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Spirited War

The Londonderry Middle School recently held Spirit Week, which ended with teams at each grade level competing against each other for bragging rights. Pictured, the eighth grade Nor'Easter team battled the Heatwave team in Tug-O-War.

Photo by Chris Paul

Town Council Candidates Look for Support on March 10

On Tuesday, March 10, four Town Council candidates will be looking for the support of voters. Two are incumbents, and two are looking for their first time as members on that board. Polls will be open 6 a.m.

to 8 p.m. at the High School gym.

The Londonderry Times asked each of the candidates a few questions on why they are in the race, what follows are their responses.

Debra Paul

Age: 60

Occupation: Self-employed Publisher of three local newspapers. Including the Londonderry Times

Family: Husband and Three children

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Ranger Enforcing OHRV Laws to Protect Conservation Areas

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Sgt. Glenn Aprile, is Londonderry's first-ever Conservation Ranger and Aprile has been busy protecting Conservation areas around Londonderry. Aprile's patrol beat includes town-owned conservation lands and he has been authorized by the Londonderry Police Chief Hart with law enforcement authority to protect these areas.

At the Feb. 25 Conservation Commission meeting, Aprile reported to the commission about several challenges he is finding at this time that are also ones he will continue to

monitor. Ranger Aprile pointed out, "Over the past week or so, things have really picked up with illegal activities of ATVs (all-Terrain Vehicles) and side-by-sides. ...there are fresh tracks near conservation areas where ATVs are not authorized to go." "Someone recently tried to get into the Musquash area," Aprile stated. "...but we have that closed off well and they could not get in. They actually went over to the backside and came down that way to try to get in but were not able to do so. I followed their tracks and saw they turned around to go back."

The ranger noted that the current trail condi-

tions are very icy, which limits some of his surveillance of the land areas that may be set upon illegally with side by sides and ATVs. The Conservation Commission of the Town of Londonderry point out that those who are creating problems or damage in conservation areas will be held responsible for unlawful actions.

Residents should know that the Londonderry Conservation Ranger is enforcing laws for OHRVs (Off Highway recreational vehicles) which include ATVs (All Terrain Vehicles), Snowmobiles, and UTV/side by sides. UTVs (for Utility Task Vehicle)

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Town's Water Contamination Is a Growing Residents Concern

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Multiple water contamination problems in Londonderry have been sourced to Saint-Gobain in Merrimack, NH. Recently it was discovered that there is also a problem with water contaminations in properties near the Apple Tree Mall and the source is yet to be uncovered. The NH DES has been working with local residents and the town to provide accurate information and support solutions for a problem that appears to be growing in the community.

It is difficult at this time to say how many Londonderry residents

are actually using water from local wells that is hazardous, as there are multiple facets of the PFAS problem. There is not much disagreement from scientists and medical researchers that the PFAS contaminants can cause serious health problems in humans - the issue is - which of these PFAS chemicals is in the water supply? ...and what are the levels of concentration found from a specific well system?

A Harvard University School of Public Health paper published in 2018 says, "A recent review from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) outlines a host of health effects

associated with PFAS exposure, including cancer, liver damage, decreased fertility, and increased risk of asthma and thyroid disease. A June 20, 2018 ProPublica article noted that the CDC report recommends an exposure limit for one PFAS compound that is 10 times lower than the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's current recommendation.

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Local Sea Cadets Hold Annual Inspection & Awards Ceremony



The Harlan R. Dickson Division of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps held its annual Inspection and Award Ceremony last month at the Londonderry Reserve Center.

Sea Cadets were inspected by LCDR Andrew Nash, LCDR John Murphy, YNC Elise Jewett and LT Brain Luzano. Shortly after the inspection process, cadets were given Awards and Promotions.

Colleen Peters was presented with the Daughters of the American Revolution's Outstanding Cadet Award; Matthew Miller was presented the VFW Naval Sea Cadet Award by the Derry VFW Post, Gabriel Romanuskas, pictured at left, was given the Bronze Good Citizenship Award by the Sons of the American Revolution and Connor Rampage, pictured below, received the NLUS Sea Cadet Youth Medal and Ribbon.

Rampage also was given the 2020 Cadet of the Year honor, and was promoted to LT Sea Cadet. For information on the program, email: info@harlanrdicksondivision.org.

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Four Candidates Vie for Three Seats on Budget Committee

On Tuesday, March 10, four Budget Committee candidates will be looking for the support of voters. There are three, three-year seats available on this year's ballot. Polls will be open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the High School gym.

The Londonderry Times asked each of the candidates a few questions on why they are in the race, what follows are their responses.

Jonathan Kipp

Occupation: Operations Manager (retired); Instructor at Granite State College

Family: Wife Martha, and two grown children

Years in town: 33+ years

How do you feel that you could make a difference?

I have numerous years of experience working with and advising local and school governments throughout New Hampshire. I now have the opportunity to apply that experience - and the skills I have developed along the way - here in my own community of Londonderry. Effective communication is essential as we work through the budget process, and I believe my calm, reasonable, and thoughtful approach to challenges will be beneficial as we carry out our committee responsibilities.

The reason why you are running?

I am running to represent taxpayers and to help the town and school district develop and present reasonable, responsible budgets. Town and school administrators, the town council, and the school board must balance the need to provide top-quality

services/education while being sensitive to the tax impact of their decisions. The Budget Committee has an advisory role with both groups, and as a member of the committee I believe I can continue to be a rational and reasonable voice.

What do you think you bring to the table/Why you?

My experience and education are ideally suited for service on the Budget Committee. As a member of the committee, my goal has been, and will continue to be, to achieve budgets that are reasonable and responsible for the taxpayers, the town, and the school district.

I have a bachelor's in Business Administration and a master's in Public Administration, both from UNH. In 2016 I retired as Operations Manager from the NH Public Risk Management Exchange after a 30-year career assisting New Hampshire's cities, towns, counties, and school districts with their risk financing and risk management efforts. I currently teach courses in Management and Public Administration at Granite State College. In 2019 I successfully completed the Leadership Londonderry program. Additionally, I served on a church finance council, as co-chair of a committee to design and build a new church and school, as treasurer for a non-profit organization, and as a volunteer fire/rescue officer with incident command responsibilities.

Steve Breault

Age: 48

Occupation: Chief Financial Officer for a company

in Concord, NH.

Family: Married for over 24 years, and we have three daughters, two are in college and one is a Senior in Londonderry High School.

Education: Bachelor's degree in Business from the University of New Hampshire, a Master's degree in Finance from Northeastern University, and a Master's degree in Accounting from Bentley University.

Years in town: My wife and I have been residents of Londonderry for over 12 years. We decided to move to Londonderry because it is a unique town, with pumpkin patches, apple orchards, ponds for fishing and pond hockey, along with thousands of acres for outdoor activities.

How do you feel that you could make a difference?

I feel that I can make a difference because of my broad experience, from working in the trades to working in the corporate environment. I was an electrician for over eight years. I worked for a small electrical contractor out of Manchester. I learned a lot about working for a small business owner; the importance of quality service, managing expenses, and controlling overhead. After working in the trade, I transitioned to the corporate environment, working in various departments, from marketing, IT, finance, accounting, taxes, and investments. I was involved in all the key operations of the business, and managed several technology and process improvement projects. This broad experience has

allowed me to develop a more comprehensive understanding of the operations and expenses of most organizations.

The reason why you are running?

I am running for a three year term on the budget committee, because I can make the commitment to attending the meetings and working with other members to achieve the goals and objectives of the committee. Last year I was elected for the one year term, and during this past term, I took copious notes and developed a better understanding of the overall budget process. As with any new position, there is a learning curve, and with the complexities of the town budget and school budget, I know there is more for me to learn.

What do you think you bring to the table?/Why You?

I believe what sets me apart from others is my experience with the operations of a business and my financial background. I consider this to be a unique skill set, because of my experience working in the trades to working in the corporate environment. It allows me to look at problems and challenges from a different perspective, and offer solutions. I was also an adjunct instructor for two local colleges, teaching undergraduate and graduate level courses. The teaching experience has allowed me to see how advances in technology are changing the instructional environment.

My background and experience in finance/accounting, coupled with my focus on finding ways

to enhance procedures and processes, through the use of technology, brainstorming, and collaboration, will be instrumental to helping the committee achieve its goals.

Alexander Y. Yip

Occupation: Senior Budget/Financial Analyst

Family: Happily married and with a rescue dog!

Education: Bachelors degree from Cornell University

Years in town: Five years

How do you feel that you could make a difference?

I would bring a fresh set of eyes, perspectives, and ideas to the Budget Committee. At a time when most residents have seen tax increases, either the insightful questions are not being asked or put forward, or this information isn't being shared in an accessible way to most townspeople.

I intend to ask the pertinent questions to ensure the taxpayers aren't always on the hook for everything, but also think social media can be a resource to share such information. The Committee can explain aspects of its process online, while also answering residents' questions they may pose.

The reason why you are running?

To the resi-

dents who have given years, decades, and generations to this town, I think someone needs to ask prudent budget questions cognizant of their needs in addition to all taxpayers and their home budgets. Londonderry is at a unique crossroads, and I feel I can offer the multi-generational perspectives it needs to balance everyone's interests in our community.

What do you think you bring to the table?/Why you?

Besides excitement and a commitment to giving back/volunteering, I pride myself on being team-oriented. Whether that is working with fellow committee members or local stakeholders, I look forward to not only helping all of Londonderry, but also to hearing from and engaging with all of you to make sure your voices and interests are heard.

It takes a village to raise a child, and similarly, a whole community to continue to build a great town. I recognize this, and with your trust in me as your Budget voice, I want to help shape Londonderry today and tomorrow as the town we all respect and love.

Jennifer Kenney

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Editorial

Be Prepared to Vote On March 10th

Election Day for most towns in the state is March 10. In the days between now and then, we hope you'll listen to candidates speak, read their words, and ask them about the issues that concern you.

Local Elections affect everybody in town; the money being sought is your tax money, and you have the right to have a say in where it goes. This is your town, and your views make a difference, but only if you vote.

The March election has no state or national candidates, and that's traditionally bad news for voter turnout. We remind you, that your vote has far more impact in the local government elections than it ever will on the state or federal level.

In countries across much of the world people take to the streets and literally risk death to demand free elections and the right to have a say in their government. They look to the United States as an example of how government by the people works.

Equally important are the warrant articles on both the town and school ballots whether it's the school budget or a request for funding for other items. Town and school requests should be handled the way you handle your checkbook - Can you afford it? Is it a necessity or a luxury? Is it something you can put off, or is it will cost much more later on?

Staying home is easy, but taking the time to cast an informed vote is what a democratic country expects of its citizens. If you don't understand what you're being asked to approve, seek the answer. The right to vote is important, but it carries with it the responsibility of understanding the issues. Your vote shouldn't be swayed by the vote of the

town council or the budget committee. Your vote should also not be influenced the views of your neighbors. The vote is yours and you must vote on what is true to you. So choose wisely and educate yourself. There are bios of the candidates that run in the local papers and sample ballots are printed as well. Also the website of your town should have sample ballots posted.

We let ourselves and everyone else down when we ignore local elections. If you fail to vote and find yourselves taxed out of your home and represented by people who embarrass or upset you, complaining after the election will not help.

How about union contracts? Most contracts are for two to five years and add a dollar amount for each of those years it is in effect. Make sure you understand the costs attached to each additional year because you won't be asked to vote on it in future years; the money will be added to the overall budget each year and will be part of your future tax bill. When a warrant article states that there is no tax impact that may not be true for future years.

Please educate yourselves and understand the complete picture. Each article has pros and cons. In addition, many have long-term implications that affect your wallet every year. It pays to listen and understand both sides' citizens and local governments.

Many people pride themselves on their patriotism. There is no better way to express your patriotism than by heading to the polls and making informed choices.

So for the good of the community, please vote March 10.

Letters

Running for School Board

To the editor,

Hello, When I first registered as a candidate for School Board, I thought a lot about where one gets information about the school district, its performance metrics, school policies, rankings, and the budget.

This information is available on the school district website. Meetings are open to the public and held in the evenings after work. School budget sessions are also open, and the deliberative session allows residents to vote on what goes on the ballot, and get their questions answered.

Still, many residents feel they do not have a good connection or easy way to find out about our schools. What this tells me, is that while much of the information one needs is accessible, it is not accessible in the way that stakeholders want it. A town resident may not want to attend a meeting on a cold night in January after work. A town resident may not want to read the minutes of a school board meeting or go through the proposed budget, even if they want to know what is occurring at the schools and where the budget allocations are going.

Budgets in particular are confusing. The proposed school budget is \$78 million, broken into large categories. We know that as a town, we are spending about \$19,000 per student, yet in the 2017 NECAP Science Assessment, 50% of our students demonstrated only partial proficiency. Annual assessments done in grades 3-8 show math and reading proficiency rates consistently in the 50-60% range.

The proposed budget shows \$6.3 million allocated for Support Services, and another \$23.5 million under Executive Administration allocated for Support Services. I have no question that these dollars will go towards supporting our students, but this serves as just one example where increased clarity could assuage concerns about the budget. You should not have to navigate multiple pages of a proposed budget or attend a school board session in person to understand these proposals. The school budget affects everyone who pays property tax. It should be accessible through multiple formats and levels of detail.

I would love to see more opportunity for residents to get involved with the school district in new and creative ways. Increasing access to information about our schools is one way to begin to achieve this goal.

Town elections are Tuesday, March 10. I would be honored to earn your vote for school board.

Thank you,
Amy Finamore
School Board
Candidate
Londonderry

Response to Letter on Article 30

To the editor,

I am so heartened that this article has sparked some discussion around climate change and a greater interest in learning about the carbon cash dividend approach to minimizing our carbon footprint. For the sake of clarity for a previous author of a letter to the editor; Mr. Lomborg does not have any background

in climate science. Nor has he published any peer-reviewed articles on climate change. He is, in fact a Political Scientist. In a 2010 report in The Guardian, Lomborg acknowledged that global warming is "a challenge that humanity must confront." He goes as far as calling for a carbon tax and a \$100 Billion investment in clean technologies. He has demonstrated a consistent record of contradicting his own ideas. Additionally, you did use the table correctly and your house share may be to receive \$ 30.00 monthly. For us with fixed incomes and highest insurance cost, the poor and elderly, \$30.00 monthly would go a very long way.

For just a fraction of the outlay of any suggested geoengineering project proposed, we will continue to develop clean renewables. Why not spend the same \$ solving the energy crisis once and for all rather than trying to mitigate its effects? If we could wean ourselves off fossil fuels entirely in the next few decades, humankind could live sustainably on Earth for the rest of its history. Isn't that worth a shot first? Most of the world's scientists now agree climate change is real and happening fast.

Earth itself is under no threat from global warming: the planet will continue to exist whatever we do to it. I agree that historically the planet has gone through many millennia of geological periods and changes. The difference now is that it is truth that human beings make their own carbon footprint affecting those changes. We must use our collective scientific knowledge to arrive at a

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Letters

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solution. This initiative incentivizes the producers of the pollution-coal, gas, oil to decrease their pollution. The average household also bears a responsibility to reduce our carbon footprint as well. There has been much fear mongering that whatever is done "it is going to cost me \$". It makes more sense to me to spend some \$ now than a whole lot more \$ later to achieve the same goal of less carbon emissions producing greenhouse gasses.

H.R 763 will be coming before the Senate soon. The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act has bi-partisan support, more than half of Republicans. The size of government will not grow. Yes, low- and middle-income families will feel the positive impact of the dividend most. The households with higher incomes may decrease their larger carbon footprint. Sources for statistics are available at energyinnovationact.org/data-sources Go to cclusa.org/energy-innovation-act to contact your Congressional Representative in less than two minutes!

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Vote DebPaul

To the editor,
Town elections are March 10. Polls will be open 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. The number of registered voters in Londonderry is 20 thousand. A voter at the primary was 8 thousand. The average turnout for town elections is 3 thousand. Some new folks are throwing their respective hats in the ring. One contender stands out, as this is her second run for Town Council. If you ever considered coming out to the polls for the town elections and you would like some change, now is the time. I recommend Deb Paul for a position on the Town Council. She is high-

ly knowledgeable of the workings of our town government. This is her second year running for a chance to make a difference in a town she loves. She cares about what the people around town have on their minds. She is a thoughtful listener of all points of view brought up to her. She is one of the first candidates that primarily pledges to be a listener, and then a representative of the people's points of view. She brings a new face and a new perspective, which we should all recognize as desirable and positive. She has a keen awareness of the issues facing the community. She also has some specific agenda, which are based on the voter's concerns. The priority she has heard from many residents is around water and air quality. She also takes the future of not only our town but the entire southern N.H. into consideration. She sees the picture as a microcosm with a much larger lens N.H. Deb has also related strong concerns of voters about past and especially recent explosion of development, which has contributed to burgeoning traffic, and safety issues Her platform promotes transparency and accountability. This could be achieved simply with public knowledge of Requests for Proposals of bids for all projects which the residents pay for through their taxes directly or from the mysterious (to me) "unassigned fund" account. She advocates an alternative to the recent stalemate situation between the Town Council and the School Board with a synergy between the Town Council and the School Board. These two entities have a fiscal responsibility to work together as a team since they share the town's single budget. She points out the total absence of a water plan for the town. She is of the people and for the people. Your vote will make her by the people.

Ray Bedard
Londonderry

March 10 Proposed Warrant Articles

To the editor,
Prior to next Tuesday's election of Town Councilors and voting on proposed property taxes, I determined that of 29,300 Londonderry residents, only 13% or 2500 residents voted last year on the town's warrant articles. This small voter turnout reflects an indifference and apathy on matters impacting our property taxes. Many town residents have experienced hefty property tax increases this year which may reflect residents not fully grasping the consequences of passage of last year's warrant articles. Continued indifference by voters may have undesired consequences this year and future years of ever-increasing property taxes. The remedy to voter indifference is to read this year's 30 Warrant Articles; understand their intent and vote what you think is fair and reasonable to each Warrant Article. A few observations in reading the proposed Articles is that five Articles call for property tax increases to fund town employee salary increases. If all are passed, they go into effect for the next five years. If any or all are defeated, there may be a fall-back position that could allow salary increases to be funded from an account called the Unassigned Fund Bal-

ance; and other defeated Articles as well. This account is an accumulation of tax dollars unspent from Warrant Articles passed in previous years. Following each of the five Articles proposing salary increases is an Article entitled Authorization For Special Meeting On Cost Items. If any or all of the subject five Warrant Articles are defeated and these "special authorization articles" are passed, Town Council could fund the salary increases from the UFB and other defeated Articles as well. I don't begrudge salary increases to anyone to at least keep up with inflation, but to take salary issues out of the hands of resident voters is counter to the voting public's responsibility. This issue can be addressed by a larger voter turnout reflecting more fully resident priorities. I've identified \$350,000 from the UFB account that is to be used to fund cost items that state \$0.00 tax impact in 2021. This is misleading as this \$350,000 is indeed a tax increase; just not incurred in 2021. How much unspent tax dollars are currently in this account and will it be further funded by unspent future tax dollars? Kudos to the town for under-spending our tax dollars, but shouldn't this money be used to reduce taxes in ensuing years via tax credits? To read about the proposed 30 Warrant Arti-

cles, go to: www.londonderry.org/sites/londonderry.org/files/uploads/signed_2020_warrant_0.pdf

Further, Town Council should refrain from making recommendations on warrant articles as their recommendations may influence voters' perceptions of warrant articles. Trust voters and let them decide. Several residents have already noted that school enrollment between 2007 and 2018 decreased 21% to 34% depending on grade level compared to school budget increase of 31%. There's a difference between "needs" and "wants". Decide for yourself if the schools "need" a cost item or if it's just a "want". If you haven't read the School Board's budget and warrant articles, go to weblink: londonderrytimes.net/2020/01/school-board-prepares-districts-warrant-for-deliberative-session/. Decide for yourself and don't be persuaded by the School Board's recommendations. Be informed on Town and School Board Warrant Articles and vote March 10.

Bob Pitre
Londonderry

Beware Town Article 30

To the editor,
On Tuesday, voters will be deciding on Town Warrant Article 30, Citi-

zens Petition requesting State and Federal legislators to enact a Carbon Tax. Voters should be aware of two points before they decide.

First, carbon tax legislation has already been submitted to the state legislature. HB735 was submitted last year through my committee. It had many flaws and so was worked on all summer and re-introduced this year. Many of us knew it would have an extreme negative effect on NH citizens and was in so need of more work; it was tabled, but is still active. Another bill is currently going through the legislature that could indirectly result in a carbon tax. Carbon taxes at the Federal level have also been debated. The point here is that a petition is not needed since legislation has already been introduced.

A second consideration is that a carbon tax is regressive and would be harmful to the NH economy, increase the price of fuels and not result in its intended purpose. The details of HB735 show that the price of gasoline would increase at least \$0.55 per gallon in the first three years. That's over and above any increase in market prices or other taxes. Fuel oil, propane, natural gas and anything producing carbon would also increase

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Londonderry School District to Adopt New Wellness Policy

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the Feb. 20 Londonderry School Board meeting, the board conducted a first reading of the updated Wellness policy.

The District's dining services participated in a rigorous audit of the school dining program by the NH Department of Education last year and were provided guidance to for changes to their wellness policy.

An updated wellness policy is the last open action item for the dining services to be in compliance with the NH DOE guidelines from that audit. The state provided much of the language for the district to adopt that was written into the new draft version.

The board will rescind the older Wellness guidelines (Policy JHCG) to replace it with this new JLDA Policy and the Board agreed to move this policy to a second reading to finalize it.

Board member, Jennifer Ganem noted that these guidelines from the DOE is a reason why the schools no longer conduct many bake sales or have

birthday foods at the schools.

It was noted that the High School is not a part of the same national lunch program so some of the updated policy does not apply directly to the high school, which is noted in the new policy. Here are some of the highlights of the new policy from the reading of the first draft.

The Board recognizes the importance of proper nutrition and developmentally appropriate physical activity as ways of promoting healthy lifestyles, minimizing childhood obesity, and preventing other diet-related chronic diseases.

The Board also recognizes that health and student success are inter-related. It is, therefore, the goal of the Board that the learning environment positively influences a student's understanding, beliefs, and habits as they relate to good nutrition and physical activity.

The District shall teach, encourage, support, and model healthy eating habits and age appropriate daily physical activity for students. The District shall provide

opportunities for students, employees, school board, and community members, which address the important benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

The Schools within the National School Lunch Program (not LHS) shall comply with the nutrition guidelines outlined in this policy in a manner designed to facilitate the adoption of healthier eating habits such that 100% compliance is achieved no later than the 2022/2023 School Year.

The School District's nutritional standards are based upon standards established by the USDA and New Hampshire Healthy School Coalition/Best Practice. These nutrition guidelines apply to all foods available to students on school grounds during the school day, including but not limited to the school lunch and breakfast program, foods and beverages sold in vending machines/school stores and as part of classroom lessons/activities, parties, celebrations or fundraising efforts.

As needed, the Wellness Committee will request that the Superintendent notify each School Board regarding any changes that have occurred in federal and

state nutrition guidelines that need to be reflected in this Policy.

School Meals served in the District shall meet or exceed the nutrition requirements established by the USDA, laws, and regulations. Administration of the school meal program will be by qualified school food service staff. School lunches and breakfast programs will offer variety of foods and choices for students. General nutritional information about school meals will be available for students and parent.

Eligibility for and distribution of free and reduced priced meals will be provided with confidentiality in accordance with state and federal requirements.

In order to meet the nutritional needs of children and enhance their ability to learn it is recommended that all schools in the District offer a breakfast program in addition to their already established lunch programs.

All food items available through schools and school functions should meet or exceed nutritional standards established by the NH Healthy School Best Coalition.

The school food service program will approve and provide all food and

beverage sales to students in elementary schools. Foods in elementary schools should be sold as balanced meals.

To support children's health and school nutrition-education efforts, school sponsored fundraising activities (direct school affiliation) will not involve food or will use only foods that meet the above nutrition and portion size standards for foods and beverages sold individually. Schools will encourage fundraising activities that promote physical activity. The school district will make available a list of ideas for acceptable fundraising activities.

Snacks served during the school day will make a positive contribution to children's diets and health. Schools will assess if and when to offer snacks based on timing of school meals, children's nutritional needs, children's ages, and other considerations. The district will disseminate a list of healthful snack items to the public.

Schools should limit celebrations that involve food during the school day. The district will make public a list of healthy party

ideas to parents and teachers. School staff involved in homeroom, field trips and advisory food related events are encouraged to communicate with school food services managers to assist with cafeteria planning and reducing food waste. Where possible, staff will order foods through food services managers.

The Board will establish a Wellness Committee that will periodically assess the nutrition and physical activity environment throughout the District. This group will assess progress on the current goal targets, recommend any new goal targets, and identify strategies for achieving them.

That Committee will consist of a group representing parents, students, the school food service program, the School Board, administrators, faculty and staff, as well as members of the public with wellness related expertise. The purpose of this advisory Committee is to provide content area expertise and community input.



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Candidates

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Education: Bachelor of Science in psychology for Salem State University

Years in town: 25
How do you feel that you could make a difference in town? I feel I will make a difference because I am not afraid to ask questions. I bring a fresh set of eyes to the Town Council. I believe that we should listen to the community, respect public opinion and make educated decisions on all the information received.

I strongly value transparency, efficiency and common sense in all government.

The reason why you are running? Londonderry is at a crossroads. It is changing from what was a small rural town to almost a small city and I feel currently there is no control of that growth. I also feel that no candidate should go unopposed, the council needs some new blood and I believe I would bring some fresh ideas.

Do you have any conflicts of interest? NO.

What do you think you bring to the table? My voice for sensible changes, with a more proactive rather than a reactive way to deal with current and future problems.

I am fully prepared to take on this role without hesitation, with the courage to vote my conscience and with the heart to fully represent our residents' concerns.

Why you? I have the integrity, and courage, along with a strong work ethic to make a positive impact.

Ronald C. Dunn

Age: 47

Occupation: Retail Management and Small Business Owner

Family: My loving wife is Cara and we have three wonderful dogs, a German Shepherd named Slate, a Great Dane named Moose and a Bulldog named Tank.

Education: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of New Hampshire.

Years in town: I grew up in New Hampshire and lived here for the first 21 years of my life. Then I moved to Boston for work. We returned to N.H. in 2013 and have lived in Londonderry ever since.

How do you feel that you could make a difference in town? As a tax-paying citizen, I know the importance of keeping the property tax low. I can make an impact by getting necessary information out to everyone and communicating in a way that currently no one on the council does. The best example is how poorly the PFAS issue has been handled. In speaking with other residents, not many know about the issue. I educate new people weekly.

The reason why you are running? I am the best person to address the PFAS issue because myself and my family are personally affected by this problem. As far as the tax rate and spending, I want to be able to look at a person on a fixed income and tell them we understand and respect their concerns.

I can bring new fresh ideas and a way to communicate those ideas to



Debra Paul

all residents of Londonderry.

Ted Combes

Age: 33

Occupation: Construction Management

Family: Wife Kara Massingham, Parents - George and Cindy Combes, Siblings - Dan, Bridget, and Mitch Combes

Education: MBA from Southern New Hampshire University, Business Management from Suffolk University

Years in town: 29 years

How do you feel that you could make a difference in town? Having good sound financial management with my MBA. My expansive background in construction management gives me good knowledge on how to maintain our Town Buildings, and know when to ask the right questions.

The reason why you are running? I am running to have a steady voice on the Council to help lead the town in making hard decisions. Knowing how to gather all the facts, and knowing when to voice my opinion on a subject, and to not react too swiftly and hastily without all the information.

Do you have any conflicts of interest? No. I do not have any conflicts of



Ronald Dunn

interest with this position.

What do you think you bring to the table?/Why you? What I bring to the table is the ability to analyse all the facts and make sound decisions without getting emotional about a subject.

Joseph Green

Occupation: Director of Operations - Retail

Family: Married with an adult son and an adult daughter.

Years in Town: 25 years.

How do you feel that you could make a difference? I am a fiscally responsible leader that works hard to maintain a high level of superior town services, while continuing to minimizing any tax rate impacts to its residents. While the safety of our community is paramount, I'll always look for ways to achieve this goal without reaching into your wallet.

The reason why you are running? To continue giving back to the town that I love. Having been privileged to coach and serve as VP of Londonderry Youth Soccer Association for over 12 years, and LAFA Baseball for seven years, it really allowed me to get to know so many wonderful families around town. Being connected to our community and making Londonderry a great place to live, work and recreate has always been my passion.



Ted Combes

I am also seeking reelection to continue the success and momentum we have had over the past 9 years. I believe the continuity of the current council has greatly contributed to the improvements we have all enjoyed during my tenure. The facts are clear, more services without increasing the town-side tax rate. In 2013 it was at \$5.19, last year, \$4.56. This has been possible by creating a delicate balance between commercial and industrial revenue growths up at the airport, while continuing to focus on preserving our rural aesthetic and hometown feel within our residential sectors. Our property values have continued to increase, putting more money in your pockets, by way of equity being built up in your



Joe Green

home. We have again put together a budget that will continue to be prudent without reducing services or robbing your wallet.

What do you think you bring to the table?/Why you? Experience, I've served our great community on several boards and committees within our town's government. I was on the Budget committee and the ZBA for 2 years before being elected to the Town Council for the past 9 years. I was on the Master Plan Steering committee and I serve as liaison to the Senior Resource Committee, the Recreation Commission, and the Library Trustees.

I consider myself a fiscal conservative but not at the expense of cutting services or risking our safety. When challenged with tough decisions, I have never been afraid to stand up and fight for you. I believe sound leadership is shown through actions, not just words. I have paved the way for our new tax relief policy while continuing to support maximum tax relief for our seniors and Veterans who suffer in silence.

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School Board Has Three Candidates Running for Two Open Seats

The Londonderry School District will be holding its annual election on Tuesday, March 10 from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the High School Gym.

There will be a number of ballot questions, one of which will ask voters to pick two of the three candidates running for School Board.

We asked a few questions of each candidate seeking a three-year seat on that board.

Amy Finamore

Occupation: Program Manager

Family: Husband and two children.

Years in Town: 10 years.

How do you feel that you could make a difference?

I hold two-master's degrees – one in economic development, and one in higher education administration. I enjoy using data and research to ensure I'm making informed decisions. As a mother with children in the school system, I have an interest in the long-term health of the school district and the educational outcomes of Londonderry's students. As the labor market changes, a combination of technical and soft skills will become increasingly important. I feel that I could make a difference by working with parents, students, teachers and administrators to ensure Londonderry meets the needs of students today and tomorrow and that we are including both enduring and technical skills in our curriculum. I

want to make sure that all students have the tools and resources they need to succeed, and using data, combined with stakeholder input, can help make this a reality.

The reason why you are running? In my work as a program manager, I enjoy working with stakeholders to ensure I understand the question that is being asked. I'm running because I care about education and want to work with our teachers and our school administrators to ensure that as we continue to strive for excellent schools in Londonderry, we do so together.

Do you have any conflicts of interest? No

What do you think you bring to the table? I bring an 'effectiveness' mindset to the table, and think about the current strategic plan and goals of the districts I bring a strong passion for equity and want to ensure that we are preparing today's students for the needs of tomorrow.

Why you? I love working in teams and with others. I love hearing the perspectives of others because it results in better solutions. I want to make sure that we listen to stakeholders and work together to find solutions that work for everyone.

Bob Slater

Age: 56

Occupation: Business Owner

Family: Wife Cindy, three children, four grandchildren (one in LEEP at Moose Hill, one at

Matthew Thornton)

Years in Town: 34+ years

How do you feel that you could make a difference?

I have been proud to serve Londonderry for over 30 years through volunteering, coaching and donations. I was proud to accept the Bob Lincoln Youth Service Award in 2011. I am a member of the School Facility Study Committee. I also joined the C-3 committee this past year which covers topics such as curriculum, technology, wellness and facilities. The members of this committee are primarily teachers and administrators. I have attended nearly every school board meeting for the last two years and have continuously proposed ideas and suggestions to the board and administration. I am proud of the progress to this point and excited about how much more can be done. I feel as one member of the school board I can continue to make an impact and improve our district for the better of our children, teachers and community.

The reason why you are running? We need to be sure we are able to responsibly support our teachers and children with the modern programs and tools they need. This includes policies, curriculum (including trades) and technology. Our district has considerable capital improvements and decisions upcoming that will impact our children and entire community. Last year I

recommended we develop a 10 year master plan to assist in these upcoming decisions for the district and I am proud that the district has begun this process. I feel my 30+ years of experience in Town as a parent and business owner will be an asset for our district at this important time.

Do you have any conflicts of interest? None. During my time in town I have built an addition on the back of the High School at no cost to the community (all donations) which is currently used for classroom space, helped cut costs in developing the current Cable Studio at budget and have constructed a large percentage of all the dugouts and retaining walls at the LAFA fields and High School at cost. Moving forward, if elected, I would not complete any work for the schools or Town unless it was done at cost or through donations.

What do you think you bring to the table? Determination to get things done. I don't believe in simply taking up space in a seat. We have to be pro-active, think outside the box and continue to push to improve our district every single day.

Why you? I truly care and I have a vested interest with my grandchildren in our schools. The one goal I have is to assist in making our School district the best in the State. I want other districts looking at us as the stan-

dard in New Hampshire. Please find me on Facebook by searching "Bob Slater for Londonderry School Board" for more information and community letters of support.

Greg DePasse

Missed the deadline for a response.

OBITUARY

William B. Parnell



William (Bill) B. Parnell (aka "Cap'n Bill") passed away on Feb. 21, 2020 surrounded by family. Born to his parents, William Parnell & Patricia Parnell, he was raised primarily in Falls Church, VA. He attended Boston University where he graduated in 1971 with a Bachelors Degree. He went on to attend law school in Boston at New England School of Law (now New England Law-Boston), where he graduated with a Juris Doctor in 1976. He went on to pass the bars in both MA & NH, and was been a practicing litigation attorney up until the time of his passing.

Bill moved to Derry, NH in the late 1970's where he raised his 3 boys, Brad, Rory & Michael. He is survived by his wife, Bernadette N. Parnell, his 3 sons (Brad, Rory & Michael), former wife, Jeanne Parnell, & 7 grandchildren, Meaghan, Abigail, Gabriella, Elsie, Lincoln, Cadence & Sebastian. He is also survived by his 3 step-children, Christina, Erin & Ryan, & their children. He is also survived by his brothers, Larry, Ed & Howard & their children & grandchildren.

Known locally as "Cap'n Bill" for his love of fishing & his former role as a charter captain, he was deeply invested in the Derry/Londonderry and Lincoln/ Woodstock communities. He served as coach of flag football teams, basketball teams, & soccer teams. He served in coaching & leadership roles in the Derry Soccer Club, Southern New Hampshire Youth Soccer League, & the New Hampshire Soccer Association. He was even the East Derry Fire Commissioner before stepping down due to family commitments. He has also served as past Derry/Londonderry Chamber of Commerce & Derry Main Street Corporation president and in board roles. He was honored for his service to the community of Derry/Londonderry as he was named Citizen of the Year in 2016.

In Lincoln/Woodstock, he was an active Rotarian & past president of the Linwood Rotary Club, & was an active skier & former part-time ski instructor at Loon Mountain. He also played a significant role in the formation & creation of The Bridge Project, a 501(c)3 charity in the Lincoln/Woodstock area that helps those in need find necessary resources to assist in their recoveries. The Bridge Project remains one of his favorite charities, and he hopes everyone can remember him by continuing to support their mission and development.

Bill was the founding member of the Law Offices of Parnell & McKay, & was integral in the merger of the firm now known as Parnell, Michels & McKay in Londonderry. He was an active & well-respected litigator, having served as past president of the NH Trial Lawyers Association.

Bill was never one to back down from a challenge, & through his efforts was able to grow the Derry/Londonderry community in many significant ways since moving to the area in 1979. He believed strongly in community involvement, & adored his time being able to coach and watch his three sons grow up and play sports in the NH area. He leaves a legacy of family, community involvement, & a passion for doing what he believed was right. We will all dearly miss his quick wit, sage advice, & his presence.

There will be a memorial service at SNHU in the Penmen Room from 4 - 8 p.m. on March 11. There will also be a celebration of life for friends and family at the Woodstock Inn & Brewery on March 12, in the function hall from 5 - 9 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, we kindly ask you to please make a donation to The Bridge Project (<http://thebridgeprojectnh.org/>). Donations can be mailed to: "The Bridge Project, P.O. Box 598, No. Woodstock, NH 03262).

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Water

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mended limit.

The class of chemicals called PFAS are the water contaminants that are being found in NH well systems and in other U.S. communities. National Geographic has recently published scientific information on January 24th 2020 about the problem that is insightful on this topic. www.nationalgeographic.com/science/20-20/01/pfas-contamination-safe-drinking-water-study/

PFAS is actually a class of more than 4,000 different chemicals that are in lots of products used today and these chemicals are now being found

in human blood tests more often. New research published this February by the non-profit Environmental Working Group (EWG), shows PFAS is becoming more prevalent in tap water across NH as well as in other areas of the U.S.

PFAS (especially PFOS and PFOAs) used in commercial products also have long half-lives that accumulate in human organisms - earning PFAS the moniker "the forever chemical."

David Andrews, a senior scientist at the EWG was involved in a recent EWG science report says, "I think it's one of the biggest threats in drinking water that people don't have a complete under-

standing of, and it's been around for decades."

The EPA has issued a health advisory for the two PFAS chemicals several years ago, saying that those chemicals shouldn't exceed 70 parts per trillion (ppt) in drinking supplies. The EWG however advises a much lower limit than the older EPA advisory, saying any sample that exceeds 1 ppt can be potentially harmful as based on studies of PFAS in rodents and humans. Arguments for stricter limits have also gained traction after the studies done by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) last year suggesting PFAS chemicals may endanger human health at far lower

levels than the EPA's non-binding limit.

In the absence of federal actions to protect people from these contaminants, and amidst growing local concern, states across the U.S. including NH have taken it upon themselves to limit the use of these chemicals.

Last July the State of NH adopted strict standards for PFAS chemicals in drinking water - via initial work from the state legislature's administrative rules committee.

At that time the state sharply lowered its proposed standards after criticism from long-time local NH based PFAS activists and after data was released showing how infants are exposed to PFAS through breast milk.

NH limits were set at 12 parts per trillion for PFOA, 15 ppt for PFOS, 18 ppt for PFHxS and 11 ppt for PFNA. This 2019 legislation made New Hampshire the first state to also require local water systems, landfills and waste-

water plants to routinely test and treat for four chemicals classified as PFAS -PFOA, PFOS - as well as PFHxS and PFNA which are related chemicals.

NH DES has been testing different water supplies across the state over the past several years and has released data from the PFOA/PFOS Sampling Results for Public Water Systems in New Hampshire. Specifically, five well systems in Londonderry were tested in 2016 and at least 1 system - located at the Century Village Condos - tested out at 16 ppt for PFOA which exceeds the new stricter standards set by last year's legislation in NH that was to go into effect at the end of December.

However, results from 2016 Londonderry well system water tests would likely need retesting in light of the new standards. However, the NH standards and testing requirements are now on hold as certain corporations and businesses have filed lawsuits against the

State of NH concerning the new laws regarding the acceptable levels of PFAS chemicals.

Large corporations including 3M filed a court case last November and Merrimack County Superior Court Judge Richard B. McNamara granted a preliminary injunction against the required testing for PFOAs in landfills, wastewater treatment plants, and water systems on Nov. 26, 2019. The injunction has temporarily stopped the state and NH DES from implementing and enforcing the new stricter PFAS standards at this time.

The State of NH has appealed this court decision though the appeal will likely not be heard until late spring or summer. So the NH legislature is working on a new PFOAs water contamination law that will include the strict standards and testing in legal language that will make it more difficult for those with special interests to impede the spirit of the law.



LMS Library Honored

Londonderry Middle School Librarians Jessica Payeur and Caitlin Bennett, pictured, recently had the honor of having their program named the 2020 Outstanding Library Program for their work at the library. The award was given by the New Hampshire School Library Media Association, after David Palage nominated them. Also sharing in the accolades were Kathy Batchelor, Larie Britting and Teri Mayer. They will be honored at the 27th Annual NH Excellence in Education Awards in June.

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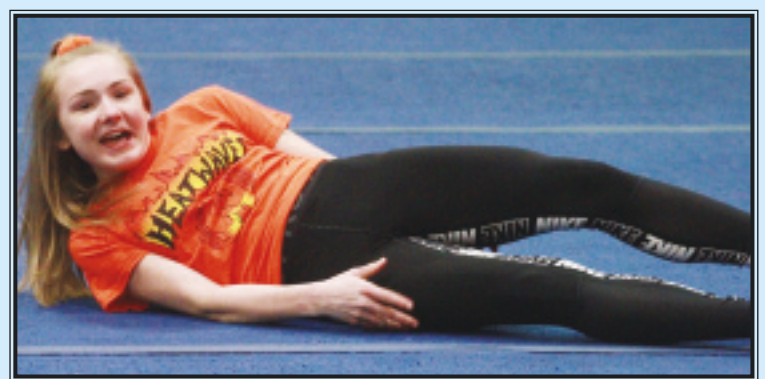
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LMS Eighth Grade Teams Compete at Spirit Week Games



Eighth grade teams at the Londonderry Middle School competed for the last time in the schools annual Spirit Week games. The contests took place as the last event during Spirit Week, with each grade competing. Games included: a Pop the Balloon Race; Musical Hula Hoops; Tug-o-War; Log Roll race; Pie Eating Contest; and Dress Up Photo shoot.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancer Hockey Comes Up Just Short on Playoff Spot

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Ice Hockey Squad's winter season has come to and end last week, as they finished the year

with a 6-11-1 record. That record was unfortunately good enough to make it into the NHIAA Division I playoffs.

Their first game of their last week of play was on Wednesday night, Feb.

26, against their rivals of Pinkerton Academy. They lost a tough 4-1 game after being up 1-0 headed into the final period.

The game started with some very physical play from both teams and the Lancer's had some close chances early into the game. It was a scoreless first period despite Londonderry giving the Astros a man advantage due to a penalty late in that period.

Brandon Savage gave the Lancers a one-goal advantage at the 3:01 minute mark in the second period when he tucked in an assist from Zachary Rheault. The Londonderry team continued to rifle shots at Pinkerton's goaltender, which gave them their window to score. At that point the Astros arena was shaking, due to the Londonderry fan section roaring with excitement being up 1-0 and having all the momentum. It turned into a shoving match at the end of the second period, with both teams getting more aggressive.

The Londonderry lead didn't last long in the third period, as the Astros

senior captain Mason Drouin found the back of the net 40 seconds into the final period, tying things up. The Astros then took a 2-1 lead a few minutes later with another Drouin goal. Pinkerton didn't stop there as they scored two more times, one on an empty net, before the final horn sounded.

The Lancer squad officially wrapped up their season on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 29, at the Tri-Town Ice Arena against Bishop Guertin.

Unfortunately, the LHS team wasn't able to finish their season with a win that would have landed them in the playoffs, as they lost 4-2 to the Cardinals despite a close start.

The game went much the same way as the pre-



Senior Nicholas Pitarys fires at the BG goal.

his Lancers in the second period off a Nicholas Pitarys assist.

That goal gave the Lancers a 1-0 lead heading into the final period of play. Lancer freshman forward Sam Neville scored the second, and last, Londonderry goal of the season, off a Samuel Seibert assist.

Things were looking good until the Cardinals scored four goals in the third period, resulted in the 4-2 win.

Before that game began, the LHS team honored its six senior players. Austin Cardosi, Kyle Hamilton, Nicholas Pitarys, Sam Seibert, Joey Stowell and Mike Ziv were all welcomed onto the ice with family members for their final game as Londonderry Lancers.

vious one, with a scoreless first and a slim 1-0 LHS lead in the second. Freshman forward Drew Cameron struck first for



Senior Sam Seibert digs the puck out of the corner against BG on Saturday. Photos by Chris Paul

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Lancers Send One Wrestler to Compete For New England Title

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Over the weekend, on Saturday, Feb. 29, four Lancer wrestlers represented the Londonderry High School Wrestling team at the NHIAA Meet of Champions (MOC). The best wrestlers in the state from Division I, II and III battled

it out at Nashua South High School for the rights to represent New Hampshire in the New England Championships next weekend. The Timberlane Regional Owls once again placed first with 237 points, while Concord followed in second with 203, Salem, third (160), and Pinkerton placed fifth

with 106 points and Londonderry finished tenth with 59 points.

Although the team didn't have the success they hoped for at the event, there was some individual Lancer success on the mats. The four Lancer wrestlers that competed were Brandon Drake (132 lbs), Johnny McKinnon

(152 lbs), Nicholas Walter (170 lbs), and Josh Bean (182 lbs).

Senior Brandon Drake was the lone Lancer to make it to the Championship bout that afternoon, he competed for the first place title against Codey Wild of Timberlane Regional High School. It was a hard fought bout, but Drake unfortunately lost a 16-0 technical fall at 5:01, giving him a second place finish. With that second place finish, it punched his ticket to the New England's Tournament on March 7 and 8 at Methuen High School in Massachusetts.

Despite the loss, Drake stayed positive as he thinks of what he can still accomplish. "It was a rough ending, but I'm still pretty happy with the outcome." He now has a chance to end his high school career a New England champ and prove people wrong which is what motivates him the most. "Whatever I'm seeded next weekend is going to motivate me, as long as I get higher. If they want to put me in a certain spot than I want to show them I'm better than that." Drake added.

Drake moved up one position after the Division I third place finish. He had a pin in his first match over Joey Leblanc of Merrimack, a pin over Noah Dutkewych of White Mountains in the second bout, and pinned Matt Mustapha of Salem to get into the championship.

Two other Lancer wrestlers had top five finishes at the MOCs, and ending their season tops in the state.

In the weight class of 170 lbs, senior Nicholas Walter competed against Gy Gimaranzi of Concord for third place. Unfortunately for Walter, he was pinned at the 5:58 minute mark, but was still able to end the weekend with a fourth place finish. On his way to his fourth place finish, Walter had wins against Dylan Pelton of Mascoma Valley and Matt Breton of Salem High School.

In the 182 lbs weight class, Kody Rasheed of Concord pinned Londonderry's Josh Bean in 3:32, handing Bean a fourth place finish. Bean had victories over Nick Carroll of Pelham, Thomas Johnston of John Stark Regional and Sid Dhanaraj of Merrimack.

As a top three finisher, Drake will wrap up his wrestling season and his high school career on March 7 and 8 at the New England Wrestling Tournament being held at Methuen High School in Massachusetts.



Senior LHS Wrestler Brandon Drake will compete at the New England Championships after placing second at the NH MOCs. Photo by Chris Paul

Athletes of the Week

Week of Feb. 24

Brandon Drake Senior, Wrestling



Brandon wrestled well at the Division I meet and MOCs. At DI's he placed third and was seeded fourth going into the MOCs. This weekend he pinned his way to the finals and beating a very talented wrestler from Salem. He took a second place finish at the MOCs and will compete at the New England Championships this weekend.

Ava Campbell Sophomore, Cheer



Sophomore Ava Campbell is a positive, resilient teammate who has worked her way back from an injury stronger than ever. She puts in additional work outside of practice in order to reach her goals, and has pushed herself to be able to compete her skills to help her team reach success at competition.

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LHS Girls Hoops Finish Season 10-8 Head to DI Playoffs

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High Schools Girls Basketball team ended their regular season last week by adding to the win column and will head into the NHIAA Division I playoffs on a six-game winning streak.

The Lady Lancers started their final week of the regular season on Tuesday, Feb. 25, on the road against the Exeter Blue Hawks. The LHS squad got the job done on the road with a 63-55 win.

It was a close battle in the first half, but momentum was all on the Lancer side of the court in the second half as Courtney Shay scored the first 14 points, giving the squad life. Olivia Chou stepped up big late in the game

when she made an inside score plus the foul for a three-point play to extend their lead. Shay closed out the game with four free-throws.

Shay who has been the team's main source of offense, exploded for 24 points in this one, while Colleen Furlong poured in 11. Ashley Rourke had eight, Olivia Chou contributed with seven, while Ashley Schmitt scored six, Kaylaa Miles had three and Katie Sullivan had two points.

Head coach Nick Theos was impressed with what his girls were able to do. "The girls showed me something tonight, they didn't have their best game but they competed and got the win. That's a big confidence boost, also we

made a adjustment on the fly and the executed so all in all a positive game."

Londonderry then closed out their season on Friday, Feb. 28, which was also the team's senior night. They took time before the game to celebrate Courtney Shay, Katie Sullivan, Colleen Furlong, Ashley Doyle, Maura Buckley, and Kayla Miles.

They were able to defend their home court and hand Salem High School their seventh loss, in a close 58-52 win. Shay and Colleen Furlong switched roles in the senior celebration game and Furlong wound up erupting for a season-high 25 points. Following behind her was Ashley Schmitt with 11, and Olivia Chou had seven points.

Furlong kept her team in the game, scoring nine of the 13 first quarter points, and then scored eight of the 16 second quarter points. It was still a close game in the second half, but the Lancer's defense was able to lift them through when both Furlong and Schmitt had key steals that turned into points which have them a double digit lead.

Coach Theos was pumped to see his girls play the way they did heading into playoffs. "We had a lot of girls contribute for us tonight. On defense and offense and on the boards the girls made plays, that's what we needed going into the playoffs." The whole squad had fun with it, and knows how dangerous they truly can be. "We even got our six senior Maura Buckley her first varsity experience tonight, it was a fun night all

the way around. We are a harder team to face when we have everyone chipping in," Theos went on to say.

The Lady Lancers finished the season with a 10-8 record and the tenth seed in the playoffs. Their first game was scheduled against their rival Pinkerton Academy on Wednesday, March 4, at Pinkerton's Hackler Gym after the Londonderry Times went to print. Pinkerton finished at 12-6 and is the number seven seed. The winner of that contest will be facing the number two seed, Merrimack High School on Saturday, March 7, at Merrimack.



Courtney Shay Heads to the hoop.



Junior Sarah Clegg goes fights for the hoop during the last regular season game on Friday night.
Photos by Chris Paul

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Londonderry Boys Hoops Team Suffer Two More Losses

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

As the Division I season heads into its last week of play, the Londonderry High School Boys' Basketball team has seen far more lows than highs as they now hold a record of 4-12 after a home loss to an exceptional Exeter High School team.

The Lancer boys hosted the now 15-1 Blue Hawks on Tuesday night, Feb. 25, and Exeter showed why they're the top seed with a 63-44 win.

The game started with visitors taking a quick 15-5 lead, but Londonderry gained life when Luke

Marsh assisted Wil Reyes for a lay up, and fired up the squad. Before the quarter ended Justin Hoggard threaded the needle with a pass in the paint to Luke Marsh, but Exeter still led 20-9 at the buzzer. Londonderry's offensive struggles continued in the second quarter as Exeter forced turnovers and continued to hit shots, and jumped out to a 29-11 lead. The Lancers however, couldn't get anything to fall until a Luke Marsh three-pointer fell in before the half ended, giving the home squad some hope heading into the locker room, despite a 35-16 Blue Hawk lead.

It was a different story for Londonderry to start the second half as they came out with more intensity, and Wil Reyes started things with a beautiful spin move lay up. The team had a better offensive flow and Marsh muscled his way for two with a strong take to the rim.

Despite the effort, Exeter still held a 20-point lead with three minutes to play, but the Lancer's kept fighting, charging up the fans attending. Wil Reyes had back-to-back inside scores and then Alex Tsetsilas ended the third quarter with an incredibly athletic coast-to-coast inside score.

Exeter's lead was now 46-32, and Londonderry made it seem like a comeback was in the works.

Unfortunately Exeter was able to maintain their lead throughout the fourth quarter, even though the Lancers did everything in their power to try and win.

Luke Marsh led the way in the game with 12 points, while Wil Reyes scored ten, Alex Tsetsilas had nine, and Mike Rosatano scored eight. Zach Fawcett, and Scott McEvoy scored two points each.

It has been one roller-coaster of a season for the Londonderry squad, between their ups and

downs, and overtime games. The one thing that has continued to be consistent for them is the effort they bring each game and head coach Nathan Stanton loves that. "I think it's because I have competitors, and that's what winners do. I know things haven't gone our way, but I think winners don't give up. They're still competing everyday, practices have been great they've been into it." He loves how hard they work and how they always continue to fight. "Great group of guys and I know they're frustrated, I'm proud of them for not giving up. I think

the way they came out in the second half was huge and they fought they pushed each other and I wish I had them all year round." Stanton added.

Londonderry's season will come to an end with two final home games. They first hosted Goffstown High School (7-9) on Tuesday, March 3, after the Londonderry Times went to print. Their final game of the season will be against Nashua North High School (12-4) on Friday night, March 6, with tip-off set for 7 p.m. The last game will also serve as the team's Senior Night, where they honor their four senior players.

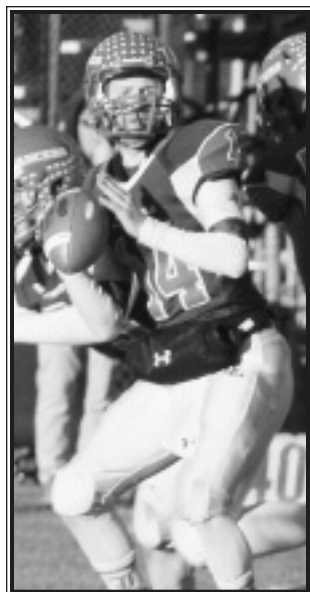
LHS Quarterback Will Continue Football at College Level

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School's senior quarterback Jake McEachern will continue to play football next year at the collegiate level for Norwich University starting in the fall of 2020.

McEachern is coming off an incredible and unforgettable senior season as his Lancer team had an undefeated, 12-0 season, winning the State Championship over the Exeter Blue Hawks back in November at the University of New Hampshire.

McEachern has a



Jake McEachern

career varsity total of 1,425 passing yards, 23 touchdown passes, three interceptions, and he completed 70 passes of his 109 attempts.

Along with that, McEachern had a quarterback rating of 135.8 his senior year, and did some damage with his running game. This past season he had 109 total carries for 818 yards, and ten rushing touchdowns, which gave him a total of 2,230 total yards.

His goal has always been to win, and that's what paved the way to the schools State Champi-

onship his final year and the opportunity to play College Football. "The goal from day one has been to win the championship. I know the guys that I work with work very hard to get what they want and that's what they did this year. Because they work so hard, I don't want to let them down so I work extra hard just for them," said McEachern.

As he prepares to graduate, and start the next chapter in his life, Jake took a look back at his final season and will cherish it forever. "We had a really successful year, the seniors and I went out doing exactly what we wanted to accomplish and that's to become undefeated state

champs. They're a great group of guys to be around, and I'm going to miss playing with them." He has now passed the torch to his younger brother and hopes to see him follow in his footsteps. "My brother Dylan is next in line, so I wish him and the rest of the team good luck next season." McEachern added.

Norwich University seemed like the perfect fit for McEachern athletically and academically, so that's why he made the decision to commit there. "I love the football program, and the school itself is amazing." He will be studying engineering while trying to bring Norwich a championship like he did with his Londonderry Lancers. "Really

looking forward to playing at Norwich. I felt like it was the perfect fit for me as a player and as a student," said McEachern.

None of this would have been possible if it wasn't for all the support and encouragement he has received throughout his career. "My teammates, my friends, family and coaches have always been there for me through ups and downs." He will forever be grateful for what they have done for him and will continue to make them proud. "They all believe in me and help me whenever possible. I love them all so much and am very appreciative for what they have done for me," McEachern finished up saying.

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your cost of living. The effects on our economy would be \$1.5B the first three years, \$10.0B over ten years. A rebate program for certain income classes would require hiring additional state employees to administer the program through a complicated system. Besides being very costly and stunting the NH growth, the intended results don't occur.

Experience shows us that travel (cars, trucks, airplanes, etc.), does not significantly decrease with an increase in the price of fuels because they are relatively inelastic to price increases. People still need to drive, trucks still need to operate, goods still need to be manufactured and shipped, etc. Also, consider that the US produces only about 15% of the world's CO2. The savings from NH would be insignificant. More importantly, Europe has had a carbon tax for years, having a much larger share of the world's CO2, and the atmospheric temperature has not significantly decreased. The tax has, however, greatly increased the governments' coffers.

Other and better efforts are being done to get to where we want to be. A carbon doesn't seem to be one of them. Please consider this on Tuesday.

Doug Thomas
State Representative
Science, Technology
and Energy Committee

I'm with Deb

To the editor

I am voting for Deb Paul for Town Council and here's why. Deb has been involved with all facets of town government since she moved to Londonderry. She regularly attends all departments meeting and has served on the Heritage Committee, Charter Commission, Master Plan and Master Plan Steering Committee. She has also helped with many local groups including the Salvation Army, Blues Fest, Concerts on the Common, The Upper Room, Care givers, and Sonshine Soup Kitchen just to name a few. She is also active on the YMCA board in Londonderry. Deb has a very good understanding of where we are as town, and what needs to be done.

She has great ideas on how to do things better and faster, and step outside the "we've always

done it that way" mentality. She is honest, fair, willing to discuss new ideas and loves this town. We need to do things better, be more efficient and be 100% transparent in all facets of government.

I urge you to contact her and find out what she stands for and her ideas. We need Deb on Londonderry's town council!!

Cris Navarro
Londonderry

Vote for Deb Paul

To the editor

Town government is the form that often has the largest impact on our everyday lives. It directly affects the local society and the environment in which we live. One of the key aspects of good government is openness and transparency so that we know what goes on and also how and why decisions are made. Another key factor is the regular introduction of new and qualified representation so that our representatives do not become too set in their ways. This year we have a candidate for one of the two open seats on Town Council who is admirably suited to provide both these attributes.

As editor and publisher of our local newspaper, Deb Paul has made a career of facilitating openness and transparen-

cy in government. Through her career choice she has become familiar with the manner in which our local government operates and the constraints upon it. It is rare to find a candidate with that degree of exposure to government operations who is not already a part of that same government and thus of the status quo.

Deb is clearly extremely well qualified on both these counts.

Then there is the consideration whether her views match well with your own.

Any candidate will tend to express those opinions that they figure will sit well with those about to vote for them. Those opinions may change once elected and that is one factor that works in favor of an incumbent and against a newcomer. In Deb's case we have far better insight into what she really thinks. Her opinions have been in public view for many years through her editorials and the manner in which she has presented the news, as reported by the Londonderry Times. We do not need to worry if the candidate is expressing their genuine opinion - we already know Deb's.

I would urge you to vote for Deb in the upcoming election. Let us introduce one new mem-

ber to the Council this year when we have such a well-qualified one available.

David Ellis
Londonderry

Why Vote for Deb Paul for Town Council

To the editor,

My wife and I moved to town in 1972 to enjoy a wonderful quality of life because it was great place to raise children and for it's location. Since then the town has seen many changes some not so good. And that is why it is imperative that we have people we can trust and who care about the town in office. That is why we need Deb Paul.

When Deb attends meetings you can rest assured that she has done and will do her homework and look at every aspect of it. She is always looking for what is best for all the people in town and rest assured she will always listen to what to your ideas, concerns and issues she truly cares about what you have to say.

Let me list the reasons why Deb:

She loves the town of Londonderry and its people.

She has been in evolved in many town organizations and is giving of herself and her time to make things better for others.

She has never been afraid to speak her mind at public meetings

She is honest to a

fault.

She has a strong moral compose with integrity.

Theses characters listed above just scratch the surfers of the depth of her charter.

That is why we will be voting for Deb Paul and we ask you do the same.

Shirley & Ray Breslin
Londonderry

Rochester County Meals-on-Wheels

To the editor,

I don't like picking one name out of my Meals-on-Wheels deliverers; they're all wonderful and I'm fond of them all. But I must say that "Ilona" deserves an honorable mention for recognizing my small signs of a stroke and admittance to Parkland Hospital.

I do not mention names as I tell everyone I meet but I do tell how marvelous your service of MoWs is.

The stroke presence was discovered early and halted I have been improving daily. Thank you for putting me on my feet again.

I'm proud of the emergency care of Londonderry Ambulance & Fire service, and of Parkland's staff with availability of the finest equipment to help people.

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Gratefully,
Shirley Visnor,
Londonderry

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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.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on: March 24, at 6 - 7:30 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers) Proof of age, and 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. For more information contact: Kristin Grages, Chair, Supervisors of the Checklist 603-432-1100, ext 198.

Renew

Renew will be open Saturday, March 14, 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. Now open second Wednesday every month 6:30pm-8pm. 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.

Legion Meeting

American Legion Post 27 will hold its Monthly Gener-

al Meeting on March 9 at 7:30 p.m. at 6 Sargent Rd, Londonderry. Executive Board elections will be held for the 2020-2021 officers. All members are welcome to attend.

Karaoke Night

A Karaoke with DJ Sharon will be held by American Legion Post 27 on March 13, starting at 7 p.m., at 6 Sargent Rd, Londonderry. Non-members interested in joining Post 27 are welcome to attend.

VA BINGO

On March 23 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 and diet soda as well as providing prize money.

Guess It Jar

The Leach Library Children's Room will be offering a Guess It Jar beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 2 and ending at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31. Stop by the Children's Room desk to guess how many erasers you think are in the jar. The closest guess, under or over, will win a great prize!

Republican Meeting

The Londonderry Republican group will meet on Thursday, March 19, from 7 - 9 p.m. Help us make plans for an impactful 2020 election cycle. Be an outcome influencer. We meet in a classroom at Victory Baptist Church, 78 Litchfield Rd., Londonderry.

Watch Me Grow!

On March 24, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Learn how to assess child development and know when there is a need for further resources and where to turn in your community, at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd., Derry.

On My Own Teen Series

Want to build new skills and have fun? Free Basic

Sewing Survival Wednesdays March 11, 18 and 25 from 2:30 - 4 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd., Derry.

Teen Talk

You are not alone group Teen Talk (TT) for ages 13-18 yrs. - Free Tuesdays from 3 - 4 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd., Derry.

Stone Walls

Discovering New England Stone Walls Amoskeag Mills Questers hosts NH Humanities Kevin Gardner presenting a program on the history, construction, and styles of the thousands of miles of NE stone walls. This event will be on Wednesday March 6, at 10 a.m., at the Marion Gerrish Community Center Derry. Free and open to the public. For additional information contact Meredith Hatch 603-434-8673.

Gorgeous Gardens of New England

Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m., the Leach Library will offer Ms. Joanne Pearson's presentation "Gorgeous Gardens of New England". Joanne Pearson is a landscape architect turned professional photographer. She lectures on photography and gardens, and seeks to inspire and engage through her presentations. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library. The event 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.

Library Movie

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, March 19 from 3:15 - 5 p.m. for our young adult movie Nancy Drew and the Hidden Staircase. Participants in grades 6 - 12 will enjoy the movie, along with popcorn and beverages. In addition, at

this special event, there will be a raffle for fun door prizes. No registration is required.

Take and Make

Starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 2 and ending at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, participants in grades 6 - 12 are invited to pick up supplies to create their own Origami Animal bookmark. Craft supplies are located at the Leach Library circulation desk.

Flume and Isinglass Voting

Starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 2 and ending at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, participants in grades 6 - 12 are invited to the Leach Library to vote for their favorite Flume or Isinglass nominated title. 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. Participants may vote for more than one book. For each voting slip handed in, participants will be entered into a random drawing for a chance to win a Barnes & Noble gift certificate!

Dinosaurs Visit

How Do Dinosaurs Visit the Library? Come to the Leach Library on Monday, March 9 from 4 - 5 p.m. for a special visit with Dinosaur from the How Do Dinosaurs series. Hear stories about how Dinosaur does things, including visit the library, and learn to march like a dinosaur. There will be plenty of time for a hug and a picture with Dinosaur! At the end of the program, each participant will receive a special hugging pterodactyl! This program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. This program is being sponsored by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library. To register, stop by the Children's Room or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 2.

Craft Time

Come to the Leach Library on Wednesdays from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. to explore their creative side. Each week, participants will discover a different fun craft to make using a variety of materials. Advance registration is required. Meeting

dates are: March 18, and 25, April 1, and 8.

Delve into Knowledge

Stop by the Leach Library Children's Room desk to answer our special trivia challenge question. If you are not sure of the answer, use one of our books or the Internet to help you. All answers will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a cool prize. A new trivia challenge will be available each week starting at 9 a.m. on March 9, 16, 23, and 30, and will be available until 5 p.m. on Saturday each week.

Spring Fling Book Bingo

Come to the Leach Library on Monday, March 23 from 4 - 5 p.m. and play a fun picture version of the popular game. All participants will win and have a chance to choose books from our special selection tables. This exciting program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 16.

Magnificent Monster Circus Puppet Show

Join CactusHead Puppets at the Leach Library on Monday, April 6 from 4 - 5 p.m. for their fun and interactive show, Magnificent Monster Circus. Meet Max, the Monsters' Caretaker, and many friendly monsters with their amazing tricks of daring-do! Step right up and enjoy the thrills of Clarissa the Crested Cannon, the chills of Eustace the Uni-Browed, make friends with the Fiery Fang Worm, and much more. This entertaining program is open to 90 participants of all ages, and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 30.

Exchange Students Program

Exchange students program of academic exchange "Pax" is currently seeking families to host for the 2020-2021 school year. There are students coming in from over 60 different countries both male and female ages 15-18 the students come with good English skills own spending money/medical insurance. Families would provide a bed for the student to

sleep in, place to study, share meals together occasional rides to and from after school activities once the student make friends carpooling is wonderful. For more information on the program Contact linda_coffey@hotmail.com or go to pax.org.

Spring Dance

The Londonderry Lions will be having a Spring Dance on April 25, featuring Bobby and the Sharp-tones, from 7 - 11 p.m. For ticket purchases or info contact Jerry at (603) 434-5307 or your favorite lion.

Select This Year's Great Stone Face Award Winner

The New Hampshire Great Stone Face Award nominees are books selected by librarians for children in grades 4-6. Beginning in Feb. and ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 4, for every book read from the list of nominated titles, participants receive one raffle ticket. All the raffle tickets will be entered into a random drawing for a chance to win a great prize. Voting on your favorite book from the list starts on Monday, April 6 at 9 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 11. The raffle is open to all participants in grades 4-6. Stop by the Leach Library Children's Room desk to pick up a list of the nominated books and help us choose this year's winner.

Teen Talk

An after-school group for teens ages 13-18 years old to talk, connect, relate and support each other on Tuesdays from 3 - 4 p.m., at the Upper Room in Derry. Drop-ins are welcome! For more information, call 437-8477 ext. 29

Teen Information for Parenting Success

This series is open up to age 23, on Wednesdays from 5 - 7 p.m., at the Upper Room in Derry get in-school support, workshops, baby/ toddler supplies, resources and a place to talk, share and learn call 437-8477 ext. 12.

Romping Reads

Open to participants of all ages. Each week, participants will have a romping good time with songs, interactive stories, and a game. Move and groove

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Around Town

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with friends old and new on Wednesdays from 4:15 - 4:45 p.m. Meeting dates are: March 18, and 25, April 1, and 8.

Toddler Time

Open to children ages 2 & 3. Children attend with

their parents and enjoy a fun half-hour of thematic stories, games, songs, and a simple craft. Meets on Thursdays, 9:30 - 10 a.m. Meeting dates are: March 19, and 26, April 2, and 9.

Transitions Support

The Upper Room offers Transitions support for young adults ages 18-25. Learn how to manage the

"overwhelming" in a healthy way for you. We offer workshops, and 1:1 support, groups. For an appointment, call (603) 437-8477 ext. 24.

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.

Create a Craft

At the start of each week, the Leach library will provide supplies for a new, creative craft and place them in the box on the spotlight shelf for patrons

to create. A new craft may be picked up each week starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 9, 16, 23, and 30, and will be available until 5 p.m. each Saturday.

TIPS

The Upper Room holds TIPS (Teen Information for Parenting Success) a Support Program for young parents up to age 23. Every

Wednesday from 5 - 7 p.m., at 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. Get in-school support, workshops, baby/toddler supplies, resources and a place to talk share and learn.

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Monday - Feb. 24
10:12 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Isabella Drive.
1:09 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated on Berlang Road.
6 p.m. Sex Offenses investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.
6:49 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Old Nashua Road.
8:05 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Old Candia Road. Michael Drake, 30, of Candia charged with Criminal Mischief.
8:17 p.m. Services rendered for Trespassing on Hancock Drive.

Tuesday - Feb. 25
9:39 a.m. Sex Offenses investigated on Adams Road.

10:12 a.m. Stolen Motor Vehicle recovered at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.
12:29 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Olde Country Village Road.
1:54 p.m. Welfare Check performed by three officers at MacGregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.
2:01 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Kendall Pond Road.
7:50 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Chapparel Drive.

Wednesday - Feb. 26
9:41 a.m. Drug Offenses Services Rendered on Royal Lane.
12:20 p.m. Medical Emergency investigated at Manchester Boston

Regional Airport.
1:03 p.m. Structure Fire investigated by six officers on Preserve Drive.
3:41 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Threatening on Jay Drive.
6:27 p.m. Domestic Disturbance reported on Mohawk Drive.
8:46 p.m. Domestic Disturbance reported on Judy Drive.

Thursday - Feb. 27
10:25 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Sandstone Circle.
10:57 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated at New Construction Site on South Road.
12:49 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Bartley Hill Road

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OHRV users should only ride on trails that are clearly marked with signage and are designated for the type of OHRV vehicles they are operating, or they should be on land where they have received written landowner permission to ride. Contact the N.H. Bureau of Trails, the Londonderry Conservation Commission or a local club for more information.

Unless you are on an approved trail system

with and OHRV or you have obtained permission for riding on a specific piece of land, you are in violation of the law. All land - whether public or private, requires landowner permission. Over 80% of the snowmobile and other trail systems are on private property in NH. It is requested by the community that all OHRV users please respect the wishes of local landowners and stay only on designated authorized trails.

Also note that OHRV operation is prohibited on state-owned or leased land for these vehicles during mud season - from the end of the snowmobile season (loss of consistent snow cover) to May 23 every year. Residents

should contact local clubs for specific seasonal opening and closing dates. Find local clubs at nhtrails.org.

When a person breaks the OHRV related law, they may be summoned to appear in court or get a ticket. Most laws are violation-level offenses and can carry a penalty of up to \$1,000 in fines. However, there are NH statutes that set criminal misdemeanors, which are punishable by higher fines and/or one year in jail. Misdemeanors include refusing to stop for a police officer, unauthorized use (stealing), removing or defacing signs, and a second offense for operating on railroad tracks, cemeteries or airports or for offenses for operating

while under the influence of drugs and/ or alcohol. Some offenses carry a requirement to attend a Responsible Rider Safety course.

Any offense that occurs within a public right-of-way can be considered a motor vehicle offense and motor vehicle laws may apply. These may impact a person's driver's license privileges. If an OHRV or snowmobile is involved in an offense, the registered owner may be held liable, and the registration may be revoked.

When a person under 16 years old breaks the law, the officer can have the vehicle towed and impounded for up to 24 hours. A summons may also be issued. If an adult

has knowledge that a child under the age of 16 was operating the vehicle illegally, the adult may be liable for the actions of the child.

Loud snowmobiles and OHRVs are a primary cause of complaints from landowners and other trail users. All operators are encouraged to ride quiet vehicles. It is illegal to modify an exhaust system in any way that increases the noise level from that of the original muffler. Snowmobile noise levels must comply with the manufacturer specifications as contained in the requirements of the Snowmobile Safety and Certification Committee approval. Trail bikes and ATVs cannot emit noise levels that

exceed 96 decibels. Snowmobile and OHRV operators must submit to a sound level test when requested to do so by a law enforcement officer. All motorized OHRVs (including trail bikes) operating in woodlands that emit exhaust within 4 feet of the ground, must be equipped with a spark arrestor.

Signs and trail markers are established for public safety. A great deal of time and money is spent to erect these signs to improve your riding experience. Please pay attention to them. It is illegal to remove, destroy, deface or obstruct signs and markers on trails or on private property. Violation of this law is a misdemeanor.

Around Town

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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.

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.'

Journey of Hope

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6:59 p.m. Keeping the Peace on Woodcrest Drive.

8:39 p.m. Services rendered for Wires Down on Griffin Road at Jersey Street.

Friday - Feb. 28

4:54 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

5:44 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

12:38 p.m. Services rendered for Wires Down on Wiley Hill Road.

7:43 p.m. Welfare Check results in Arrest made on Fieldstone Drive. Four officers charge Gretchen Berthiaume, 49, of Londonderry Domestic Violence (Simple Assault; Physical Contact); and Possession of a Controlled Drug (Schedule 1-4).

8:56 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Tolles Street, Nashua. Katie Ann Kelley, 34, of Nashua charged with Willful Concealment (Theft); Willful Concealment; and Theft by Unauthorized Taking (\$0-\$1,000).

9:57 p.m. Overdose investigated on Sunset Drive.

10:17 p.m. Disturbance

investigated on Horsehoe Lane.

11:39 p.m. Weapons Offenses investigated at 603 Brewery on Main Street.

Saturday - Feb. 29

1:59 a.m. Services rendered for Disturbance on Wyndmere Drive.

10:02 a.m. Services rendered for Unlawful Activities on Winterwood Drive.

3:34 p.m. Drug Offenses reported on Winterwood Drive.

4:01 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on King Henry Drive.

8:08 p.m. Weapons Offenses investigated at The Coach Stop.

Sunday - March 1

10:07 a.m. Missing Person investigated on Rabbit Run.

11:49 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Nelson Road at LAFA Complex

1:04 p.m. Criminal Mischief Investigated on Rockingham Road at L-Town Garage.

2:33 p.m. Drug Offenses reported Winding Pond Road.

3:08 p.m. Three officers investigate Weapons Offenses on Hall Road.

5:03 p.m. Assault Investigated by three officers on South Road.

6:12 p.m. Missing Person

Services Rendered on Hickory Hill Drive

8:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Complaint leads to Arrest on Mammoth Road. Six officers charge Jessica Miller, 43, of Hudson with

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