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Members of the Londonderry High School Symphonic Band rehearse as they get ready to play at Carnegie Hall in New York City on March 16.
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LHS Symphonic Band Selected to Perform Carnegie Hall March 16

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School (LHS) Band program is known for its many accomplishments over the years including representing N.H. in two Presidential Inaugural Parades, two Citrus Bowl Parades, the Miss America Pageant Parade and numerous

New York City St. Patrick's Day parades. Until this time, the crowning achievement for the band has been the five appearances in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade, but now the school can add another outstanding accomplishment to their list.

The select 60-member Symphonic

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Residents Pack Town Hall on Water Contamination Issues

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The Town Council meeting with NH DES (Department of Environmental Services) was one of the largest meetings held at the Londonderry Town Hall. About 200 concerned residents including police, fire department, elected officials and even folks from nearby towns came to ask questions about water issues that have closed certain residential water wells due to hazardous PFAS chemical contaminants.

Residents came to find out about where hazardous drinking water is being found, what con-

taminate levels are hazardous, what can be done to stop contaminators and what are the best solutions for clean water.

Saint Gobain Performance Plastics in Merrimack has been taken to court by NH towns and the State of NH - as the company was found to have illegally released hazardous PFAS chemical compounds linked to contaminated waters systems in Londonderry, Merrimack, Litchfield and Bedford.

Town Council Chairman, John Farrell pointed out, "In addition to the Saint Gobain problem, there are different water issues in different areas of

the town such as behind the Apple Tree Mall. We met with 40 to 50 people in that neighborhood yesterday and talked to them about the contamination at the mall area.

A resident from that mall area neighborhood - who lives on Lancaster - reported that there are extremely high levels of the PFOAs. She said, "One of my neighbors had PFOA levels at 500 parts per trillion (ppt)." That is about 35 times over what NH laws now find as hazardous for human health.

Farrell said, "We became aware of water problems about 4 years ago when it was discov-

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Woodmont Commons Provides Update Report to Planning Board

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At the March 4 Planning Board meeting, Town Planner, Colleen Mailloux, recommended approval to the board for a lot merger request to merge 15 Pillsbury Road, Lot 41, 15 Appletree Lane, Lot 41-1 and 7 Pillsbury Road, Lot 41-2, properties that are Zoned AR-1.

These lots are part of Woodmont Commons project presently being developed by Pillsbury Realty Development, LLC, the owner and applicant for this request. Mallioux noted this property is expected to be folded into a subdivision deal that is a work in progress with

regard to future real estate transactions to be completed. The board agreed to sign off on the Town Planner's recommendation to allow this property merge.

Over the past year, Woodmont Commons has become a reality as the first Woodmont business to be located in the development, the 603 Brewery, began attracting clients. In the fall, new residents began to move into the immense, multi-use Planned Unit Development (PUD) that is still taking shape off Route 102 near the Market Basket - Home Goods strip mall area. Developed and owned by Pillsbury Realty Development, LLC the

Woodmont Commons plan calls for the development of streetscapes, retail businesses, different types of housing and green park and garden space. The intent is to provide a new form of integrated urban development where people will live, do business, work and play.

Ari Pollack, an Attorney from the Concord-

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South School Students Celebrate Dr. Seuss Day by Dressing Up



Dr. Seuss characters filled the halls of Londonderry South Elementary School last week, as the school celebrated Read Across America week by having students and staff dress up as their favorite Seuss characters.

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New Communication Tower Planned for 120 High Range Road

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Art Rugg, Chairman of Planning Board, outlined a new project for the town and for the Londonderry Fire and Rescue team at the March 4 Planning Board meeting. Rugg spoke to the members about a non-binding review in accordance with town governmental land use for the construction of a communication tower that would include associated improvements. This tower is now planned for construction at a location on 120 High Range Road that is zoned AR-1, for residential use.

Rugg pointed out, "This is a municipal project, so in the State of New Hampshire this means that our municipality can do what it wants to do here. It is not encumbered by any rules or regula-

tions, site plans or things like that - and that is by statute in the State of New Hampshire and also by English common law."

Town Planner, Colleen Mailloux, provide additional background for the town's project. She also noted that this is government land use which makes this project subject to non-binding discussions.

Mailloux reported, "We have notified the abutters that this meeting is a public hearing and it has been posted in the newspaper. The project is both for the fire department, for police emergency communications and will also include public works communications. The project is to fill in a gap in the town's communication infrastructure, so we (the Planning Department) have been coordinating with the project team, recommending best management

practices and compliance with the town's wireless communications facilities ordinance and site plan regulations, as is practical. This project is however exempt from any of our municipal regulations."

Battalion Chief of Operations, Michael McQuillen, and Central Station Battalion Chief, Jeremy Mague, provided an overview of the project for the Planning Board.

McQuillen told the board, "This is part of our communications upgrade that we started a couple years ago and have brought before the town as a public safety update for highway, police and fire ... this project is an effort to upgrade our communications system into the 21st century and set up for the safety for our providers. This was one of the sites that we identified as a hub for the police and the depart-

ment of public works to have the height needed for the tower and for the communications equipment in order for communications to be able to operate town wide in a secure network."

Mague said, "The majority of focus for this project is to increase our coverage for municipal emergency communications around town. Also, we are trying to replace all of our equipment that is seeing signs of aging and our electronic equipment needs a lot of upgrading."

"The big problem that we're having right now," said Mague, "...is that our current system uses RF or radiofrequency technology to get back to our central station, which allows us to go through the trees and minor overhangs and stuff like that, but our problem is that we need line of sight from all of our

different Towers that we have deployed throughout this project."

Mague continued, "We require line of sight so we need to elevate our equipment including antennas. We use a lot of microwave technology which requires line of sight - which is one of the reasons why we are looking for that tower to be deployed also for the DPW. The DPW uses our Londonderry Police Department repeater, but the fire department does not. The current facility set up just does not support our project there so that's why we are proposing a new tower to go up in that location."

The Tower is planned to be 120 feet tall with a small footprint and there will be electrical service work updates required for this technology, as well as, a 14 ft. by 14 ft. tower pad and a backup

electrical generator area at the site.

The board discussed safety issues including, transmitter radiation issues, with the fire department officials who informed the board that safety for the deployment has been considered and will be properly implemented.

At the public hearing section of the discussion, a neighborhood resident came forward to ask a few more questions to insure the project would not utilize technologies that might be unsafe for residents over the long term. The town officials from the fire department further supported and substantiated information about the safety in place for the project, which appeared to put this resident at ease. The communications tower project is now a work in progress at this time.

Variance Criteria Must Be Substantiated for the ZBA

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Variations are part of a town's zoning framework that allows exceptions to zoning restrictions if they are still within the spirit of town zoning ordinances. Strict process rules must be adhered to for a variance to be granted by a Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA).

New Hampshire has set guidelines for exceptions to zoning ordinances and Londonderry has defined a specific process for the granting of variances. Any resident who owns property may apply for a variance.

At their Feb. 19, meet-

ing, the ZBA heard several variance requests from local residents with properties in AR-1 (Agricultural - Residential) zoning.

Typically the ZBA will hear a variance request and make a decision on that request at a first meeting with an applicant; however if the applicant has a gap in their facts or there is complexity involved about the request, then the ZBA can continue a request to another meeting. A continuance can give the applicant and the board time to sort out circumstances for a specific applicant's request.

Indeed, a continuance is precisely what oc-

curred from a request by Londonderry resident, Douglas Fuller for a variance to encroach 25 feet into a 40 foot front setback zoning regulation - for the construction of a garage at his home at 2 Mount Vernon Drive. Fuller had not made a strong enough case to provide the board with all the facts they needed to grant a variance. Specifically the board did not have enough information to know if not granting the variance would be a hardship to the property owner, which is a part of the criteria that must be met to obtain a variance. In addition, the applicant did not have the exact

dimensions of the proposed garage ready for consideration by the board. Chairman, Neil Dunn gave Fuller a choice to continue his case to next month or to have a decision rendered that might go against him due to gaps in his factual criteria presentation. Fuller chose to continue his case until next month.

Zoning Board applications and requests for variances must meet outlined application criteria. All applicants for a zoning variance should provide specifics for their requested variance related to the ordinance adjustment they are seeking. Londonderry residents

seeking a variance are also required to complete the five points of law on their request application.

The next applicant case at the Feb. 19 ZBA meeting was for a variance request to encroach 20 feet into the 40 foot front setback for the construction of a second floor addition at 11 Ash Street owned by Stephen

DeFrancesco. This case was straight forward, and the applicant provided substantive criteria facts that persuaded the board to grant this variance promptly with a condition that the second level addition construction would stay within the same footprint as the original building construction.

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Editorial

Let the Sun Shine In

Open and transparent government, it's what the public should expect from officials at the local, state and national level. Providing information about the operation of government at the local level is a job this newspaper takes seriously.

March 15 through 21 is Sunshine Week, and is a reminder that government business conducted in the open is at the heart of a democracy. If we don't know what elected officials are doing, we have no way to hold them accountable. The more information we all have as residents, the better.

Sunshine Week is a national effort spearheaded by the American Society of News Editors. Though journalists created this week, it's not about newspapers, it's to emphasize the public's right to know what government is doing. It encourages citizens to take an active role in government, and strives to provide access to information to help them know how they are governed.

Knowledge, as the saying goes, is power. That power is not something politicians should hold close to their chest; it belongs to each of us in our role of voting any politician into office. We depend on those we elect into office to provide services, fair budgeting and just plain listening to the will of the people.

James Madison, the father of the U.S. Constitution, wrote that "consent of the governed" requires that people be able to "arm themselves with the

power which knowledge gives." That means in our participatory democracy, every citizen has a right to access government meetings and public records; and that's the key. Keeping government transparent means newspapers must act as watchdogs, asking the uncomfortable questions, getting the information, and providing it in unbiased fashion to their readers. If documents are not readily made available, the state's Right to Know process is available for anyone to use. The motto of Sunshine Week is "Your Right to Know." That's the heart of what government is all about. As a citizen in a democracy, you have the right to know how your government operates, and your elected officials have the obligation, except in carefully delineated situations, to conduct their business in the open, even when that's uncomfortable.

We know it's easier for officials to discuss public business in private, where strategies can be aired without anyone listening, but that's not the way it's supposed to work. Discussions must be public, in a quorum and on the record. Making it hard for the public to find out what's going on is playing it loose with open government. That's why we report what we do.

Without information and knowledge of what our government is doing, we're left in the dark. The better choice is to let the sun shine in!

Letters

No Good Presidential Candidates

To the editor,
President Trump continued the economic recovery and reinvigorated our military with increases in defense spending. Conversely, he weakened environmental regulations; moved funds from military construction projects to fund the border wall; and hurt our standing in the world, including our relationship with friendly countries. Trump continually lies about events and policies, and demeans the Presidency with his derogatory comments and gutterly uncivilized language. He garners attention with his negativity.

Trump has weakened our national security by attacking the FBI and intelligence agencies. These attacks are launched when he personally disagrees with the findings of the agencies.

I don't see any viable Democratic presidential candidates. Sanders, a Socialist, and Warren, a fake Indian; hold radical views supported by leftists in their party. Buttigieg is a former small city mayor with no national experience, and he showed poor judgment when he declared victory in the Iowa caucuses before the official results were in. Kloubuchar cannot generate a national following. Steyer and Bloomberg are looked down upon for trying to buy the elec-

tion. And Biden, who is highly qualified to be president, is aging. Some of them are running to garner name recognition for other races.

We need Independents to run for President to represent Independents across the country.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry

Conservation Recommendations on Woodmont

To the editor,
A recent letter to the Editor noted that the Conservation Commission opposed work in the wetland buffer behind the Dunkin' Donuts on Shasta Drive while it "approved Woodmont Commons." In fact the Conservation Commission does not "approve" projects, it only makes recommendations to the Planning Board, which has the authority to approve projects.

In the case of Woodmont Commons, the Conservation Commission recommended changes to the plans for Woodmont Commons on at least three occasions. The Commission recommended that Michel's Way be moved further east, out of the buffer protecting Duck Pond; unfortunately the Planning Board did not adopt the Commission's recommendation.

The Commission recommended that the plan

for the proposed Baldwin continuing care facility be modified so as not to encroach on the buffer protecting a wetland on the southeast side of the site; unfortunately the Planning Board did not adopt the Commission's recommendation.

Finally, the Commission recommended the house lots now being excavated between Gilcrest Road and the Duck Pond not disturb the wetland buffer protecting Duck Pond; unfortunately the Planning Board did not adopt the Commission's recommendation. In addition, when the Commission reviewed the plans for this housing area, it showed three rows of apple trees remaining in tact, so the Commission did not question the removal of the third row.

It is not in the power either of the Conservation Commission or of the Planning Board to prevent a development that complies with all state and local laws and regulations. It is in the Commission's ability to recommend changes to development plans if those plans do not comply with the Town's wetland protection buffers. This is what the Conservation Commission did, both in the case of Woodmont Commons and in the case of the Dunkin' Donuts.

Marge Badois,
Chair Londonderry
Conservation
Commission,
Londonderry

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Conservation to Support Pollinator Pathways Discussion March 24

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the Feb. 25 Conservation Commission meeting led by Chair, Marge Badois, it was reported that representatives from the Pollinator Pathways team will give a presentation at the Conservation Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 24 at around 7:30 p.m. Pollinator Pathways is an organization of conservationists from the Kingston NH area. The presentation will outline the mission topic of the organization. Residents may want to check this appearance out. Conservation Commission meetings are open to the public. Meetings are also broadcast on Londonderry TV Access channels via Comcast. Meetings are also available to view via the Londonderry TV website where media streams from recorded meetings are posted a day or so after the live meetings.

Vicki Brown and Marghi Bean from the Pollinator Pathways group are currently scheduled to attend this meeting with Londonderry Conservation Commission members. The presenters will be providing a series of slides that are

likely to serve as a background for a fascinating discussion.

The Pollinator Pathways group has been spreading their mission across towns in Southern NH. The group is also connected to other conservation experts, who are also spreading the word about the current science and status of plant pollinators in NH. In 2019 the team worked with a NH Extension group to support pollination programs across southern NH.

Check out this group's Face book page for more information: www.facebook.com/pollinatorpathwaysnh/

Pollinator Pathways is about restoring habitat in NH; one yard at a time. They are helping NH to make a difference for our living environment. Marghi Bean, from the Pollinator Pathways NH, has discussed why there is a Pollinator Pathways group in NH on their website and on their facebook page, but really this about helping our pollinator friends in ways that will benefit all of us today.

Of course, pollinators are critical to our food chain and for our beautiful flowers and flora,

though many pollinators, including honeybees have been decimated over the past years due to environmental issues.

Bean says, "Our large human footprint is taking its toll on wild creatures, including pollinators such as bees and butterflies. These tiny members of our ecosystem are at risk when wetlands and meadows are separated by roads,

housing, acres of parking lots and general human activity."

Bean points out that a corridor for pollinators can be developed when properties that are providing food for pollinating insects and other pollinating animals including birds are near or next to each other. These land and wetland areas are like steppingstones giving these creatures areas to find what they need.

Beans says, "For example, we know Monarch Butterflies need milkweed to survive. Milkweed... one of those 'weeds' that gets weeded out of most gardens."

She says landowners and gardeners can help Monarchs by making a patch of milkweed plants somewhere on their property.

And she says, "Making a corridor for pollinators would be the easiest

thing to do. Plant a garden on your property. It can be small or big. It's up to you. Even easier: don't mow all of your lawn."

Bean is inviting NH landowners to let some of their land go wild with native grasses, bushes (add some blueberries) and plants. She says it would be good to let the edges of your lawn 'go wild'.



World War Studies

Londonderry Middle School sixth grade students Maeve Campbell and Jamie Karafelis display the World War II artifacts brought into school for their studies on that time period last month. They also learned about the Holocaust and how people lived during that time period.

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Maple Season, Health Benefits, and Climate Change

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The sweet smells of Spring have been sampled in the air around southern NH in recent weeks, and the sweet tastes of Spring-adjacent maple season have closely followed.

Maple season, or the time in which maple syrup is produced, typically lasts about six weeks from mid-February through mid-April. Each season is nearly impossible to predict, a sentiment echoed by several local maple syrup makers, and depends on the weather that year.

This year, conditions seem to have been favorable for an early season. Many sugar houses have been preparing for customers to come and obtain the sweet, sticky stuff as early as mid-January.

Not only is maple syrup the perfect compliment to pancakes and waffles, making the sweet-savory breakfast confections even tastier, but it can actually be very beneficial to the consumer's

health.

In fact, a study posted on the US National Library of Medicine National Institutes of Health website, titled "Further Investigation Into Maple Syrup Yields Three New Lignans, a New Phenylpropanoid, and Twenty-Six Other Phytochemicals" shows that there is more to the sweetener than just being sweet.

The report explained that during the boiling process necessary in making maple syrup, phytochemicals (compounds found to protect cells from damage) naturally present in tree sap are concentrated into the maple syrup. And while prior study had reported 23 phytochemicals from an extract of Canadian maple syrup, this study conducted in 2011 showed 30 additional compounds.

The report closed with, "The results reported here...confirm that this plant derived natural sweetener contains a wide diversity of phytochemicals, among which phenolic compounds pre-

dominate. Thus, the biological properties of these maple syrup constituents may impart potential health benefits to this natural sweetener..."

This is one more point in favor of natural, locally made maple syrup as opposed to the less expensive synthetic counterpart. Aside from supporting local business, purchasing syrup made practically in the backyard can contribute towards a better well-being.

But according to local maple syrup maker Anne Peterson of Peterson's Sugar House in Londonderry NH, there are a few factors that may threaten the future of maple-syruping. On March 21 and 22 Peterson sugar house will be open and cooking.

"People need to start taking care of the Earth, that's the main thing," said Peterson.

Though the study was conducted in Vermont, an article in the journal Forest Ecology and Management titled, "The complex relationship between climate and sugar maple health: Climate change implications in Vermont for a key northern hardwood species" concluded that, "there are multiple specific climate metrics that historically have influenced sugar maple

health," in ways such as defoliation and growth issues.

Some notable climate conditions included, "extreme minimum temperatures in growing season shoulder months and the frequency of extreme warm days in both the hottest and coldest months." The study then suggested that negative impacts to sugar maple health will increase in the coming decades should climate conditions continue the way they have been.

The study closed saying, "In order to maximize the sustainability of this critical resource, we suggest that land managers take steps to protect and conserve sugar maple stands, particularly in areas projected to experience limited climate-driven stress."

A winter-time travel staple has also been threatening local trees. High concentrations of road salt necessary to keep the streets from becoming too slippery has been causing harm to roadside sugar maples.

"It's really hard on the poor maple trees," said Peterson about the substance.

According to an article by UMass, in low levels, road salt in the soil slows tree growth and vigor by



Visitors at Peterson's Farm enjoyed sampling some fresh maple sap during last year's Maple Syrup Weekend. Photo by Chris Paul

interfering with nutrient availability and uptake, and can even cause young plant tissues to dry out and die in high levels.

Peterson also suggested limiting the use of harsh cleaning chemicals in the home, and in agriculture, as the runoff from these chemicals also impacts the sugar maples and other local flora.

"The whole issue is taking care of the Earth," said Peterson. "That affects everything, not just maple syrup."

While the issue of climate change continues to be highly debated, one thing that most can agree

on is that locally made maple syrup is a delightful staple in ringing in early spring. Residents can look forward to touring sugar houses and purchasing some freshly made product very soon.

For more information on Peterson Sugar House including hours of operation, contact Anne Peterson at (603) 383-8917. For the full study on antioxidants in maple syrup, visit ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3140541, and for the full study on climate and sugar maple health, visit www.fs.fed.us/nrs/pubs/jrnl/2018/nrs_2018_oswald_001.pdf.

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LPD Urges Public To Be Wary Of ID/Credit Card Scams

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In 2018, the Federal Trade Commission ran 1.4 million fraud reports, the results of which totaled \$1.48 billion in losses. Among the most common categories for fraud complaints were imposter scams and identity theft, with credit card fraud being the most prevalent in identity theft cases.

Financial and identity crimes occur all over the world, and the town of Londonderry is certainly no exception.

According to Detective Sergeant Daniel M. Hurley III of the Londonderry Police Department, out of about 100 cases per month, an average of 70 percent of crimes reported have to do with either identity fraud or various phishing (imposter) scams.

Identity fraud occurs when a person gets a hold of another's personal identification information, and then poses as the victim, opening bank accounts, taking up lines of credit, etc in that person's name.

According to the FTC, identity fraud can occur if a person's wallet, purse, or anything containing identification cards, credit cards, or bank information is stolen, if mail containing credit and bank statements, phone or utility bills, new checks, or tax information is stolen or retrieved from the garbage, or if personal information is shared on the internet.

To help prevent identity fraud, the FTC states that important documents such as social security cards should be kept at home, secure passwords should be used for all credit card, bank, and

phone accounts (these passwords or pin numbers should never be kept in a wallet or purse), personal information should never be given freely over the phone or online unless it is to a trusted and legitimate source, and mail should be guarded and shredded as necessary.

Credit card fraud is often confused with identity fraud, said Sgt. Hurley. Credit card fraud occurs when a person is able to obtain someone else's physical credit card by stealing a wallet, purse, etc. The person committing fraud will then use the tangible card for various purchases.

If a person is somehow able to hack into another's credit card information and thereby use the numeric digits to make purchases, this is considered identity fraud.

The FTC urges anyone who suspects that they may be a victim of fraud to first call any companies where the fraud may have occurred, place a fraud alert and obtain credit reports, report the fraud to the FTC, and file a report with the local authorities.

In addition to the ever-common email phishing scams where criminals email victims posing as distant family, law enforcement, federal figures, etc in order to get money from victims, there are two other types of imposter scams to be on the lookout for, says Sgt. Hurley.

Some criminals may use Vishing (Voicemail Phishing) techniques in order to obtain vital information to commit fraud. Vishers will call their victims and ask them for personal information or to send money for various reasons.

Smshing, or SMS Phishing, is another fraud method on the rise. Smshers will use text messaging to make victims believe that there is an issue with an account or that they need to pay a fine right away.

More often than not, whichever method is used, scammers will likely not actually ask potential victims to wire money, but instead use a different, more unusual means of payment.

"The new theme is they ask you to buy gift cards," said Sgt. Hurley, further explaining that scammers will contact someone and instruct them to purchase a gift card in order to pay a fine, fees, or to send money to meet a fabricated need.

Being asked to pay off a "fine," "fee," or to provide help via gift cards should be a red flag to any potential victims, and should prompt them to end the conversation there and contact the police.

"Zero times in history has that been legitimate," said Sgt. Hurley.

Financial crime does not wait for its victims to clock out after a long day at the office. According to Sgt. Hurley, another scamming method is on the rise, called Business Email Compromise (BES), has been targeting people in the workplace.

BES is a spear-phishing method used by criminals who pose as employers or accounts payable departments, convincing victims to wire money to accounts right away. These phishers will create a dummy email account nearly identical to an employer or accounts payable department, and will craft emails creating a

sense of urgency so that employees go through with sending money.

Another phishing scam that the LPD has been seeing comes from places of worship. Scammers will email parishioners posing as priests or pastors, urging victims to send payment for various things in large amounts usually through the use of gift cards.

Sgt. Hurley mentioned that a common scam going around currently comes from the "Apple Fraud Department," where criminals call to say there is an issue with a person's Apple account and that they will need to settle it through gift card purchases. Since many people have an Apple phone, many people are falling for this type of scam, said Sgt. Hurley.

Finally, the most sinister scam currently going around Northern Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire is making

victims believe that their family, friends, or themselves are in danger.

"It's particularly chilling, actually," said Sgt. Hurley.

This scam, called "The Cartel Scam," uses fear tactics to get victims to pay criminals exorbitant amounts of money in order to get out of "trouble." Victims will receive gruesome pictures via email, and will be told that they are being targeted because they have wronged the cartel in some way. Victims will also be told that they will need to right their "wrongs" by paying large sums of money, once again via gift cards.

Although these scams can be convincing and distressing, Sgt. Hurley offers some safeguards to make sure that Londonderry residents can protect themselves from falling victim to various forms of financial crime.

If someone suspects that they may be targeted by a BES Phisher, Sgt. Hurley says to contact the person "sending" the email, and ask them personally if they meant to send such an email.

For those receiving messages from a bank or other financial institution, Sgt. Hurley says to once again ignore any phone numbers that may be provided in the email, and search for the institution's legitimate website. Recipients should then speak with a member of that institution and confirm the legitimacy, or lack thereof, of any messages received.

For more information on identity and credit card fraud, visit the FTC's informational page at identitytheft.gov. To report a potential identity or credit card crime, the Londonderry Police Department can be reached at (603) 432-1118.

Graffiti Incident Quickly Rectified at Playground

GRACE MACGUIRE
LONDONDERRY TIMES

What was supposed to be a fun trip to the Rec field's playground at the LAFA complex turned sour recently when the sight of graffiti markings covered the park equipment.

Local resident Jennifer McCurley took her two young boys to the playground during a school vacation day to get some

energy out of them, and as she looked over to her youngest, she noticed the slide was covered in graffiti.

After that, she noticed that the whole playground was covered with nonsense words and symbols. There was nothing inappropriate or of a profanity nature for the children at the playground to see, but McCurley reached out to her community, posting on a Facebook

group to warn other moms, and then informing the Rec Department about their playground.

Within the next 48 hours, the graffiti was cleaned up and the playground was back to its normal colored self.

It was also released that there was graffiti tagging at Londonderry South School, and at the Hannaford's docking station. It is unclear if they are all connected.



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Water

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ered that the Saint Gobain plant was discharging various chemicals including PFOAs into the wastewater treatment plant in Merrimack. The State of NH took the lead on further investigations though we stayed connected to them."

Farrell pointed out that NH revised the guidelines for contamination levels but there is now a court case halting PFAS water level laws and testing procedure regulations. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) PFAS guidelines were not set up for drinking water standards but were intended as a guide for surface water levels to be less than 70 ppt. NH Department of Health and Human Services and other science groups found that health standards require much lower chemical levels in water,

so NH set 12 ppt for PFOA types and 15 ppt for PFOS types as maximum levels allowed. At this time - due to the court case - there are no NH laws set other than the 70 ppt recommendations for PFAS in surface waters.

Town Council Member, Tom Dolan proposed discussion for a town plan for residents who would do water testing on their own and then submit test results to the town if the water contamination levels were high and then residents would get partial financial support - to be determined - for buying a water filter system.

However, while water filtration systems may be helpful, only more expensive systems such as reverse osmosis systems, and certain high-end carbon collection systems would be helpful here. And there would be added maintenance expenses, contaminated filters to deal with, and regular testing expenses to ad-

minister in order to ensure systems were properly working and not recycling contamination back into the ground.

The best solution ultimately may be for a public water supply via Penachuk or Massabesic Water Works, so water for all residents could properly be gauged. According to Farrell - a preliminary assessment of the financial impact to provide all residents with public water could approach \$200 million and require a bond vote with a significant property tax hit for homeowners. It was suggested there are grants to apply for and the town could sue Saint Gobain and other polluters to help offset costs.

DES Officials pointed to a legal settlement between the State of NH and Saint Gobain has set up a "Blue Zone" area that includes part of Londonderry as the legal line for water contamination. The "Blue Zone" extends to

the west side of High Range Road in Londonderry as a boundary for Saint Gobain's legal responsibilities - though this boundary may not properly represent the actual contamination by the company.

Saint Gobain must address residents in the "Blue Zone" including supplying bottled water and well water testing for excessive PFAS findings - though the court case is delaying testing and residential support for some. Town Manager Kevin Smith and Chairman Farrell have contact information for residents in the zone to connect with Saint Gobain if they are not being responsive.

Clark Freise, Assistant Commissioner of NH DES is from Litchfield with relatives in Londonderry. He explained specifics about PFAS chemical compounds and explained how prolific and hazardous they are.

One resident asked

him about amounts of PFAS in store bought bottled water. Freise reported NHDES had tested most bottled water brands saying, "Most every brand tested contained no PFAS, but one showed elevated levels - Spring Hill in Haverhill, Massachusetts. That company addressed the issue by installing a filtration system, but the small operation ultimately couldn't recover from the problem, and shut down last summer."

The Assistant Commissioner explained that contaminated water should not be used in gardens to grow root vegetables or green leafy vegetables. It is OK to use this water for growing vegetables such as peppers and tomatoes as the chemical does not impact vegetable fruits.

Resident Ray Breslin said, "The State's role as a trustee of all waters, means that water shall be managed and conserved for the maximum public

benefit - that is our public trust doctrine. The federal government, the state, and the town have a duty to protect its residents."

Breslin said, "We are getting contamination from other sources and we have two superfund sites in town and PFAS compounds are leaking out from them."

The DES commissioner also pointed out that TCI in Londonderry is similar in some ways to Saint Gobain and that the town may want to know if they are releasing chemical compounds. TCI is not allowing NH DES to test air vent stack releases - though Freise said the town might be able to find out if contaminants are being released. The Londonderry Times spoke with Town Manager Kevin Smith and Chairman Farrell about this situation and they told us that there would be follow up with the Town's legal staff to see what could be done in this situation.

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Derry Veterans Groups Present Appreciation Awards

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Derry American Legion Post 9, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1617 and the Society of Forty and Eight held a ceremony on Sunday, March 1 to honor some locals for help to the organizations.

At that event, the Nutfield News, Derry Community Access Media and the Daughters of the American Revolution were all honored.

Deb Paul, Publisher of the Nutfield News as well as the Londonderry Times and Tri-Town Times was presented with Certificates of Appreciation from each of the organizations.

American Legion Post Commander, and VFW Post Commander Tony Travia presented the awards and acted as the Master of Ceremonies for the event.

Derry Cable Division Coordinator Owen Provencher accepted awards for his organization.

Adrienne Dancer, Regent of the Molly Reid Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution accepted three awards for her organization.

Also receiving and award was the Naval Sea Cadets who meet in Londonderry at the Reserve Center on Harvey Road.

Lenny Perkins and Joe DiChiaro also presented awards.



Debra Paul, Nutfield News Publisher was a recipient of three certificates by veterans. At left, she is presented the 40/8 Box Car Award by Joe DiChiaro.



Tony Travia, Joe DiChiaro presented Adrienne Dancer, Regent of the Molly Reid Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was thanked.



Lenny Perkins presented Derry Cable Division Coordinator Owen Provencher with a VFW Award.

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Symphony

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 Concert Band has officially been accepted to perform at the world-famous Carnegie Hall in New York City, as part of the New York Invitational Music Festival on March 16.

Serge Beaulieu, the Director of Music of the LHS Band program points out, "The students have always been a hardworking and a very committed group of musicians. We had to submit a recording last year to get into the event this year. Therefore this year's performance will not include the senior students, who graduated

last year, and were part of that recording. However, we really appreciate all of their efforts and want to acknowledge the success of those former students for helping us get these types of opportunities."

Andy Soucy, former Director of Music at LHS, who is now retired, and Director Beaulieu had been trying to find an opportunity that could come together for the select Symphonic Band to perform at Carnegie for many years. They both felt the talent and skill was there with the Symphonic Band. They looked for a competition event for the Symphonic

Band to enter that would take place at Carnegie Hall and they found it and wanted to pursue it.

Unfortunately, the dates for the New York Invitational Music Festival never worked out during Andy's time as Director of Music at LHS. So, when Beaulieu found out that the band could include a performance for that festival event in parallel to their planned trip to DC and NYC, the Director applied for performance spot, submitted a recording and the band was selected for the event. Because this was a dream of Soucy's Beaulieu has asked

retired Music Director, Soucy to guest conduct one of the pieces the band will perform at Carnegie Hall.

The festival performance will feature 4 other top high school symphonic band groups from around the U.S. and each group will have about 20 minutes for their performance.

Ellie Patterson is a LHS senior and a Drum Major for the Lancer Marching Band and she is an alto saxophonist in the Symphonic Band. Patterson says, "This is an amazing honor, because we're performing on the same stage where so many famous composers and famous people have performed. I feel the band does amazing things and has so many amazing opportunities. We have a responsibility to carry on the legacy."

Tyler Kraics is a LHS junior Drum Major for the Lancer Marching Band and Kraics is also an alto saxophonist in the Symphonic Band. She says, "I'm really excited. Performing on the stage at Carnegie Hall is really special for me because my uncle performed as a clarinetist with a wind band there. The whole trip is something we've been looking forward to because we're also marching in two special parades, so we've been working hard to make sure our performances are special."

The Carnegie Hall performance will coincide with the tour that will take the Lancer Marching Band to perform in 2020 St. Patrick's Day Parades, in Washington, D.C. and New York City. This is a tremendous opportunity

for the marching band since both of these parades are regarded as top parades in the nation for a band to be a participant. Beaulieu says, "We are very fortunate that these dates line up so all of these performances could happen in one trip."

Director Beaulieu wants point out to the families of Londonderry, "Our community has shown so much support for music in our town. School administrators, school board members, parents and the general population of the town have provided the necessary support for our students to thrive in such a rich musical environment. We are so proud to represent the Town of Londonderry and New Hampshire wherever we go and we will continue to be good ambassadors."

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

LHS Girls Hoops Get to Semi-Finals After Two Tough Wins

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Basketball team continued the five game winning streak they were on to end the regular season and added two more to start the playoffs. The Lady Lancers knocked off two higher seeded teams to continue their playoff run and are now headed to the NHIAA Division I Semi-Finals.

The LHS girls entered the playoffs as the #10 seed, and in the first-round, they faced the seventh seed, Pinkerton Astros on Wednesday, March 4, at Pinkerton's Hackler Gymnasium.

Even though the Lancers didn't hold a lead until the fourth quarter, they wound up shocking the Astros with a 46-43 come from behind victory.

The game started with the Astros in full control, and Londonderry had no luck whatsoever, as every shot they took wouldn't fall. Pinkerton took a 6-0 lead with five minutes left in the quarter, but Courtney Shay got things going for her squad with a free-throw make and a three-pointer to cut the deficit to 6-4.

Defensive rebounds were a problem early on for Londonderry, as Pinkerton was too quick on the glass. The first quarter ended with a rather low-scoring 13-6 Pinkerton lead, but the Lancers made their attack in the next quarter. Play started with a gorgeous spin move score by Courtney Shay, and then a Colleen Furlong three-pointer. Ashley Rourke made it a one score game after a beautiful cross-over inside score. It was a very fast paced competitive quarter as both teams were trading baskets, and Londonderry had a chance to take their first lead when Colleen Furlong found Rourke open down court on a fast break, but Rourke couldn't finish the layup. Rourke then tied things up at 15 off a pass from Ashley Schmitt, but Pinkerton kept answering on offense to retake their lead.

An unfortunate injury took place before the first-half ended as Lancer Katie Sullivan went down after a hard collision with an Astro player that took her out of the game.



Senior LHS forward Courtney Shay had trouble with the Merrimack defense on Saturday, but had 17 points against PA. Photos by Chris Paul

Londonderry finished the quarter strong for Sullivan as Colleen Furlong hit another three to make it a 23-22 Pinkerton lead at the end of the half.

Londonderry was still fighting for their first lead of the game, but Pinkerton added on to it to start the third quarter with

back-to-back scores. Both squads traded baskets again as Shay assisted Furlong on her third three-pointer of the game which led to Pinkerton responding with a layup of their own. Lancer Ashley Rourke then answered that with a three-pointer, but Pinkerton's Avah



Lancer junior forward Ashley Rourke had 31 points in the two playoff games last week against Pinkerton Academy and Merrimack High School.

Ingalls quickly scored an impressive inside score to shutdown the momentum. It had no affect as Rourke nailed her next jumper, but then both

squads went into scoring silence for a few minutes. Pinkerton broke the silence with a jumper, but Courtney Shay quickly

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Londonderry Boys' Hoops Season Ends with Two Losses



Senior Cole Keegan has been a major point contributor all season long for the Lancer squad.
Photos by Chris Paul

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Basketball team went the exact opposite of the girls' program this season, and they finished up their season last week with two home games.

In their first game of the week, on Tuesday, March 3, against Goffstown High School, the Grizzlies helped the home team continue their losing streak, with a 52-35 win over the Lancers.

Senior Cole Keegan led the way with seven points, while fellow senior Alex Tsetsilas had five, and both Justin Haggard and Scott McEvoy had three points. Jake Ruppel, Zack Furlong, Zach Fawcett, Jeff Wiedenfeld, and Wil Reyes all had two points as well.

Later in the week on Friday, March 6, the Lancers season officially

came to and end with one last home game, which was also the Lancers senior night. The LHS boys knew it would be a battle that evening, facing Nashua North's 13-4 record, but before the game, the school took time to celebrate their seniors Luke Marsh, Cole Keegan, Alex Tsetsilas, and Jeff Wiedenfeld who they'll be losing to graduation at the end of the year. With a lack of any significant offense in the first half of play, the Lancers lost their final game in lopsided fashion 67-31.

The home squad was down 9-30 as the half winded down, finishing the second quarter with a staggering 43-14 deficit.

The last two defeats



Lancer senior Jeff Weidenfeld got some time on the court during the senior night game against Nashua.

added to the loss column, giving the LHS boys a final overall season record of 4-14, and helped solidify

the fact that the Lancers would not be competing in the NHIAA Division I playoffs this season.

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Londonderry's Haley Parker Progress at Division II Level

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry resident, Haley Parker, is having some success at the Division II college level playing ice hockey at Franklin Pierce University.

In high school, Parker attended Proctor Academy, in Andover, N.H. and is now in her junior year at Franklin Pierce and playing for the Ravens girls' ice hockey squad.

Along with playing hockey for the university in Rindge, NH, Parker is also studying biology.

This past season Haley was chosen for the 2019-20 All-New England Women's Hockey Alliance team for the second consecutive year. She made first-team as a junior forward and accomplished more than just that this past season. Throughout the nation she was tied for 20th in points per game and also capped off a milestone with 100-career-points.

This past season Parker's squad had an overall of 21-11-0 and went 13-7 in conference play. They made it all the way to the

Semi-Finals in the DII play-offs, but lost in a tough 2-1 battle against Saint Anselm College. In that game, the teams went into five overtime periods, which was the longest recorded NCAA Women's Ice Hockey game.

In her junior season Haley played in 32 games, had 17 goals which was the second highest on the team, 20 assists, and 37 points which was also the second highest. So far she has played in a career total 91 games, has 43 career goals, 57 assists and 100 points.

It has been a great career thus far for Haley, and is happy for what she has been able to achieve in her hockey career. "It's a nice accomplishment to get 100 career points, but it was even better because that game was when we clinched second in the league to get a bye from the first round," said junior Haley Parker.

Other than having a 100 career points Haley was humbled by making first team again, and none of it would be possible if it wasn't for her team. "It's an honor to make first team, but I wouldn't have achieved this recognition if it hadn't been for being lucky enough to play with such great teammates," Parker said.

Parker says her success on the ice comes from her teammates and friends, which also gives her the passion to play. "Most of my motivation comes from my team-

mates and the success our team has. Hockey is a fun sport and being able to play with my best friends gives me even more motivation to work hard."

Hockey is more than just a sport to Haley, it has opened new doors, and has given her experiences that will last a lifetime. "Hockey has been able to give me many experiences from meeting new people, to traveling different places. Along with the experiences have been many great opportunities such as attending prep school and finding the right college for me," Rarker added.



Haley Parker. Courtesy Photo

Athletes of the Week

Week of Feb. 24

Colleen Furlong Senior, Girls Basketball



Colleen has been playing well all season long, but over the past five games she has really stepped it up. She averaged 14 points a game during this stretch including a team high 25 point night against Salem in a win on senior night. During that stretch the Lady Lancers are 5-0 including a first round playoff win against Pinkerton

Jeff Wiedenfeld Senior, Boys Basketball



Jeff has shown great leadership and energy every day. Always focused and ready to go whenever we need him. Jeff entered the game versus Goffstown, guarded the best player and got the steal and went to coast to coast for a huge lay-up.

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Londonderry High School Student Hold Second Sports Signing Day



A number student athletes gathered last week for a commitment ceremony for those who chose to participate in the event formulated by Gia Komst.

Family and friends gather for the 14 students signing their commitment letters that afternoon.

Athletic Director Howard Sobolov spoke to those who attended, and thanked Gia, the students, and all that made their success possible.

- Cooper Bartlett - Football, Plymouth State University
- Lea Baum - Soccer, Southern New Hampshire University

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- Caitlin Boufford - Cross Country & Track, Roger Williams University
- Sean Cavanaugh - Baseball, University of Northern Vermont
- Abbie Ellis - Soccer, Smith College
- Colleen Furlong - Basketball, Western New England University
- Jillian Glynn - Softball, Regis College
- Blaine Hopkins - Football, Plymouth State University

- Cole Keegan - Football, University of New Hampshire
- Gia Komst - Softball and Track & Field, Gettysburg College
- Nolan Lincoln - Baseball, Eastern Connecticut State University
- Jake McEachern - Football, Norwich University
- Courtney Shay - Basketball, Hamilton College
- Chris Tutt - Baseball, Plymouth State University
- Jill Vilella - Soccer, Keene State College

Photos by Chris Paul

Girls Hoops

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responded with a tough inside score plus the foul for a three-point play to end the third quarter in a 36-25 Astro lead.

After three quarters of trailing the Astro's, Londonderry finally took their first lead of the game which was started by a Ashley Rourke three-pointer. The Lancer's also started to play better defense and then they finally took a 42-41 lead after two free-throws from Rourke. Londonderry was then put into the bonus with 1:02 remaining and

Courtney Shay nailed both her shots to take a 44-41 lead. Pinkerton didn't back down as Astro senior Sofia Riccio somehow managed to score through a lane of Lancer traffic to make it a 44-43 game with 30 seconds left. Pinkerton had the final possession, but missed their chance which sealed the Lancer's incredible 46-43 comeback win.

Courtney Shay and Ashely Rourke led the way with 17 points each, and Colleen Furlong scored nine with Jordan Furlong having two points.

Lancer Ashley Rourke

knew the only way to get past their rivals was with hard work and determination. "It feels great, we've just worked hard and that's what let us pull out the win. Stay strong on defense always fight and get every rebound." With the win against PA behind her, Ashley already knew the next Lancer game plan. "Stay calm, always put in 100% effort and hopefully get the win." Rourke finished by.

Head coach Nick Theos was very pleased with how his girls fought, even though it wasn't their best performance. "The kids competed, the

kids worked extremely hard. We got down early, and we just had to keep fighting and fighting which we did. As the game got going the kids settled and we started to do things we needed to do." Ashley Rourke and Courtney Shay did the heavy lifting on offense, but Theos knew a win against Merrimack will need to be a full team effort. "We're going to need to get more contributions from more kids. We need to better all the way around if we were going to hang the next couple of stages." Theos added.

On Saturday, March 7, the Lancers traveled across the river to play the number two-seeded Merrimack High School in the DI Quarter Finals. There, the Lancers never trailed, and were able to outscore the Tomahawks in every quarter to get a

big 48-37 victory.

The Lancer dominated in the first quarter with a 12-4 lead and just kept it going from then on.

Merrimack barely made it to double digits to finish the first half, and had some of their key players in foul trouble early. Home fans were quite vocal about the fouls calls against their team.

The Lady Tomahawks battled back in the third and fourth with a number of three-pointers, but the Lancers held their ground for the victory.

Roruke and Colleen Furlong scored 14 points while Ashley Schmitt and Katie Sullivan both had six.

Theos was extremely happy with what his girls have been doing and loves their confidence. "I'm so proud that the girls kept fighting tonight,

we had some adversity. Courtney was in foul trouble from the tip it seemed, but other kids got the job done and it was great to see as a coach. Survive and advance, that's the name of the game now and like Courtney said after the Pinkerton game; "We are ready" I think we will be ready for this week as well."

The Lancer girls hit more adversity this week, as their home gym was being used for voting on

Monday and Tuesday, and a concert on Wednesday, giving the team nowhere to practice. Pinkerton Academy's Athletic Director Brian O'Reilly stepped up and allowed the girls to use their gym.

Londonderry will now take on sixth seeded Goffstown High School on Thursday, March 12, at Exeter High School starting at 6 p.m.

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LHS Senior Wrestler Finishes Season at New England Meet

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Wrestling team was represented a lone grappler at the

New England Championship in Methuen, Mass. over the weekend. Lancer senior Brandon Drake, who was wrestling at 132 pounds, was forced to

make an early exit out of the competition on Saturday, March 7, that featured wrestler from over 150 schools from six states.

Drake started his day

on Saturday with a first bout against Peter Coniglio of New Milford, Conn. in the round of 32. Drake was pinned in 1:41, sending him to the Conso-

lation Round of 16.

In that round, he faced a familiar foe from the Granite State, Codey Wild of Timberlane Regional High School. In that sec-

ond bout, Drake was forced out of the tournament with a 12-3 Major Decision loss, ending his high school career and the schools wrestling season.

Lancer Cole Keegan will Be Playing Division I Football at UNH

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Soon to be Londonderry High School graduate Cole Keegan has officially committed to playing another four years of football for the University of New Hampshire Wildcats.

After coming off an unbelievable perfect 12-0 State Championship season with the Lancer Football team, Keegan's work on the gridiron isn't finished.

Cole had a very successful senior football season that gave him more than just a State

Championship ring as he was elected to First-Team All State Wide Receiver.

In his final season he had 13 touchdown receptions, 27 total receptions and 615 total yards. He has a career total of 18 touchdowns, 50 receptions and 1,037 total yards wearing a Lancer uniform.

"Playing football at UNH was a childhood dream for me. I always wanted to play there growing up and I worked for it," Keegan said.

"It's not an easy thing to do, I was doing everything at practices and I knew that wasn't enough. I would go out to the prac-

tice field the days we don't have practice and I would run, work on my routes, and develop a sucker first step. It all came together this season and I got looked at by UNH then I committed there as a preferred walk on." Keegan added.

"For me choosing to play at UNH was a no brained, not a lot of people get this chance. There's a lot of talented kids already playing at UNH and coming in I know that I'll have to work even harder to be able to make an impact on the team. Being a big competitor I know when other players

are better than me and that's why I put more work to become the best where I'm at."

The person that he said had the most significant impact on Keegan's life was his dad. "My dad, I would have to say played the biggest role for me. Growing up he taught me all the basics and helped me through all of high school on what I should do. Without him and my family I wouldn't have been the wide receiver I am today." Keegan continued.

Keegan looked back on his senior year and how much of an impact it

made on his life. "Senior year meant a lot to me, it was my last chance to get looked at by the DI colleges and I knew what I needed to do in order to get that chance. Also it was about the team we had, it wasn't a normal team. We were actually a family, a lot of the team had been friends since elementary school and it showed." Their success all came from their motivation to not let anyone down. "Nobody wanted to let each other down and when a i skate happened we were determined to makeup for it for each other. There wasn't one

game where we thought it was going to be close because we played as a family."

There's a small spot of happiness for Keegan, but even more motivation knowing that he is a division one athlete. Keegan finished by saying. "Becoming a D1 athlete was amazing, its all I wanted to become while I played at LHS. I understand that I can't walk into UNH and except to be good. I have to keep practicing on my own and especially get in the weight room. I'm excited to be playing football in college and I'm ready for what's next."

Woodmont

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based law firm Gallagher, Callahan and Gartrell, attended the March 4 Londonderry Planning Board meeting as the spokesman for Woodmont Commons. Pollack presented status information, answered questions and outlined the project's direction. Pollock offered the Londonderry Planning Board, led by Chair, Art Rugg, the latest updates, including a brief review of Woodmont's relationship with Londonderry and what the development agreement between both parties means for the town today. Chairman Rugg noted that many details presented by Pollack are now available with the Woodmont Commons 2019 Annual Fiscal Update PDF - dated Feb. 21. That document is now online and available to the public from the Londonderry Town web site within the Planning Board web pages.

The report notes that occupancy of the new Woodmont Commons ap-

artments began in October 2019. The incremental impact of new residents will be further articulated in next year's 2020 Annual Fiscal Update and that will include updated metrics for town's tax and data records.

As per the report, the only operating business tenant in Woodmont Commons at the June 30, 2019 fiscal metric date was the 603 Brewery. The 17,000 square foot restaurant and brewery received its certificate of occupancy and opened to the public in June 2019. At that time, the brewery employed 60 workers or 5 full-time equivalent workers for the 2019 fiscal year. That formula is based on 60 workers divided by 12 months to equal 5 full time workers. There were 14,793 total private and governmental workers in the Town during June 2019 according to the New Hampshire Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau.

The Woodmont Commons project began in earnest several years ago

with much planning, and many meetings with different town officials, including the Town Council and the Planning Board. A master plan and development agreement was created with the town that describes what the project will be for Londonderry. This agreed upon plan discusses how both Woodmont developers and the town are to agree on services, infrastructure, and utilities. Development Planning

and Financing Group, Inc. submitted to the Town The Woodmont Commons 2019 Fiscal Update draft, which was reviewed with the Planning Board. The document is a preliminary draft for review and discussion and was submitted to align with the project's master plan process.

Pollack had previously reported that as part of the agreement between Woodmont and the town, provisions have been

made that are expected to provide for a future school, additional emergency response, a new substation, along with other ideas that might take shape as the project grows with future development. The master plan and this status presentation information have been put in place as a "safety net" to protect

town residents and the town government in order to help set overall expectations. There has already been an issue of contention related to the master plan communications having to do with boundaries and parameters for the historic apple trees in the area that are to remain as the project is further developed.



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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.

Book Bingo

Come to the Leach library on Thursday, April 16 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. for Book Bingo program. Participants in grades 6 - 12 will take part in the classic game of bingo. All participants will receive at least one book as a prize from our special selection table. This event includes a fun door prize raffle and light refreshments. No registration required.

Mattress Fundraiser

If you or someone you know is looking to replace a bed in your home, now is the time. Pinkerton Academy Class of 2021 & 2022 are excited to announce they will be hosting a one-day Mattress Fundraiser on Saturday, April 4, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For one day only, Pinkerton Academy will be transformed into a mattress showroom. For information about the sale, go to bit.ly/beds4paaclass2021.

Music of the Beatles

On Thursday, April 9 at 7 p.m., Mr. Fran Hart's presentation "Music of the Beatles" will be held at the Leach Library. Participants will not only learn about the music of the Beatles, but also about the influence the band exerted on the cultural landscape. 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.

Magnificent Monster Circus Puppet Show

Come to 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.

National Library Week Raffle

Starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, April 20 and ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, each children's item checked out will earn you a raffle ticket for a chance to win a cool book bag. Stop by the display case in the Leach Library's Children's Room to see what the prize looks like.

National Library Week Craft

Beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, April 20 and ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, Leach Library patrons are invited to create their own corner bookmark. Stop by the Children's Room desk to pick up the supplies and create your bookmark in the library or in the comfort of your own home.

Firefly Nights

Come to the Leach Library on Monday, April 20 from 4 - 5 p.m. to imagine a firefly night! Hear stories and sing songs about fireflies then join in a search for the hidden firefly. All participants will leave with a wind-up flying bug. 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 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 13.

Vacation Scavenger Hunt Bingo

Starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, April 27 and ending

Saturday, May 2 at 5 p.m. participants can pick up a bingo card in the Leach Library Children's Room, then explore the library to find items that will make bingo: five in a row vertically, horizontally or diagonally. Return the items to the Children's Room for a special treat and a raffle ticket for a chance to win a prize bag.

April Vacation Craft

Beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, April 27 and ending on Saturday, May 2 at 5 p.m. participants will have a chance to create their own butterfly craft. Stop by the Leach Library Children's Room desk to pick up the supplies and create your butterfly in the library or in the comfort of your own home.

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 11am. 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.

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 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.

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!

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 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.

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

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ticket purchases or info contact Jerry at (603) 434-5307 or your favorite lion.

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 occa-

sional 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.

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.

Select This Year's Great Stone Face Award Winner

The New Hampshire Great Stone Face Award nominees are books selected by librarians for chil-

dren 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

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - March 2
7:41 a.m. Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicle on Airport Road at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.
10:04 a.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Pine Street.
11:29 a.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses on Midridge Circle.
11:48 a.m. Warrant served and Citation issued on Perkins Road. Brian Micciche, 47, of Londonderry charged with Simple Assault.
11:10 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated at Londonderry South School.

12:59 p.m. Services rendered for Domestic Disturbance on Old Nashua Road.
2:30 p.m. Services rendered for Sex Offenses on Shasta Drive.
3:30 p.m. Four officers render services during an Attempted Suicide on South Road.
4:39 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated at Londonderry South School.
7:37 p.m. Peace restored after an assault at McDonald's on Nashua Road.
7:39 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated at Manchester Boston Regional

Airport.
9:30 p.m. Five officers assist in Restoring Peace after a Disturbance on Mammoth Road at Whittemore Road.

Tuesday - March 3

6:01 a.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated on Adams Road.
9:22 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Londonderry South School.
9:53 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated by four officers at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road .

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Around Town

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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.

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.

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 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, May 6, 13, 20, and 27.

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, May 7, 14, 21, and 28.

Lamplighters

A woman's group with the goal of helping less fortunate woman and people in New Hampshire meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at Londonderry Presbyterian Church at 128 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

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 16, 23, and 30, May 6, 13, 20, and 27 and will be available until 5 p.m. each Saturday.

Child Find Program

Free Community Child Find Program for all Londonderry residents ages two 1/2 - five years, 11 months (5.11) Of Age, who are suspected of having vision or hearing problems or developmental concerns. Child Find will be held at the Londonderry early education program (L.E.E.P.) Moose Hill School - 150 Pillsbury Rd., on April 2. We encourage parents of preschoolers to set up an appointment if they have any concerns. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call: Kathy Kelley 437-5855, Ext. 7223, between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No Child Will Be Seen Without An Appointment. For children birth to 2.5 years old, please contact Beth Warner at The Moore Center 603-206-2732 or Lynne Thomas at Easter Seals 603.666.5982 Ext. 34. Both providers are connected with family centered early supports & services.

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

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

Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support

Hosted by David Hunter this group meets on the third Wednesday of every

month at 6:30 p.m. at the: Bedford Presbyterian Church 4 Church Rd., Bedford. For more information call 660-3425 or email dhunter31@gmail.com

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

Walk with Me

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Walking Together

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

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.

Police Log

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4:22 p.m. Services rendered for Drug Offenses on Whittemore Road.

5:08 p.m. Services rendered for Sex Offenses on Hunter Blvd.

5:25 p.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Winding Pond Road.

5:29 p.m. Disturbance results in arrest on Raymond Wiczorek Drive at Roundstone Drive. Seven officers assist in charging Daniel Reid, 30, of Merrimack with Criminal Threatening with a Deadly Weapon; and Disorderly Conduct.

5:51 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Rain-tree Drive. Helen Mucitelli, 44, of Londonderry charged with Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

Wednesday - March 4

4:50 a.m. Services Rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

6:31 a.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Adams Road.

12:24 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud reported on Sugarplum Lane.

1:50 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

11:53 p.m. Animal Control dealt with on Chase Road.

Thursday - March 5

12:17 p.m. Juvenile Offenses results in transportation to hospital from Londonderry Middle School.

12:27 p.m. Services ren-

dered for Fish & Game Violations on Mayflower Drive.

4:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an Arrest on Perkins Road at Subway. Tomas Nilsson, 57, of Manchester arrested on a Bench Warrant.

6:38 p.m. Disturbance Investigated on Rockingham Road at Convenience Plus.

7:44 p.m. Attempted Suicide transported to hospital from Elwood Road.

8:28 p.m. Disturbance leads to an arrest by five officers on Cohas Terrace at Manter Mill Road.

Friday - March 6

4:46 a.m. Suspicious Activity reported on Fieldstone Drive.

9:05 a.m. Services rendered for Sex Offenses on Pinyon Place.

9:30 a.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses at Londonderry Middle School.

9:42 a.m. Services rendered for Sex Offenses on Ash Street.

10:44 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Timber Street.

2:25 p.m. Disturbance reported on Alexander Road.

2:52 p.m. Burglary investigated on Pleasant Drive.

5:39 p.m. Services rendered for Drug Offenses on Canterbury Lane.

Saturday - March 7

3:55 a.m. Traffic Hazard removed on High Range Road.

6:28 a.m. Three officers assisted Londonderry Fire Department on Red Deer Road.

9:25 a.m. Services rendered during Suspicious Activity on Constitution Drive.

10:19 p.m. Peace restored by five officers after Dis-

turbance on Whittemore Road.

Sunday - March 8

8:43 a.m. Services rendered during suspicious activity reported at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

1:04 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on High Range Road.

3:36 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Premier Drive.

4:20 p.m. Services rendered for Fish & Game violations on Chestnut Hill Drive.

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