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Show Stopper

Andrea Cashin had an extremely strong performance as Wednesday Addams during the Londonderry High School Drama Club's Performance of the Addams Family Musical over the weekend at the Derry Opera House. Wednesday's tortured brother Pugsley was played by Betsy Brown. More photos page 10.

Photo by Chris Paul

Police Investigating Suspicious Death of Women on West Road

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

New Hampshire's Attorney General Gordon J. MacDonald, New Hampshire State Police Colonel Christopher J. Wagner and Londonderry Police Chief William R. Hart Jr. announced on Friday, Apr.

5 in a news release that an investigation was opened and is ongoing into the suspicious death of an adult female in Londonderry, New Hampshire.

At first, the state and local law enforcement officials did not release the woman's identity, until her relatives re-

ceived the notice, but a State Police Major Crimes Unit's truck was parked for many hours near a property at 118 West Road in Londonderry and the Londonderry Police was present at the scene as well.

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Superintendent Proposes Full-Day Kindergarten to School Board

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry School District Superintendent, Scott Laliberte, presented an update of the Facilities Study Committee, regarding full-day kindergarten programs in Londonderry during the recent School Board meeting on April 2.

The current Londonderry kindergarten program is a half-day program at Moose Hill School and has morning and afternoon, two hour and 35 minutes sessions. With the addition of 16 minutes to next year's school schedule, thanks

to the Collective Bargaining Agreement that was recently signed with the district's teachers, those sessions will become two hours and 43 minutes long, with the first one running from 8:37 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. and the second one beginning at 12:30 p.m. and lasting until 3:13 p.m.

Economic development in the area, and a growth in state support and interest and enrollment and town competition were presented as "Outside Londonderry" reasons as to why the discussion about full-day kindergarten programs is necessary right now.

New and current residents with young children, who inquire regularly as to the district's position on full-day kindergarten program was one of the "Inside Londonderry" reasons, next to the need to plan ahead, as there will be a significance need for space if the district is to add this kind of program. A Long-term Space Needs study is already underway for that reason.

In 2009, New Hampshire became the 50th state in the country to require a kindergarten program. The current kindergarten curriculum

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E-Poll Machine Certification May Be Two Year Process

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Londonderry election on March 12, 2019, an electronic voter check-in was tested, and deemed very successful, but the ability to implement the new system may be a ways off.

The new check-in process was a pilot test project that the town decided to participate in for the past town election. The report that came out after Election Day was very positive, and showed that the new machines had a good impact on both the voters and the Town Clerk.

The paper-based voter checklist is still the offi-

cial list of all registered voters in Londonderry, and in order to fully utilize the method used in the last town election, the New Hampshire Secretary of State must certify the company that provided the town with the necessary equipment used for the electronic check-in at the polls. This is required before the official paper voter checklist can be eliminated in favor of an electronic version.

The state is currently still in the evaluation phase of this pilot electronic check-in process. During the March 12 Londonderry town election, poll workers still had to check off each voter on the official paper check-

list. The results were then compared to the results from the electronic machines, in order to verify that the results were the same for each method.

The process that will eventually certify the company that provides the machines used for electronic check-in during elections in the State of NH is lengthy and expensive.

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Students at Matthew Thornton Elementary School were invited to enjoy a week focusing on good old fashioned and no-screen fun. The annual Turn Off the Screens week featured a Story Night and Book Swap with the Reading Department, a PE Activity Night in the Gym (See page 9) with the LHS Athletic Leadership Council, a Game Night where they played some classic board games. The final night featured a Beach Party and Dinosaur Book Fair in the Gym and Library. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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Budget Committee Regroups, Talks About Keno Vote

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The Londonderry Budget Committee held its latest meeting on Thursday, March 28 and began by electing new officers. Tim Siekmann was voted in as Chair, after previously serving

as Vice Chair, recently re-elected member Christine Patton as became Vice Chair (previously served as Secretary) and Chad Franz, who was recently elected to a three-year term, became the committee secretary. Also present at the meeting were

former Chair Kirsten Hildonen and Steve Breault, who was recently elected to a one-year term.

Two main topics were discussed in the meeting. The committee members spoke about having the leadership of the town, school department, police

department, fire station and public works in over the course of the next three months (April, May and June) to give the committee an update on the fiscal year 2019 budget, as well as preview the fiscal year 2020 budget.

The second subject was a discussion about a possible invitation of people in town, who will be sponsoring the potential Keno article next year, to come in and educate the Budget Committee members in the reasons why they want to have Keno in the community. The Budget Committee stated that it would like to start work-

ing with those people as early as possible, in order to make sure that the committee has a full understanding of the warrant article this year, before the budget season.

Keno is controlled by the Lottery Commission. It is mostly found in bars (and occasionally in restaurants), as only businesses that hold an active liquor pouring licenses are allowed to operate a Keno lottery machine. The unofficial results of the March 12 elections in Londonderry showed an eight-vote win for Article 27 that asked for residents' support in bringing

keno to town. But a few days later, as the official results came in, it was announced that Article 27 failed by 32 votes (1,349 No, 1,317 Yes).

Kevin Smith explained this change on the Mar. 18 Town Council and said that the error occurred due to one of the voting machines producing incorrect vote numbers into the spreadsheet. A request for a recount was quickly submitted by Article 27 supporters, but the Mar. 25 recount showed almost similar results to the official results (1,345 No, 1,314 Yes) and the Article officially failed.

Local YMCA Holds Fundraising Event

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Castleton Banquet and Conference Center in Windham was buzzing on Thursday, Apr. 4, as the YMCA of Greater Londonderry held its Annual Tasting and Benefit Auction. The money raised in the annual event is used to support the YMCA's financial needs and allows the organization to offer free services and programs, such as workshops for parents and teen services. This year, 100 percent of the proceeds from the event benefit the YMCA's Reach Out for Youth and Families Annual Campaign, which helps support the Membership for All Programs, as well as camp and childcare scholarships.

Between 200 and 250 people attended this year's event and had the opportunity to enjoy and taste some of the area's best cuisine and drinks, as 13 food vendors and 15 wine and beverage vendors supported the event and offered different tastings, from all kinds of meet, to desserts and freshly brewed beers.

The YMCA of Greater Londonderry's Executive Director, Lisa Fitzgerald,

said: "This event has been going on beyond my 11 years with the Y. We started at raising \$25,000 and this year, our goal is \$60,000. We have successfully succeeded our goal every year and our hope is to do the same this year. We are so happy to support the community needs and this event helps us to continue service our community". Ms. Fitzgerald could not yet tell the Londonderry Times what amount was eventually raised in the event, but encouraged anyone who still wants to donate to the YMCA of Greater Londonderry to do that through the official website.

Nick Therrien, the Advisory Board Chair of the YMCA of Greater Londonderry, thanked all of the event's supporters and part of his message on the official program was: "The YMCA of Greater Londonderry builds a healthy spirit, mind and body in individuals and families by instilling the values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility through our practices and programs. Last year we provided financial assistance to over 700 youth, individual and families to ensure

our YMCA is a welcoming place for everyone in the communities we serve".

The event was named Calling All Heroes and the organizers were all wearing capes and masks. Other than the food and drinks, there was a silent auction in four different tables, with a variety of items, from 1/2 hour Massage to some beautiful paintings and sports memorabilia and all the way to fancy cookouts and dinner, and a condo in Lahaina Maui Hawaii.

The majority of the participating food and beverage vendors were from either Londonderry or Derry. Jason Knight, from the Long Blue Cat Brewing of Londonderry, had a very popular stand and served different samples of his brewery's beer: "This is our second event here. All of us went to the Y when we were younger and we like giving back to the Boys Club and the YMCA because they are both good for the community. The secondary thing part of it is the chance to expose yourself to some people who haven't tried you before. Last year no one really knew us. Now, most of the people that are here already came to our place and tasted our beers".

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Editorial

An Important Note to Our Readers

On Monday, April 8, our office at the Londonderry Times got an extremely disappointing phone call telling us that the Londonderry Times will no longer be the paper of record for the town of Londonderry after almost 20 years of dedication to the town.

We were informed that the "out of state owned" rival paper "The Derry News" who's parent company, is Raycom Media Inc., based out of Montgomery, Alabama, will be doing it from now on, and they will be receiving all of the town's legal notices.

From our perspective, this was done in a way that had a blatant disregard for supporting a local business, and a local family, with nearly 20 years of bringing residents their community news. resident in town for 24 years.

With the Londonderry Times no longer running any of the town's legal notices, we also feel this is a slap in the face to the residents of the town. Because, despite their claims, not everyone receives the Derry News.

But maybe that was the real intention here, the town says they want to keep people informed, but is that really true?

Deb Paul, the publisher of the Londonderry Times was told the decision was made because they were cheaper, but was never given the opportunity to counter, or respond to a RFP.

The council has stated many times that cheaper is not always better, except, we guess, when it comes to getting information out to the folks of Londonderry it would seem.

During a phone call with town manager Kevin Smith on Monday Smith said it was "his choice" and that and that the Derry News was 10% cheaper when he showed them our prices.

Paul then asked why he didn't show the respect she felt was warranted as a longtime business partner to the town, to provide a phone call to ask if we would match what they offered. To that, he had no response.

She then asked Mr. Smith why are you not supporting a local business he said "It is only a paper." Smith went on to say "We may not stay with them, and some day, they may use the Times again"

She asked more questions, and received no answers, then was hung up on when trying to get clarification on his quotes.

It should also be noted that Sherry Farrell, our town clerk, who is married to the John Farrell the chair of the Town Council, writes for the Derry News.

We also hope that this it is not in retaliation for Deb Paul running for Town Council against Farrell, this past March.

We would like to think people are not that so shallow.

Letters

Israel: A Strategic Ally

To the editor,

People who claim to be anti-Israel and who support boycotting Israeli products, divestments from Israeli companies, and sanctions are actually Jew Haters who cloak their true hatred in anti-Israel rhetoric. In the Middle East the Muslim countries want to destroy Israel because it is a democratic country in a sea of totalitarian Muslim countries. The Muslim countries hate Israel because it is a Jewish country, and it is all about religion in the Middle East. There is jealousy of the high standard of living in Israel and all of the Israeli accomplishments in science, engineering, medical technology, education, agriculture, business, and military prowess.

The United States values its close relationship

with Israel, a strategic ally, because we share similar values and strategic interests; and Israel serves as a buffer in the Middle East. Unfortunately, two Muslim congresswomen from Minnesota and Michigan are apparently on record opposing Israel's right to exist, and they have expressed typical anti-Jewish views which parrot the Jew Haters in the world. They are un-American.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry

Please pick up after your pets.

To the editor,

Spring has sprung and the Londonderry Rail Trail is clear. I have missed walking my dog on this beautiful stretch of trails. What I do not understand is how any responsible dog owner can take the time to

carry disposal bags and clean up after their dogs and then leave those same bags on the side of the trail. I went for a walk a few days ago and was so disgusted, that I picked up a plastic grocery bag, also was left on the side of the trail, and picked up over 20 bags of dog feces just between the exit 5 bus station and Dunkin Donuts. This doesn't even count the ones I couldn't pick up because they had been thrown into the bushes. It would be better to leave the refuse open to the elements where they can at least decompose. Inside the bags they take forever to decompose. I am proud of Londonderry and the beautiful trails we have but I am embarrassed for the laziness of some dog owners.

Linda Stebbins
Londonderry

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Full-Day Kindergarten

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in Londonderry focuses on Emergent Literacy and Numeracy, with a play-based component.

The challenge to the program is the developmental and academic range of abilities at which the local students enter the kindergarten program.

Another challenge is the national and state curriculum shifts.

Laliberte presented some of the full-day program's advantages and disadvantages to a half-day program. Some of the advantages would be a higher achievement for students that come from low-income families, higher reading scores in early grades and more time for individual

instruction, independent reading, free play and socialization and interaction with children and adults, as well as access to breakfast and lunch.

On the other hand, the full-day program critiques claim that it gives less time for informal learning, focuses less on learn-by-doing, has no long-term academic benefits and causes separation anxiety, while increasing fatigue, irritability and aggression among the children.

The committee's study found that the current Moose Hill building would not be able to accommodate a full-day program. The needed changes in order to allow that would be the addition of a lunch room and

kitchen facilities; an indoor activity space (Such as a multipurpose room, a gym, etc.); the hiring of "Specialists", as classroom teachers require prep and lunch; A Dedicated Library Media Center space that would free up a classroom and provide a long-term solution.

Mr. Laliberte ended the presentation by giving the School Board members matters of discussion going forward. Is the district interested in pursuing any further research regarding a change to the current kindergarten structure and if so are there specific models that are of interest and what information can the administrators provide to inform the discussion.

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Londonderry Police Officer Charged in Fatal Car Crash

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

T Tyler Berry, a Londonderry Police officer, was arrested on Saturday, April 6, at the Catholic Medical Center and charged with Felony Aggravated Driving under the Influence of Alcohol after an alleged DUI car crash killed 21-year-old Sierra Croteau, of Manchester.

According to the New Hampshire State Police press release, on Friday, April 5, at approximately 11:30 p.m., the Amherst Police Department responded to a serious motor vehicle collision on Route 101. Based upon the police initial investigation, a pick-up truck, driven by Berry, was traveling westbound when it crossed the yellow center

line and struck Croteau's car, head-on, as it was traveling eastbound.

Berry, 27, of Amherst, was off-duty at the time of the fatal crash. He sustained serious bodily injuries and was taken to the Manchester hospital, where he was eventually arrested and charged.

Croteau sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced dead on the

scene.

State Police added that due to the seriousness of the crash, Amherst Police Department requested that the New Hampshire State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction (C.A.R.) Unit respond. The unit was assisted on the scene by Amherst Police Department, as well as by Troopers from the Troop B Barracks, Amherst Fire/EMS and Bedford Police Department. Due to the collision, Route 101 in the area of Manchester Road was closed for approximately five hours.

Police also said that at this time, it appears that impairment was a factor in the crash. However, all aspects remain under

investigation and anyone that may have further information related to the collision or who witnessed it is encouraged to contact Trooper First Class Bryan Plamondon, the investigator of this collision, at 603-223-8677 or email him at Bryan.Plamondon@dos.nh.gov.

On Saturday, Londonderry Police Department released a statement: "The Town of Londonderry and the Londonderry Police Department have been informed of the tragic events which unfolded last night in Amherst, New Hampshire involving Sierra Croteau and Londonderry Patrol Officer Tyler Berry. First and foremost, we send our heartfelt thoughts and prayers

to the family and friends of Sierra Croteau. It is our understanding that Tyler Berry has been arrested and charged in connection with this matter. As his employer, we will cooperate fully with the investigation and take appropriate action when more facts are known."

When approached by the Londonderry Times on Monday (Apr. 8) night, before the newspaper went to print, Sargent Christopher Olson from the Londonderry Police Department said that the State Police is still investigating the case and that the Londonderry Police Department cannot provide any further updates at the moment.

E-Poll

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sive. The initial vendor investigated by the New Hampshire Secretary of State regarding the certification process of the E-poll registration book informed the State that it would cost \$250,000 for the certification. Since then, the price was lowered to \$50,000, but that amount is still much higher than what other states have paid for a similar certification of the E-poll voter registration lists. Other States have indicated the cost for the certification is anywhere from free to \$10,000. In a small state like New Hampshire, where the different communities will not need many voting machines from the vendor, the profit margin is too small for the vendor to make such an investment. Until the State can agree on a price for the certification of the E-poll voter registration

lists, the process is on hold. Londonderry may have to go back to the official paper voter registration books with ballot clerks crossing off names in the books with a ruler.

Kevin Smith, Town Manager, informed the Town Council, at their meeting held on April 1, that the feedback regarding the use of the E-polling equipment was very positive. The overall recommendation was to pursue certification.

Now the company that supplied the town with this equipment must design it's business plan on how to proceed through the certification process with the State of New Hampshire. Smith explained that a town like Londonderry would only need to buy about half a dozen E poll registration books and half a dozen of the printers that provide the paper copy for all the results. The combined cost of each E poll voter

registration book and printer is roughly \$1,500. The total cost to meet the needs of the town is not nearly enough to justify the cost of the certification, as long as it stays at \$50,000.

The New Hampshire Secretary of State office recently decided on another company to certify E-Poll books. However, because of the cost issue and the fact that more pilots programs using this method must be completed, the entire certification process might take as long as two years. Unfortunately, even though the voting process was quick and smooth at the March 12th election, it is likely the old alphabetical voting system will be in place for the 2020 Presidential Elections. The town announced that this situation is unacceptable and they are investigating other solutions.

Women's Death

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news release, the woman was identified as 41-year-old Maureen Argie. Police involvement in this case began, according to the news release, when in the evening of Thursday, Apr. 4, officers from the Londonderry Police Department conducted a welfare check at a residence on 118 West Road and found Ms. Argie inside the house, and classified it as a suspicious death.

An autopsy on Ms. Argie's body was conducted the next day, on Friday, April 5, by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, but the results were inconclusive and the cause and manner of Ms. Argie's death are pending further studies and investigation, according to the Attorney General's statement.

As the investigation on this death case is active and ongoing, officials asked anyone who may

have information to contact Detective Sergeant Justin Rowe of the New Hampshire State Police at 603-223-4381 or email him at Justin.rowe@dos.nh.gov.

Online records show that Ms. Argie moved to 118 West Road, Londonderry from Salem on Dec. 18, 2006. She was married to William Argie, 46, who is listed as a physician assistant. It was confirmed that Ms. Argie was an office volunteer at the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry, who's office is in Londonderry.

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LHS Robotics Team Qualify for New England Competition

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The PVC Pirates, Londonderry High School's Robotics team, will be competing in this year's New England District Championships that are scheduled to take place at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass. between April 10 and April 13.

The Pirates participated in their second competition of the year over the weekend, March 29 to March 31, in the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) New England District event at the University of New Hampshire. The team had a successful competition, where they were the recipient of a prestigious award, and when it was all said and done, they secured a ticket to the major regional tournament, where they will be competing next to the other 63 best teams in New England.

The team's robot performed very well at the UNH event, leading the Pirates to an 11th place finish in the qualification rounds. The team had 12 matches in the qualification round and won seven of them, including five of

the last six. The next day, the Londonderry-based team was selected as the playoff alliance partner by the number four seed. In the qualification rounds, alliances are random and in the playoff, teams can select, after doing their scouting, other teams that will compete next to them.

With their partner team (The PowerKnights from Manchester) and the third team that joined their playoff alliance (The Blue Devils from Salem), the Pirates were able to win both quarter final matches, after losing in the same round at the Southern New Hampshire event, which was held at the Bedford High School gym between Mar. 15 and Mar. 17.

In the UNH semifinals, Londonderry's team and its alliance lost in two matches to an alliance of teams from Alton (Big Bad Bob), Bedford (Red Storm) and Randolph Center, Vermont (Robovines), who, in its turn, lost in the finals 2-1. The Pirates current rank in the New England District is 24th, out of 202 teams. They finished their weekend in Durham with 49 total points: 16 for the qualification round ach-



The Londonderry High School's Robotics team, PVC Pirates, competed in the New England District Championships and took home the Chairman's Award. Courtesy photo

ievements, 13 for the alliance, ten for their playoff performance and ten more for the award they received.

The award the team received was the FIRST Chairman's Award, considered the most prestigious award a FIRST team can win. It honors teams

that are a model for other teams to emulate and best embody the mission of FIRST by transforming the culture to inspire greater interest in science and technology, and encourage more of today's youth to become science and technology leaders.

The 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. The team was formed in 2003 and its students build the robot almost entirely in-house, from welding to electrical and machining to programming. The team's lead mentors are Kenny Kutney, Brendan McLeod and Pat Pettengill.



Egg Hunt

Hundreds of area children will take to the Londonderry High School Track on Saturday for the annual Easter Family Fun Day. The fun begins at the LHS Gym, on Sat. April 13, from 9 a.m. - noon. Children ages 12 and under are admitted free of charge to the event, although a donation to the hosts, Class of 2020, is welcome. There will be crafts, raffles, face painting, and games. Visit with the Easter Bunny for \$3 bring your own camera. Easter egg hunt starts at 11:30 a.m., on the LHS track field rain or shine, there is a separate patch for the little bunnies. Bring your own basket. *Photo by Chris Paul*

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Concerts on the Common Shows Recently Announced

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

This year's performers of the summer's annual Concerts on the Common series were announced recently by the Londonderry Arts Council.

With the exception of the first show, all con-

certs will be held on Wednesday night's in a span of two and a half months over the summer. The concerts will begin at 7 p.m. and last for about 90 minutes. The concerts, as the name of the program suggest, will be held on the Londonderry Com-

mon, which is located at the corner of Mammoth Rd. and Pillsbury Rd., unless inclement weather forces the show indoors.

The annual program has been a local tradition since its inaugural year back in 2002. Each week, a different band, usually a local band, takes the stage and the public is invited to arrive with their lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a variety of musical styles as a community. Refreshments are sold on location and the benefits go to the Londonderry High School Math Team. The performances are free and in case of rain, the concerts usually relocate to the nearby Matthew Thornton Elementary School on Mammoth Rd.

The Londonderry High School Music Showcase, featuring Jazz Lab, Rock Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble Groups will open this year's program with a Monday, June 3 performance. This will be the last concert for the Lancer band seniors. In case of bad weather, this concert will be moved to the Londonderry High School cafeteria.

On Wednesday, June 12, the Windham Swing Band will be performing. The band was part of Concerts on the Common in previous years and its music is a chance to trav-



The always-popular Beatles Cover Band – HELP! will be performing once again at the Concerts on the Common music series.

el back in time, to the days of top hats and tuxs.

The Brian Maes Band will be the next band, on Wednesday, June 19. The band features former members of RTZ, Peter Wolf's Houseparty 5 and Ernie and the Automatics and toured with the biggest bands in the world. They are presently touring throughout New England in support of their critically acclaimed new CD, Collateral Damage."

On June 26, The Delta Generators featuring Brian Templeton will perform. This will be the third straight year for the band in the Concerts on the Common series.

The next week, July 3, there will not be a concert because of the Fourth of July holiday.

Performances will resume the following Wednesday, July 10, with the

Bruce Marshall Group, who has also been part of the event on several occasions. The band plays Blues, R&B, Rock and Southern Boogie.

Amity Drive will perform on July 17. The band was formed last year, has six members and plays original songs, as well as covers for country, rock and pop songs.

All Summer Long, one of New England's premiere Beach Boys cover bands, will take the crowd back to the 1960s' on July 24.

High South, a Nashville-based band with impressive three-part harmonies, is scheduled for July 31.

On Aug. 7, the very popular Beatles Cover band HELP! will return to the common stage with the last concert of the 2019 series. One of HELP!'s members, Paul Lussier, is a Londonderry resident and it will be the fourth time the band has performed in the event.

This year, on Aug. 14, there will be a bonus concert by Foreigners Journey, a special concert that was arranged by the Old Home Day committee and will kick off the festivities of Londonderry's main event for the Nutfield 300th celebrations and the 120th year of the Old Home Day.

OBITUARY

MalVina A. Toomy



MalVina A. Toomy, 89, of Londonderry, NH, died Monday April 8, 2019 in Elliot Hospital in Manchester, NH. She was born in Stoneham, MA on November 16, 1929, a daughter of the late John and Mary (Sweeney) Ainslie. She had been a resident of Londonderry for the past 17 years, formerly living in Reading, MA and Stoneham. MalVina was a graduate of the Girls Catholic High School in Malden, MA. She had been employed as a collection manager for Suburban Real Estate News. MalVina loved ballroom dancing, was a great cook, and loved to entertain and be with her family.

She is survived by her children, John S. Toomy and wife Gay of Hudson, MA, Mark C. Toomy of Northboro, MA, Michael J. Toomy and wife Leslie of Londonderry, and Kathleen Bedell and husband Larry of Londonderry; 14 grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and her sister-in-law, Carolyn Ainslie of Syracuse, NY. She was predeceased by her husband, James Toomy in 1983, her daughter, Maryanne Toomy, and her brother, Jack Ainslie.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, April 11 from 5 - 7 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mark's Parish, One South Rd., Londonderry. The burial will follow in Lindenwood Cemetery, Stoneham, MA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01710 in memory of her husband James Toomy. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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William Van Bennekum Announced as New Middle School Principal

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Tuesday, April 2, meeting of the Londonderry School Board, it was announced that there had been an appointment made for the position of principal at the Londonderry Middle School.

William Van Bennekum will be replacing the retiring Principal, Richard Zacchilli starting July 1.

The School Board accepted the retirement letter from Mr. Zacchilli earlier this year. He has spent 39 years as a teacher and administrator in the New Hampshire schools and has been with the Londonderry School District for over of them.

Van Bennekum attended the latest School Board meeting, where he led the Pledge of Allegiance, before being officially announced as the successor. Mr. Van Bennekum then addressed the School Board members and said: "I start by saying thank you. It was nice getting to meet some of the board members, getting to know a little about you and sharing some experiences that I have had. It is my privilege to serve the community. I look at it that way. I serve

the families, the children and the staff at the middle school."

Van Bennekum also told the board members and people in presence about his meeting with Mr. Zacchilli, "I am obviously following a very popular professor. He and I had the chance to talk and. When I went to visit the school, I knew that there is a lot of camaraderie between principals a lot of times. You find a lot of common grounds. I think the transition will be good, it should be very smooth. He and I hope to connect throughout the course of the year and maybe in some of the events at the end of the year at the school and particularly when the fifth graders come up. It will be a nice time to come and maybe join a staff meeting. We will try to do as much as we can to make the transition as smooth as possible for the staff and the families. I am very excited to be a part of the Londonderry School District and look forward to what is ahead of us and along the way, please do not hesitate to reach out to me if there are things that are coming up that I need to know or that you feel are valuable as I make this move. I appreciate your



William Van Bennekum will be replacing retiring Londonderry Middle School Principal Richard Zacchilli next year. Courtesy photo

support."

Londonderry's new middle school principal currently serves as principal of Holderness Central School, in New Hampshire, where he has been working for the past 12 years. He began his teaching career in Chesapeake, VA, where he was a sixth grade teacher before becoming an Assistant Principal.

He graduated from Old Dominion University and last year, started a Ph.D.

program in Leadership, Learning and Community at Plymouth State University. According to the Londonderry School District press release, Mr. Van Bennekum Distinguished himself amongst a highly competitive field of 27 applicants.

Mr. Zacchilli later gave the board members an update about the upcoming eighth graders 21st annual trip to Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and Virginia. The middle

schoolers will leave Londonderry on Monday, Apr. 15, with seven buses and head to Philadelphia first, where they will make stops at Independence Hall, Liberty Bell and Congress Hall. After touring the nation's capital, they would be returning late Thursday night (Apr. 18) to Londonderry from Arlington National Cemetery, where they will pay tribute to two local fallen soldiers from and hold a brief ceremony, organized

by the school's staff. 275 students (83 percent of the eighth graders) and 31 chaperons will make the trip this year and the students that will stay in Londonderry, some did not wish to join the trip and some did not meet behavioral or academic requirements, will be touring the New Hampshire State Capital and the New Hampshire Veteran State Cemetery instead.

OBITUARY

Sean O'Connell

Sean "Beana" O'Connell, 54 of Candia NH passed away unexpectedly on April 7, 2019. He grew up in Londonderry NH and graduated with the class of 1983. He worked at Tri-State Sprinkler of Londonderry alongside lifelong friends.

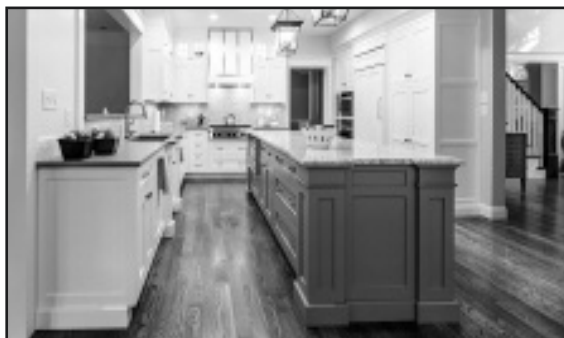
Sean was always the life of every party. He had countless lifelong friendships that he cherished. He enjoyed all sports, especially hockey and golf. He loved golfing with his son Kevin and his Holy Grail Tournament friends. His daughter shared both his name and birthday.

He loved simply hanging out playing cards or horseshoes with friends and family. He was a loving and dedicated father. He is son to the late Marianne O'Connell (Bedrosian) of Watertown, MA, and Alfred O'Connell of Nashua, NH. He leaves behind his wife Heidi O'Connell, son Kevin O'Connell and daughter Shauna O'Connell, all of Candia, NH.

He also leaves behind his brothers and sisters: Kellie Cadieux, Barry O'Connell, Mark O'Connell, Brian O'Connell, Bridget Edson and her husband Patrick, and Patrick O'Connell and his wife April and nephews Nick Cadieux and Trevor Hanson.

He was a shining light to all that knew him. We are saddened his light dimmed so soon. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held at Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, Thursday April 11, from 3 - 6 p.m. Immediately following will be a Celebration of life at the Backyard Brewery, 1211 S Mammoth Rd., Manchester, in the Reserved room. There will be light refreshments available. For more information or to post a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com and for directions to our Londonderry location please look under the 'Directions Tab on the website.



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Students at Matthew Thornton Elementary School were invited to enjoy a week focusing on good old fashioned and no-screen fun. The annual Turn Off the Screens week featured a Story Night and Book Swap with the Reading Department, a PE Activity Night in the Gym with the Londonderry High School Athletic Leadership Council, a Game Night where they played some classic board games. The final night featured a Beach Party and Dinosaur Book Fair in the Gym and Library. (See photos page 2)

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Addams Family Musical Fills Derry Opera House at Saturday Show



The Londonderry High School Drama Club presented the Addams Family Musical last weekend, and capped the four performances with a sold out show on Saturday evening. The Addams family cast included: Noah Payeur as Gomez; Abigail Palmer played Morticia; Timmy Costello was a wonderful Uncle Fester; Wednesday was played by Andrea Cashin; Pugsley was played by Betsy Brown; Grandma was Lexi Nimetz and Lurch was played by Connor Fongellaz. The Beineke family was played by Paige Boyon, Michael Crowley and Andrew Johnson. The musical's director and choreographer was Valerie Psinos Nelson; the orchestra director was Joesph Mundy and the choral director was Danielle Loschiavo.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

LHS Track and Field Team Aiming for a Top Five Finish

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With a home meet at the Larry Martin Track, the Londonderry High School Boys Varsity Track and Field team opened its outdoor season this Tuesday, April 9 in the bitter cold and snow.

In that meet, Lancer athletes competed with two other schools: Salem High School and Timberlane Regional High School. The results of that meet were released after the Londonderry Times went to press.

Londonderry is scheduled to host a second straight home meet on Tuesday (Apr. 16), this time against the visiting teams of Dover High School and Winnacunnet High School, before competing at the Nashua North High School Invitational, four days later, on Saturday, Apr. 20.

The next challenges for the Londonderry High School team will take place during May. On May 7, the Lancers host Manchester Central High School and Spaulding

High School for another home meet and two days later, they will be traveling to Merrimack, to participate in the Merrimack Track Invitational at the local high school. They will close their season with an away meet in Exeter High School, against the local team and their rivals and reigning champions, Pinkerton Academy on May 14 and the biggest event of the regular season for them, the Londonderry Track Invitational, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, at 10 a.m. After that, the top athletes will go on to compete for a state title on May 24 (The competition will take place at the University of New Hampshire this year), the Meet of Champions, on Jun. 1 (also at UNH) and the New England Championship, on Jun. 8 (Location yet to be announced).

The Londonderry High School Boys team finished in the ninth place at the Indoor Track and Field State Meet, which was held on Super Bowl Sunday on February at Dartmouth. The Lancers

had one State Champion in Patrick Hagearty, who dominated the Shot-Put event throughout the indoor season. Hagearty is competing in Discus Throwing in this outdoor season. The Londonderry High School 4X800 Relay runners, Kerry Daley, Kyle Hoglund, Matthew Griffin and William Heenan, also had a great competition in the State Meet, where they finished in the fourth spot. Justin Cassidy took the sixth place in the 300 Meter Dash.

Coach Matthew Smith shared that 53 kids will be part of this year's outdoor season roster, a higher number than what he was expecting before the season. Smith and his team aim for a top five finish at this season's Division I State Meet: "Some of our guys are going to be competing for individual titles and we think we will be right up there at the end of the season," he says.

Smith is looking forward to the Londonderry Invitational, "This year will feature some great teams from Southern New Hampshire. It always pro-



Londonderry Runners in the 100-yard dash competed against Salem and Timberlane Regional High Schools in a cold rainy/snowy Tuesday afternoon, April 9. Photo by Chris Paul

duces great performances and is a nice tune up for the Division Championships the following weekend".

The Boys' 2019 roster: Khalique Bagley, Justin Cassidy, Zachary Chau, James Fitzgibbons, Ian Goodspeed, Patrick

Hagearty, Kyle Hoglund, Jake Holland, Brian LeClair, Carter Letalien, Eric Nowak, Benjamin Palum-
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Lancer Boys Lax Squad Itching to Get the Season Started

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

April showers may bring May flowers, but they also bring spring game cancelations. Londonderry High School Boys' Varsity Lacrosse team was ready to open its new season on Tuesday, Apr. 9, with a road game in Concord, but a few rainy hours made that field too muddy and the game had to be postponed. Instead, Londonderry's season will begin at home, this Friday (Apr. 12), with a 4 p.m. game against Bedford.

The Lancers played five scrimmages prior to the season, against Cape Elizabeth, Winnacunnet, Hopkinton, Derryfield and last Saturday, Yarmouth High School from Maine. They won three of the games and had a draw and a loss, while playing many young players: "We were getting looks at kids and they are developing nicely", said coach Roger Sampson during the team's practice on Monday. "We still have some things to work on, so we are fortunate to get this little break. It gives us more time".

However, Sampson knows that his players were ready to go: "They were all bummed out when the first games got canceled. We have been

practicing since March 18 and wanted to play. It was beautiful yesterday and then today we got this rain all day. But that is alright, we will get our games in and it is going to be interesting to see how this season plays out."

Last year, Londonderry returned to the state's Final-Four after four years of absence. The Lancers finished with a 13-7 record in the regular season, before losing to eventual runner-ups in the tournament, Bishop Guertin. "I think this is going to be a competitive season," believes Sampson. "Possibly 10 of the 14 Division I teams are pretty competitive, with a lot of guys who improved. Souhegan, Hanover, Exeter with their goaltender. Pinkerton and BG are who they are and they always reload. We have never been on a championship field and our goal is to get there. That is all I tell my players. We had a great run last year for a team that was not expected to do anything."

After almost a month of preparations, Sampson knows his team's strengths as well as the spots that still need improvement: "I am impressed by our offense and defense. Our specials still need some help, but we will get that dialed in. I

have a solid group of hard chargers, a good mix of seniors and underclassmen. We have an opportunity to develop those underclassmen and give them a good experience. Our goaltending is outstanding. All in all, we are where we are supposed to be and at this point, you got to go out there and execute. As the coaching staff, we got to make sure that we are looking at all the details. Our focus right now is to fix the little things and if we can do that, we will be in great shape to start the season."

One of the team's captains is Anthony Federico, who just finished a great season on the Varsity Ice Hockey team, "We expect to get to get back to the Final Four, even go to the Championship game," he says. "We know we can get there now. We have done it before. It is definitely going to be tough with the teams in front of us, but we can do anything, especially with the kids that are coming up. We have a good group of young kids. They are hungry and want to play with the seniors together, for the Championship. With all the support from our coaches, there are no excuses. We should be on the top tier of teams. Everyone expects this from us, and we do too."



Londonderry's season opener was postponed. The Lancers host Bedford on Friday for their home opener

We hold ourselves accountable and we will be ready, no matter what, whether the game is tomorrow or any other time."

Senior Derek Felix added, "We lost a couple

of players, but we are building with what we have and can be a serious competitor this year if we just keep our heads up." and senior Blake Melnik already marked two games on his team's schedule: "Easily, Pinkerton and Bishop Guertin. Pinkerton, being our number one rival, and Bishop Guertin is up there too. We really want to take it to them this year and get a win against them."

Noelle Lambert Starts New Season at UMASS Lowell Lacrosse Team

Noelle Lambert continues to amaze. The Londonderry native, who was a three-sport athlete, played varsity soccer, basketball and lacrosse for the Londonderry High School teams. She lost her left leg in the first year of college when her moped collided with a dump truck in Martha's Vineyard, on July 2016.

That day, a long process began for Lambert, who never gave up until eventually, using a prosthetic leg, she made her comeback and rejoined the UMass Lowell River Hawks' Women Lacrosse team. The team's season started two

months ago and out of the first 13 games, Lambert, now a senior, participated in four: a 12-14 loss at Fresno State on Feb. 10, a 15-5 home win over Holy Cross on Feb. 27, a 15-8 win over Merrimack on Mar. 5 and five days later, a 17-3 loss at Wagner College in New York City.

Her final home game will be played this Saturday, April 13, during UMass Lowell's Senior Day, when the River Hawks will host the University of Vermont. But that was not the only big moment for Lambert this month. On April 1, the foundation she founded after the accident, the Born to Run Foundation,

made its second donation.

A little over three months after presenting three-year-old Isaak Depelteau, from Amherst, NH, with an athletic prosthesis, Lambert's foundation donated a new waterproof prosthetic to the 24-year-old Emma Graham in a ceremony held at the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital: "With her new waterproof prosthetic, it will surely make life easier for this amazing young woman!", said the announcement on the Born to Run Foundation website. "We are incredibly grateful to help her and be a part of her journey."



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Basketball State Champ Reflects on Decision to Go to BG

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Last month, the Bishop Guertin High School Girls' Varsity Basketball team was crowned New Hampshire Division I State Champions. The Cardinals beat a surprising Portsmouth team in the finals, held at the Southern New Hampshire University arena, 46-33, to claim their fourth state title in a row.

For the past three years, Bri Wilcox has been a part of this title-winning team. Wilcox, a junior who scored 10 points and had three assists and three rebounds in that final, was born and raised in Londonderry, but decided to attend Bishop Guertin for High School and no, she does not regret that decision at all, "I went to Matthew Thornton for elementary school and then Londonderry Middle School, before going to BG", she tells the Londonderry Times in an interview, "A lot of my friends keep asking me to go back and play for Londonderry High School. I get asked about that every game and I do love coach Nick Theos. He is really a great guy. But I don't regret anything."

Wilcox grew up in one household with her mother, aunt, little brother, cousin, grandfather and grandmother, which she says is her role model, "She pays for everything I do, including my tuition. She is always there, push-

ing me and pushing me. She always has my back, no matter what I do. Everybody already knows her as Nana Wilcox."

Wilcox plays as guard or forward and loves Michael Jordan, "Whenever I think of basketball, I always think of him. That is my number and that is what I represent. I hope to hold the same rank and have the same memorable moments as he did." Her basketball career started in preschool and she joined travel league around third grade, before moving to AAU Basketball, where she played in Derry for the Lady Spartans and the Lady Saints: "My AAU coach, Dave Constant, has my heart. I can't say how much I owe him."

After not playing in eighth grade, Wilcox was contacted by Brad Kreick, Bishop Guertin's coach, "He said that I am a strong player and that I should come to the school and check the program. Just have a walk through BG and if I don't like it, he will not push me to do anything." She liked it. "I was kind of following my grandmother's footsteps. She went to a catholic school growing up and loved it a lot. Everyone from my family, including my mom, had gone to Londonderry High School, so it was a nice change, to go and try something different. And I am not even catholic, but Bishop Guertin has been a lot of fun and very interesting experience."

Wilcox confesses that

she was not very sure in the beginning, "I got there, to BG, and I did not know how I will get along with everyone else. But after my freshman year, we really connected and built good chemistry between us. It was definitely nerve-racking to join a team that just won the championship. I don't know if I was totally ready to go into the team. I was extremely nervous as a freshman and tore my hamstring right before my first season there started. So I played major minutes on the Junior Varsity team and here and there, got to play the last 30 seconds of a Varsity game."

Things quickly changed on Wilcox's sophomore season: "I put a lot of work in my game before that year and became the team's Sixth Man and sometimes, a starter." That year ended with Wilcox winning her second title, the one she personally enjoyed the most so far, "Because I was very close to the one senior we had. In the last few seconds of a title game, you think to yourself 'this is really happening again' and your heart just starts pounding. Emotions rise up and there are happy tears all over the place. It just shows how close we all are, like a family."

Now, as often happens with high school teams, Bishop Guertin is facing big changes as two starters left and reclassified at St. Andrew's Prep School, "It just gives more opportunities for

others to step up", believes Wilcox, "I think it is going to be a great year. New girls will get more playing time in the spotlight and we have a group that always keeps fighting."

Wilcox says that she hopes to go to a nice college, study either Marine Biology or Sports Biology, and then something with Math, which she really loves. She wants to play Division I basketball, but "Division II works for me too, because I love to have some free time and if you play Division I, you are attached to the game, no matter what. But I can't wait to go to college and see what life has to bring me. I hope to play after college too. My dream, like every other girl, is to play in the WNBA. People don't always look at girls' basketball as they should."



Bri Wilcox has played in three Division I winning Bishop Guertin Basketball teams.

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LHS Girls Tennis Team Wins Big in Season's First Match

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Varsity Tennis team opened its 2019 campaign on a high note Friday, April 5, with a lopsided 8-1 victory in an away meeting against Nashua North High School.

The experienced Lady Lancers group coached by Betty Wong-Mak have big expectations this sea-

son, and at least their first test was a successful one. Senior Mary Nicoli opened the meeting with a decisive 8-2 win in her match against Nashua's Brooke Bokhit and fellow senior Rachel Cook beat Michelyn Odei 8-1, to double the Lady Lancers' lead.

Ashley Young gave the home team its only victory of the meet, when she was able to win her match

against Londonderry's senior Sydney Martin, eight games to six. But the Lancers quickly recovered. Senior Amanda Wells had a tough match against Ashley Loh, but came out with an 8-4 win. The fifth game of the day saw senior Emily Hatem beat Gabrielle Laterriere eight games to three and in the final singles match, Londonderry's senior Melanie Methot got a sim-

ilar victory over Anjali Tummala.

With a 5-1 overall result, Londonderry already won the meeting before the doubles matches even began, but they were still able to remain focused and add three more wins to its tally. The most dramatic game of the day was the first doubles match, where Nicoli and Cook needed extra games to get a 9-7 win

over Bokhit and Laterriere. Then, Martin and Wells won their match against Odei and Loh, eight games to three. In the final match of the day, between Hatem and Methot against Loh and Tummala, was eventually forfeited by the home team and the meeting ended in an 8-1 result.

The Londonderry Girls' team's next match was on Wednesday, April

10, at Manchester Memorial High School, after the Londonderry Times went to print. The Lady Lancers will play their home opener of the 2019 season on Friday, April 12, against Spaulding High School at the The Skip Burbine Tennis Courts at the Londonderry Athletic Fields Association.

Beloved Boys Tennis Coach Passed Away as Season Begins

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Ms. Janice Norwesh, who coached Londonderry High School Boys' Varsity Tennis team for the past four years, sadly passed away on Tuesday, April 9. Janice lived in Bedford with her husband Ed, and three children.

In a statement, Londonderry School District Athletic Director, Mr. Howard Sobolov, said, "We were very fortunate to find her when we did. The previous coach who worked here for over 20



Janice Norwesh,

years retired and we were without a boys' tennis coach. Janice took on the

challenge of rebuilding the boys' tennis program with great enthusiasm and an incredible positive personality. She had a well thought out plan, she trained the boys hard and they loved the challenge of improving and playing

for Janice.

She was an amazingly positive person, who loved to compete and that rubbed off on her athletes. She was a fighter right until the end, making plans to return to the court to coach her boys.

Fortunately, we were able to find a coach who has worked with Janice, to implement her practice plans and communicate with her frequently, with the hope that she would return and they could coach together. We were

all incredibly saddened to learn of Janice's passing. She was a wonderful person, who gave her all in everything she took part in. She loved and lived life to the fullest. She will be missed by all."

Boys Track

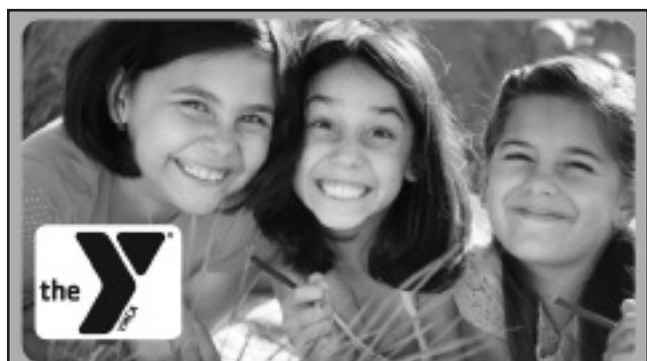
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bo, Christian Smith, Cole Tridenti, Kyle Wheeler (seniors), Cooper Bartlett, Christopher Burpeau, Kerry Daley, Dylan Hotter, Gabriel Ramshaw (juniors), Brendan Crockwell, Eugene Donovan, Hayden Fielder, Daniel Gear, Matthew Griffin, William Heenan, Jeffery Kelly, Damon MacLeod, Eric Raza, Cameron Robbins, Lucas Seaman, Alexander Soucy, Jack

Sprague, Steven Swiderski, Matthew Vogel, Ryan Young (sophomores), Matthew Adamson, Zachary Booth, Kyle Burnell, Danny Garrity, Brody Gray, Brendan Julian, Tyler Kraft, Colby Lynch, Kevin Moscat, Matthew Palmer, Will Plante, Colby Ramshaw, Sedrik Spaulding, Jeffery Stanley, Kody Thorpe, Andrew Young (freshmen).



Jake Holland was the first to cross the finish line in his heat of the 100-yard dash.



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Recreation Committee Concerned About Earth Day Fair

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the monthly Recreation Committee meeting, held at the Londonderry Town Hall on Monday, Apr. 8, the committee members expressed some concerns regarding the planned Earth Day Fair, which is scheduled to take place in Londonderry on Saturday, Apr. 20.

The event is organized by Millennium Running, the same company that is behind the annual Millennium Mile on Mammoth

Road every Jan. 1. The Earth Day Fair will begin at 10 a.m. with a Stonyfield 5K run and for about four hours, different stands will serve the participants.

These stands will be located around the Londonderry West Soccer Fields and according to the Londonderry Recreation Director, Art Psaledas, the organizing company promised not to let anyone on the actual field, but the committee members were not sure that this will be possible,

as thousands of people are supposed to attend the event.

Members of the Football Club of Greater Londonderry (FCGL) will be putting caution tape around the field and the gates will be locked, but the grass is still recovering from the winter season and if the field will be ruined by too many people walking and running on it during the Earth Day Fair, it might not be playable and will be lost for the rest of the year. Another field-related con-

cern is that the event is being promoted a "Dog friendly event" and that people will let their pets on the field.

The West Road fields are scheduled to be opened for the season on Sunday, April 14, if the rain does not interfere until then.

Psaledas told the group that the Nelson Road softball fields' lights should be connected sometime during the month of April, but for that to happen, the fields still need to be dryer, so it

might take a few more weeks.

Psaledas told the committee members that it will take more time to open the Londonderry Athletic Fields Association (LAFA) fields, as that area has more water in it and it is still not ready.

Psaledas also said that the strong winds in Southern New Hampshire lately even tore part of one of the tennis nets and it needed to be fixed.

Another new subject that came up was the Future Fields Scheduling

meetings. For the past few years, there was a possibility to register in order to use a field during a season, but that system was not working well enough and in many cases, residents and teams have asked to reserve a field, but never used it.

The committee decided to go back to the previous arrangement and hold a meeting, where each team will send representation and receive its playing time and location.

Londonderry Begins Spring Mosquito Control Program

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town of Londonderry and the Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc. issued last Monday, April 1, a Mosquito Control notice. The public notice announced that the Mosquito Control program was scheduled to begin on Monday, Apr. 8, with crews from Dragon Mosquito Control checking the different swamps, marshes, woodland pools, ditches, storm drains and other spots with shallow and stagnant water around the town for mosquito larvae.

The notice said that whenever mosquitos were to be found in these tests, seven different types of insecticides may be in use: VectoBac

(Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis 2.8%), Natular (spinosad 2.5%), AquaBac 200G (Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis 2.86%), Fourstar MBG (Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis 3.0% and Bacillus sphaericus 3.0%), VectoMax FG (Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis 4.5% and Bacillus sphaericus 2.7%), CocoBear MLO (mineral oil 10%) and BVA 2 Mosquito Larvicide Oil (mineral oil 97%).

Londonderry's main event in this summer's Nutfield 300th celebration will be the week between Aug. 14 and Aug. 19, with the longtime traditional Old Home Days festivities. In preparation to this event, said the Mosquito Notice, control of adult mosquitos may be done

at the Town Common, at the Matthew Thornton Elementary School, at the Londonderry Middle School and at the Londonderry High School. control of adult mosquitos would be accomplished using one or more of a total of four products: Cross Check Plus (bifenthrin 7.9%), Permanone (permethrin 10.0%), Duet (sumithrin 5.0% and prallethrin 1.0%) and Merus (pyrethrins 5.0%).

Should the inspectors find Eastern Equine Encephalitis or West Nile Virus in Londonderry or near it, then emergency spray treatments may be done at the town common, elementary school, middle school and high school, as well as at Moose Hill School, Nelson Fields,

North School, South School, Victory Church Fields and West Road Fields.

The notice emphasized that it is not possible to predict if an emergency spraying will be necessary at any point of the process and that the spray schedule is based upon mosquito surveillance data, disease test results and weather conditions. If an emergency spraying will take place, the town would provide more information

prior to that.

The notice also says that if there are any residents who do not want their wetlands to be treated by the Mosquito Control program, they may use the town's online No-Spray Registry at www.dragonmosquito.com/no-spray-registry or send a written request to the Dragon Mosquito Control (P.O. Box 46, Stratham, New Hampshire 03885). Whoever decides to send a written letter to

the mosquito control must make sure that they include their full name, physical address, phone number and a description of their house and acreage.

Any request sent will expire on Dec. 31, 2019 and requests must be reaffirmed each year to remain current, meaning that a request that was sent in 2018 does not apply for this year's Mosquito Control's program and actions.

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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.

Londonderry Rail Trail Spring Clean-up

Londonderry Trailways will hold its annual spring rail trail clean-up Saturday, April 20, from 9 - 11 a.m. Volunteers are asked to meet at the North Elementary School parking lot. Garage bags will be provided. Pick-up trucks are needed, and work boots and work gloves are recommended.

Republican Meeting

The Londonderry Republican Committee is holding its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 18, at the Victory Baptist Church, 78 Litchfield Rd., Londonderry. We will meet from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. for the purpose of electing new board members.

Founder's Weekend

This weekend is Founder's weekend marking the 300 years since the original settlement of Nutfield. The Londonderry Historical Society will be open on Sunday, April 14, from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Morrison House museum, 140 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry. This will be a great opportunity for families to visit our facilities and learn more about the original Nutfield settling, Londonderry and the Historical Society.

Healthy Kids Day

The YMCA of Greater Londonderry's Healthy Kids Day takes place on Sunday, May 5 at 206 Rockingham Rd., Londonderry, from 1 - 3 p.m. For more information, please contact Lisa Fitzgerald, Branch Director at lfitzgerald@graniteymca.org or call 603.437.9622.

Car Seat Check Event

The Londonderry Child Passenger Safety Program conducts inspection events to check your child's car seat installation. Trained technicians check for recall, proper installation and discuss with the caregiver how

to improve the installation and therefore the child's safety. We conduct these inspection twice a month, the 2nd Saturday from 9 a.m. 9 - noon and the last (sometimes 4th) Wednesday night from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Appointments are required, please. Inspections are conducted at the Londonderry Fire Rescue South Fire Station 17 Young Road. For more information, or to make an appointment to have your seat(s) checked, please call 603-432-1104 ext. 4623 or via e-mail: cps@londonderrynh.org.

Remebrance Concert

Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Concert on Wednesday May 1, at 7 p.m., at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry. A concert of music composed by those who perished or survived the camps. Viktor Ullman's Quartet #3; Gideon Klein's Opus 2; Simon Laks' String Quartet and Erwin Shuloff's Stucke Fur Streichquartett Performed by NH Lakes Region Symphony String Quartet Including Memorial Candle Lighting, Prayers of Remembrance and Kaddish.

Community Toy Sale

Save the Date! Saturday May 18, at Matthew Thornton Elementary is the Annual Community Toy Sale. It's time to start collecting all those used toys, games, and baby items. Let us sell your gently used toys, while you reap the rewards! All proceeds will be donated to the Londonderry Elementary and Kindergarten PTAs. For consignment sale rules and to register, visit the Leach Library or www.londonderrywomensclub.org/toysale. The event is hosted by the Londonderry Women's Club. Go to www.londonderrywomensclub.org

Monthly Dinner

The Knights of Columbus Council 9058 from St. Anne's Church will be offering their monthly meal on

April 13, at 5 p.m. in the basement of the church, 26 Emerson Ave., Hampstead. This month will be a 'Greek Dinner' featuring roast lamb and pork with roasted potatoes, stuffed grape leaves with lemon sauce, salad, coffee, tea and dessert. The cost is by donation and proceeds will benefit the many charities supported by the council such as NH Special Olympics, Camp Fatima, St. Anne's Outreach as well as many others. More information is on our website, www.hampsteadknights.org

Opioid addiction forum

An open forum on Opioid addiction will be free to the public on May 16, at 6:30 p.m., at the Londonderry High School. For more info tkoski@londonderrynhpd.org.

Aviation Fun

The museum will have extended hours during spring school vacation week open on Thursday, April 25 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Families are invited to visit and check out all our exhibits, including the new "Rob Holland Experience," which uses virtual reality to show visitors what it's like to be a world champion aerobatics pilot.

Q & A with Ted Kitchens

Airport of the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, director Ted Kitchens, will hold a Q&A on Saturday, May 11 at 11 a.m.

Vintage Movie Night

Roman Novarro in 'The Flying Fleet' (1929) Classic aviation drama filmed on location at U.S. Navy bases; silent with live music will be shown on Thursday, May 23 at 7 p.m. at the Aviation Museum. Cost for Londonderry residents \$5 for members, \$10 for members-yet-to-be.

Revival: Reimagined

Join us for an inclusive

day of welcome on May 4, with music, spirituality, and exploration. In the afternoon (1 p.m.), we are excited to hear the Rev. Tricia Lyons (Missioner for Evangelism and Community Engagement in the Diocese of Washington DC and author of 'Teaching Faith With Harry Potter') as our featured speaker to learn how to share our faith, engage our communities, to make a difference and find deeper peace and meaning in our lives. In the evening (6 p.m.), we will gather for song and celebration and close our day with a festive Eucharist as God's people. Come for all of the day or some. This is a free event that includes dinner and refreshments throughout the day. This event is a collaboration between two Episcopal Churches in Southern New Hampshire, St. Christopher's in Hampstead and St. Peter's in Londonderry, and is funded by a grant given by the Mission Resource Council of the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire. It is open, free of charge to the public, and includes dinner. Our focus area is Southern New Hampshire.

Karaoke Night

Legion's Karaoke Night with DJ Sharon will be held on April 19, starting at 7 p.m. Non-members interested in joining Post 27 are welcome to attend. At 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Road). For more information go to our website www.alpost27.com or call us at 437-6613.

VA Bingo

On April 22, Post 27 will be playing bingo with patients at the VA Hospital in Manchester from 7-8:30 p.m. We'll be serving pizza, donated by 501 Pizza, and diet soda as well as providing \$150 in prize money. For more information go to our website www.alpost27.com or call us at 437-6613,

Londonderry 50+ Softball League

The Londonderry 50+ Softball League is looking for players for the upcoming season. The league is for players 50 and over. The league is primary for Londonderry residents but non-residents are welcomed consistent with town restrictions. We play

Tuesdays starting at 6:30 p.m. Expect to start playing sometime in April ending sometime in October. If you are interested in playing contact Jim Edwards at jimedwards48@comcast.net or call 603-432-5720.

Giant Yard Sale

Londonderry Lions Giant Yard Sale is on April 27, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. NO EARLY BIRDS PLEASE! At the Londonderry Lions Hall, Rt. 128, 256 Mammoth Road, across from the Town Common. Donate your goods to the Lions! April 15 thru the Friday before the sale at the Londonderry Lions Shelter. Please, no large kitchen appliances, couches, skis, air conditioners, computers or TV's. Sell your own Goods by renting spaces, by call Tom in advance at 603-548-5011. Proceeds for donated goods and rented spaces to benefit: Lions Local Charities including Local Eye Care.

Free Symphony String Quartet Concert

On May 1, at 7 p.m., to commemorate the Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust and the Heroism ("Yom HaShoah Ve-Hagevurah"), Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Windham, is hosting an evening concert featuring the New Hampshire Lakes Region Symphony String Quartet. In addition to a memorial candle lighting and prayers of remembrance, the Quartet will present music composed by those who perished in or survived the camps: Viktor Ullman's Quartet #3, Gideon Klein's Opus 2; Simon Laks' String Quartet; and Erwin Shuloff's Stucke Fur Streichquartett. The concert is generously supported by Etz Hayim Synagogue of Derry, NH, Etz Hayim's William Einhorn Interfaith Education Fund, and the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire. Although the event is Free, we would appreciate those who plan to attend to, if possible, RSVP on Etz Hayim Synagogue's Facebook page.

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 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.

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.

Antiques Appraisal

The Second 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!

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday – April 1

8:28 a.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on Mercury Drive.

10:56 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

11:17 p.m. Services rendered for Trespassing on Mammoth Road.

1:01 p.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity on Tranquil Drive.

4:56 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Mill Road.

5:18 p.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity on Wilson Road.

Tuesday - April 2

1:57 a.m. Disturbance investigated on Nashua Road at Crystal.

8:42 a.m. Suspicious

activity Investigated on Pillsbury Road.

Wednesday - April 3

12:27 a.m. Motor vehicle check results in two arrests on Rockingham Road at Stonehenge Road.

Four officers assist in charging Arianna Parkinson, 19, of Goffstown Charged with Driving Under the Influence of Drugs or Liquor and Transporting an Alcoholic Beverage by a Minor. Hunter Boucher, 19, of New Boston charged with Unlawful Possession and Intoxication.

9:42 a.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity on Quincy Road at Sand Pits.

10:42 a.m. Services rendered for suspicious

activity at Londonderry High School.

3:28 p.m. Motor vehicle stop results in an arrest on Hardy Road. Alexander Hodgkins, 25, of Derry charged for a Bench Warrant.

6:41 p.m. Sex Offenses investigated on Mountain Home Road.

7:16 p.m. Assault reported on Nashua Road. Could not locate.

9:57 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Wentworth Avenue at New England Truma Services.

Thursday - April 4

4:44 a.m. Follow-up leads to arrest at Shell Food Mart on Nashua Road. Allen Black, 34, of Nashua charged with Criminal

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

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.

Police Log

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Trespassing.

9:51 a.m. Sex Offenses investigated on Winding Pond Road.

8:45 p.m. Investigation of suspicious activity on Brewster Road at Boat Ramp.

10:29 p.m. Report of assault leads to arrest made on South Road. Four officers assist with arresting Claribelle Santiago, 51, of Londonderry with Domestic Violence – Assault; and Criminal Threatening (use of Deadly Weapon).

Friday – April 5

1:31 a.m. Suspicious activity reported South Parish Drive.

1:38 a.m. Services rendered in Keeping The Peace on South Road.

8:12 a.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity on Autumn Lane.

8:54 a.m. Person attempting Suicide transported to hospital from Litchfield

Take out dinners are also available. For more information contact stevell-hom@aol.com.

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 renew-calvary@gmail.com or call the church secretary at 434-1516.

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.

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.

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.

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, May 2, from 2:30

ley Hill Road.

Saturday – April 6

7:01 p.m. Unlawful activities reported at Hanaford Food & Drug on Hampton Drive.

8:22 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at Aviation Museum on Navigator Road.

9:29 p.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity on Old Mill Road.

Sunday – April 7

9:02 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. on Harvey Road.

10:06 a.m. Report of Domestic Disturbance leads to arrest on Pendleton Lane. Salvatore Scenna, 28, of Londonderry charged with Domestic Violence; Assault.

10:50 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Perkins Road.

1:02 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Pendleton Lane.

8:04 p.m. Peace restored after Suspicious activity on Norwich Place.

to 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 on June 6.

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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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 New Hampshire meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at Londonderry Presbyterian Church at 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

Bingo

The Londonderry Senior Center at 535 Mammoth Road in Londonderry, has Bingo every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12 p.m. to 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.

Walking Together

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.

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, Journeyofhopeh@gmail.com

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

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.

Walk with Me

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

National Model Railroading

Seacoast Division of the National Model Railroad Association is running their Fun Night program. The program is held the second Friday night of each month, 7 - 9 p.m., at the Marion Garish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. Using Molds to make resin parts Rich Breton will be on hand to show examples of various molds, including two part molds, and will spend in time with an interactive discussion and a show and tell type format. Mold making/casting is a way to get small detail parts not otherwise available. Always a part of the program is Model Showcase where modelers bring in the latest project they are working on to show and discuss. We will set up a swap table so bring anything that you would want to give away, sell or swap. Remember, one man's junk is another man's treasure. If you are interested in model trains and would like to join other like-minded hobbyists from beginner to expert for a fun evening program come to Derry Fun Night the second Friday of each month. For additional information go to the Division's website at seacoastnmra.org/calendar.



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