As high school stu-

dents, we don't get to be around little kids as much. It's a nice change. It's fun to see their faces light up when they see the bunny," Hastings said. "It benefits the community because when it's put on by students for the kids, it's more personal, and it gives the little kids a chance to be around the high schoolers and go in the gym. I think it's a great thing for everyone, and the parents seem to enjoy it as much as the kids."

The Easter Egg Hunt event is to be held at the high school gymnasium from 9 a.m. to noon, with the Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 12 and under to begin at 11:30 a.m.

Admission and all activities are free. Donations are welcomed and guests may take as many photos as they like with their own camera with the Easter Bunny in front of a festive backdrop for \$3.



Student CPR

Matthew Thornton Elementary School fifth graders are currently working toward earning their CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) certificate. They are practicing on adult and baby mannequins.

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Long-time Teacher at Matthew Thornton to Retire

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board recognized first grade teacher Joanne McGee, who is retiring after 32 years as an educator at Matthew Thornton Elementary School.

"I'm so proud to say I'm retiring from a school district that has produced some of the best students," McGee said, noting she will especially miss the school's Senior Breakfasts in June, at which she enjoyed the opportunity to see her students all grown up, going off to pursue their goals as young adults. "The memories they

shared as first graders are priceless."

McGee spent most of her professional career at Matthew Thornton, where she taught Readiness, then first grade.

"Her teaching has always been patient, with her focus on helping each individual child reach their fullest potential, while learning in a calm and nurturing environment," her co-workers wrote in a statement to the School Board, which was read at their March 18 meeting. "Joanne's thoughtful and gentle approach to teaching has created a warm and welcoming environment for

both students and families."

During a recent visit to Matthew Thornton, board member John Laferriere said he stopped in McGee's classroom and was surprised when she asked how his youngest son, who has moved on from the elementary school, is doing.

"After all the kids that have gone through, she remembered his name. And she had so many nice things to say," Laferriere said. "The relationships you had with those kids, even after so long, is a personal gift you give each and every one of them."

"Over her 32 years of teaching at Matthew Thornton, Joanne has helped create wonderful memories and meaningful learning experiences for her young learners," her co-workers said. "She is thought of fondly by past and present students and she is delighted and proud when students return to visit and share their many successes and accomplishments with her. Joanne is an outstanding member of the Matthew Thornton family who will be greatly missed by her friends, colleagues, but especially by the many children who have been so happy to be greeted each morning with her warm smile."

"We too, will miss you," chairman Steve Young said.

"I just want to thank you for giving me the support I needed to grow as a teacher," McGee said. "I'm so proud to have been part of this district for so many years, it's truly an amazing district. I have so many memories here, I feel like I grew up here. I came as a single lady, got married here, had my



Joanne McGee is retiring at the end of the school year as a first grade teacher at Matthew Thornton Elementary School. Photo by Kaitlyn G. Woods

Duck Hunter Found Not Guilty on Fowl Baiting Charge

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A Londonderry duck hunter accused of illegally shooting ducks where corn is used to attract birds was found not guilty of the offense.

Ryan Lockwood, 28, of Londonderry maintained his innocence during the trial. He faced a \$74 fine and the suspension of his hunting license for one year.

Lockwood stood trial on March 12 for an incident that occurred near the Exeter Country Club in December.

State Fish and Game Conservation Officer James Benvenuti was called to the marshy area that abuts the Country Club last Dec. 11 by people concerned that hunters

were shooting too close to homes.

Benvenuti said he determined Lockwood and his hunting partner were outside the 300-foot limit from homes, and were hunting far enough from residences in the area.

While observing the hunters for about a half-hour, Benvenuti said he remembered there were people who fed the ducks in the area where the men were hunting.

"They put out about 100 feet of corn. You're able to spot it from 300 to 350 yards away," he said. "He was shooting at the ducks cruising into the corn right overhead."

According to federal regulation, it's illegal to hunt waterfowl where

food is used to lure migratory game birds.

Benvenuti, who brought the charge of "taking migratory waterfowl by the aid of a baited area" against Lockwood, said although Lockwood wasn't hunting directly over the bait, which he did not set himself, he was using it to his advantage and hunting in the immediate vicinity.

Brentwood Circuit Court Judge David LeFrancois, who presided over the case, took the matter under advisement following the trial.

In his ruling, LeFrancois wrote, "After review of the evidence, and the State's burden of proof beyond a reasonable doubt, the court finds the defendant not guilty."

child here, and I shared all those experiences with my colleagues. They're like my second family. This is bittersweet."

The School Board voted 5-0 to accept McGee's retirement, as well as the retirement of Londonderry High School Librarian Gail March, who has served in that post for 21 years.

March brought many

upgrades to the library, and her passion for learning and technology helped shape the library into a place that provides students with the resources they need to prepare for college and beyond, school officials said.

"She will really be sorely missed and I hope her work will be continued," member Leitha Reilly said.

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Marching Lancers returned from New York City buzzing with excitement after marching in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade on March 17.

"Marching, and playing and hearing the crowds cheer for you - it's really an incredible experience," said Isaiah Fleming, a junior who plays the Sousaphone, an instrument that looks like a giant tuba.

"Being there, it makes every practice out in the cold and snow worth it. When you step off, it's incredible," said Vicki

Stubbs, a senior, who also plays the Sousaphone. "It's a euphoria of happy excitement."

A total of 296 students and chaperones traveled to the city in six coach buses, with an additional bus to carry their equipment.

"You should have seen us pull up to the mall we stopped at along the way," LHS Band Director Andy Soucy said, laughing. "This is a really good group. People are always impressed. They travel really well."

The Lancers have participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade since 1994, entertaining crowds of thousands of people

with traditional Irish music.

This year, the Lancers performed "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," "Irish Rhapsody," and "London-derry Air" for 45 minutes of the five-hour parade, which is broadcast live on NBC-NY.

"The parade is filled with symbolism and the crowd is very verbal," Soucy said. "It's an exciting place to be."

Before the parade, Maiah Morani, a freshman in the band's Color Guard, had an opportunity to speak with students marching from Spain and Japan.

Morani, who is Portuguese, said she was

able to talk to students from Spain in their native tongue and the students from Japan knew a little English.

"It was so cool to see all the different cultures coming together," she said.

"And music is such a universal language," said Stubbs, who is finding big events like the parade remind her that senior year is filled with many

"lasts."

But the trip to New York City is so packed with activities, there wasn't much time to think about each "last moment," she said.

In addition to marching in the parade, the students had dinner at Times Square, then saw a performance of "Phantom of the Opera" at the Majestic Theater on Broadway.

To say Morani was

excited about her first Broadway show would be an understatement.

After the show, she said she spent all her money on a T-shirt that was autographed by members of the cast.

"I couldn't get the smile off my face," she said.

"These are memories you keep with you for the rest of your life," Stubbs said.



The Londonderry High School Marching Lancers and Color Guard brought their show on the road in their annual appearance in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City. Courtesy photos



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LHS Boy Cagers Crown Perfect Season with D-I Championship

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The 2014-15 winter season was a campaign packed with impressive firsts for the Londonderry High School boys' varsity basketball team. And second-year coach Nate Stanton's Lancers capped off the season by winding up as the undefeated, Division I champions last weekend.

The Lancers snared the first title in the nearly 40-year history of their program by surviving a hardcore challenge from the third-seeded rival Pinkerton Academy Astros in a 47-46 edging of that opponent in the championship battle in the University of New Hampshire's Lundholm Gymnasium before a standing-room-only crowd Saturday, March 21.

The Astros, who last won a state championship in 2010, led by one point with 48 seconds remaining in the final game. But sophomore forward Brandon Radford sank a lay-up to put the Lancers up 47-46, and the score never changed, despite Pinkerton's efforts to regain the lead.

Pinkerton did well in its effort to minimize the effectiveness of LHS senior guard - and recently-named Division I Player of the Year - Cody Ball in the title game. But Londonderry had too many weapons to be denied, with senior center Marc Corey tallying a game-high 17

points and sophomore guard Jake Coleman collecting 16 points and a game-high 11 rebounds. The new state champs also got six points and seven boards from senior forward Joey Kwiatkowski.

"Everyone has stepped up all year for us, and that's the best," said Stanton. "That's what you need to get this far, and I'm very proud of all of them."

Saint Anselm College-bound star guard Ball - whose dad, Jimmy, played on the first LHS boys' hoop team to reach UNH for a tourney contest in 1983 - dealt with foul trouble and a lot of defensive attention in the title game. He finished with an uncharacteristic five points but also dealt out three assists and got five rebounds.

"I could care less about my points or rebounds or anything. We did this as a team. This is a team accomplishment, just like the whole season has been a team accomplishment," he said.

Stanton has had huge praise for Ball and his teammates during the season, and the skilled senior guard returned compliments to his mentor after the championship win.

"Coach Stanton deserves so much credit. He works hard, makes sure we work hard, and has us prepared to play every game. He has done a great job," said Ball.

Londonderry ran into trouble during the first



LHS varsity boys' basketball coach Nate Stanton and sophomore Brandon Radford and teammates celebrate the Lancers' D-I title game win at UNH last Saturday. Photo by Chris Paul

quarter of the title game when it committed a handful of turnovers on simple infractions like traveling violations.

Guards Ball of Londonderry and Matt Rizzo of Pinkerton were whistled for two fouls apiece during the first eight minutes, giving both coaches concern.

But the Lancers owned the second quarter, outscoring the Astros by a 26-12 tally to roll into halftime with a 32-22 lead.

The two teams combined for seven, three-point baskets during the

fourth quarter trailing by just a bucket at 37-35.

The Astros attacked the basketball throughout those eight minutes, making it tough for the Lancers to even get as far as the three-point line.

Londonderry managed to take only two shots - both misses - during the first four minutes of the third stanza, and the Lancers watched their opponent net the first 13 points of the quarter before Kwiatkowski nailed a three-pointer with just 1:20 to go in the period to knot the score at 35-35 after PA had snagged a small lead.

Corey's late bucket put the Lancers back up at 37-35, and that's where the score stood as the fans of both squads readied themselves for an intense final eight minutes of action, and possibly even an overtime session.

Londonderry maintained modest leads through most of the first four minutes of the final stanza, but PA sophomore point guard Geo Baker - who netted 33 points in his team's semifinal win over Nashua North - sank

a big trey with 4:15 to go to put the Astros up 42-41.

The score would then change hands a handful of times before Brandon Radford's clutch, game-winning bucket in the last minute.

At halftime of its semifinal battle with fourth-seeded Spaulding of Rochester at UNH Tuesday, March 17, it didn't look like a sure thing that the Lancers would even be advancing to the championship contest and keeping their undefeated season alive.

Both teams had troubles hitting shots in the first quarter, but Londonderry was poised to roll into the second period with at least a small lead before Spaulding guard Darian Berry sank a three-pointer at the buzzer to knot the score at 11-11.

And the Red Raiders used that bucket as a springboard to a fairly solid lead in period two, with the Rochester crew reeling off an 11-2 run in the first five minutes to go up 22-13. And when that stanza was over, the number four seed grasped a 29-21 lead and Lancers'

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College-Bound Captains at Center of LHS Boys' Hoop Success

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Since the winter of 1978, when the first Londonderry High School boys' varsity basketball squad took the court behind the leadership of coach Dan Kiestlinger, there have been some excellent teams and players.

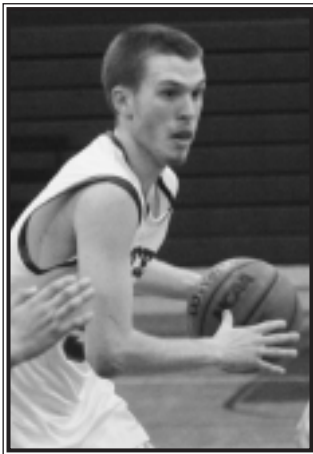
But every one of them now have to take a step back to the undefeated 2014-15 LHS contingent, which snared the first state championship in program history Saturday, March 21, by vanquishing the rival Pinkerton Academy Astros at the University of New Hampshire.

For the 2014-15 season, second-year coach Nate Stanton - who won Division I coach of the year honors in his first season but was disappointed to have his 2013-14 charges make an early exit from the tourney - has seen his present crew hit heights that all previous Londonderry High boys' hoop squads only dreamed of.

"When I got hired last season, I was determined



Cody Ball



Marc Corey



Joey Kwiatkowski

to change the culture within the basketball program," said Stanton. "The guys have bought into the philosophy, and a main reason is because of the leadership that our three captains provide each and every day. They are truly a great group of kids who I am grateful to coach, and there is nothing better than helping them make life-long memories within their high school careers."

With the title win over Pinkerton last weekend, those high school careers of LHS senior tri-captains Cody Ball, Marc Corey, and Joey Kwiatkowski came to joyous and celebratory ends. But all

three will be playing college hoops.

Six-foot-three guard Ball - whose dad, Jimmy, and uncle Ed both had significant LHS basketball careers in the 1980s - has decided that Saint Anselm College will be his college.

Ball is a "natural" basketball player. But there has been hard work, too.

"Cody is a special player who is reaping the benefits of all his hard work through the years," said Stanton. "His top qualities are his unselfishness and his willingness to make the extra pass. Cody has the capability to take over a game at any given moment, and he'll do

whatever it takes to put his team in a position to win, no matter what."

But Stanton also makes the point that Ball has been no slouch away from the basketball court.

"He is the true definition of a student/athlete, where school and basketball are his priorities. Cody earned a full basketball scholarship to Saint Anselm and will be studying biology. He has proven to athletes across the state, especially in Londonderry, that you don't have to go to a prep school to earn a scholarship. He is the top player in the state, and Saint Anselm recognized that,"

said the coach.

Corey, a 6'4" forward whose dad, Andy, was the varsity boys' hoop coach at Salem High School in the 1980s before going into school administration, has also given opponents nightmares when they've tried to slow down the Londonderry offense this winter.

"Marc has grown so much as an individual on and off the court," said Stanton. "Marc has been a huge asset for us and creates mismatches because of his high skill level, both inside and out. He has become a huge scoring threat for us, but more importantly he is a momentum changer who isn't afraid to step in for the charge and to make the big play. He may be our most improved player from last season to this season. He has been consistent and has made some very big plays for us at crucial times."

The talented forward will be attending and playing college hoops at St. Joseph's of Maine in Stan-dish next year.

Kwiatkowski, a 6'2" guard and the kind of "run through a wall" player that every championship team needs, will be moving on to play basketball and study at Mount Ida College in Newton, Mass. "He is the type of player that every coach wants because he is guarding the opposing team's best

forward down low or in some cases even matched up against a scoring guard," said Stanton. "He is interchangeable and is always in the mix when it comes to diving on loose balls, battling for a rebound, and stepping in to help a teammate. Joey has become a great leader for us and is an x-factor on the offensive end as well."

"To my recollection, this is the best Londonderry boys' basketball team to ever take the floor," said Kiestlinger, a high school hoop coach for well over 20 years who is now retired.

Kiestlinger's 1987-88 contingent - led by star big man Ronnie King - finished first in Class L with a 16-2 record. But that team made it only as far as the tournament quarterfinals.

Kiestlinger also had a team that featured King and Mike Krieger, which got as far as the Class L semifinals, and in the late 1990s LHS coach Mike Beeman had a Kenny Stewart-led squad that reached the semis before being knocked out of title contention.

But it took nearly 40 years for a Londonderry High boys' varsity basketball team to bag a championship. And it's likely the 2014-15 Lancers will be talked about for at least that long.

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LHS Spirit Squad Goes Top-10 at New England Championships

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

One of the surest ways to achieve its goal for a team aspiring to be the best is for it to compete against the very best.

And that's what coach Becki Barden's Londonderry High School winter spirit squad got to do when it competed at the New England Spirit Championships at Lawrence (Mass.) High School last

Saturday, March 21.

The Lancers have a co-ed contingent due to the presence of lone male Dennis Bishop - who has gained plenty of recognition over the last several years as a running back on the LHS football team - so they competed against the top co-ed squads in the region at the event. And the locals finished eighth out of 15 teams.

The competition was won by the Rutland, Vt.,

entry, with the Dover High Green Wave from New Hampshire winding up second.

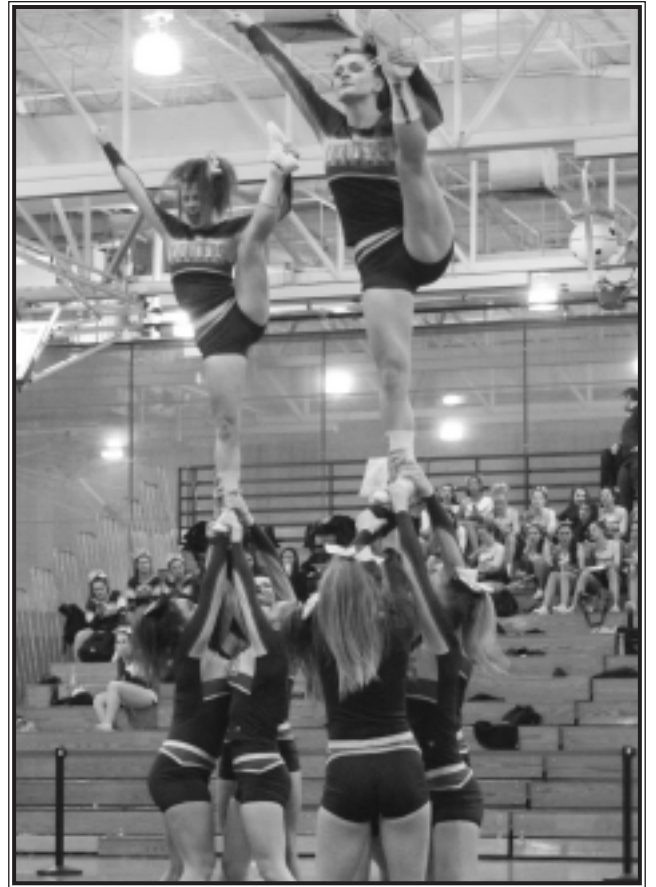
"We had some unusual struggles in the routine that were disappointing, but overall we are very honored and proud that we made it there," said Barden, who is a product of the Pinkerton Academy spirit juggernaut that regularly piles up titles.

Barden's Londonderry bunch qualified for the

New England competition by finishing third out of eight teams at the New Hampshire Division I spirit championships at Pinkerton in Derry on Sunday, March 15.

The Lancers qualified for the title round of the big event by placing sixth overall in preliminary-round competition at PA a week earlier. And on the big day in the finals, the LHS contingent tallied a team score of 97.9 to finish behind only the Dover Green Wave (103.4) and the host Lady Astros (107.6).

Along with Bishop, the Londonderry High team's athletes include Becca St. Pierre, Meghan Evangelista, Holly Alix, Jessica Brien, Megan Butler, Corinne Dubois, Erin Kelly, Kelly McEachern, Taylor Mellinger, Ally Morris, Cassie Stuart, Julia Thorpe, Mariah White, and Lauren Zins.



The LHS winter spirit squad capped off its fine 2014-15 season recently with a strong finish at the New England Championships.



Hoop Champions

The Londonderry Basketball Club's third and fourth grade girls' team - coached by Jim Furlong, Ed Ball, and Karen Secor - became a champion on March 15 with fine play in its title game. The locals had advanced to the big game by winning their semifinal tournament contest in double overtime. The team's players include Jordan Furlong, Shannon Ball, Brooke Secor, Lauren Laudani, Emily Goldberg, Amanda Fawcett, Izabella Pucillo, Katie Kraft, Maya Silvestro, and Olivia Labrecque.

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Annual LHS/PA Fundraising Dodge-Ball Event Turns Ugly



LHS multi-sport standout Eric Fairweather lines up a Pinkerton opponent during last week's dodge-ball tourney with the Astros.

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The "Dodge-Ball, Mack Plaque-Style" tournament was created five years ago in hopes that it could raise funds for charitable causes and further enhance the intense but largely positive athletic rivalry between Londonderry High School and Pinkerton Academy.

But the event hit a rough patch during and directly after the fifth annual tourney, held at LHS last Friday night, March 20, on the eve of the Pinkerton vs. Londonderry Division I boys' championship basketball contest at the University

of New Hampshire in Durham the next afternoon (see related story page 13). And in the wake of the conflict, Pinkerton has decided that it will no longer take part in the inter-school competition.

"The dodgeball tournament between our schools was an annual event for five years, but we've concluded the competition will not continue," said PA spokesman Chip Underhill on Monday afternoon.

Londonderry High representatives did not respond to queries from Nutfield Publishing on the matter.

The four Londonderry High School teams swept Pinkerton's quartet of squads in best-of-five tourney play to regain the Dodge-Ball, Mack Plaque-Style trophy, which it won the first three years of the tourney but lost to the Astro contingents last spring.

Both schools hold their own tournaments prior to the Mack Plaque-style event to get down to four teams.

After this year's four matches were held, the two sides were preparing to hold an all-star match - as they always do - to cap off the evening of dodgeball. But the Pinkerton athletes were upset because they thought the officials had called the boundary lines too tightly, to the Astro players' disadvantage.

As a result, the members of the large Pinkerton contingent, including ath-



Nick Daileanes puts everything he can behind a throw during last week's ill-fated dodge-ball tourney with Pinkerton.

letes and fans, elected not to play the all-star match and began to make their way, as a group, toward the exit.

Feeling the tension and fearing problems, several Londonderry High staff members kept the Londonderry athletes and fans in a section of bleachers away from the PA group, telling them they could leave once the Pinkerton fans and athletes had left.

Out in the parking lot, several Pinkerton students drove their cars wildly around the LHS parking lot - with a few "burning rubber" and creating smoky clouds in their wake - leading LHS staff members to call the police.

With the police station just across Mammoth Road from the high school, a police cruiser arrived quickly and circled the parking lot, which got the desired result of making the Pinkerton students clear out.

The LHS students were then released, but during the time the groups from the two schools were being kept apart and the Pinkerton students were exiting, there were a number of conversations among the folks gathered outside the gymnasium that the last time the dodge-ball event happened at Londonderry High there was conflict between students from the rival schools, and that trouble resulted in fights at the Nelson Road fields across the street.

Hence, concerns were raised over whether or not that might happen again this time around, and with Pinkerton and Londonderry fans scheduled to show up in big numbers at UNH the next day for the D-I title game, whether the hard feelings and upset of Friday night might carry over to Durham.

No such conflicts were reported in the wake of the initial event.

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Cody Ball

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

With the Londonderry High School boys' basketball squad winning the Division I championship Saturday, plenty of effort went into the undefeated Lancer squad's campaign.

Coach Nate Stanton would unquestionably state that every one of his players deserves credit for their contributions to the record-breaking and record-setting championship campaign.

But the Division I coaches came through with some official recognition for three of the Londonderry High Lancer cagers recently when

Saint Anselm College-bound senior guard Cody Ball was named the D-I Player of the Year and a First-Team All-Stater, St. Joseph's of Maine-bound senior big man Marc Corey was named a Second-Team All-Stater, and sophomore guard Jake Coleman received honorable mention status.

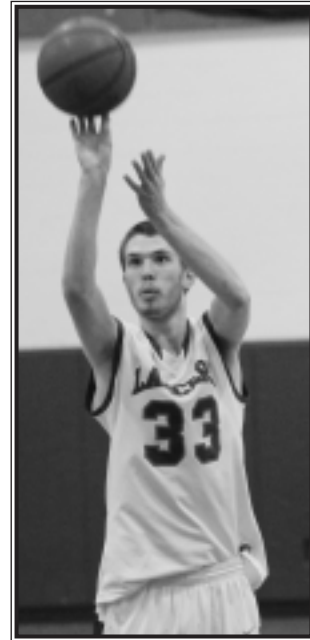
While Ball and Corey have received praise during their senior seasons as they helped push their Lancers to the peak of Division I, Coleman has flown under some people's radar. That was verbalized by Pinkerton Academy coach Peter Rosinski in the moments after Coleman helped LHS to its

47-46, Division I title game edging of Rosinski's Astros at the University of New Hampshire.

Coleman netted 16 points, hauled down 11 rebounds, dished out three assists, and snagged two steals in playing a vital role in his Lancers' historic win that day.

"Coleman was only honorable mention," said Rosinski with a shrug. "You'd have thought he'd at least have had to be a second-teamer after the way he played this season."

The impressive young guard moved right from middle school hoops to the Londonderry High varsity as a freshman - joining older brother and



Marc Corey



Jake Coleman

senior hoopster Max - and right away during the 2013-14 season. looked like he belonged

Boys Champs

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star senior guard Ball only had two points.

Londonderry outscored its opponent by a 16-13 tally in the third quarter, but the locals still found themselves facing a deficit (42-37) as the fourth period began.

Tri-captains Ball, Corey, and Kwiatkowski helped their side to 21 big points in the fourth - while they and their fellow defenders held the Red Raiders to just nine - as the undefeated locals roared to the 58-51 win and into the D-I title contest.

Jake Coleman, who had 10 of the Lancers' 21 first-half points, finished



The LHS varsity boys' basketball squad capped off its perfect 2014-15 season undefeated by besting the rival Pinkerton Academy Astros by a point in the D-I championship game last weekend. Photo by Chris Paul

as the team's top scorer with 19 and also as his squad's the top rebounder with eight boards. Kwiatkowski contributed 16 points, Ball wound up with 10, and Corey was good for eight.

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New Policy for Around Town: This section is meant to be used to announce free events to the communities. If your group or non-profit is receiving money for what they are publicizing, there will be a charge of \$30.00/week per paper. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held to 100 words maximum; anything over will incur a charge of \$30.00/week for up to another 50 words. All free announcements in the Around Town/Calendar section can run a maximum of 3 weeks. Deadline for submissions is Monday at 5 p.m. **Additionally:** We will run the full versions of any calendar items online free of charge at www.nutpub.net. Please send items to calendar@nutpub.net.

Eggstravaganza

An Easter Eggstravaganza will be held Saturday, April 4, at Journey Church, 5 Tinkham Ave., Derry. The event will include an Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 a.m., food, games and crafts. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.journeynh.org.

Egg Hunt

The Londonderry High School Class of 2016 hosts an Easter egg hunt and crafts at the LHS gym Saturday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to noon. The egg hunt starts at 11:30 a.m. and will be held outside, rain or shine; bring a basket. Other activities include crafts, and a visit with the Easter bunny for \$3. Admission is free, and donations are welcome. The event is for ages 12 and under. For questions, email: atebbetts@londonderry.org or hlafore@londonderry.org.

Electronics Recycling

The second annual Electronics Recycling Fundraiser, sponsored by the Londonderry High School Parent Teacher Student Association and the International Club, is Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the LHS main parking lot, rain or shine. Electronics including computers, TVs, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, VCRs, phones, and keyboards are accepted for a fee. Cables,

wires, cords and mice are accepted free. A list of acceptable items is at <http://www.recycleusa-llc.com/>. The PTSO is raising money for student scholarships and teacher grants; the International Club is raising money for Heifer International and International Night at LHS on April 17.

Magic Show

Kick off National Library Week with a visit with Ed Popielarczyk on Monday, April 13, from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Leach Library. Magic skills and lots of audience participation are planned. Advance registration is required and begins at 9 a.m. Monday, April 6. To register, call 432-1127 or come by the Children's Room.

National Library Week Raffle

Starting Monday, April 13 through closing on Saturday, April 18, during National Library Week, for each children's item checked out from the Leach Library that week, a raffle ticket will be provided for a chance to win a book bag. Stop by the display case in the Children's Room to see the book bag.

National Library Week Craft

Starting Monday, April 13, through closing on Saturday, April 18, during

National Library Week, Leach Library patrons will have a chance to create their own "been caught reading" picture frame. Stop by the Children's Room desk to pick up the supplies and create a frame at home or at the library.

Great Stone Face Voting

Raffle tickets for books read by students in grades 4 through 6 may be dropped off until closing on Saturday, April 11, at the Leach Library. After reading the books, youths may vote for the Great Stone Face award beginning Monday, April 13, at 9 a.m. Voting continues through closing on Saturday, April 18. Everyone who votes will receive a book-mark.

Farm Fun

Leach Library presents a children's program about farms on Monday, April 20, from 4 to 5 p.m. Participants will hear stories of the animals that live on the farm as well as learning about what life on a farm is like. A tour through "Old MacDonald's Farm" is also featured. All participants will receive a red bandana. Advance registration is required and begins at 9 a.m. Monday, April 13. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Creative Writing

A creative writing



Singing for the State Monica Maney, a senior at Londonderry High School, was the returning vocalist for Governor Maggie Hassan and her Executive Council meeting this month. She sang the National Anthem and a patriotic medley. *Courtesy photo*

workshop hosted by Londonderry resident Jaclyn Blute, for writers of all levels, will meet every other Thursday starting April 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Barnes & Noble in Manchester, across from the Mall of New Hampshire. Each workshop starts with feedback on submitted pieces, followed by a writing topic (dialogue, writer's block, etc.). On April 2 the group will review pieces and discuss workshop basics, such as giving and receiving feedback, copyright, and editing. For more information, send an email to operationwriting@gmail.com. Submission guidelines can be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/1544052869198789/.

Lions' Concert

The Londonderry Lions Club Valentine's Day Concert, cancelled because of snow, is rescheduled to Sat-

urday, May 9, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Lions Hall, Mammoth Road. Bobby and the Sharptones will play classic rock and roll from the '50s through '80s. The concert benefits Londonderry High School scholarships, local sight and hearing, and Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. Tickets purchased for the February concert will be accepted. Cost is \$20 per person, \$35 per couple, and includes popcorn, chips, pastries and coffee. Soda and water can be purchased. Alcoholic beverages can be brought. For tickets, call Jerry at 434-5307.

Garden Club

The Derry Garden Club meets at 10 a.m. April 3 at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Derry, 40 Hampstead Road, Derry for a program titled "Shrub Care and Pruning Advice" with Sarah Benson, manager of Benson's Garden Center in Londonderry. She will present a

lecture with slides and handouts on the proper cleaning and maintenance of pruning tools as well as basic cut demonstrations. Lunch will be provided by club members. For more information, visit www.derrygardenclub.org. The Club is a member of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs and the National Garden Clubs.

Isinglass and Flume Voting

Young Adult voting on New Hampshire's Flume and Isinglass award-winning book titles is ongoing through March 31, and is open to all students in grades 6 through 12. The Isinglass Award nominees are books recommended by middle school students. The Flume Award nominees are books recommended by high school students. Lists of the titles are available in the Young Adult area of the Leach Library. Everyone who votes

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Women's Club Trivia Night

The Londonderry Women's Club hosts Trivia Night on Wednesday, April 8, at Whippersnapper's Restaurant, 44 Nashua Road. Admission is free; 15 percent of

food sales will be donated to the Women's Club. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; the trivia games start at 6:30 p.m. Prizes and raffles are planned. For more information about the club, visit www.facebook.com/groups/londonderrywomensclub or email londonderry-womensclub@hotmail.com.

Free Meals

The Community Meals Network offers the following

free meals in Derry. Derry residency is not required. Every weekday, dinner, 4 to 5 p.m., Sonshine Soup Kitchen. March 27, 5 to 6:30 p.m., spaghetti supper, First Parish Church; and March 29, lunch, noon, Seventh Day Adventist Church. April 5, noon, lunch, Seventh Day Adventist Church; April 12, noon, lunch, Seventh Day Adventist Church; April 12, 5 to 6:30 p.m., dinner, Church of the Transfigura-

tion; April 16, 5 to 6:30 p.m., dinner, West Running Brook Middle School; April 18, 5 to 6:30 p.m. dinner, St. Luke's United Methodist Church; April 19, noon, lunch, Seventh Day Adventist Church; April 19, 5 to 6:30 p.m., dinner, Etz Hayim Synagogue; April 24, 5 to 6:30 p.m., spaghetti supper, First Parish Church; April 26, noon, lunch, Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Free Children's Clothing

St. Gianna's Closet gives out children's clothing of all sizes free to any family in need. Call Liz at 247-8654 to arrange a pick-up time to receive clothing. Donations of gently used children's clothing are accepted. Drop-off locations are St. Mark's Church in Londonderry and St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry during office hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays

through Thursdays, and at 5 Isabella Drive in Londonderry.

Crafters Wanted

Londonderry Senior Citizens, Inc. (LSCI) will hold a Summer Arts and Crafts Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 20 at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. Space is available to local artisans. Funds raised from the fair will be used to purchase equip-

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday, March 16

11:58 a.m. Caller reports loud music coming from Murray's Auto Recycling, Hall Road.

Tuesday, March 17

9:43 a.m. Elizabeth A. Wilcox, 33, High Range Road, Londonderry arrested for Theft: From a Building and five counts of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card. Bail set at \$5,000 personal recognizance, with April 21 Derry District Court date.

5:32 p.m. Tree down with wires at Adams and Cross roads.

5:44 p.m. Four trees down along Otterson, two between Darrow and King Henry, and two between Hardy and King John. No wires involved.

5:46 p.m. Tree down across Litchfield Road.

11:35 p.m. Wires down at St Mary's Bank, Nashua Road.

Wednesday, March 18

10:19 a.m. Oscar Cabeza, 38, Walton Circle, Londonderry arrested on warrant for two counts of Theft: All Other. Bail set at \$1,500 personal recognizance, with Derry Circuit Court date of April 21.

1:35 p.m. Criminal mischief reported to vehicle on Brewster Road.

11:17 p.m. Samantha Emerson, 17, Raintree Drive, Londonderry arrested for three counts of Domestic Violence Simple Assault. Bail set at \$3,000 personal recognizance with Derry Circuit Court date of March 31.

Thursday, March 19

10:40 a.m. Caller reports theft of tires and rims at Mark's Auto Discount, Rockingham Road.

11:12 a.m. Home burglary reported on Coventry Lane.

1:14 p.m. Theft of tools reported at U.S. Army Reserve Center, Harvey Road.

4:54 p.m. Items taken from Shell Food Mart, Nashua Road, about 7 a.m. March 18. Items taken were candy bar and alcohol.

5:05 p.m. Multiple callers reported boy approxi-

mately 6 years old was standing on side of Interstate 93 south. Reported to be alone. Officers arrived and found the boy standing alone by the guardrail. It was determined he lived on Trolley Car Lane and was reunited with his mother.

5:31 p.m. Caller on High Range Road reported generator taken sometime over the last two days. It was last seen March 17.

Friday, March 20

3:457 p.m. Burglary reported on Sherwood Road.

6:59 p.m. Caller saying she is an assistant principal at Londonderry High School said the school had a dodge ball game this day that is now finished, and about 200 kids are in the parking lot causing a disturbance.

Officer checked Mammoth Road; no issues. In parking lot directing traffic as needed. Officer said kids have left the area.

Saturday, March 21

6:29 p.m. Disturbance at Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, Airport Road. Sumner Francis Doten, 35, 58 Patten Road, Hill arrested for Disorderly Conduct and released on \$3,000 personal recognizance bail, with Derry District Court date of May 5. Carl Francis Rider, 51, 34 Patten Road, Hill arrested for Domestic Violence Simple Assault and Disorderly Conduct. He was released on \$4,000 personal recognizance bail, with May 5 Derry District Court date.

8:14 p.m. Prowler reported on Wallace Circle.

8:31 p.m. Burglary reported on Sara Beth Lane.

Sunday, March 22

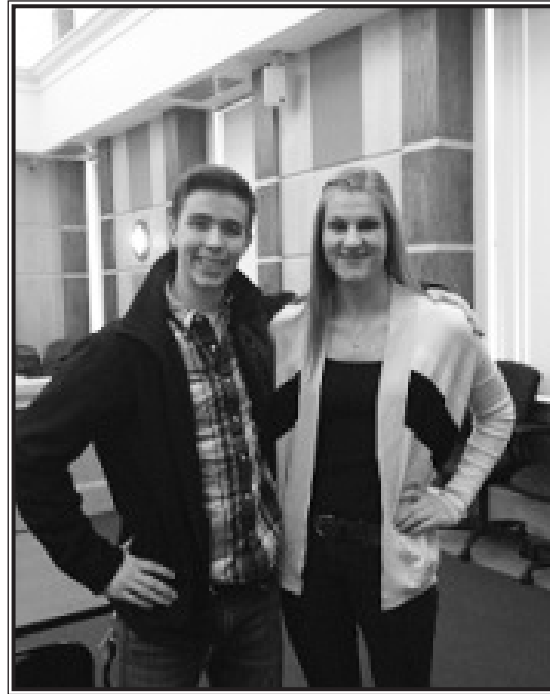
5:32 p.m. Medical emergency at Super Petroleum, Nashua Road. Anthony

Christopher Baptista, 22, Wyandot Circle, Londonderry arrested on two counts of Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs and two counts of

Rotary Speech Contest

Brianna Nowicki and Ryan Reid of Londonderry High School took second and third place at the Rotary Speech Competition Saturday.

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A. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments - Public Hearing:
The Town of Londonderry seeks to amend the zoning ordinance to more fully comply with NH RSA 674:58-61, Workforce Housing; provide for enhanced housing opportunities throughout Town; amend Conditional Use Permit criteria to promote project feasibility; and to carry out other associated administrative changes consistent with the 2013 Master Plan goals. The following sections (inclusive of subsections) are proposed to be amended:

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- 1.3.3 Phasing of Developments
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- 3.4.1 Backlot Development
- 3.6 Elderly Housing
- 3.6.5 Conditional Use Permits
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