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Field Day Feast Cooper and Amber Lee enjoy toasting some marshmallows over a campfire during last weekend's Musquash Field Day. The annual event was hosted by Conservation Commission on Saturday during an unseasonably warm day. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Article to Appoint Treasurer Brings Debate at Deliberative

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The town budget wasn't the only thing up for debate at the recent Deliberative Session. A controversial proposal was Article 2, which would amend the town charter to make the position of Treasurer appointed by the Town Council instead of being directly elected. The idea of turning an elected position into an appointed one drew controversy.

"I can appreciate wanting an independent party for this," said town resident, Daniel Bouchard.

"My concern is that if the Town Manager doesn't like what the Town Treasurer is doing, is that treasurer going to be escorted out of the Town Hall, and not allowed to do their job? Right now, the Town Treasurer is elected and you can't do that."

Town Manager, Michael Malaguti, assured Bouchard that such a scenario was impossible and that an appointed Treasurer had a fixed term. "The Town Treasurer is controlled by state law." He further elaborated on the duties of the Treasurer, who

oversees Londonderry expenses while seeing that the town gets the best bank interest rates. "They're in charge of the financial aspect of the town is the long and short of it."

Councilors originally proposed the change due to concerns over the office of the Treasurer and a fear that money could be stolen or mismanaged by an elected, unqualified Treasurer. Currently, the only requirement is that a resident of Londonderry 18 or older wins the election without the **continued on page 3**

Superintendent Gives Snapshot of District During Deliberative

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Before the Londonderry School District Deliberative Session began on Feb. 11, Superintendent, Dan Black, gave the public an update of what is happening with the school district.

"We're back to normal and we're loving it," said Black.

He explained that for a couple of years during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic "there were some dark days."

However, around this time last year, things began to turn around, he said.

"That's where we are right now," said Black.

In addition to academics, Black said overall, the school district wants students to be career and college ready as well as well rounded students.

"We want to make sure they have a great co-curricular program to learn outside the classroom as well," said Black.

One of the things pointed out by Black is their quest to continue to improve their academic program. He added that most years they have around 85 to 90 percent of their students that are accepted into a two or four year college before graduation, and nearly 700 stu-

dents are enrolled in AP classes and or running start classes at the high school.

Black also noted that students are "consistently above state and national averages on i-Ready, PSAT, SAT, and NH Standardized tests,"

"It's a very strong place to be," said Black.

Black said that one of the focuses in order to **continued on page 3**

Resident Denied Variance to Manufacture Beer in AR-1

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Zoning Board of Adjustment heard a case regarding a variance request to allow manufacturing in the AR-1 Zone during the Feb. 15 meeting.

It was explained by Michaela Waldron, the owner of 83 Litchfield

Road, that she was looking to be able to convert the garage into a place to manufacture beer.

"We're looking to manufacture on a small scale," said Waldron.

Waldron said it wouldn't be open to the public, which means there wouldn't be any additional traffic. She

also noted they wouldn't have any employees, and the only two people doing the work would be herself and the applicant, John Thompson.

"We won't be hiring anyone else to do this," said Waldron.

She said it will allow them to use their prop- **continued on page 15**

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Planning Board Recommend Rezoning of YMCA Property

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The Planning Board heard a rezoning request recently that would allow the YMCA to rezone their property located at 206 Rockingham Road, from C-I (Commercial I), C-II (Commercial II), and AR-I (Agricultural-Residential I) to C-II (Commercial II).

Representing the YMCA plan was Steve Keach. He explained that the YMCA previously obtained the different parcels and in 2017, the former Town Planner recommended they voluntarily merge the lots into one 15.1 acre parcel. "As the result of the

parcel being comprised of multiple smaller parcels the current zoning overlaying the property is fragmented," Keach wrote in a narrative to the Planning Board. "The property includes Agricultural-Residential (AR-1), Commercial I (C-I), Commercial II (C-II) and Route 28 Performance Overlay Zoning Districts."

In late 2019, Keach stated they prepared an application that wasn't submitted due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

"Basically this is a housekeeping matter," said Keach.

Keach explained they have no immediate plans for development, but

said it is likely they will continue their pattern of growth and may need to continue to expand in the future.

"This rezoning will not modify the existing use, therefore there will be no impact to the health, safety, and general welfare of the community," said Keach.

Community member, Ray Breslin, said he questioned what the purpose of the request was.

"I really would have to wonder the purpose of changing it. What is the purpose," he said.

Ex-Officio, Deb Paul, noted that from time to time it is noticed that zoning needs to be fixed like in this situation.

"It really is just housekeeping," said Paul.

Breslin also pointed out there are a lot of things happening on Rockingham Road.

"We have some real important issues we have to deal with," said Breslin.

Keach said by having everything zoned the same it would make it easier for future developments.

One concern that was raised by Planning Board member, Anne Chiampa, was the fact that a lot of it borders up to the AR-I District.

"A good portion of this development has residential borders," she said.

Keach explained that it would be difficult for anything to go there other than the YMCA saying a lot of the land was donated with a specific purpose and if they weren't to have the YMCA there anymore they would have to give the land back.

One of the abbutters that spoke during the meeting was Michael Eaton.

"I'm across the street from this," said Eaton.

He asked if the buffer would change.

Assistant Town Manager, Kellie Caron, said it would remain 50 feet.

She said some of the differences between C-II and C-I is what is

allowed.

For example, she said drive in movie theaters and recreational facilities are allowed in C-II and not C-I

"Its slightly more intense uses," said Caron.

Planning Board member, Lynn Wiles, said he didn't see why they needed to change it right away.

"I just don't see a reason to do it tonight," said Wiles.

The Planning Board voted 6-2-1 in support of recommending that the Town Council change the zoning with Wiles and Chiampa voting against it and Paul abstaining.

Young Road Homes Move Forward, Catmint Removed from Plan

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission met recently and discussed the design of the ongoing Winnie Estates plan.

Jeff Brem from the Meisner Brem Corporation was at the meeting to represent Winnie Estates. The Commission previously asked Brem to work towards a design that would connect the wetlands near Young Road separated by a driveway under the old proposal.

"We'll take out this driveway and reconnect the wetland," Brem offered, "But we'd like to

do some of this work first, and when it's established and finished, we'll come back and remove the roadway." Winnie Estates would do the initial landscaping work and fulfill the wetland request later.

No members objected to the wetland idea, although Commissioner, Deborah Lievens, questioned the inclusion of catmint in the landscaping plan.

"As a plant lover and a cat lover, I do see the catmint, and I was wondering if there was maybe something else you could put in just to stave off problems if anyone has cats," asked

Lievens. "Cats love it, I wonder if you could remove it for simplicity's sake."

While there were a few comments about the inclusion of non-native plants, the Conservation Commission seemed to agree with the revised proposal. Formal hearings for the project could happen in April, though there is no solid date.

Members also oversaw the resubmission of a wetlands permit from a proposal on the Moose Hill Estates project on Sargent Road.

George Chadwick of the Manchester Bedford Design Consultants was

at the meeting to make the formal request. Chadwick initially hoped to move forward with the project after a similar request two months ago. The first permit was blocked by the state on a technicality.

"The impacts haven't changed, nothing changed as a result of the application other than the form I filled out," said a slightly frustrated Chadwick. "I just wanted to give you an update on why there's another wet-

land application here, nothing changed."

With no changes, the Commission has nothing to say. Chadwick plans to hold a full hearing for the Moose Hill Plan in March or April.

Debate from the last meeting over what to do with a wetland causeway has slowed the approval of grant money for the preservation project at Lithia Springs.

"This sets up back and would require us to do an extension," said Commission Chair, Marge Badois. "We're looking at whether there's enough money on the conservation account to close the project to get reimbursed." She wanted to

avoid extending the project beyond spring.

Lievens believed it would be possible to move forward, even with the grant delay.

The University of NH Cooperative Extension is presenting the annual Saving Special Places land conservation event on Saturday, April 15. "The event is always worthwhile I think," said Badois.

There will also be Saving Special Places Zoom presentations on Friday, March 3 and Sunday, April 2.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 pm in the Moose Hill Council Chambers.

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Town Council Discuss Possibility of Pickleball Courts

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One of the topics discussed during the Feb. 6 Town Council meeting was in regards to pickleball potentially coming to town.

Heather Burr Carey spoke during public comment holding a pickleball, saying it's the fastest growing sport in the nation.

She said Londonderry is behind when it comes to bringing it to town.

"There are lots of communities and even school districts imple-

menting it across the state, the country," said Burr Carey.

She noted last year a warrant article was put on the ballot to start looking at engineering to build eight new courts off of West Road.

"The overall cost would've been about \$250,000, so that was just the first step," said Burr Carey.

She noted that the article lost by 169 votes, which was a "minimal number."

"I will take a lot of credit for that because I feel like we needed more

information out there and everyone needed to understand more about the sport, about the people that want to play it, and the necessity for it in town," said Burr Carey.

Burr Carey said she was looking for guidance on how they can move forward.

"I'm coming to you tonight because I have heard even more chatter about pickleball, so I wanted to share a little bit," said Burr Carey.

She stated she spoke last year to the Senior Resources Committee

about how there are AARP grants available.

"There are grants available," Burr Carey said.

This year she said there is a grant from the NH Division of Parks and Recreation.

"We would possibly qualify for it," said Burr Carey, explaining that there is a process that would start this year.

Burr Carey said that there has been some discussion about painting tennis courts in

town.

"That would probably be about \$6,000 to paint two of our four tennis courts. That would give us eight pickleball courts," said Burr Carey.

Burr Carey said they are hesitant to go that route because it would take away from building eight full courts and would limit how much time is available for the tennis players.

"We don't want to take away from one

sport to bring in another sport," said Burr Carey.

Town Council Chair, John Farrell, asked that it be put on the agenda for the next meeting so they can see what would need to be done to bring it to town.

"Let's dive into it," said Farrell.

Town Councilor, Deb Paul, suggested having the Senior Affairs Director and the Recreation Director attend the meeting.

Treasurer

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need to vet qualified candidates. Appointed Treasurers would need to submit a resume before consideration, something not currently needed.

Despite the explanation, some believed that an appointed Treasurer would be just as likely to cause trouble under the wrong circumstances.

"I understand your worry about having someone elected who is not qualified," said Maria Barud. "My worry is that if this is an appointed position, this gives the Town Council the opportunity to rubber stamping and we've seen a lot of that lately." She urged people to vote no on the article.

Others worried about the apparent speed of the proposal, asking the Town Hall to examine other options at least or

delay Article 2 to the November election.

"With removing power from the hands of voters and putting it in the hands of other people, I suggest that we take the time to examine other options," said Shawn Faber. "I just think this is being rushed through, and I would like to take some time and really think about this."

Opposition wasn't just from the public, there was a debate within the Town Council over the best course of action.

"I voted no on this," said Councilor, Deb Paul. "I don't see the reason for this, we're losing our rights."

Her concern was whether Londonderry's money would be any more secure with an appointed Treasurer.

Councilor, Joe Green, disagreed. "The reason I voted yes on this is that I want to give the decision back to the voters.

The people of Londonderry will make the decision over whether to make the position appointed or elected."

Bouchard finished the discussion by opposing Green's comment, saying that the voters have already spoken on this years ago, when they voted on the Town Charter. "My opinion is, the town already decided on this."

Article 2 moved to the warrant for a final, public vote along with the budget and other proposed changes on Tuesday, March 14.

District

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improve academics is through "portrait of a graduate."

"This vision of our academic program is being embedded in all our curriculum work as a district," Black said.

Another thing that was pointed out by Black is the goal of having a positive school culture.

"We always want to make sure we have a positive school culture in our classrooms, and that's a very hard thing to do," said Black.

He stated that this year rebuilding a posi-

tive school culture has gone well.

Where the school district is focusing their efforts on has also shifted, Black pointed out.

"After many years of implementing Math in Focus grades K to 8 as a system, our elementary schools are now shifting their focus on literacy to make sure we build more skilled readers, writers, and communicators for their 6 to 12 classes," said Black.

Additionally, Black also pointed to a shift of their curriculum to meet the digital age.

For example, he said that starting in the fall, after three years of

budgets, Londonderry High School students will all have their own devices making the school 1 to 1. He added that if the warrant article is approved then it would mean that Londonderry Middle School will be in the same situation. They have also included a mobile technician in the budget to help support the additional devices added to the district over the last few years.

Black said they want to continue to improve, and that the staff is focused on it.

"We always want to get better," said Black.

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Editorial

The Right To Vote

The right to vote is a hallmark of being an American. Many people gave their lives for us to have this privilege. A right that many residents take for granted, when many countries can only dream of obtaining this freedom. All too often, that right is not given the respect it deserves. The Presidential elections are the only times when large amounts of voters come out for elections.

Yet many of us don't take the time before a local election to research each warrant article or who the candidates are. Researching what you are voting on is very important. These warrant articles affect your lives directly as well as your taxes. Find out what kind of financial obligation is imposed for each year of a bond, this is often unclear.

If you don't understand what you're voting for or against, you're treating the right to vote with disrespect. Sometimes our freedoms are on the ballot, or something

that may improve the quality of life for all. Get the full picture to fully understand the issues you are voting on.

The choice is yours. Each warrant article has pros and cons, some may be harder to define than others, but it pays to listen. Don't just listen, but verify the information being told and understand both sides. If you're only hearing one side, you may be missing something.

Don't let the school board, Town Council, Budget committee, or your neighbor sway your vote, get the facts yourself. Don't be persuaded by scare tactics, and make sure to consider the source. Get the facts behind the hype.

The taxpayer is the "forgotten third person" in budget discussions. Well, you're the taxpayer and all of us living in Town are "footing the bill" and the consequences. Don't forget your right to get all the facts before you make your decision.

Letters

Due to the high volume of letter submissions we are receiving for the March 14 election, we will only be allowing letters to have a maximum of 300 words in our March 2 issue. We are hoping this will allow more submissions and room for additional news. We will not be running election letters in the March 9 issue as there will be no time to correct inaccuracies.

Vote Dunn & Farber

To the residents

As a 15-year involved resident with many years of experience in management, I would like to take this opportunity to offer you, my thoughts on why we NEED to elect Ron Dunn and Shawn Faber for Town Council.

Over the years I have listened and watched and what I have observed is a rule of one with followers that march line. We have councilors that rarely listen or speak to or for the people. We were fortunate for a few years to have a Council Member who spoke out and stood up for us. She was ignored, treated rudely, and belittled. Unfortunately, we lost her voice.

I am afraid that this town has become a dictatorship.

This concerns me as now our rights are being challenged like the right to vote as on the upcoming ballot. I have witnessed favoritism and nepotism quietly occur.

We have an opportunity to elect new individuals who have modern pertinent life experience and a true commitment to move this town forward in the direction that is best for all the citizens of Londonderry.

Ron and his wife came to Londonderry looking for a better quality of life that included a strong sense of community. Last November, the residents elected him as our State Representative after hearing his concerns about the issues facing Londonderry and his solid commitment to upholding our values. He presently serves on: the Budget Committee, Solid Waste and Environmental Committee, Energy Efficiency Task Force, NH Concerned Citizens for Clean

Water, and the State Of NH 737 PFAS Study Committee. He is obviously committed to hearing and acting on the concerns of the citizens without any personal agenda or gain.

Shawn's dedication will ensure that Londonderry continues to be vibrant and thriving and provides the best quality of life for its residents. He has a wealth of experience and expertise, having worked in the private sector as an executive helping companies maximize their successes. Since moving here, he has built an understanding of the financial, operational, and organizational challenges of our town and possesses skills and knowledge to help address them effectively. He believes the Council should be accessible and responsive to the needs of everyone and is committed to working collaboratively with other members of the Council, town staff, and community organizations to achieve this. He is dedicated to promoting transparency and accountability in government and will work tirelessly to ensure that the town's finances and operations are managed in an open, responsible manner.

These two will bring about change without fear of challenging the existing board while keeping an open mind. When the same people are elected over and over for Town Council and get comfortable in their leadership role for too long the mentality of "this is how we do it" prevails. New eyes bring new ideas and the opportunity for growth.

I urge you to vote for Ron Dunn and Shawn Faber for Town Council on March 14.

John Perez
Londonderry

Re-Elect Finamore

To the editor,

My name is Amy Finamore. I am currently serving as Chair of the School Board and am running for re-election. I hope I can earn your vote!

I've learned a tremendous amount over the past three years, and am grateful for the chance to have served Londonderry and our students. Being part of the School Board has given me a chance to see the amazing work that goes on in our school each day, and be part of setting the culture and tone of our schools. If I am re-elected, I would continue to be one of five members on the School Board, but I would use my voice to support three priorities:

- Recognizing and Supporting Great Things Happening Everyday:

Everyday, teachers, staff, administrators, custodians, dining service workers and countless others come to school ready to support students. They do outstanding work- from helping a student master difficult content to helping our young learners develop numeracy and literacy skills that they will use their entire lives. Each day our schools are bustling with greatness and if re-elected, I want to use every chance I have to highlight this great work.

- Supporting our Facilities Master Plan:

As discussed at the Deliberative Session and placed on the March 14 ballot, we have older schools. Several of our schools are pressed for space. The master plan will help us ensure we

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have working heating and HVAC systems in our schools, and establishes a 20-year plan for addressing our physical buildings and space needs. This work is important because it will help us make sure our schools serve our students and community.

- Encourage Transition to Competency Based Education:

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Over the past 3 years, my hope is that I've demonstrated kindness, empathy, curiosity and appreciation for our schools, students, staff, parents and community. If you have questions for me, please feel free to contact me at 603-339-6872.

Thank you,
Amy Finamore,
Londonderry

What is going on in Londonderry?

To the editor,

If you were a lucky Londonderry citizen during the month of November 2022, you would have been able to apply for use of LPDs community conference room. This room historically has hosted everything from pumpkin carvings to meet and greet of candidates for public offices. This used to be

through a less formal process, but the Chief began taking applications in November.

In early December 2022, I was told by Chief Bernard that the application form to apply for Community Room use was not on LPD's website, but LPD would email it to you "upon request."

I wrote to Chief Bernard and asked for this form on Jan. 9, 2023, only a handful of weeks later. Chief replied that he had decided "weeks ago" (so early Dec.?) that civilian use of the Community room was disallowed.

I inquired with the town manager Michael Malaguti on Jan. 12, as he originally had advised citizens RE this process.

I received a copy of a policy dated 1.19.23 (10 days AFTER my inquiry for use) stating that the community room is no longer open for citizen use.

That is awfully convenient timing.

If you inquire with the town managers office, about Town Hall, you will not get a much better response.

These often unused meeting rooms that WE pay for cost roughly the same (electric, water, lighting, cleaning) as they would if citizens were using them infrequently. So why can't we?

A review of Town Hall Meeting Room schedules shows that select nonprofits with Town Council ties have routinely secured use of these meeting rooms for years. It is only now that Michael Malaguti is telling select citizens "no."

Mike can cite the Town Charter as giving him unilateral authority regarding use of town facilities. He isn't so ready to answer why his authority is

applied arbitrarily.

Londonderry citizens have almost always enjoyed some, if limited, access to use of town facilities in normal, orderly fashions that did not otherwise disrupt municipal business.

It is very concerning that there is a sudden policy and preference change from the town

Why? Certainly, it can't be a safety issue for the town. Our Town facilities are staffed by fine professionals and watched over by LPD.

No one is suggesting turning Town Hall into a party rental business.

However, as the town manager continues to aggressively "reorganize" Town Hall, surely the assistant town manager, could be the POC for the occasional citizen request.

It seems as if there is an unfavorable wind blowing through Town Hall at this time.

If you cannot attend a Town Council Meeting, it's easy enough to pop on YouTube and stream it live while you're engaged in your evening business. Better yet, write to them at towncouncil@londonderry.org and ask for a documented response - What is going on in Londonderry?

Jonathan Esposito
Londonderry

Cronin for Budget

To the editor,

My name is Ryan Cronin, and I am happy to announce that I am running for Town Budget Committee, and I am asking for your support by coming out and voting on Tuesday, March 14 at the Londonderry High School, between 6AM - 8PM.

My wife and I moved to Londonderry over 4

years ago and have fallen in love with the town and all it has to offer. We enjoy the small-town feel, with the convenience and proximity to everything we need. We have two young children who are involved in activities in town; enjoy the farms, orchards, and parks, and who are developing what we hope will be long last-

ing friendships with other children in town.

As my family became more invested in Londonderry, I decided to become more involved in the community. I am a volunteer LAFA baseball coach. I'm currently participating in the 2023 class of Leadership Londonderry, and plan to take part in upcoming

Beautiful Londonderry events, to keep our community a desirable place to live: particularly for those raising a family.

My credentials speak for themselves. I am a Vice President of Analytics and Financial Reporting and have been working in accounting/finance for the past eleven years,
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with a focus on budgeting. Currently, I oversee the budgets for hundreds of different operating entities and have managed my company's \$60+MM budget in my time as Assistant Corporate Controller. I believe my expertise would be invaluable in the advisory role of the Town Budget Committee.

In the role of Town Budget Committee, my goal will be to take an approach of maximizing operational efficiency keeping in mind our residential tax base, while ensuring we are forward thinking about the town's growth and future resource and capital improvement needs.

I would like anyone interested in learning more about me or my experience to visit my LinkedIn page www.linkedin.com/in/ryan-cronin-80839a13b, email me at rcronin1510@gmail.com, or come meet me at Game Changers on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 2-4 PM.

Ryan Cronin
Londonderry

Vote Joe Green

To the editor

I will be casting a vote for Joe Green for Town Councillor this March.

Think he deserves

another term as he is always so willing to listen to the citizens of Londonderry and help whenever he can. Kindness and thoughtfulness are a necessary quality for any elected official, but I also have a deep respect for his efforts to control our tax rate, that seems to constantly escalate.

Joe's knowledge and experience is an asset that Londonderry needs. Please vote for Joe Green, as Vice Chairman, he knows his job and does it well.

Sincerely
Betsy McKinney
Londonderry

Porter for School Board

To the editor,

After 2+ years of attending school board meetings, engaging with the community, and speaking with the district officials, administration, and staff, Tim Porter is a positive choice for our school board. Tim offers a fresh perspective because he takes the time to question what is being discussed and learn what is needed versus what is being presented. He cares about the community input, the staff's daily concerns, and the children that are here for an education. The role of the school board is to act on behalf of Londonderry to progress the students

and support the staff...while also managing an \$80 million plus budget. Tim has a strong financial background, and commitment to understanding the pieces of why things need to happen. We need a member that will question, research, and support the community's goals of academic excellence, prudent financial decisions, and preparing our youth to be contributing citizens. As a lifelong resident, parent, business-owner, and coach within Londonderry, Tim Porter will represent the District's mission, and wants to support the positive future of this district... for his children, your children, our children.

Heather Burr Carey
Londonderry

Don't Vote Finamore

To the editor,

Most Londonderry residents are not aware of NH SB 410 and WHY it inspired Senator Sharon Carson to bring into law. When Amy Finamore took over as Chair for our School Board, she did everything not to hear the concerns of parents. Public comment was either pushed to the end of the agenda, when most people cannot stay until 11 pm, or she just wouldn't have a public comment at all. Senator Carson attended a

School Board meeting, and witnessed the tyranny in action. I encourage everyone to go watch the School Board meeting recording from June 22, 2021, to see for yourself.

The attitude of our School Board, district, and even Town Council, is that we answer to them. I'd like to remind everyone, they answer to US... the people that elected them!

Thank your Senator Carson for seeing the huge issue and actually doing something about it. A quote from her public comment that rang so true:

"The day you become afraid of the people you represent, is the day it is time for you, to find something else to do."

If law-makers have to write bills to prevent your shameful actions, you have no right to be re-elected.

It is time to have fair representation of the parents and tax-payers. Do not vote for her re-election on 3/14.

Monica Plourde
Londonderry

Hardy for Budget

To the editor,

My name is Maureen Hardy and I am running for a seat on the Londonderry Budget Committee in the upcoming March 14, Election at the Londonderry High School.

I vow to honor the mission of the Budget Committee which is to offer a 3rd party taxpayer perspective to the Town and School Board. The Committee's goal is to ensure that the budgets of the Superintendent of Schools, the Town Manager and the Library provide taxpayers with

adequate town and school services and the necessary infrastructure to operate in a fiscally responsible manner, while preferably maintaining a stable tax bill. Our town government is the last level of protection for our freedoms.

I am a graduate of the 2021-2022 Leadership Londonderry Program. The Leadership Londonderry Program is "a program designed to educate, inform, develop and motivate residents for leadership roles in the community and beyond". "The purpose of the program is to educate participants about the operations, fiscal management, and issues of local government. The dynamic, fast track curriculum provides an in-depth orientation regarding all local government functions as well as an opportunity for interaction with current community leaders" and has given me a good understanding of the Town's departments and functions.

My background is in Clinical Microbiology, Infection Control, Epidemiology, Research & Development (Diagnostic Devices) and Pharmacovigilance (Drug Safety) Compliance. I have also owned and operated a franchise restaurant and have served on the board of my HOA. I have taught Microbiology and the Community College level and Medical Ethics at the University level. My attention to detail and my analytical thought process means that I am well suited to research & question the different facets of budget issues to offer sound common-sense advice for both the town and school

district.

I am a relatively new member of the community as I moved to Londonderry from Illinois 3 years ago. NH called to me as the "Live Free or Die" State. It is not my intention to bring the policies which harmed that state and the great people who live there with me, but rather to embrace the culture of Freedom that embodies NH and her residents.

It is my wish to serve the Town of Londonderry with integrity, authentic service and duty to the community. I welcome any questions or comments at: meauxx2@gmail.com

Maureen Hardy
Londonderry,

Consistency & Progress on the School Board

To the editor,

No one could anticipate what school boards, school districts, and students underwent the last 3 years.

I respect those on the frontlines of the effort to get us through a difficult time and the forward momentum we have now.

I've attended meetings and followed school board activities over my last three years living in Londonderry, and I've witnessed a woman who, though may be quiet and reserved in nature, stepped up to the plate as Chair of the board during a tumultuous time.

I'm writing to endorse Amy Finmore for school board because she was instrumental in getting us to this positive place. She is a working mother who is invested in making our

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school system the best it can be for the students in our community.

She is contemplative, thoughtful, and reflective before voting and I respect her grace and tact while navigating difficult circumstances.

I encourage voters to not only consider the character of those they are voting for, but also consider the onboarding process for new school board members. It's not uncommon for incoming members to need over a year of training and information to really be comfortable and effective in their role. We are at a crucial point where experience can keep the positive momentum going in our schools. We have a plan to address long overdue school maintenance issues, we are making up for lost learning during the pandemic, and we are back on a respectful and

even keel at meetings. I am worried about "resetting the clock" if a new board member would join at this critical time.

I fully support Amy Finamore to continue representing parents in town who support public schools and want to see them progress and improve to best serve our children.

Tiffany Gagnon
Londonderry

Pleased to Re-Elect Amy Finamore:

To the editor,

I'd like to remind residents that on March 14, Amy Finamore, twice nominated Chair of the Londonderry School Board, will be asking for your vote to continue her work representing our public schools. Like you, Amy Finamore believes that it is important to stand behind our educators and our learners, offering them our community wide support.

During the pandemic, Londonderry, like many towns, experienced a highly

charged atmosphere where science and reason were often challenged and dismissed, yet Amy Finamore remained steadfast in her obligations to our schools, carefully deliberating the best available data, consulting with experts, and reviewing and revising plans to accommodate the demands of those unprecedented times. As the pandemic waned, Amy Finamore strategized ways in which our district could address learning loss recovery, social emotional wellness, and the local effects of a national staffing crisis. Thanks, to Amy's concerted efforts, Londonderry Public Schools was able to rebound and once again find it's momentum towards meeting next century standards in education.

Thanks to Amy Finamore's leadership, our current school board has developed a highly effective partnership with this community. Under her guidance, Londonderry School District now offers

enhanced communication and outreach opportunities to residents. Amy Finamore has prioritized the assessment of buildings and grounds infrastructure, with attention to immediate and longitudinal needs, to ensure fiscally responsible decision making when warrant articles are presented to the public. Amy Finamore promotes and celebrates the success stories of Londonderry Schools and she has collaborated with students, parents, and teachers to understand their vision for the bright and promising future of this amazing district. Amy Finamore has been an asset to Londonderry Public Schools and her re-election to the board will ensure that Londonderry sees continued progress within our district.

Support Londonderry Schools; vote for AMY FINAMORE on March 14.

Beth Marrocco
Londonderry

Re-Running for Council

To the editor,

My name is Joe Green and I am running for re-election to the Town Council. I am really just a "regular Joe" that loves the town he lives in. I try to give back every chance I get through volunteerism. I have had the honor of being a coach and coordinator for Londonderry Basketball Club and have served as VP of LAFA Baseball and LYSA soccer for over 12 years.

I have also served on our towns Budget committee, ZBA and Town Council for the past 12 years.

I promised to keep your tax rate as low as possible. I stood by my word and was the only councilor that voted "no" to increase the tax rate. Afterall, it should never hurt to be a Londonderry resident.

Creating a delicate balance between commercial/industrial revenue growth up at the airport while focusing on

preserving our rural aesthetic has been my mission.

It's all about doing more with less. I consider myself a fiscal conservative but not at the expense of cutting our services risking our safety.

Protecting our kids is always at the forefront of my mind. I have continued to increase the # of SRO's in our schools steadily throughout my tenure. When SRO cuts were suggested this year, I said No way - Not on my watch!

During my tenure, an overdue Senior Center expansion was completed, and I was also able to get a van donated to the town in order to assist with our senior transportation needs.

I pushed the council to ratify a 25% calculation on the elderly property value exemption policy and we are adjusting qualifying levels down to allow more of our aging population to take advantage of these tax

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancer Wrestlers Take Third in State & Two Top Spots

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Wrestling team hosted the New Hampshire Inter-scholastic Athletic Association's Division I Championship on Saturday, Feb. 18, and had some exceptional finishes in a number of weight classes.

Lancer sophomore David Pento Jr. remained

undefeated in the state of NH in the 152-pound division this year after collecting three wins and the Division I title.

Londonderry junior Patrick O'Connor also took home a DI title with four match victories, including a very nice win in the championship round over David Jacques of Salem High School.

As a team, Londonderry

scored 161.5 points for a third-place in the Championship. The Blue Devils bested the Timberlane Owls with 256-points over 173-points for the top spot, a feat that hasn't been achieved since Londonderry did it back in 2015. The Plaistow powerhouse has achieved 23 State Titles since 2000.

Pento began his day in the quarterfinal round,

after receiving a bye as the top-seeded wrestler. In his first match, Pento pinned Pinkerton Academy's Cameran Morrow in 1:28 of the match. Moving onto the Semifinals, Pento had another fall win, this time against William Hartford of Exeter at 4:26 in the match.

Pento's title-winning victory came at the expense of Timberlane's

Ben Little, who put up an excellent effort in the championship round, but was outscored 9-5.

In the 170-pound division, O'Connor had wins in four matches as the second seed, and beat the top-seed in the championship match.

O'Connor's day started with a first-round, 9-0 win over Owen Hope of Keene. From there, he

pinned Robert Craig of Bedford in the Quarters, then got a 5-3 win over Constantine Isaac of Windham in the Semifinals. In the finals, O'Connor shocked the number-one seed at 5:06 in the match with a reversal that evolved into a pin for the title.

Londonderry's 132-lbs. senior, Nicolas D'A-
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Lancer sophomore David Pento Jr. took the 152-pound Division I title on Saturday, beating Ben Little of Timberlane. Photo by Chris Paul

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Londonderry Boys' Basketball Split in Two Home Games

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Basketball squad was hoping to finish the season with four wins and give themselves an outside chance of getting into the Division I playoffs, but a double overtime loss to Windham to begin the week spoiled that hope.

On Tuesday night, Feb. 14, the Lancers welcomed the Windham High School Jaguars into their home gym and battled through six periods before finally falling three points short in the second overtime period.

Londonderry started the game with three, three-pointers and a lay-up to trail the Jags 12-11 by the end of the first quarter.

In quarter number two, LHS had a 19-11 scoring advantage over

WHS and looked to be in pretty good shape headed into the locker room at the half 30-23.

The break killed any momentum the Lancers gained in the second period, scoring just seven points to Windham's 13 for a 37-36 lead.

In the fourth, both sides struggled at the basket, but Windham went ahead with five minutes left in regulation and held the lead until just over a minute to play when senior Trevor Edmonds got a two-point bucket from the paint for the 43-43 tie.

With neither team scoring in the remaining minute, another four minutes was added to the clock for overtime.

Each team scored 10-points in the fifth period, with sophomore, Jameson Seaman, scoring the game-tying bas-

ket with a three-pointer as the buzzer sounded to send the game into double overtime.

In the final period, LHS was only able to score four-points to the Jags seven for the heart-breaking 60-57 loss.

Sophomore Mason Paquette had five three-pointers in the game, three in OT, to lead the Lancers in scoring with 18-points.

Seaman Edmonds had nine points in the game with two threes and Edmonds finished with nine. Kevin Rourke, Ryan Williams, and Kyle Rondeau each finished with six-points.

Three nights later, facing Spaulding High School, the team held its Senior Night and celebrated their soon-to-be 2023 graduates

Edmonds, Rondeau, Rourke, and team manager Hunter Currier.

Londonderry led the entire way, scoring in the double digits in each of the four quarters for the 66-52 win and their fourth victory of the season.

The Lancers led 20-15 after one and 3-28 by the half. By the final period, LHS led the Red Raiders 49-38, giving head coach, Jaryd Piecuch, time to put senior manager Hunter Currier time on the court, which set off some wild applause from the hometown fans. Currier was able to tally one-point after being fouled.

Rourke had 19-points in the game including four, three-pointers. Paquette also had four three-pointers and scored 16-points total. Edmonds and Rondeau each finished with 11-points.

The Lancers will finish the regular season



Sophomore Jameson Seaman makes this buzzer-beating three-pointer to send the WHS game into a second overtime period. Photo by Chris Paul

this week with two 13) at home and on Friday night, they will travel to Manchester Memorial (5-11) starting at 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, they will play against Central (3-



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Lady Lancers Basketball Suffer Two Tough Losses

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Basketball squad was riding a season-high four-game winning streak as they headed south to neighboring Windham last week, but at that meeting against the Windham High School Jaguars, LHS found it extremely hard to find the basket and were out-shot 38-28 for their seventh loss of the season.

Londonderry scored just three points in the first quarter and trailed the Lady Jaguars 11-3 as they started the second period in that Tuesday night, Feb. 14 game.

In the second, LHS

added another five and trailed 18-8 by the half.

The third quarter had the Lady Lancers score their highest total of the evening, putting 12-points on the board, but they gave up 11-points to Windham.

Londonderry wasn't able to turn things around much in the fourth and final period, putting up eight more for the ten-point loss.

The Lancers had much better luck scoring baskets two days later playing the Goffstown Grizzlies, but still couldn't score enough for the win.

In that game, that took place on Thursday night, Feb. 16, London-

derry was able to get off

to a three-point lead to end the first quarter, but were outscored 19-10 in the second and finished the first half looking at a 31-25 deficit.

The Lady Grizzlies allowed LHS just nine-points in the third, giving them a 46-34 lead heading into the final period.

In the fourth, the Lancers had their best quarter of the week, scoring 19-points, but allowed 22 for the 68-53 loss.

Freshman Sammy Sullivan led the Lancers in scoring with 18-points, six coming from two three-pointers.

Fellow freshman, Brooke Eacrett scored 13 in the game, including

one from outside the arc.

Sophomore Reagan Anderson finished with eight-points while senior Jordon Furlong scored six on three buckets.

The Lancers will take their 8-8 record into the final week of the regular season and hope to improve their seeding heading into the playoffs.

They will face the winless Manchester Central squad in the Queen City on Tuesday night, Feb. 21 where they hope to get their ninth win.

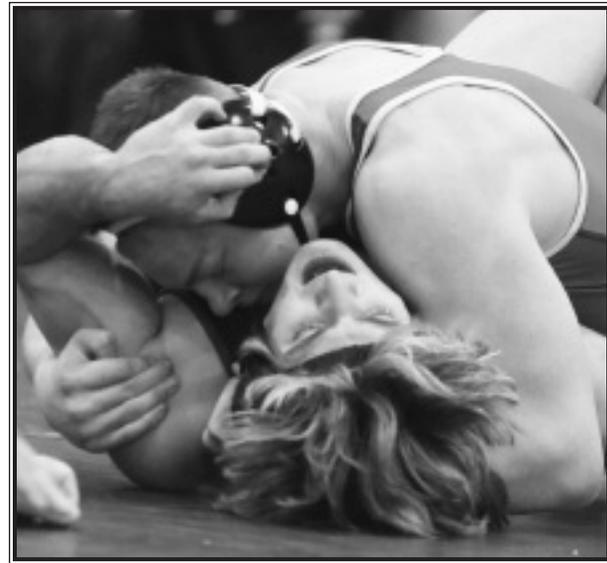
On Friday night, at home, the Lancers will host Manchester Memorial (9-8) starting at 7 p.m.



Lancer freshman, Brooke Eacrett scored 13-points against Goffstown. Photo by Chris Paul

Wrestling

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Patrick O'Connor pinned the #1 seed for the Division I title at 170 lbs. Photo by Chris Paul

D'Alessandro, also made it to the championship round. D'Alessandro fell in a very

close match against Caleb O'Rourke of Salem. During the match the LHS senior seemed to stop wrestling after hearing a whistle blown from another match and was then pinned.

D'Alessandro had three strong wins against Keene, Exeter, and Timberlane opponents leading up to the finals.

Senior Chris Gear finished in third place with four victories and a loss in the Semifinals.

D'Alessandro, Perez, Palma, Pento, O'Conner, Owen Rondeau, Andreas Talioudourus, and Chris Gear will all advance to the Meet of Champions at Bedford High School on Saturday, Feb. 25. Nikki Stylianios will be wrestling in girls' states at 106-lbs.

Head coach, Jason Cuculo, was happy with how his team finished. He said, "We did a great job all around. The kids wrestled hard and didn't give up. It shows how hard

they worked this entire season with being able to wrestle back and finish in third place as a team. We finished ahead of many teams that beat us in dual meets this year. We also only entered 12 wrestlers and to have nine qualify for next week, truly shows how hard these wrestlers have worked all year. We are also so fortunate to have such dedicated booster club and school community that really help support these

kids all year long. Also not to mention the parents and their unwavering commitment to this team has been great over the years."

He said the team plan is to refocus and remember that the MOCs is like starting fresh. What happened at the DIs is in the past, anything can happen this weekend.



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I don't promise you things that cannot be achieved. I know the difference between pipe dreams and the reality of getting the job done. I don't jump to conclusions using only 10% of the actual story. I do my homework. Integrity is everything to me.

To find out more about me, visit my website at www.facebook.com/JGreenTC

On March 14, I again ask for your support and your vote. Please re-elect me, Joe Green to the Town Council of the great town of Londonderry.

Joe Green
Londonderry

Porter for School Board

To the editor,
My name is Tim Porter and I am running for the Londonderry School Board. I have three children currently attending our schools and, as their father, one the most important responsibilities I have

is ensuring they are provided with the best education possible to prepare them for their future. This goal needs to be achieved while remaining as fiscally responsible as possible with the taxpayers' money.

I am a proud product of the Londonderry School District. My parents moved to town in 1978 and raised me and my four brothers here. My wife and I both came up through this district together, graduating in 1999. We knew then the excellent reputation the district had and because of that we entrusted this district with educating our children. My brothers have all done the same with their five children.

I am a local business owner in Londonderry. I specialize in family and small business financial planning and investment management. It is my job to help our clients achieve their financial goals in the most efficient manner. We also have a family tax practice

focused on helping those clients minimize their annual tax burden. Having a Board member whose career experience focuses on financial planning and controlled spending would provide a much needed resource not currently found on our Board.

The past two decades have shown a trend of rapidly rising budgets that weigh heavily on our taxpayers, coinciding with a declining student population and declining academic proficiency. Our school district annual budget makes up over 70% of the town's annual tax bill. These

negative trends need to be reversed to justify this large expense to the taxpayers.

The population of citizens aged 55-plus in Londonderry is among the largest in NH. This population helps bear the tax burden of our school budget without having children in our schools. Seniors are those most likely of any demographic to be on fixed incomes. The recent rapid increase in inflation spiked costs for all of us but it especially hurts these individuals. Having the town's tax rate rise due to school budget increases will only increase this burden. Keeping costs at a

minimum wherever possible is imperative.

I have attended nearly all school Board meetings in person over the last 3 years. When necessary, I question the decisions and policies of the board. The pandemic provided many challenges for us all but there were numerous instances where I felt the leadership of our School Board failed to guide our district in the direction we needed. Electing me will provide a new voice to ensure that, should we face such complicated situations in the future, the same policy mistakes are

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Sincerely,
Bob Slater

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Republican Meeting

On Thursday, March 9, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. The Londonderry Republican Committee (LRC) will meet at the Londonderry Baptist Church 368 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Members, friends, and affiliates are welcome. They will discuss upcoming Town and School Board elections. Come and join like minded citizens for a discussion and enjoy a drink in a friendly atmosphere. For more information: <http://Londonderry-GOP.org>, www.facebook.com/LondonderryGOP, or contact Chair Jonathan Esposito at lrc@londonderry-gop.org

Floral Arranging Class

The Londonderry Women's Club is hosting a floral arranging class at 7 p.m., on March 15 at the

Marion Gerrish Community Center in Derry. Come make a spring centerpiece with our resident gardening/flower expert, meet members and learn about the club. Women from surrounding towns are welcome. \$10 per person. Attendees must sign up in advance. For more information or to sign up for the event, please email info@londonderrywomensclub.org.

Lenten Retreat

Saint Jude Parish in Londonderry will host a four-session retreat to begin the season of Lent, the six weeks of prayer and charity in preparation for Easter, from Feb. 25 - March 1. Benedictine Father John R. Fortin, O.S.B., of Saint Anselm Abbey will lead the retreat at Saint Jude Church, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry.

All are invited to any and all of Father Fortin's retreat presentations. For more information, contact the Saint Jude Parish Office at 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, or call 603/432-3333.

To Tell the Emet

The Etz Hayim Never Ready for Prime-Time Players invites you to "To Tell the Emet (Truth), Shushan Version," using the format of the classic and present-day TV game show. For each segment, a famous/infamous character from the story of Purim will be questioned along with two imposters. Audience members will interview and vote for the real character. Between each segment, we'll sing, of course! The free performance takes place on Saturday, March 4 at 7 p.m., at

Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Rd., Derry, NH. For more information, contact rabbi@etzhayim.org.

Veteran Credit Renewal

Do You Currently Receive A Veteran Credit On Your Property? If you do, it is time to renew. Please come in to Town Hall and go to the assessing department to fill out a renewal form, not able to make it in than call (603) 432-1100 X 135 and we will mail the form to you.

How Israeli PBS Changed Israeli Public TV

On Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m., the Etz Hayim Synagogue will present How Israeli PBS Changed Israeli Public TV, presented Ra'anana de Haas, JFNH Israeli Shaliach. Learn about the history of Israeli public broadcasting and its eventual downfall, rebirth, and effect on other networks. The talk is in person at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry. There is no charge, but donations are encouraged. The presentation is part of Etz Hayim Synagogue's Adult Continuing Education Program, Hot Topics and Cool Contemporary Stuff. Please visit www.etzhayim.org/learn/a

dult-learning for a complete listing of Hot Topics. For more information, please contact: Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol.com or 603-895-6120.

Duplo Budding Builders

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 10 a.m. for a meeting of Duplo Budding Builders. Following a theme, participants will create using larger Duplo blocks. This program is designed for younger Lego enthusiasts ages 0-5. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Feb. 16. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library.

Theodore Roosevelt and the Last Frontier

On Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m., Dr. Kurk Dorsey, Professor of History and Liberal Studies at the University of NH, will present a talk on Theodore Roosevelt. The presentation will explore several international disputes that were shaped by Roosevelt's presidency, as well as their implications for the conservation movement. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Feb. 16. To register, please visit the main

desk or call the library

"Library After Dark" Movie Night

Come to the Leach Library on Friday, Feb. 24 at 6 p.m., a special after-hours movie night in the main reading room! Join the library staff for a showing of the 2016 award-winning biographical drama based on Margot Lee Shetterly's bestselling book (rated PG), along with refreshments and raffle prizes. Registration is required and opens on Friday, Feb. 17. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library.

Game On

After school on Friday afternoons, teens are invited to stop by to try out a board game at the Leach Library. Each week, one game will be set up and ready for students to come and play. All board games are for in-library use only and may be used during library hours. Games are located in the young adult section of the library. For more information about this and other teen activities, check out the Teen Program Guide available on the library's website or at the main desk.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Feb. 13
10:07 a.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Quentin Drive.

10:21 a.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Shasta Drive
12:25 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at FW Webb Warehouse on Webb Drive.

1:32 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Ash Street in Nashua. Mark Garneau, 61, of Nashua, charged with: Theft of Services (\$0-\$1,000; and Criminal Trespass.

2:10 p.m. Services rendered for a medical emergency at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

2:15 p.m. Three officers investigate a Suicide Attempt/Threat on Tanager Way.

6:19 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Wilson Road

6:29 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on King Arthur Drive

9:15 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Rockingham Road at Heritage Truck & Automotive Inc

Tuesday - Feb. 14
5:08 a.m. Medical Emergency investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

10:24 a.m. Services ren-

dered for the Violation of a Protective Order at the MacGregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

2:08 p.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses on High Range Road.

3:36 p.m. Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest made by three officers at the Triangle Mobil Mart on Rockingham Road.

Jordan Dearborn, 32, of Manchester, charged with Driving After a Revoked/Suspended License.

5:35 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Old Nashua Road.

8:45 p.m. Peace restored by five officers after a Disturbance at East Celebrity Elite on Liberty Drive.

9:03 p.m. Motor vehicle stop on Mammoth Road, at Moose Hill Orchards, leads to an arrest made by five officers. Richard DePasquale, 56, of Londonderry, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

Wednesday - Feb. 15
2:15 a.m. Five officers investigate a report of a Runaway Juvenile on Pendleton Lane.

7:47 a.m. Suspicious Activity at YMCA on Rock-

ingham Road leads to an arrest. Sarah Roehl, 35, of Manchester charged on three Arrest Warrants.

9:17 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Bartley Hill Road.

2:47 p.m. Disturbance investigated by our officers on Eglin Boulevard.

6:43 p.m. Five officers render services for Suspicious Activity at the Walgreen Drug Store on Nashua Road.

8:17 p.m. Services rendered by seven officers for a Runaway Juvenile on Alexander Road.

Thursday - Feb. 16
9:31 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Nashua Road.

9:52 a.m. Arrest made after a Violation of a Protective Order at the Elliot Primary Care/Urgent Care facility on Buttrick Road.

Debbi Kassin, 50, of Windham, charged with violating a Protective Order.

9:54 a.m. Suspicious Activity reported on Bartley Hill Road.

3:11 p.m. Services rendered for a Suicide Attempt/Threat on Horse-shoe Lane.

4:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle stop at the 7-Eleven on Rockingham Road leads to the arrest Adrian

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Letters

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not replicated.

School Board members are elected to be a voice of the voting taxpayers of Londonderry and I am prepared to take on this responsibility to move our district forward. I appreciate your consideration and ask for your vote on March

14. Find me at Facebook.com/PorterforSchoolBoard or email at PorterforSchoolBoard@gmail.com.

Tim Potter
Londonderry

Meier for Budget

To the editor,
I'm writing to you today to introduce myself. I am Sarah Meier, MBA, currently running to

be on the Budget Committee for a three year term.

What compelled me to run:

I have a deep affection for our town of Londonderry. I have a unique sense of appreciation that others may take for granted. With that, comes with a sense of duty to protect it. I am running to keep Londonderry strong and proud. But most of all, I

am here to serve you. You are what keeps our town magnificent.

I am business-oriented and like to keep things straight-to-the-point, so I'll leave you with a way to connect with me, if you so choose: sarah4londonderry@gmail.com.

March 14, pi day. Go vote!

Sarah Meier
Londonderry

Maintain the Council

To the editor

As a business man, state representative and resident for 46 years in Londonderry, I have been involved in many different organizations committees and boards. I have watched town selectman and council combinations. I believe that the current group serving on our town council is the most cohesive and well

rounded panel of insightful and discerning people we have had in years. They have worked together with a plan and their commitment to better our community is something I would not want to see disrupted. Therefore, I recommend that ballot be cast for Councilmen Joe Green.

Respectfully
Rep. David Lundgren DC
Londonderry

Beer

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allow them to use their property for a business.

"This would allow us to create local business and revenue," said Waldron.

Waldron said there wouldn't be any changes made to the outside structure of the garage other than removing the garage door and putting

in french doors.

"Other than that there will be no change," said Waldron.

One question that was asked was in regards to what chemicals would be used.

Waldron stated that other than natural foods, like grains and water they would be using food grade sanitizer.

In terms of odors, Waldron said they have been brewing just for family and friends week-

ly and haven't had any issues.

"There have been no smells around the house," said Waldron.

Waldron explained that in order to get a nano brewery license they need to have a space that is separate from the house.

"Without a space like that we won't be able to get a license," said Waldron.

Waldron explained that they plan to sell

locally at farmers markets and possibly during the winter at local stores.

"That's our vision," said Waldron.

One of the abutters that spoke during the meeting was Allan Saulnier who said he was concerned that the variance could cause a precedent.

"You're putting a very specific variance in a residential area," said Saulnier.

Town Council Liaison, Deb Paul, asked if the well was tested for PFAS, and also asked if the fire department looked at it, noting that the tanks used can be dangerous.

Waldron said they are in the process of having it tested. She added that right now they already get water delivered and if there are still issues with the water they will continue to do so.

Assistant Town Manager, Kellie Caron, said

the fire department would become involved during the building permit process.

"That would be addressed," said Caron.

Paul also asked if it's going to be the same size garage and asked about the dimensions.

Waldron said that they wouldn't be expanding the garage at all and all the equipment would be in the garage.

The variance request was ultimately denied.

Police Log

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Yates, 57, of New Boston. Yates was arrested on a Warrant.

7:07 p.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

5:01 p.m. Five officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department and make an arrest on Nashua Road at Winding Pond Road. Ashley Schultz, 31, of Webster, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment

5:01 p.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance on Pine Street.

Saturday - Feb. 18
7:16 a.m. Sudden Death on Pinto Lane investigated by four officers.
11:37 a.m. Services rendered by three officers for a Disturbance on Elijah Hill Road.
12 p.m. Disturbance investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.
1:32 p.m. Trespassing investigated Melody Lane.
1:34 p.m. Robbery in-

Friday - Feb. 17
7:07 a.m. Activity Services rendered for Suspicious on Seasons Lane.
10:22 a.m. Services rendered Larceny/Forgery/Fraud for on Pendleton Lane.
10:25 a.m. Sex Offenses investigated on Hovey Road.
11:36 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Parmenter Road. Andrew Alves, 43, of Londonderry, charged with: Conduct After an Accident.
12:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle stop on Rockingham Road at Melody Lane leads to an arrest made by three officers. Brandon Dumont, 41, of Nashua, charged with: Possession of a Controlled Drug

investigated by four officers at the RMZ Truck Stop on Rockingham Road.

Sunday - Feb. 19
12:49 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Chase Road
11:33 a.m. Motor vehicle stop Arrest at the Subway

on Perkins Road leads to an arrest. Andrew Edmondson, 34, of Derry, Arrested on a Warrant.

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OBITUARY

Patricia Ann Miner



Patricia Ann Miner, 88, of Litchfield, NH, passed away unexpectedly Monday Feb. 13, 2023 in Manchester, NH. Patricia was born March 14, 1934 in Newark, NJ and was a daughter of the late William & Hazel (Stern) Mathes. She spent most of her life in Watchung & Toms River, NJ, & was a seasonal resident of Stuart, FL for 32 years. She relocated to NH in 2016 to live with family.

Patricia worked for the Prudential in Newark & later with Bell Laboratories in Murray Hill. She raised a family, then enjoyed retirement & grandchildren, & was a regular fixture at their sporting events & dance recitals.

Patricia is survived by her daughter, Leitha & Wade Reilly of Litchfield, NH, her son Martin & Kimberley Miner of Ridgefield, CT, & her 5 grandchildren, Ella Miner, Brooke Miner, Owen Reilly, Marshall Reilly & Calvin Reilly. She is also survived by her brother, Bill Mathes of Westfield, NJ, & many nieces & nephews. She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 47 years, Russell Miner in 2014, & 2 sisters, Mary Lou Holmes & Jean Mathes, as well as her first husband, Ed Rhodes.

Calling hours were held Sunday Feb. 19, at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. Cremation followed. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Friends of Island Beach State Park www.friendsofisp.org or Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center www.floridaocean.org.

OBITUARY

Joyce M. Tuden



Joyce M. Tuden, of Londonderry, NH, passed away peacefully on Friday, Feb. 17, 2023, with her family by her side at the age of 73. Born on Feb. 21, 1949, in Manchester, NH, the daughter of the late Jules and Gertrude (Farmer) DeGelan. Beloved wife (of 37 years) to the late Daniel Tuden.

She is survived by her children Mark Tuden and his wife, Kristen, of North Reading, MA, Heather (Tuden) and her husband, Tyler Lennon, of Londonderry, & her 4 grandchildren Kaia & Milo Tuden & Wyatt & Carter Lennon. She also leaves behind many cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

Family was the core of Joyce's life. In addition to her beloved parents, her aunt Cecelia & uncle John "Red" Donovan also helped to raise her, babysitting for her while her parents worked. She loved spending time with her cousins and her late husband's family as well.

Joyce also had many valued friendships, some beginning in her elementary school days at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, others whom she met while in college at Keene State.

Joyce was a dedicated 3rd grade teacher at Webster Street School in Manchester for 10 years. After the birth of her son, she spent the rest of her life dedicated to raising her two children. She was actively involved in their many activities, volunteered at their schools, and helped with school projects and papers. She was thrilled to later welcome her four grandchildren. When asked to 'go to your happy place' she always replied "anywhere my grandchildren are playing together."

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, Feb. 23, from 4 - 7 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday at 9:30 a.m. in St. Jude Parish, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. The burial will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery, 448 Donald St. Bedford, NH. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of Precious Blood, 700 Bridge St., Manchester or the American Can-

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