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Little Prints

Londonderry Women's Club member Na Lin (Linna), helps the group fingerprint children at Moose Hill Kindergarten recently. The women have been doing this a service to parent for many years. See more photos page 2.

Photo by Chris Paul

Confusion Stems From Election Results Posted by Town Clerk

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Public Comment section of the Londonderry Town Council meeting on Monday, March 18, newly elected council chairman John Farrell read a statement given to him by the Town Moderator Tom

Freda.

In that statement Freda tried to correct election information that was published on the Facebook page of Glen Douglas, "Town Underground."

Farrell read Freda's comments, which stated, "The unattributed face-

book page claimed that 14 articles had in correct election results. This claim is untrue. The statement went on to say the Freda had sent the accurate election results out to the Town Clerk at 9:44 p.m. on the night of the election in an Excel spread

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Planning Board Hears Feedback On Commercial Zoning Changes

MIKE BYERLY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

For several months, the town Planning Department has been working on draft changes to the parts of the zoning ordinances relating to commercial zones. The changes would create a Commercial Performance Zone (CPZ) that would replace the existing Route 102 and Route 28 Performance Overlay Zones and subsume the current C-I and C-II commercial districts into this new zone.

According to a public memo from Town Planner Colleen Mailloux, "the

adoption of a new commercial performance district (CP district) will allow more flexibility in uses but stricter performance standards as they relate to landscaping, lighting, building design, etc." She added that by having more permitted uses and more flexibility, fewer developers would have to go before the Zoning Board for variances; instead seeking variances from the Planning Board during the site plan approval process.

Mailloux said that the impetus for the proposal was to simplify the regulations for developers and

to respond to the suggestion in the town master plan to reduce the use of overlay districts. Planning Board Chair Art Rugg mentioned that the original intent over 10 years ago was to have the overlay districts be temporary.

The purpose of the review at the Planning Board was to hear feedback from property owners that would be impacted by the zoning change. A packed room of property owners and abutters provided feedback, some seeking clarification, some in favor, but the

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Local Election Turnout Low, Most Articles Approved

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Election officials reported a slow yet steady election turnout at our local Londonderry Town Election held on March 12, 2019. However, the overall turnout included only about 15% of the potential voters. There are 18,920 registered voters and only 2,746 votes were actually cast. The Londonderry Town Clerk, Sherry Farrell, reported about another 100 absentee ballots were added to the final vote total.

The election returned many incumbents to their respective Town and School positions.

Two incumbent Town Councilors Tom Dolan and John Farrell were reelected to the Council and will each serve another three-year term. Others winning town offices were Steve Breault, winning a one-year term on the Budget Committee and Christine Patton and Chad Franz, each winning the two open three-year term seats on the Budget Committee. Sandy Geisler, Vicki Stachowske and John Curran all won three year terms as Trustees of the Leach Library. Also winning in this election, incumbent Londonderry Town Treasurer, Kathy Wagner, who ran unop-

posed for another three-year term and John McLaughlin, Trustee of Trust Fund, also unopposed, for the one open three-year term position.

Jenn Ganem was reelected to the one open school board position on this year's ballot. Mary Wing Soares, School District Clerk, Cindi Rice-Conley, School District Moderator, and John Conley,

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The Londonderry Womens Club spent the day recently helping provide the parents of some of the town's youngest residents with critical information to identify a child if lost. For nearly as long as the group has been established they have been fingerprinting young students and providing parents with documentation to help in identifying their child. The women's group had members there in both the morning and afternoon sessions.

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Coyote Sightings on the Rise as Building Continues in Area

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

One or two every week – That is the amount of reports and approaches from worried residents that Patrick Tate, Wildlife Biologist at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department in Durham (Region 3, Southeast NH/Seacoast), has been receiving lately about coyotes that are wandering around near properties and houses. Yes, it is more than usual. And yes, it perfectly makes sense.

The Eastern Coyotes,

also known as Canis Latrans Var. are the same ones that were living in the area in the 1970s, says Tate, it is the population that grew and the people who slowly, entered more and more into the coyotes living space. Now, the animals are becoming more and more confident around the human beings and accustomed to them and because of that, allow themselves to take more risks and get closer to civilized society, in search for food.

According to the Fish and Game website, the

Eastern Coyote typically weigh 30-50 pounds and is 48-60 inches long, approximately twice the size of its close relative, the Western Coyote. His average life span is four years and he has long legs, thick fur, a pointy snout, a drooping bushy black-tipped tail and range in color from a silvery gray to a grizzled, brownish red. They spread in New Hampshire mostly between 1972 and 1980.

The Eastern Coyotes breeding season runs from January through March, which is another reason

for them to expose themselves, as they are highly active this time of the year. Tate believes that he has been receiving more calls than usual because coyotes have been in the headlines lately: “I noticed that when an animal gets more attention in the newspapers, more people will report and say that they encountered one”.

As the Fish and Game Department has four offices across the state and multiple people are in charge of wildlife management, Tate does not have the complete number of reports about coyote sightings, but he does have

a few suggestions to any landowner who wants to keep the coyotes away.

The most important thing not to do, is feed your pet outside, as their food’s smell might attract the coyotes to the area. It is better not to leave food for the wildlife animals either, but if you choose to do that, you should not do it in your land or property area. Securing trash cans and garbage bags are also a preventive step.

If landowners remain worried about coyotes, they can hire a Wildlife Control Operator. The Fish and Game Department is in charge of all

wildlife in the area and will take action in case there is danger of rabies. If someone is bitten by a coyote or another wildlife animal, the department will catch it, but they do not have the time and people to respond to every coyote sighting.

Tate calls the area residents to act responsibly and be wise on one hand, but also not to hesitate and contact the department if there is a dangerous situation. His best suggestion was to go to the Fish and Game Department website and read about the Eastern Coyotes, in order to understand them a little better.

Truck Turnover Ties Up Traffic



At around 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18, Scobie Pond Road was closed down, near the Londonderry/Derry line, so the crews could empty and right a turned-over tractor trailer full of bark mulch. By about noon the truck was righted, and soon after the road was re-opened.

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Editorial

Perils of Plastic Pollution

Plastic pollution is among the biggest environmental problems facing the planet, and one of the most visible, yet it still doesn't get much attention.

Researchers estimate that 19 billion pounds of plastic garbage finds its way into our oceans annually, where, exposed to sunlight and water, it fragments into irretrievable microplastics and creates massive, oxygen-starved "dead zones" where nothing can live. Already, 90 percent of sea birds have been found to have plastic in their bellies.

Recycling has long been seen as a key to curbing the pollution problem, and it still is.

It's easy to forget that the use of plastic, especially for single-use bags and packages, is relatively new. In 1950, the globe produced 1.5 metric tons of plastic. That number has since surged to 335 metric tons and growing. And while plastic has a multitude of beneficial uses, many of the ways we consume it are terribly wasteful.

Here are a few ways you can make a difference.

For example; How many times, have you carried a product home from a store in a plastic bag even though it would have been easy to carry on its own? How many times has a plastic straw arrived with your drink only to sit on the table unused?

Try to reduce your use of single-use plastics;

The easiest and most direct way that you can get started is by reduc-

ing your own use of single-use plastics. Single-use plastics include plastic bags, water bottles, straws, cups, utensils, dry cleaning bags, take-out containers, and any other plastic items that are used once and then discarded.

Recycle properly; This should go without saying, but when you use single-use (and other) plastics that can be recycled, always be sure to recycle them. Recycling helps keep plastics out of the ocean and reduces the amount of "new" plastic in circulation.

Avoid products containing microbeads; Tiny plastic particles, called "microbeads" have become a growing source of ocean plastic pollution in recent years. Microbeads are found in some face scrubs, toothpastes, and bodywashes, and they readily enter our oceans and waterways through our sewer systems, and affect hundreds of marine species.

Spread the word; Stay informed on issues related to plastic pollution and help make others aware of the problem. Tell your friends and family about how they can be part of the solution.

These few ideas only scratch the surface for ways you can help address the growing problem of plastic pollution in the oceans. The important thing is that we all do something, no matter how small.

Everyone can do something to reduce the amount of plastic that enters the ocean.

Letters

Thank You Londonderry

To the editor,

I want to thank all the Londonderry residents who came out to vote and were involved in our election process over the last few months.

My journey for a School Board seat fell only 51 votes (2%) short of the over 2,500 votes that were cast for the one open school board seat. I can't thank you all enough for the support. It has been overwhelming. This was my first time running for an elected position. I didn't know what to expect. I was told it would be an uphill battle to run against the sitting Chairperson of a board, though my only concern was about what I was running for. I felt I could help our district and community at this critical time. I also had a few people ask why are you running against your opponent? I never looked at it that way either. I was running for our children, our teachers, our schools and our Town. I was running to help. We need more people in our Town to be involved and bring ideas and different points of view and I commend anyone who volunteers their time for our community.

Having the chance to meet with our administration and teachers through all of our schools, speak with countless residents and gather information over this campaign was priceless and I am thankful for the experience and their time. Our children are in great hands.

I have attended nearly every School Board meeting for the last 13 months. Moving forward, I will continue to do so and I hope to see more of you there. Much of the time these meetings are

empty other than the board members and administration. Reach out to the board if you have ideas or want to make a presentation. I hope we consider adding public comment to our school board meeting agendas so our residents know they have a place to share their thoughts and that they will be heard. There are a lot of important decisions upcoming in our district that will affect our children and residents. I spoke with many residents over this campaign period who were not aware of important decisions that have recently been made or that may be soon. Please come out and be involved. Every school board meeting is also available on local TV and live and on-demand online.

I look forward to continuing to work with our district, the board, and our residents as much as I possibly can. Never hesitate to reach out to me with concerns or ideas for our schools and children. We have a great district...with so much more potential.

Congratulations to Ms. Ganem on her reelection and again I thank each and every one of you for the support, the signs, the letters, the calls, standing in the cold on voting day and simply taking time to reach out in any way.

Sincerely,
Bob Slater
bobslaterforschoolboard@gmail.com
Londonderry

Thank you to Everyone who came out to vote on March 12th!

To the editor,

I truly appreciate your support whether it was simply voting or

placing a sign in your yard, writing letters to the editor, writing supportive FB posts, attending one of the Meet and Greets, and/or standing with me on a cold and windy election day. I've always said that every vote counts! The win by 51 votes was due to all of YOU! The next three years will be full of decisions. I appreciate your trust to do what is necessary to protect our children's future!

Specifically, I'd like to thank my husband, David Plaza, and our children - Adrienne, Luc, and Megan, my mother - Marguerite Ganem, my brother - Neil Ganem; the Londonderry Democratic Committee; Bartholomew Family; Barrett Family; Bolton Family; Christopher and Noelle Bristol; Byrnes Family; Ann Chiampa; Ciarametaro Family; Jeff Cieslikowski; Melissa Coffey; Combes Family; Cote Family; Darlene Dawson and Family; Greg and Deb DePasse; Sharon Fawcett; Chad Franz; Ann Gaffney; Chrissy Gaffny; Gerardhi Family; Heinrich Family; Nancy, Mike and Hans Hendricks; Kirsten Hildonen; Hernandez Family; Brent Holcombe; Amber Iller; Russell Jackson and Family; Rachel Juliano and Family; Kraics Family; LaBonte Family; Laconto Family; Lekas Family; Andy Mack Sr., Kristin Mainella, Laurie and Dan Marsden; Brenda McCarthy; Heather and Drew McCarthy; Kendra McCormick; Izzy McKinney; Barbara Mee; Kim and Fred Miller; Nancy O'Leary; O'Neil Family; Paul Family; Vanessa Rashid; Leitha Reilly and Family; Romboli Family; Melissa Rivard; John Robinson and Family; Stephanie and David

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Keno Article Originally Passes Then Fails with Official Results

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

One of the more fascinating election outcomes at the March 12, 2019 Londonderry Town election was the initial unofficial voting results released for Article 27, concerning the legal citizens petition for allowing Keno Gambling in Londonderry. The unofficial initial report revealed approval of the Article 27 by only eight votes. This result was later reversed by the Town Election officials on the Thursday after the election.

The Town Council

had made no recommendation for this article on the ballot, however the Budget committee recommended a NO vote by a 5-0 with one abstention vote. The Town's preliminary results had that article passing by eight votes, but a polling error was corrected during the certification process conducted by the Town Moderator, Tom Freda, and revealed the article failed by 32 votes, a vote of 1,349 to 1,317.

Town Manager, Kevin Smith, reported that the petition to put Article 27 on the ballot was offered by resident Al Baldas-

saro. Smith says Baldasaro can request a recount of the tally, if 10 people sign a specific request seeking a recount and pay the town's \$10 fee.

It was announced at the March 18 Town Council meeting that a recount was requested, and will take place after March 23.

Another issue arose with Article 15, concerning the backup generator for the Londonderry Police Department. Resident Richard Bielinski, a former Londonderry Town Treasurer, reported that he thought the

issue about the generator was improperly presented at the Town Deliberative Session. Bielinski researched the issue with the parties involved in Article 15 and spoke to the town council regarding his concerns. He also followed up with a report to the N.H. State Attorney General's office and was told that the AG's office was aware of the issue and that they were working with Town officials to support a solu-

tion and clarify the issue on the ballot. However, the ballot, as presented to the voters, was not changed to clarify the issue and instead Town officials put up a poster in the lobby of the High School Gymnasium, prior to the entry to the voting area, with certain wording changes. It was unclear as to how many voters noticed this poster prior to voting at election.

Further, there had also been a technical

issue by the Londonderry Access Center TV in recording the 2019 Londonderry Town Deliberative Session, prior to the election on March 12, 2019. A significant portion of the meeting was not recorded due to this technicality and therefore, residents not present at the Town Deliberative Session, were unable to have a complete context or understanding of the details of how and why their taxes are being allocated.

Election

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School District Treasurer all ran unchallenged and were reelected to their positions for another term.

The Town side of the ballot this year was an extensive 7-page ballot, that included not only all of the candidates running for office, but 27 Warrant Articles, most which had been voted upon and moved to the ballot through the Town Deliberative session held on February 9, 2019. The Deliberative Session, open to the public, allows for discussion by town residents of the recommended Warrant Articles for the ballot. Article may be amended during that town meeting.

In other unofficially announced results, voters approved a \$33.8 million town budget and

also a \$74.3 million school budget. Londonderry voters voted to approve two collective bargaining agreements between the school district and the Londonderry Education Association and the Londonderry Association of Allied Health Professionals. Town voters approved rescinding a prior 1984 decision that will put the old school administrative unit, or SAU, building, back under town jurisdiction. The plan is to demolish and replace the current building, which the town will utilize for additional storage and other town needs. The school district is currently leasing a new SAU space on Kitty Hawk Landing.

Other warrant articles approved by the voters dealt with town services, \$650,000 for the Roadway Maintenance Expendable Trust

Fund, the 300th Nutfield anniversary, the rail trail, \$100,000 for Pillsbury Cemetery expansion, \$235,000 for Town Common drainage work, and two vans for the police department, having a cost of \$64,356. Additionally, voters approved adding a school resource officer and a new conservation land ranger/steward position, as well as \$30,000 to support Londonderry's historic Londonderry Grange hall.

Only two Warrant articles failed to pass. Decreasing the speed limit to 45 mph on the portion of Route 102 from Mammoth Road toward Hudson and Keno Gambling.

Overall voter turnout for the local town election was low. It is always good to keep in mind that every vote counts.

Letters

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Robinson; Deena Ryan; Saucier Family; Amy Solomons and Family; St. Germain Family; Donna Traynham; vonPichl Family; Jennifer White; Renee Williams; and Witkop Family.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Slater for running a clean campaign so we could be judged on our merits.

Thanks again for all of your support!

Jenn Ganem
Londonderry

**Thanks from the
Londonderry Historical
Society**

To the editor,

Thank you to all the wonderful residents who came out on a very cold,

blustery Tuesday to vote and support the Londonderry Historical Society's March 2019 Voting Day Bake Sale (w/Betsy's delicious baklava) and LHS member Reed Clark's offering of our books, maps, hats, mugs, coverlets and a little bit of Yankee wisdom, sage advice, and Londonderry History for all!

And we can't thank enough all the great local businesses that generously donated towards our Voting Day \$300 Gift Card Raffle: Harrington Flowers, Ford of Londonderry, The Puritan Backroom, Talia's Breakfast & Eatery, The Coach Stop Restaurant & Tavern, Shady Hill Greenhouses & Nursery, and Benson's Lumber & Hardware. We are also grateful for the mystery donor who provided the Cracker Barrel,

Subway, Speedway, Starbucks and Panera Bread gift cards, and of course, the kind-hearted residents who purchased raffle tickets!

At about 8:30pm LHS Secretary Linda Green held up the thoroughly shaken and stirred clear container of tickets while Town Clerk Sherry Farrell picked the lucky winning ticket. And the winner of our Voting Day \$300 Gift Card Raffle is... MacKenzie Farrell! We hope that she enjoys visiting all the great businesses that help support our mission to preserve the History of this amazing Town of Londonderry and we thank all of you who participated!

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Town Council Has Quick Meeting in Wake of Election

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Six days after the local elections, the Londonderry Town Council approved the elections of John Farrell as Chairman of Town Council and Joe Green as Vice-Chairman of Town Council in its Monday, March 18 meeting.

The meeting also included an approval of three appointments of town employees, as well as a clarification of a counting problem that occurred on Election Day.

Town Manager Kevin Smith clarified the differences between the unofficial and official results regarding the vote on the

citizen petition warrant article that asked for approval to bring Keno to Londonderry.

The unofficial results, posted on Election Day, showed that the petition was approved by eight votes (1,357 to 1,349), but three days later Smith informed residents that the correct vote results on Article 27 were 1,317 to 1,349, meaning the article failed by 32 votes.

The mistake, as explained by Smith in the Town Council meeting, happened while the number were being written down by the Town Moderator. Two numbers were incorrectly written, and it was realized after the

total amount of votes exceeded the amount of voters. The results were then checked again (as well as the other results that were received from that machine), and the correct vote was published. A recount on the subject has been filled and it will be handled by the Town Clerk next week.

Smith also gave an update about the progress of the Nutfield 300th plans, the summer-long celebrations of the funding of Nutfield. Smith mainly focused on the opening event, a conference in Derry that will take place over the week-end of Apr. 12-14 and will have activities, tours and

keynote speakers, two of them arriving from the Northern Ireland and Scotland.

In the Public Hearing section, Colleen Mailloux presented the changes in the Ordinance #2019-02 – An Organizational Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, which the council adopted on Dec. 3. The items that needed to be clarified and changed regarded wireless communications facilities and restriction on public and private solid waste. Those changes had been presented to the planning board, which made a unanimous recommendation for approval of the changes. They were

approved by the Town Council.

An Order to the Expenditure of Maintenance Trust Fund for Various Projects was presented by Steve Cotton and had four items needing to be paid. Maintenance of the Shady Hill buildings in six snow storms this past winter, a repair of a crack found in the North fire station reservoir, a fire alarm system at the same fire station that needed to be fixed and maintenance for five events at the senior center.

The total amount for these projects totaled \$9,091.69, and was approved by the Council members unanimously.

Erin Newnan, who was

recently named the town's Tax Collector, was reappointed by the members again, starting April 1. Newnan received the Town Council's approval to reappoint Sherry Farrell as Deputy Tax Collector and Farrell reappointed Christie Campbell as Deputy Town Clerk.

Town Manager Kevin Smith said his goodbye to the retiring Finance Director Doug Smith, who served in three different positions over the last 11 years for the town.

Doug Smith, in his turn, addressed the Town Council with some warm words and the Chairman read a proclamation for his retirement.

Conservation Criticizes Request on Wetland Impact In Woodmont

MIKE BYERLY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Edgewood LifeCare Community came before the Conservation Commission (LCC) looking for their support for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow impacts to wetlands and wetland buffers in the town's Conservation Overlay District (COD) for their proposed senior living complex within Wood-

mont Commons.

CUPs are granted or denied by the Planning Board, but the Conservation Commission provides their recommendation to them.

The CUP covered two areas of impact, one for a second entrance to the complex and one for a driveway and parking near one corner of the complex.

Melissa Flynn of SMRT

Architects and Engineers said that the permanent wetland impact would be 535 sq. ft. There would also be 213 sq. ft. of temporary impact and 5,720 sq. ft. of buffer impact. In total, the project would sit on 15.4 acres.

The project, called The Baldwin Senior Living at Woodmont Commons would provide 254 independent living units and 40 assisted care units residents with memory issues. It would consist of six building sections with the units plus a variety of internal and external amenities.

At the driveway entrance through a small wetland a box culvert would be installed to allow a small stream to flow under the road. The LCC did not have an issue with this part of the project and were willing to

recommend a CUP for this portion.

LCC, however, was not in favor of granting the CUP for the other proposed wetland impact within the project, saying that this impact failed three of the four tests required to grant a CUP.

The four tests are (1) the proposed construction is essential to the productive use of land not within the Conservation Overlay District; (2) design and construction methods will be such as to minimize impact upon the wetlands and will include restoration of the site consistent with the permitted use; (3) there is no feasible alternative route on land controlled by the applicant that does not cross the COD nor has less detrimental impact on the wetlands and; (4) economic advantage is

not the sole reason for the proposed location of the construction.

In the area in question, the driveway encircling the property and a few parking spots would run through the wetland. They would be in the buffer because one of the buildings in that corner of the project extended out far enough to require that.

Commissioner Mike Byerly said that he felt that economic advantage was the sole reason causing the wetland impact because the developer was trying to squeeze in as many units and amenities as possible. Byerly asked Bob Coppola Facilities Director for Edgewood if all the units were needed.

Coppola said that 250 independent living units and 40 assisted-living units were needed for the

project to break even. He added that Edgewood is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit.

Commissioner Mike Speltz said that he felt that the project also failed to meet the first and third criteria for a CUP, saying that shrinking the project slightly could keep it out of the wetlands.

Jeff Kevan, from TF Moran, the principal project manager for Woodmont Commons tried to argue that while there was a wetland impact, there were other areas within Woodmont like the large pond that made up for this impact. He also said that the Edgewood project had a storm water system to manage runoff.

In the end, the entire LCC failed to find Kevan's points compelling enough to recommend granting a CUP to the Planning Board.

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Maple Weekend, March 23-24 is a Sweet Time to Visit a Sugar House

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Ann Peterson says, “Stop by the Peterson Sugar House in Londonderry, N.H. on 28 Peabody Row this weekend for a fun, family time to check out our maple syrup and maple products. Even our ole’ rooster, Buddy will be there and he may help put on a show for kids and everyone else to check out.”

Visitors are welcome to tour the Peterson Sugar House from 12 to 5 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday for the Maple Weekend. Peterson says, “This year, we are making sure we have lots of maple syrup for everyone, as last year people were buying up everything we had in stock. And this year, we will again offer 2 primary types of syrup that are both Grade A maple syrups – the Amber which is a rich tasting syrup and the Dark which has a bit more robust maple flavor.”

They will have certain other maple products to check out including maple pecans and perhaps some other assorted goodies. Samples of sap, syrup, cream, candy and more may also be available.

The Peterson Sugar House operation is run in the older traditional man-

ner. While some of the maple shacks are firing up their sap evaporating systems using fossil fuels, Peterson still oversees an old-style wood burning system process and you can smell that sweet perfume of wood smokn’ when you get close to the house for your visit.

Peterson gave praise to Derry’s Pinkerton Academy for supporting the tradition of maple syrup making with their maple program for students. “It’s a good thing to keep the fires burning for maple syrup traditions to be passed down,” says Peterson.

Julia Mitchell, Director of Public Information at the Academy says, “Pinkerton has had a sugar house since the early 1970s and in 2012, a new sugar house was constructed for their maple program. The Academy’s program is run by teacher Michelle Mize and currently has 60 students tapping and boiling this year.”

“Students tap the trees when the nights are 32 degrees and the days over 40. A sunny day with a west wind makes the best sap conditions. The program has scored as few as 11 gallons and as many as 75 gallons a season, though one never knows what each season will bring.”



Ann Peterson will be on hand during Maple Sugar Weekend at her Sugar Shack on Peabody Row.

Mize says, “Students maintain, harvest, produce and market maple syrup as part of their curriculum which also teaches biology, chemistry, weather, history, economics, marketing, communications and more. It is multi-faceted and multidisciplinary, which is my preferred teaching style as the program grounds student involvement and knowledge in so many ways.”

In Chester, Pinkerton student Ryan Neal started making maple syrup as a

hobby in middle school and liked it so much, he decided to study maple sap and products methodology via the Pinkerton’s program. So, Neal has been involved in the Pinkerton maple program for two years, learning new skills and techniques, and also tapped his own trees.

Neal says that Pinkerton recognized his abilities, and his motivation and Pinkerton’s Career Coordinator, Doug Cullen helped him work out a special schedule to lever-

age his efforts. Neal now has all his classes in the morning and can work his tree taps in the afternoons. “Without that, I wouldn’t have had the time to keep my maple business going,” Neal says. He is in a co-op program at Pinkerton, building up his business while going to school.

You can check out Ryan’s Sugar Shack during this maple month. Contact Ryan Neal: 603-370-0077 at 118 Meadow Fox Lane Chester, NH or check out his Facebook page: Ryan’s Sugar Shack. You may want to stop by during his weekend hours for tours, maple products, and free samples.

Neal, 18, has been producing maple syrup on a professional level for two years as his middle-school hobby turned into a passion and a profession; one he’ll demonstrate on Maple Weekend at his Chester sap house.

So every year in New Hampshire, Maple Weekend brings the thoughts that spring will soon be kicking off at last.

According to certain maple syrup experts, the season this year was slow to get started, as the win-

ter has been long and cold and trees that are normally tapped in February, did not let go of their sap until more recently here in March. It seems mud season is the best time for maple syrup production.

At the Peterson’s Sugar House in Londonderry, kids get a chance to see the sap dripping via spouts tapped into the farm’s local maple trees. Maple weekend is a good thing at the Petersons. There is no hay to cut this time of year, just a wonderful early spring day to enjoy talking with parents and children interested in this sweet treat for breakfast or anytime. And the Peterson team will have a bit of time to show visitors how the sap is collected and turned to maple syrup using their wood-fired evaporator.

When you stop by for the Maple Weekend or thereafter, you will want to take home some real Londonderry maple syrup. It is all natural, organic, and delicious on oatmeal, hot and cold cereals, ice cream, baked apples, pancakes, crepes, waffles, French toast and other types of fruit.

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Planning

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majority against the change.

Mailloux added that she has been getting calls from property owners, especially those who live in residences within a commercially zoned area. Examples include Hickory Woods, Route 102 and Route 28 Performance Overlay Zones and Bockman Park residences. She said that she has told them that existing residences would not be impacted since they would be grandfathered as non-conforming uses. However, new developments or additions to existing building would be governed by the CPZ rules.

In the draft of the CPZ, there are 28 types of projects or uses allowed, 32 not allowed and 17 that may be allowed if the Planning Board approves a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow an otherwise unallowed use.

In comparison, the C-I rules allow 21 uses outright and six additional uses with an approved CUP and the C-II rules allow 35 uses outright and 17 additional uses with an approved CUP.

Generally, in the CPZ current C-I uses would still be allowed. Some uses currently allowed in

C-II would require approval of a CUP by the Planning Board to be built on a CPZ property. Examples of such uses include hotel, motels, convention centers, light manufacturing, motor vehicle service and motor vehicle sales.

As part of this change, some properties zoned residential AR-1 and R-III, but within Route 102 and Route 28 Performance Overlay Zones would lose the commercial overlay designation and remain AR-1 or R-III only.

During public comment many objections to the proposal were raised. Bill Case, who lives in Manchester, but owns property in Londonderry objected to the requirement for a commercial property to have a minimum of a 75-foot landscape buffer when it abuts a residential property. The current C-I and C-II requirement is 50 feet and the current Rt 102 overlay requirement is 75 feet. In contrast, Bob Medeiros who lives in the Hickory Woods condominium complex, would prefer to see a buffer of 100-150 feet.

A representative from Marketplace Group LLC which owns a C-II property at 516 Mammoth Road, expressed concerns about the fact that the CPZ zone would allow

uses on formerly zoned C-I properties that had only been allowed before on C-II properties. He strongly suggested not allowing automotive businesses because of their environmental impact and general unattractiveness.

Barbara Finnemore who lives on Young Road, said that she understood what the planning department was trying to solve, but that the proposed change went well beyond the original pain point.

She also asked Mailloux what elements of

the CPZ would place requirements on property owners that are more stringent than what is permitted now in C-I and C-II. Mailloux said that the CPZ would have tighter requirements for minimum lot size, maximum building height, minimum front structure setback and additional landscaping requirements.

Three business and property owners in town expressed concern that the proposed change adds uncertainty and lack of clarity for developers. Whereas C-I and

C-II had clearly defined allowed uses, the CPZ would require a CUP for many uses adding another step and leaving the decision at the whim of the Planning Board in place at the time.

Board Chairman Art Rugg said, "The board has had some discussion on this [merging C-I and C-II allowed uses] and we are not totally comfortable with this. We do have some disagreement within the board, and we want to see how people feel before we take it to the next level." Mary Wing Soares added later

that she is convinced at this point that C-I and C-II should remain separate.

Mailloux encouraged residents to review a draft available on the town website in the Planning and Economic Development section. She also said that she welcomes calls, e-mails or in person meetings with interested members of the public. Additional future public hearings for abutters and the general public will occur. To ultimately be adopted both the Planning Board and Town Council would need to vote on it.

Nutfield's 300th Starts to Gear Up

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With the weekend that will kick off the summer-long celebration right around the corner, the local Nutfield 300th committee met at the Londonderry Town Hall on Tuesday, March 18, to discuss some of the topics that are still on the table.

The summer events, that will mark the 300th year of the founding of Nutfield on Apr. 12, 1719 are scheduled to begin next month, on Friday, Apr. 12, with a three-day conference in Derry, where Rev. James MacGregor led the first service on the shore of Beaver Lake and gave the "First Sermon," three decades ago.

Michael Gendron, President of the Greater Derry Arts Council and one of the leading organizers of the conference, arrived at the meeting

and updated the local committee members about the progress of the preparations. The conference will have tours of the meetinghouse and the cemetery, a welcome dinner, kids' activities and talks by keynote speakers, including Dr. William Roulston, a Research Director from Ulster Historical Foundation in Northern Ireland and Bob Starratt, from Edinburgh, Scotland, as well as local speakers.

Gendron discussed in detail the conference's main event, the Nutfield Gala that will be held in the Derry Opera House on Saturday, April 13, and will include Irish music, many activities and a short video presentation by the Historical Society. Tickets for the Gala are still being sold at www.Derryarts.org and the event's promotion will increase in the next few weeks, until the conference

begins, with the goal of seeing the opera house full with around 100 attendees.

The committee also looked at the different designs that were sent as suggestions for the Londonderry coin that will be produced for the Nutfield 300th celebrations.

Each of the four participating towns, Londonderry, Derry, Windham and Derryfield, will have its own design on one side of the coin, while the other side will have the Shared Nutfield Logo, the same one that can be seen on the coin that was created for the 250th celebrations, in 1969. A total of ten designs, by six local artists, were sent to the committee. The final result will be decided on and published in the near future.

Londonderry Town Manager Kevin Smith and other committee members emphasized the

importance in marketing the conference. Smith informed the committee about the hanging of the Ulster and Scotland flags at the entrance to the town hall and the good reviews that were received.

Londonderry's main event during the celebratory summer will take place between August 14 and the 18, with the "Londonderry Old Home Days", a 300th-expanded version of the big traditional week, including a parade, concerts, athletics and activities for kids and seniors. Mr. Smith pointed to the committee members the need to finalize the routes for that week's historic tours around the town.

The Nutfield 300th committee will have its next meeting on Monday, April 8, four days before the conference in Derry opens.

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LHS FIRST Robotics Team Works Toward National Meet

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The PVC Pirates from Londonderry High School competed over last weekend in their first competition of the season: the FIRST Robotics Competition, Southern New Hampshire District Event, held at Bedford High School.

The long weekend began on Friday (Mar. 15), when the participating teams arrived and made their preparations. The next day, Saturday, was the qualification matches day and the Pirates enjoyed great success and were ranked sixth out of the 38 teams that came from four different New England states.

The PVC Pirate team advanced to the quarterfinals on Sunday, where they and their alliance (two more teams) lost in two matches.

About 20 members of the Pirates took part in the

event, and their mentors, were all extremely busy during the three action filled days in Bedford.

Some students worked in the team's pit, others made the necessary fixes in the repair shop after some of the matches, a few of the kids scouted the other teams robots, in order to decide who will be part of their Sunday alliance in the knockout matches and a group of four team members was in charge of the driving and guiding of the robot during the fast paced matches.

Those matches' goal was for the robots to move large orange balls and other objects into different locations on the match area, with the referees giving each team points for success and the opposing teams, points for penalties.

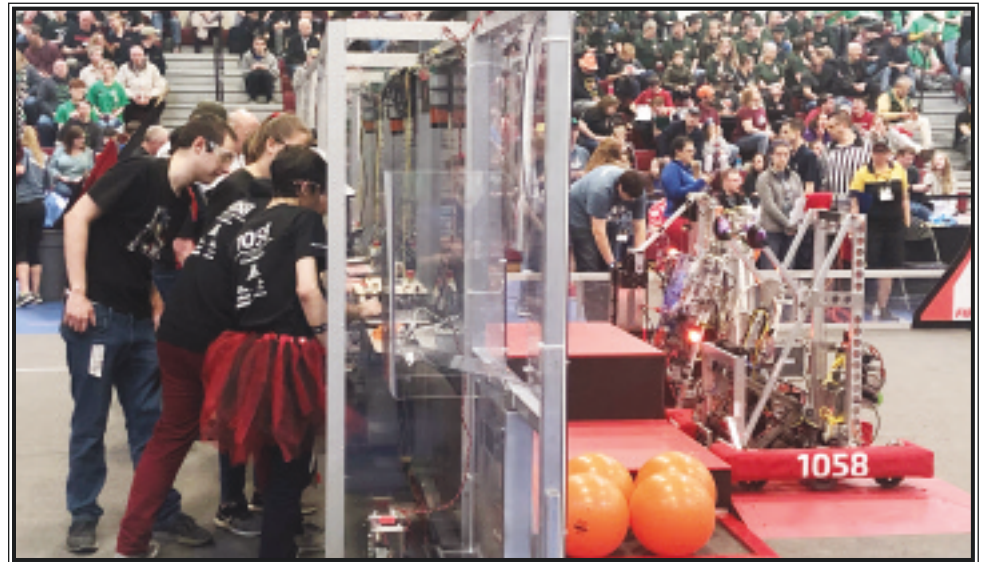
Robotics teams from all around the globe received this year's challenge and game rules only

six weeks before the first competition of the season and from that moment, they began working and building their robots.

The alliances for the qualification matches are random and the Pirates joined forces with two other teams in each of their 12 matches on Saturday. The team from Londonderry had a rough start for the day and lost its first three matches, before making a great recovery and winning eight of its final nine matches.

In the quarterfinals, the Pirates competed with team Chop Shop from Merrimack, New Hampshire and team Delta Prime, from Farmingdale, Maine.

The Pirates ended the event with 36 points, which they will carry onto their second competition at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, between Friday, March 29 and Sunday, March 31.



Londonderry Robotic team PVC Pirates competed at Bedford High School over the weekend, and made it into the quarter finals. Photo by Idan Vinitsky

The teams that come out on top by the end of these two competitions will qualify for the National Meet and will have a chance to continue to the global event.

The Pirates, who have been competing in robotics tournaments since the team was formed in 2003, were also honored at the

end of the competition with an award for Excellence in Engineering. The award is given to a team whose robot demonstrates a solution to a specific problem that is functional and practical, elegant and advantageous on the field of play, and stand up to the rigors of the competition.

The PVC Pirates, who promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education in the community and provide leadership and resources to other local robotics teams are funded entirely through donations, providing no-cost membership for all students.

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The election did not turn out the way I had hoped, but I want to take this moment to thank every person who took the time to vote for me in the election. I am so sorry I let people down I wish I had worked harder but my hands were tied.

To all of you who sent me letters, and those of you who helped me at the polls, who helped with the various events and especially those who worked so hard every day getting the message out, to all of you, you have my heartfelt thanks. I appreciated you all very much!

My message of small government, term limits and low spending that leads to low taxes, while not forgetting those most vulnerable in our society, was well received. I feel confident the majority of voters agree with the fact that government and the town cannot grow faster than the people's ability to pay for it.

I worked hard just not hard enough, I did enjoyed the race but unfortunately I did not enjoy the benefits.

I will continue my commitment to public service by helping others and fighting for the ideals and principles that will make our community, commonwealth, and country stronger. I will always fight for the greater good and for what I believe to be right for all. Perhaps it is because I am too independent for some. I accept that losing is part of the game.

I commend all the candidates for their interest, efforts and putting themselves out there it is not easy and I recommend people, especially women, to run for elected offices, and to be involved.

I love a challenge, so I decided to take on two long time sitting councilmen, as you are aware, came close but failed.

Once again, thank you all.

Londonderry Marching Band Marches in Big Apple



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The Londonderry High School Marching Band & Colorguard participated in the New York City St. Patrick's Day and was the Lancers' 24th appearance in the past 26 years, since 1993. The NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade began in 1762 and is the oldest in the country. The event took place along 5th Avenue, and was six-hours long, and includes over 150 bands and drum & pipe units. Many International musical units are included as well.

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Town Clerk

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sheet.

He went on to say, "I asked Glen Douglas where did these numbers come from, and he said, the town website."

After Freda saw the results Douglas was referring to, he realized that

the numbers used on many of the town warrant articles where taken from the school ballot.

Freda's statement ended with, "So if anyone is out there on social media thinking that there were 14 articles that were vastly different, that information is not correct."

When reached for comment after the meet-

ing about the post, Glen Douglas responded "I compared the Official and Unofficial town election result for Londonderry after the Keno vote change. The information I used was from the Town of Londonderry's website. Unknown to me, the town posted information that was incorrect. Town Moderator Tom Freda contact-

ed me asking about the source of the information. I told him it was posted on the Town Clerks page. In the past, the clerk's office has posted election results. I had no way of knowing the results were incorrect. While I try to post correct and accurate information on the TownUnderground Facebook page, I had no way of

knowing that the results posted by the town were inaccurate, with the exception of the Keno vote which was addressed by the town. I did attempt to contact the town thru their Facebook page prior to my post asking about the discrepancies, the town did not respond. I have updated the post to reflect that the

information was inaccurate.

The Keno article being referenced was first said to have passed, but later, the moderator realized that he had transposed some numbers incorrectly. A press release was posted, and the Town Manager addressed it earlier in the meeting. See page 5.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancer Boys Hoops Hopes Dashed By Hawks in Semis

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In a season that saw the Londonderry High School's Boys' Varsity Basketball team win, week in and week out, with tight and dramatic games, the team almost did it again, this time against the undefeated Exeter Blue Hawks. But unfortunately for the Lancers, their great journey ended on Wednesday, March 13 at the University of New Hampshire's basketball arena, with a 62-51 loss to Exeter.

The Lancers returned to the state's final four for the first time since winning it all in 2015, and less

than a month after giving Exeter a good fight before losing the game in the final minutes. It was déjà vu for the 16-5 Londonderry boys.

Exeter took the lead just four seconds after the jump ball, with an "and-one" play, but Londonderry quickly recovered. The Lancers' defense, their main strength throughout the season, worked well and two first quarter fouls on the Blue Hawks' star Kevin Henry helped as well.

Max DesRosiers, in his best performance of the season, hit two early three-pointers and the Lancers had a 12-8 lead.

Exeter then closed the quarter with seven unanswered points in 73 seconds.

The Blue Hawks' momentum continued after the short rest between quarters, DesRosiers, with two more baskets, was able to put Londonderry ahead again, but Exeter then went on a 13-0 run.

The final seconds of the first half were painful for Londonderry, as Cole Keegan almost stole the ball, but bumped into a teammate and it rolled to the hands of the Hawk's Cam Clark, who nailed a buzzer beating three-pointer, to send his team to the locker rooms with a promising 31-21 lead.

Exeter added five more points in the first minute and a half of the third quarter and with a 15-point lead, seemed to be cruising towards the finals. But exactly as the Lancer bunch had done so many times this season, the Lancers suddenly found the spark and came storming back.

A five-minute, 17-1 Londonderry run, with some great minutes by Jackson Cox, James Buttafuoco and DesRosiers, gave the Lancers the lead again, before Exeter scored four points and finished the quarter leading 41-38. Another 8-0 Lancer run, including DesRosiers fourth three-pointer of the game, put Londonderry in a promis-

ing position, up 47-43 with less than six minutes to play, but from there, until the final buzzer, it was all Exeter.

When it counted the most, the Blue Hawks showed why they were undefeated this season. Josh Morissette, who had a game high of 25 points (10 in the final quarter), made a couple of huge shots and Exeter closed the game with a 19-4 run and celebrated the team's first finals appearance since 1998.

DesRosiers led the Lancers with 18 points (4-for-5 from three), Cox scored 13 and had six rebounds, Keegan finished with seven points, Buttafuoco with six and Ethan May, who led the

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Senior center Max DesRosiers lead in scoring for the Lancers with 18 points at the semi-final loss to number one seeded Exeter. Photos by Chris Paul



Lancer junior guard Cole Keegan gets to the hoop during their DI semi-final game at UNH last week.

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Ex-Lancer Cody Ball Voted to the All-Conference Team

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Ex-Londonderry High School Basketball star, Cody Ball, is finishing his college career with Saint Anselm these days, and on March 5, was voted to the Northeast 10 All-Conference Second Team.

Ball's St. A's coach, Keith Dickson, picked up Coach of the Year honors for the fifth time in his 33-year career with the team, while his teammate, fellow senior Tim Guers, was selected as the Northeast 10 Conference Player of the Year for the second consecutive season.

Last season, as a junior, Ball was selected for Third Team All-Conference. This season he recorded 13.4 points per game and career-highs of 5.1 rebounds and 3.2 assists per game. He was ranked fifth in the conference in the assist-to-



Cody Ball, is finishing his college basketball career with Saint Anselm this year.

turnovers ratio and three-point field goal percentage. He is in seventh place in the Hawks' history books in made three-pointers and fifth in blocks.

Ball scored 29 points (5-for-7 from three) in a 101-69 win over Bloomfield on Nov. 10, the season's second game. He had 21 points on Jan. 9, in a 73-52 home win over New Haven and 25 points (again, 5-for-7 from three) in a 90-78 win ten days later, against American International. On Feb. 13, in a 100-69 win over Assumption, he scored 24 points.

Under Ball's lead, Saint Anselm enjoyed a strong season, managing a 22-5 record, including an 18-3 conference record.

Last weekend, the Hawks entered the NCAA Division II Tournament as the number one seed in the East Region and on Saturday and Sunday, advanced to the Sweet Sixteen round.

In the first round of the playoffs, on Saturday, March 16, the Hawks were able to beat Molloy Col-

lege 81-71, with Ball playing 40 minutes and scoring 16 points. He also had six rebounds and three steals.

In the team's following game, on Sunday, March

17, St. A's narrowly escaped with a 70-69 win over the University of New Haven Chargers. Despite a fourth quarter charge, the Hawks held out for the win.

Ball once again scored 16-points and was the team's high scorer, in another 40-minute contribution. He added five assists and a couple of steals.



May Gets AllState Honor

Londonderry senior guard Ethan May was voted as one of the top ten basketball players in the state recently when he was named to the Division I All-State Second team. May was one of the Lancers top producers through the long DI season where he helped his team reach the semi-finals this year.

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Londonderry Grads Enjoy College Athletic Success This Winter

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With the winter season ending last week with the Division I Basketball Tournament, the Londonderry Times takes this opportunity to give readers a round-up of some local athletes' performances across New Hampshire universities.

University of New Hampshire
Kalin Gregoire, Indoor Track and Field: Gre-

goire, who is a Wildcat freshman, recorded her best 1,000-meter run result in meet against Holy Cross at UNH on Jan. 19. She finished in the ninth place with a time of 3:33.50.

Dartmouth College
Timothy Zepf, Indoor Track and Field: The college sophomore from Londonderry (who attended Trinity High School) opened the season strong with a personal best and a win in the

1,000 meter run (2:32.62) in a meet against UNH, Maine and Vermont in Hanover, New Hampshire. He then finished ninth in the Boston University Valentine's Invitational in February, with a personal best in the 800-meter run - 1:49.32

Saint Anselm College
Cody Ball, Basketball: The St. A's senior, who used to star for the Lancers, enjoyed another great season this year for the Hawks. He started in

all 27 regular season games for his team, averaging 13.4 points and career highs 5.1 rebounds and 3.2 assists per game, in 33.3 minutes on the court. The Hawks posted 22-5 record and got the number one seed in the NCAA Division II East Region.

Plymouth State University
Derek Davies, Indoor Track and Field: At the Smith Invitational, on Jan. 19, the junior from Londonderry took the second place overall in the pole vault after clearing 3.95 meters. He then went on to win Panther Invitational, hosted by Plymouth on Feb. 2, with a season best 4.30 that helped the Panthers take the event's first place.

Brittany Roche, Basketball: The 5-11 guard

was a starter in nine of her 23 junior-year games. She averaged 6.8 points scored per game and had 2.3 rebounds and 1.0 assists in 20.1 minutes. Roche had a fantastic 21-point game in the Panthers' double overtime win (89-87) over UMass Dartmouth on Feb. 9. She also scored 17 points early in the season, on Nov. 17, in a 62-48 victory at Northern Vermont - Lyndon. The team finished the season with ten wins and 14 losses.

Franklin Pierce University
Trevor Guay, Indoor Track and Field: The junior who attended Londonderry High School had a good indoor season, setting personal bests in 400 meters (48.35 seconds) at the Boston University Last Chance Qualifier on Feb. 24, 500 meters

(1:04.11, fourth place in the NEICAAA Indoor Track and Field Championship), 200 meters (22.56 at Boston University) and 60 meters (7.11 seconds at the Bates Invitational).

Haley Parker, Ice Hockey: The forward from Londonderry (studied at Proctor Academy) played 31 games this season as a sophomore. She scored 17 goals and had 23 assists, for a total of team-best 40 points. The team finished the season with 20 wins, 10 losses and a tie and reached the NEWHA tournament's final, where they lost to Saint Anselm 3-0. Parker had a hat trick in a 5-0 win at Post on Oct. 13 and two goals combined with three assists in a 13-0 win over the same opponent at a Feb. 15 home game.

LHS Hoops

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team in scoring this season, only managed to score five points, shooting 2-for-15 from the field. He had seven rebounds and six assists, but also eight turnovers. Luke Marsh scored two points for LHS and Will Reyes and Dean Haggett played but did not score. For Exeter, other than Morissette, it was Henry with 19 points and Ryan Grijalva with ten. Clark had six and Jake Ross two.

Londonderry's coach, Nate Stanton, said after the game: "I told the kids that they are the toughest group I have ever had here and it says a lot. As a team, from the first to the 13, 14 guy, they are so resilient. We went down 15 and came back. They

never quit. They have never been at UNH, in this atmosphere and the way they responded was not a surprise to us. They did it all year. There were a couple of situation plays towards the end... but I am very proud and happy of what they accomplished all year long".

Stanton added: "Max really stepped up and hit some big shots and Jackson is our most improved player. He is very athletic and the quickest guy on the floor. When I had Cody Ball, he had five points when he played here in the championship game. I think they did a good job on Ethan. He carried our team during the season and this time he missed shots that he usually makes and he wasn't very open. Kudos to Exeter, they did a great job, but at the end of the

day, we would not be here if it wasn't for Ethan May. Josh Morissette was unconscious tonight and made some big shots. He is a good player".

DesRosiers reflected on his performance and season: "I am a little bit disappointed. I thought that we are going to bring another banner to Londonderry, but we fell apart at the end there. I felt that Exeter don't have a match-up for me. I am 6'5" and they don't have a kid my height that was on the floor, and I can shoot from outside and go inside. We were able to come back like this all year long. We are like a family here. This year made me feel really confident looking forward and trying to play basketball in college."

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Londonderry's Matt Constant Has Success at RI Prep School

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry has produced over the years a few professional athletes, such as current NFL Ryan Griffin and former MLB champion and All-Star Brian Wilson. 17 year-old Matt Constant hopes to be the next one on this list.

Constant, who attended North Elementary School and Londonderry Middle School, went on to the prep school St. Andrew's in Barrington, Rhode Island, where he helped his team win the 2019 NEPSAC (New England Preparatory School Athletic Council) Class AA Basketball Championship on March 3, the eighth in the school's history. The NEPSAC AA division is one of the best in the country.

The sophomore point guard got his first career start in the finals against the number two seed Cushing Academy, of Massachusetts, as two of his number one seed team starters suffered injuries during the earlier

stages of the tournament. Constant answered with a great performance, scoring eight points and adding eight assists and six rebounds. His three-pointer in the first half was a key basket and propelled his team's run and eventual 84-72 victory. He also had good games this season against Milton Academy and Lee Academy, with 16 points in each game.

In an interview with the Londonderry Times, Constant tells his story of dedication and hard work that he hopes and believes will help him develop a basketball career. "I started loving the game when I was little, collecting NBA cards and spending hours outside, playing five-on-five by myself. I had good imagination," he recalls, "My older brother played for Trinity High School and they were 15th in the country at one point. Now he is like my coach more than my brother sometimes. He teaches me, gives me advice. He wants to see me succeed after



Londonderry's Matt Constant attends the prep school St. Andrew's in Barrington, Rhode Island.

all the hard work and he is very happy for me".

Unlike most of the local kids, Constant never played basketball for the Londonderry schools: "I felt like the coaching and competition will not get me better", he claims. He used his free time to work in gyms and be ready for the AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) season: "That is where the great competition is. There is a lot of exposure there and that is how you put your name on the map".

While still in middle school, he played in a

summer camp with the top kids from all around New England and won the MVP. He then reclassified eighth grade: "I went right into prep school on my freshman year. So I felt that this is what will get my body stronger and ready for that", explains Constant.

Like most freshmen, he did spend many minutes on the court during his first season in St. Andrew's. Players ahead of him on the depth chart were committed to play for big NCAA Division I schools like Syracuse and

the champions, Villanova. Constant did get his playing time as a member of the Expressions Elite team, a Nike sponsored team that travel around the country: "It was a great experience. I saw NBA players just walking around, I saw coach K from Duke, Patrick Ewing watched my games. We made the playoffs with that team. It is the highest you can get in AAU. You get looked at and you get offers". One offer he already got was from Bryant University. Others might come during his junior year, when he will be the starting point guard for St. Andrew's. He also plays for BABC (Boston Amateur Basketball Club).

"I feel like I am in a good spot", he says, "I have a lot of support around me and it can get me to where I want to go and achieve. Prep school gets you ready for college. We travel and stay in hotels all the time and I started at a young age, so I ahead of most of the players. I also have great coaches surrounding me".

His coach in St. Andrew's is Michael Hart, who helped develop many Division I players over the years. Some of them, like the 2014 Rookie of the Year Michael Carter Williams, made it to the NBA. In a phone conversation with the Londonderry Times, Hart had plenty of good things to say

about Constant: "He is a terrific player. His work ethic is outstanding and he had an amazing season for a sophomore. It is usually hard for the younger kids to get playing time in our program, which is one of the best in the country, but Matt worked hard and helped us win the championship".

Constant is proud of his work ethic: "It is different than everybody else. I used to wake up at 1 a.m. and start jumping rope or do push-ups. At the school, I go to the gym and lift, then we have practice, then after practice I stay and shoot more. And after I finish my homework, I go to the gym again from nine to ten in the evening and practice more on my shots. It is an everyday thing, nonstop. If you stop, someone else has the edge on you".

He eats seven meals every day, works with a personal trainer and a nutritionist and takes many supplements and protein shakes ("But only the good stuff!" says his father, Phil). He will try to add 25 pounds of muscles this summer, for his body to be able to compete on the highest level: "The goal is to become a pro. I dedicated the time for this and I am not going to stop until I make it. There were many coaches in our championship game, where I played really well. This will be the biggest summer for me".



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Londonderry Boy Gymnasts Reaches the Podium in State Meet

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Impact Gymnastics Academy in Bow hosted the annual Gymnastics State Meet on Sunday, March 10, and the local boys' team brought their Level 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 19 gymnasts, as well as their Junior Development athletes. Among those athletes were a few Londonderry boy gymnasts, who had plenty of success by reaching the podium at that event.

In Level 5, Zachary Crimmins of Londonderry won the All-Around competition in the 11+ year age division. Crimmins was also the winner on

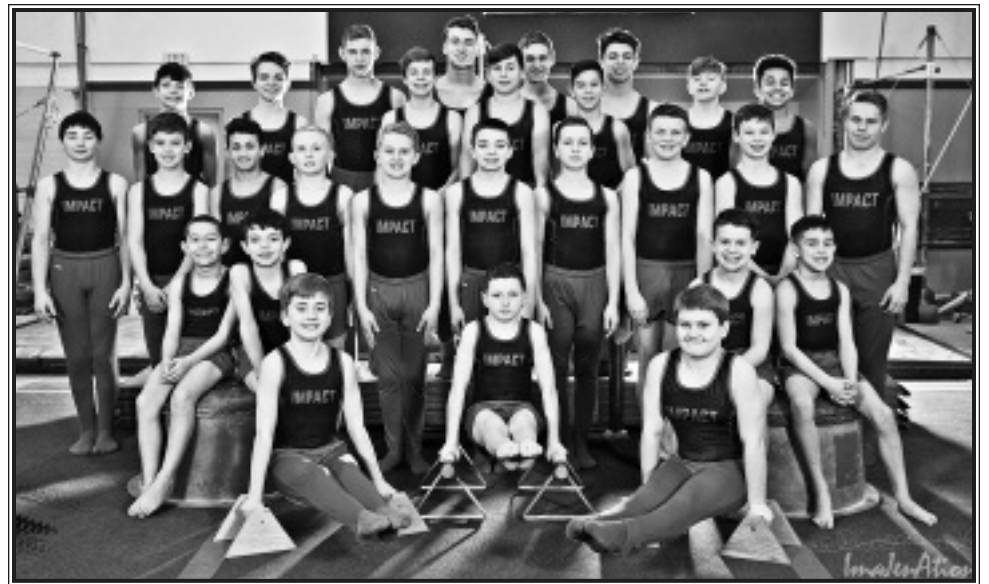
the Pommels, the Rings, the Parallel Bars and the High Bar. He finished tied for third place on Floor and on Vault.

Andrew Law, also of Londonderry, competed in Level 6, where he won the All-Around for the 12+ year age division. Law also won Floor, Pommels, Rings, Vault, Parallel Bars and High Bars in his division as well.

In the Level 9 competition, Jacob Laher from Londonderry took first place on Parallel Bars in the 13-14 year age division. Laher placed second on Pommels and Rings and third on All-Around and Floor.

Londonderry had two gymnasts in the Junior Development competition. Logan Bower, in the 13-14 year age division, tied for first on Vault and finished second on Rings and third on All-Around, Floor and Parallel Bars (tied), while Nolan McKivergan won the Vault event in the 15-18 year age division. He ranked second on Rings, third on Parallel Bars and Floor (tied) and fourth on All-Around.

The athletes were coached by Craig Thibodeau, Tyler Reimer, Stu Goldstein and Colby Playner.



Five young men from Londonderry were able to win medals at the state meet hosted by Impact Gymnastics Academy earlier this month.

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Lancer JV Hockey Team Finishes Fourth

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School's Boys' Junior Varsity Ice Hockey team finished the season in the fourth place in their division. The Lancers' season concluded on Feb. 24 with a home game against Bedford at the Tri-Town Arena in Hooksett and the team's final record wound up being 2-5-4. In the newly formed JV league, only

the top two teams qualify for the postseason and LHS did not make the cut.

The Lancers did tie against those top two teams, Concord and Bedford, in their final two games of the season. Lancer JV coach Jim Cotter marked the Dec. 30 game against Pinkerton, a 1-0 win for Londonderry, as his team's best performance of the season. "It was a hard fought game and we

were able to come out on top," Cotter explained.

About the season in general Cotter said, "I believe this team met all expectations. We had a very young team, with seven freshmen and three sophomores. They played very well as a team and improved markedly throughout the season. We are excited about the level of play

that we expect to see from them next season."

The JV team members from the 2018-19 season were: Noah Malcolm, Brandon Savage, Drew Nutter, Jack Beirne, Evan Cotter, Derek Felix, Connor Paiton, Nick Laverriere, Ethan Cohen, Kevin Griffen, Jake Holdsworth - Goalie, Michael Ziv - Goalie.

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TOWN OF LONDONDERRY PLANNING BOARD

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Application for formal review of a site plan for site preparation, grading and drainage improvements, 14 Page Road and 280 Rockingham Road, Map 17 Lots 45-4 and Map 17 Lot 45, Zoned IND-I, Evans Family Limited Partnership (Owner & Applicant)

Application for formal review a lot line adjustment between 23 Wilson Road, Map 16 Lot 9, Zoned AR-1/IND-I, Evans Family Limited Partnership (Owner) and 55 Wilson Road, Map 18 Lot 24-5, Zoned AR-1, Douglas B. & Maria F. Jones (Owners) AND subdivision to create 9 residential lots, 23 Wilson Road, Map 16 Lot 9, Zoned AR-1/IND-I, Evans Family Limited Partnership (Owner and Applicant)

Rezoning request to rezone Six Tavern Hill Road, Map 2 Lot 27 Zoned C-II/AR-I and RTE 102 POD to AR-1 by Hickory Woods Condominium Association (Owner & Applicant)

Application for formal review of a lot line adjustment between 75 Litchfield Road, Map 11 Lot 89, Zoned AR-1 and 278 High Range Road, Map 11 Lot 81-4, Zoned AR-1, Jonathan Paul and Deborah A. & John O'Connell (Owners & Applicants)

Application for formal review of subdivision plan to subdivide 75 Litchfield Road, Map 11 Lot 89, Zoned AR-1 into eight residential lots, Jonathan Paul and (Owner & Applicant)

Application for formal review of a subdivision plan to subdivide one residential lot into three, Four South Road, Map 3 Lot 25-2, Zoned AR-1, Burton Boone (Owner & Applicant)

Application for formal review of a subdivision plan of one lot into 10 residential lots, 162 High Range Road, Map 9, Lot 5, Zoned AR-1, Belize Real Estate Holdings, LLC (Owner & Applicant)

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: 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.

Seashells in My Pocket

On Thursday, April 11, at 7 p.m. the Leach Library presents Seashells in My Pocket: Getting to Know the Seashells of the Gulf of Maine. Discusses how to identify different seashells found along the Gulf of Maine. Some displays of shells and specimens for the audience to view and invites attendees to bring their own seashells to share. This program is free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. It will be held in the library's lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served.

Blood Donors Needed

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at the Londonderry Middle School cafeteria on Saturday, March 30, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please visit <https://rcblood.org/2Fk90fj> to schedule an appointment. Drop-ins are also welcome. This blood drive is a service project sponsored by LMS 8th grader Rebecca DePasse. Your donation can help save a life. Thank you for your support!

Book Bingo

The Leach Library's Book Bingo program will be held on Thursday, April 18, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. All participants will get to choose at least one book from our special selection table as a prize. At this special event, snacks and beverages will be served and there will be a raffle for fun door prizes. No registration is required.

Londonderry Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on: April 1, May 15, From 6 - 7 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency Proof of citizenship (passport, birth

certificate, naturalization papers) Proof of age Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, domicile and citizenship.

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National Library Week Raffle

Starting Monday, April 8 and ending on Saturday, April 13, each children's item checked out from the Leach Library will earn you a raffle ticket for a chance to win a cool book bag. Stop by the display case in the Children's Room to see what the prize looks like.

National Library Week Craft

Starting Monday, April 8 and ending on Saturday, April 13, Leach Library patrons are invited to create their own magnetic library-themed picture frame. Stop by the Children's Room desk to pick up the supplies and create your picture

frame in the library or in the comfort of your own home.

Democrat Meeting

Londonderry Democrats meet on the 4th Saturday of the months! Please join us at 10am for our monthly meeting. 2 Litchfield Rd Londonderry NH. We can be contacted at chair@londonderrydem.com or 603-425-3515

Lions Spring dance

Spring Dance April 6, from 6 - 11 p.m. Londonderry Lions Hall, Mammoth Rd. Cost \$20 or \$35 per couple BYOB for ticket information you can call Jerry at 434-5387 All proceeds help support Lions scholarship fund and other Lions charity event in our community.

Building Respect Among Culturally Diverse Groups

Talk With An Expert About Building Respect Among Culturally Diverse Groups on Thursday, April 4, at 7 p.m., at Etz Hayim Synagogue (1-1/2 Hood Rd., Derry) will host a discussion with James B. Farmer, Esq., entitled "Bridges: Building Respect in Diverse Groups to Enhance Sensitivity." During his 30-year career as a federal prosecutor in Boston, Farmer served, variously, as U.S. Attorney (Interim), Chief of the Criminal Division, Chief of the Organized Crime Strike Force, and Chief of the National Security Unit ("NSU"). As NSU Chief, Farmer supervised the office's anti-terrorism efforts, including the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing investigation and trial. Throughout his tenure as NSU Chief, Farmer met regularly with Arab, Muslim, and Sikh community leaders as part of BRIDGES (Building Respect in Diverse Groups to Enhance Sensitivity), a group formed in the wake of the 9/11 attacks to facilitate quiet communication between federal, state, and local government officials in

Massachusetts and the leaders of these communities, who were concerned about their communities' civil rights and felt under intense public scrutiny. Notably, Farmer was the United States Attorney (Interim) during the 9/11 attacks in 2001. Farmer will talk about both the group's challenges and its successes in maintaining vibrant lines of communication during often-trying circumstances. He will also discuss the somewhat unusual decision to have senior anti-terrorism prosecutors participate as part of this ongoing conversation. The lecture series is free and open to all. For more information, please or visit the synagogue's website at www.etzhayim.org

Renew

Renew will be open Saturday, April 13, from 8-10:30 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Rd, Derry. Arrive by 10 a.m. Renew will also be open every Thursday 9-11:30 a.m., please arrive by 11 a.m. NH residents only. Renew offers free, gently-used apparel. Each household is limited to 15 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, email renewcalvary@gmail.com or call the church secretary at 434-1516.

Antiques Appraisal

The 2nd Annual Londonderry Antiques Appraisal Day will be held on Sunday, May 19, start gathering your finds! It was a giant success last year so we're doing it again! Bring your antiques, collectibles & family treasures to our second annual event featuring Daniel F. Reidy, appraiser/antiques dealer/auctioneer. Reidy has over 30 years of experience and is the owner of Discerning Eye, an estate appraisal and disposition planning business. Stay tuned for updates!

Poor Houses and Town Farms

On Friday, April 5, the Chester Historical Society presents at 7 p.m. Poor Houses and Town Farms: The Hard Row for Paupers, at Stevens Hall, Chester.

From its earliest settlements New Hampshire has struggled with issues surrounding the treatment of its poor. Steve Taylor was the founding executive director of the New Hampshire Humanities Council and is a lifelong student of the state's rural culture. This is a very difficult program to get booked because of its popularity and took the historical society 2 years. For more information see www.nhhumanities.org/events/poor-houses-and-town-farms-hard-row-paupers-17,

So You Think You Can Cook, Londonderry?

St Peter's Episcopal Church, at the corner of Mammoth Rd., and Peabody Row, will be hosting its very popular Annual Chili and Chowder Cookoff on Saturday, March 30, at the spacious church. Cooks should sign in and set up by 4:15 p.m., and Taster's Choice will be from 4:30 - 6 p.m. There will be Celebrity Judges, Pinatas, a Gift Raffle and More. St Peter's is asking \$10 for General Admission/Tasting, and \$5 for ages 10 and under. This year, half of the proceeds from the Cookoff will benefit St Peter's Community Outreach. The other half of the event's proceeds will go to Hero Pups, a NH non profit which specially trains shelter and rescue pups to serve as Companion and Service Animals to Veterans and First Responders who have been traumatized as a result of their extraordinary service. Please join us at St Peter's on March 30, at 4:30 p.m. for this outstanding event. To register, please visit stpeterslondonderry.org or call Lee at 781-801-8161.

VA Bingo

Post 27 will be playing bingo with patients at the VA Hospital in Manchester on March 25, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. We'll be serving pizza and diet soda as well as providing \$150 in prize money. For more information about the happenings at Post 27 go to our website www.alpost27.com, call us at 437-6613, visit our Greeley Parmenter Harrington Facebook page or follow us on Twitter @ALPost27.

Easter Celebration

Join us at the at the Aviation Museum, 27 Navigator Rd., Londonderry, on the Saturday, April 13 at 11 a.m., prior to Easter weekend for a fun-filled family event. Crafts, stories, treats, out-

door activities (weather permitting) and surprises. For more information call (603) 669-4820, email avmuseum@nhahs.org, or visit the museum's website, www.aviationmuseumofnh.org.

Republican Meeting

The Londonderry Republican Committee will meet on Thursday, March 21, at the Victory Baptist Church, 78 Litchfield Rd., Londonderry. We will meet from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Activities

Young adults in grades 6 - 12 are invited to complete any of the activities located on the drum table in the Leach Library young adult area, starting now and ending at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 30. For each activity completed and handed in at the circulation desk, participants will be entered into a random drawing for a chance to win a Barnes & Noble gift certificate!

Lenten Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus council 3023 of St. Thomas Aquinas in Derry, will be holding their 10th annual Lenten Fish Fry from now continuing on each Friday until April 12. We will be serving dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. at the St. Thomas Aquinas Center, 26 Crystal Avenue in Derry. Dinner includes a fried haddock fish fillet, french fries, cole slaw, tartar sauce and a roll for \$9.50. The children's dinner includes fish sticks, or mac and cheese, with french fries for \$3.50. Take out dinners are also available. For more information contact stevellhom@aol.com.

Evolve!

A group for young woman ages 13 to 18 to talk about today's challenges meets every Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. To register, Call 437-8477 to register ext. 16.

Artist Submission

Are you an artist? Are you interested in crafting a part of Londonderry's history? If so, please submit a design for Londonderry's version of the Nutfield 300th Anniversary commemorative coin! All submissions should meet the following guidelines and be emailed to khildonen@londonderry-nh.org by Friday, March

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Monday - March 11

7:30 a.m. Three officers render services for Domestic Disturbance on Beacon Street.

9:45 p.m. Services rendered for Domestic Disturbance on Hunter Mill Way.

3:05 p.m. Overdose results in transportation to hospital on Wedgewood Drive. Three officers assist.

3:21 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Cohas Terrace.

5:41 p.m. Services rendered for Domestic Disturbance on Auburn Road.

Tuesday - March 12

8:17 a.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity at Walgreen Drug Store on Nashua Road.

10:24 a.m. Services rendered for report of Sex Offenses on Pinyon Place.

1:58 p.m. Peace restored after Domestic Disturbance on Horseshoe Lane.

2:45 p.m. Criminal Mischief reported on White Plains Ave

7:43 p.m. Neighborhood Disputes Action: Peace Restored on Whittemore Road

11 p.m. Services Rendered Suspicious Activity on Pinyon Place.

Wednesday - March 13

7:39 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. on Terracewood Road.

9:01 a.m. Drug Offenses investigated at Londonderry High School.

10:39 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made at

Plaistow Police Dept. Brian Arnold, 21, of Danville charged with two counts of the Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card.

12:32 p.m. Drug Offenses investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

4:19 p.m. Peace restored after Disturbance on Capitol Hill Drive.

6:57 p.m. Peace restored during Juvenile Offenses on Oakridge Drive.

8:12 p.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses on Oakridge Drive.

9:05 p.m. Peace restored during Juvenile Offenses on Falcon Road.

Thursday - March 14

9:58 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious
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Transitions Young Adult Strategies

A new group where young adults can talk about things that are challenging meets every Thursday from 6 - 7 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. Drop ins welcome. Call 437-8477 to register ext. 24 for more information/options for dates and times.

Police Log

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activity reported on Action Blvd.

11:22 a.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on South Road.

1:58 p.m. Sex Offenses investigated on Shasta Drive.

2:56 p.m. Three officers assist in Welfare Check on Sunflower Lane which results in transport to hospital.

Friday - March 15

6:22 p.m. Three officers assist with serving a warrant and making arrest on Oakridge Drive. Jefferson Bell, 48, of Londonderry charged with Second Degree Assault.

6:33 p.m. Services Rendered for Traffic Hazard on Jack's Bridge Road at Symmes Drive.

Vaping Deterrent Workshop

Do you know someone who is looking to give up vaping? This workshop will show teens how to break the habit and replace it with healthier options. On Thursday, April 4, from 2:30 - 4 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. Participants will gain strength by being with other people also trying to quit. This event costs \$25. Call 437-8477 to register, ext. 15. Will also be held May 2, and June 6.

Co-Parenting Workshop

A workshop series for co-parenting after divorce or separation will be held on March 25 and April 1, from 5:30 - 7 p.m., at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. Learn how to protect your child's well-being by keeping the children out of the middle, allowing children to love both parents, and working on communication and recovery. This workshop costs \$50 (book included) scholarships available. Call 437-8477 to register, ext. 22.

Flume and Isinglass Voting

Young adults in grades 6 - 12 are invited to the Leach Library to vote for their favorite Flume or Isinglass nominated title, starting now and ending at 8 p.m. on

Saturday, March 30. Flume Award titles are books nominated by New Hampshire high school readers. Isinglass Award titles are books nominated by New Hampshire middle school readers. Voting slips are located on the drum table in the young adult area. You may vote for more than one book. For each voting slip handed in, you will be entered into a random drawing for a chance to win a Barnes & Noble gift certificate!

Teen Information for Parenting Success

A weekly support program for young parents ages 13 to 23 will meet every Wednesday, from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. Childcare available. Call 437-8477 to register, ext. 12.

UR Parents

A weekly Resource group for parents, grandparents and caregivers raising teens meets every Thursday, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. Drop ins welcome.

Londonderry Early Education Program

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Bingo

The Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, has Bingo every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. all seniors over 55 are welcome, come and enjoy the fun. Cash prizes, small fee per card. If you want more information call Senior Center at 432-8554.

Women's Writing Group

Derry Women's Creative writing group meets the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at the Derry public Library at 6:30 p.m.

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.

Journey of Hope

Healing through grief and loss due to addiction. Londonderry Senior Center 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. We offer the group on the second and fourth Sundays at 6 - 7:30 p.m. Our mission is to promote healing in the grieving process for those who have lost a loved one through the unique circumstances and chaos of addiction; through education, encouraging support and compassion. Facilitated by: Jim Gamache, Julia Gamache, & Jerry Goncal, Journey-offhopenh@gmail.com

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A support group for widows and widowers meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Manse at Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. When we meet, we walk together our journey of grief. No need to do it alone. If you have any questions, please call 781-866-9976.

Lions Club Meeting

General Lions Club Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m., at Lions Hall, Mammoth Road. We are always welcoming new members to help support our community, so stop in to learn more.

Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support

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

National Model Railroading

Seacoast Division of the National Model Railroad Association is running their Fun Night program.

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Child Find

Free Community Child Find Program for all Londonderry residents ages two half years through five years, eleven months of age who are suspected of having vision or hearing problems or developmental concerns. The Child Find Program will be held at Londonderry early education program (LEEP) Moose Hill School located at 150 Pillsbury Rd., on April 4. we encourage parents of preschoolers to set up an appointment if they have any concerns. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call: Kathy Kelley 437-5855, ext. 7223 between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No Child Will Be Seen Without An Appointment.

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