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Cat Calls

Gianna DeMeo plays a hungry feline in the upcoming North Elementary School production of "Honk." Gianna and her fellow cast members have been busy rehearsing for the play that will take to the stage in the spring. More Photos page 2.

Photo by Chris Paul

State to Replace Aging Auto Registration System

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Sherry Farrell wouldn't have a 1980s computer system in her home, and she's glad she won't have one in her office.

The Londonderry Town Clerk and her staff will

place a freeze on new or renewed auto registrations over the President's Day weekend, beginning Friday, Feb. 17, and resuming Wednesday, Feb. 22.

The interruption of processing will allow the state Department of Motor

Vehicles to implement its new VISION computer system for registering vehicles.

Farrell said the current system, IDMS, was established in the 1980s. "It's time to upgrade, and this will make us more effi-

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Cell Tower on Chase Road Passes Heritage Scrutiny

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Heritage Commission has given its approval to a plan by T-Mobile to construct a cell tower on Chase Road, and has passed the project on to the Zoning and Planning boards.

In its Jan. 26 meeting, the Commission heard from Elizabeth Kohler, an attorney representing the American Tower Company, on a plan to erect a wireless facility at 76 Chase Road.

Kohler told the Commission that the purpose of building the tower is to improve T-Mobile's wire-

less service to the area. The proposed site is in the Beaver Brook Area, she said, and could lend itself to hosting other carriers in the future.

The structure would improve communication in the Mammoth Road, South Road and Morningstar Drive areas, she said.

Kohler said the structure would be a monopole, with the tip of its antenna at 149 feet.

At the end of December, she said, the company filed for design review with the Planning Board and is working its way through the design review process. "Once we have a

full set of comments, we will proceed to the final design review," she said.

The project will be on the Feb. 15 Zoning Board of Adjustment agenda, she said.

The plan is to enter through an existing driveway at 76 Chase Road and proceed through an access road that is part paved, part gravel. There will be a 50x50-foot compound around the tower, according to Kohler.

"We had to juggle it to get it on the parcel with minimal encroachment into the buffer," she said.

There will be no change in the elevation to

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Public Auction of Appletree Mall Complex Postponed

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Appletree Mall at 4 Orchard View Drive has a reprieve from the auction block.

The retail-shopping plaza, anchored by Shaw's Supermarket, was scheduled to be auctioned Jan. 27 by St. Jean Auctions of Epping. The auction has been postponed to Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 1 p.m., according to a notice from the auction company.

The 191,105-square-foot retail shopping plaza is less than a mile from Exit 4, sees an average daily traffic count of 32,000, and is commercially-zoned. Its major

tenant is Shaw's. Other businesses in the area are Benson's Hardware, a workout club and a movie theater, none of which are on the property to be auctioned. The mall is 47 percent occupied by 14 tenants, according to St. Jean's summary, and was built in 1982.

The plaza suffered a hit last year when T.J. Maxx and Home Goods, fellow anchor stores, relocated north to the Market Baskets revamped plaza off Garden Lane.

A spokesman for the St. Jean firm said in a phone interview that the company has no idea why the sale was stopped. "We never know why," the

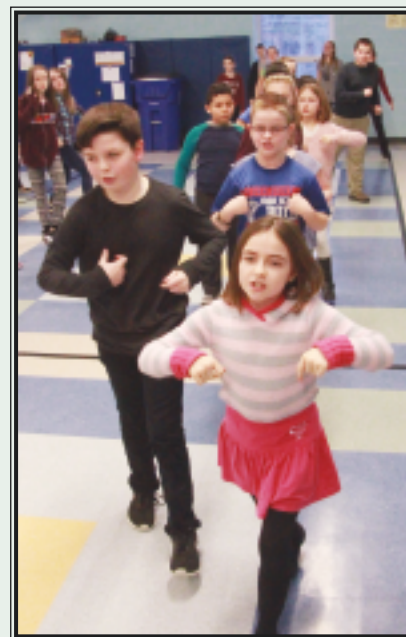
man, who declined to give his name, said. "It could be for a number of reasons. They could be working with the bank to keep it, they could have filed bankruptcy. We never know why."

Representatives of the management company, Renwood Properties, did not return calls for comment.

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Things ‘Just Ducky’ During North School Play Rehearsals



A rather large contingent of students at North Elementary School have been busy rehearsing since November for their upcoming production of “Honk” a story about the ugly duckling which will performed at the Palace Theatre in the spring. Matt Gagnon plays the part of the Ugly Duckling with Gavin Macintosh playing “Drake,” his dad, and Rahyan Kelley playing “Ida” his mom. Gianna DeMeo has the role of the villain, a hungry cat.

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Mack's Apples Annual Pie Contest Put on Hold This Year

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Andy Mack Sr. lovingly recalls images of rows of pies and

smiling faces. These are the images of Pie Contests past.

"Every time I look at a picture of it, I just see so

many happy people with so much good food," he said in a phone interview.

The Annual Pie Contest has been a much-loved event for over 25 years, and has been something residents have looked forward to through the home stretch of winter.

Usually held in the first weeks of February, just as the days tease the later sunsets just beyond our reach, the pie contest offers a chance for the people of Londonderry to get together and share their homemade confections and participate in good, clean fun.

Participants were asked in years past to choose one or two categories, Traditional and Non-Traditional. Traditional pies are two-crust apple pies and Non-Traditional pies are more

on the "creative" side. Non-traditional pies are required to contain mostly apples, but can incorporate other ingredients including nuts, other fruits, cream, etc and do not have to be two-crust, unlike their conventional counterparts.

Year after year, contestants would be up for different prizes, the honor of having their winning recipes made available in the Mack's Apples Farm Market, and their names on a plaque for all to see.

Due to a much smaller crop yield this year, Mack's

Apples has had to close early for the season, and the facility will not be available for the pie contest this February.

"(It was) a remarkably short season," Mack Sr. explained, "and we didn't have time to put together a pie contest before we closed."

When asked if Mack's Apples might consider holding a pie contest later this year when the farm opens again, Mack Senior explained that it was a matter of season.

"It's not the proper time until we get into a year from

now," Mack Sr. said, explaining it was a nice thing for the mid-to-late winter season.

"It doesn't really work for any other time of year," Mack Sr. went on to say. "It's a slow season, and in the winter, people are thinking of having a nice apple pie."

Mack Senior said that he absolutely anticipated being able to hold the next Mack's Apples's Annual Pie Contest in the winter of 2018. Until then, the staff will continue making preparations for the next season.



Tower

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the road, though the company is planning to replace some of the packed soils with gravel for drainage, she said.

The company looked at issues such as topography, population and its own coverage area in selecting the site, Kohler said. They looked for "co-location" with other companies, but exhausted the possibilities, she said.

The company found seven properties that might work and vetted them, including 135 Nashua Road, 24 Griffin Road, 1 South Road, 6 South Road, 33 South Road and Kendall Pond,

before settling on the Chase Road site.

A balloon test on Jan. 6 found that the tower, when built, would be most visible from Kendall Pond Road, Kohler said.

"Are there any stone walls that would be disturbed?" Chairman Martin Srugis asked, to which Kohler said no.

Srugis also asked if the tower would be less visible in summer when the leaves are out. Kohler said there will be arborvitae and a fence, in addition to existing mixed vegetation, to screen the lower portion of the tower from view from the road.

The owner is proposing other improvements,

including drainage, she told the Commission.

Member Dave Colglazier asked if the company could include some purple lilacs, a Heritage Commission favorite, and Kohler said she would ask.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the project.

In other business, the Commission reelected Srugis as chair and Pauline Caron as vice-chair. Colglazier was asked if he would be willing to reprise his role as secretary and he said.

"I don't know what we'd do," Srugis said, "if your pen ever stopped writing."

"I have others," Colglazier reassured him.

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Editorial

Read All About It

You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink -how true that analogy is in everyday life.

Week after week we publish this paper with articles on topics that are important to every citizen, only to have many of them hand us criticism for not letting them know about those same topics.

But while we can do all of our research, print all the stories, and put the subjects prominently in the headlines, we can't force the people to read.

Since the work-force housing mandate first reared its head at the Londonderry Planning Board, we have been there to cover it. And since the idea of large, high-density dwelling developments had first been presented, we have dutifully attended just about every meeting, and public hearing on the subject, and then printed stories and the occasional editorial on the subject for the public.

Another example that hits a nerve are the cell towers going up in Londonderry and Hampstead, and subdivisions going up in Chester. Meanwhile, your local paper has been covering both of these issues from conception to construction, but once the structures begin to go up, it's a bit late to stop it.

But when it comes to anything relating to what comes up at a board meeting, we receive many messages from residents who are against different projects, ordinances, etc, who

often say their words fall on deaf ears.

Yes, towns will change, maybe for the better, maybe not.

We must attend Planning Board, Town Council and the School Board public meetings, and let them know what the taxpayers want.

If you cannot attend the meetings, write your officials telling them what's on your mind.

Would the people of Londonderry have liked to see the historical land preserved instead of High Density Housing? We like to think so. But the landowners are businessmen, and have the right to do whatever they wish, even at the cost of safety.

If you don't like the ordinance, talk to your town officials about how to change it. It's your town, not the developers', and they must follow the rules we put in place. There will be a dispute over language, and over the details of housing, over roads and open space and trees coming down, that happens with any development. It's to be expected.

Will this development be built in Londonderry, just as the ordinance allows, or will the Planning Board and Town Council stand up and fight for the townspeople, since they were the ones who approve the ordinances?

Meanwhile, we'll keep going to meetings and writing about what is happening in town. We invite you to read the stories, stay informed, and do all you can to make your voice heard.

Letters

Support Rail Trail Extension

To the Editor:

I am writing to let you know what Londonderry will lose if Trailways' Warrant Article 26 does not pass, and to ask you to come out and vote "yes" on Article 26.

I am treasurer and a founding member of Londonderry Trailways. I am involved in this organization because I appreciate the beauty of and access to, the outdoors.

We need help to continue to develop the Rail Trail. We have an opportunity to install a safety crossing beacon at the intersection of Sanborn Road and Route 28, near North Elementary School, as well as pave a new section of the Rail Trail into North Londonderry. Trailways has received a \$75,000 matching grant from the Samuel P. Hunt Foundation to help fund the beacon and trail extension.

Londonderry Trailways makes every dollar count and we consistently use all of the donations we receive for trail construction and maintenance. We are asking for support from the community for the opportunity to take advantage of this matching grant.

The \$144,000 requested in the Warrant Article will provide the matching funds necessary for the beacon and to complete the trail extension into North Londonderry. It would be a shame to lose the \$75,000 grant if we are not able to raise the needed matching funds. If this Warrant Article doesn't pass, our residents will lose the Hunt Foundation's grant money which will help pay for the safety beacon.

We, the residents of Londonderry, are very fortunate to have a treas-

ure like the Rail Trail in our own back yard. As treasurer, I see all of the cards, notes and letters that come in with donations from individuals and businesses. These notes are filled with wonderful comments about how much the trail is used, loved and appreciated. I am always so touched by how many people consider the Rail Trail an important and valuable asset to the community. Volunteers show up regularly to assist in clean up activities on the Rail Trail. Numerous residents come out to participate in the Family Fun Day that we hold each year on the Rail Trail.

The continued improvement, paving, and maintenance of the Rail Trail takes place as a result of lots of work behind the scenes, with committee meetings, planning, paperwork, organization, and coordination with the State and local government and organizations. But first and foremost it takes place because of continued community support.

I respectfully ask that each and every one of you who use the trail, love the trail, and want to see the Rail Trail project continue to move forward, please come out in support of Warrant Article 26 on Tuesday March 14th.

Kimberly Hamilton,
Treasurer of Londonderry Trailways

Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

To the Editor:

Last Friday January 27th, as designated by the United Nations in 2005, was International Holocaust Remembrance Day. At that time, the whole world was asked to remember the horror and atrocity that was the

Holocaust. Six million Jews and another six million non-Jews were murdered because they were deemed "other" and "dangerous." In Israel, in commemoration of the Holocaust and at a designated time, Jews stop whatever they are doing and wherever they are doing it, even if it means stopping your car on the highway, and pause for two minutes to reflect on a time when the world went insane.

In the past year, hate crimes in America have seen an unprecedented rise. Incidents targeting all of our citizens, no matter what their color, persuasion, or politics have occurred all across our country. Whether it is swastikas in dormitories, assaults on people of every color, bomb threats against Jewish Community Centers, or insults against those who are different from us in any way, it all needs to stop now.

As often as we can, we the Jewish Clergy Association of New Hampshire join with Granite Staters of every religion, race, and national origin to fight against hate and to teach about the many diverse faiths, ethnicities, and cultures that make up our great state. As Jewish clergy, we are active broadly on interfaith councils and narrowly with individual churches, mosques, and other faith based communities. We make ourselves available to schools, bringing advice and resources to teachers and administrators when anti-Semitism erupts, to remind us of how far our society is from eradicating hate. We stand up because we are committed to ensuring that no group is ever singled out or targeted because of religion, race, ethnicity, gender or gen-

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The Deliberative Session on Proposed 2018 Budget

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Town officials will present a proposed 2018 budget of \$32,301,194 in the Feb. 11 deliberative session.

The budget, if approved, is \$30,000 less than the default budget of \$32,331,194. After revenues, it will require the town to raise \$18,489,458 in property taxes, resulting in a town tax rate of \$4.86 in 2018, based on projected assessed values. The budget is listed as Article 3.

The biggest ticketed item on the warrant is Article 2, asking voters to raise and appropriate \$2,824,730 for upgrading the town-wide communications system. The article asks for bonding in the amount of \$1,000,000 and leasing the remainder of

the amount at \$824,730. One million dollars will be appropriated from the Unassigned Fund Balance, and \$260,000 will be raised through taxes to fund the first year's lease payment, with an estimated tax impact of 0.07 cents. The article requires a 60 percent approval.

Two self-funded articles will be on the warrant, Article 4 for police outside details at \$506,306 and the Sewer Fund at \$5,246,992.

Capital reserve appropriations include items 6 through 9, asking respectively for \$650,000 for the Roadway Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, with \$487,500 from the Unassigned Fund Balance, leaving \$162,500 to be raised through taxes; \$164,000, Capital Reserve

Fund for Fire Equipment, \$123,000 from the UFB, \$41,000 to be raised by taxes; Capital Reserve Fund for Geographic Information Systems, \$28,000, \$21,000 from the UFB, \$7,000 in taxes; and Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund, \$180,000, \$135,000 from UFB, \$45,000 from taxation. Article 10 asks for \$100,000 for the expansion of the Pillsbury Cemetery, with \$75,000 from the UFB and \$25,000 through taxation.

They also approved two warrant items adding to staff, Article 15, \$198,545 for two additional police officers and Article 16, \$158,070 to add two truck drivers to Public Works.

Article 17 asks voters to raise and appropriate \$35,000 for starting the

town's senior transportation program, with the intent of supplementing services offered by CART, the Cooperative Alliance for Regional Transportation.

Article 18 asks voters to raise and appropriate \$35,000 for an engineering study for expanding or replacing the Central Fire Station.

The following union contracts are on the warrant:

Article 11, Police department employees, first year, \$247,571, 2.5 percent cost-of-living increase;

Article 12, Executive Employees Association, first year, \$21,169, 2 percent COL;

Article 13, Administrative Employees Association, first year, \$43,213, 2.5 percent COL; and

Article 14, International Association of Firefighters Local, first year, \$106,107, 2 percent COL.

Citizen's Petitions

This year's warrant sees its share of citizen petition articles, which have a required number of signatures but are not necessarily endorsed by the Council or Budget Committee. They include:

Article 24, sponsored by resident Mike Speltz, asking for \$138,000 to improve the Kendall Pond conservation area; Article 19, sponsored by Beautify Londonderry Chair Mike Byerly, asking \$100,000 to hire a road crew to clean up litter; Article 22, asking voters to raise and appropriate \$144,000 for Phase IV of the Rail Trail; and Article 23, asking for \$115,000 to replace the

lighting on the softball field on Nelson Road.

In the Jan. 16 budget hearing, the Council agreed to not recommend the original Article 20, asking voters to raise and appropriate \$230,000 to extend town water to Hillcrest Lane and Longwood Avenue. They added a new Article 21 proposing the extension be paid for from the Unassigned Fund Balance. Because the warrant was already set, they agreed not to recommend the original citizen's petitioned article, but it will remain on the warrant.

The Deliberative Session is Saturday, Feb. 11, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Londonderry High School cafeteria. Voting is March 14 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the LHS gym.

Letters

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der identity, sexual orientation, immigration status, or any other reason.

We ask you to pick an appropriate moment and stop for two minutes to reflect on the situation in our country today. Please reflect on the many different acts of hate in our state, and when the silence ends join us in saying, "Never again." Try to figure out how you can best join the effort to put those thoughts into action. Our scriptures, in

Leviticus 19:18, Mark 12:31, or the Quran in Surah 4:36, teach us to "love your neighbor as yourself." It is incumbent on all of us to do this. Invest two minutes of your day in beginning this

sacred endeavor.

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Registration

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cient," she said of the new system.

The new system will make it easier for the state to process driver's licenses and motor vehicle registrations.

The other functions of Farrell's office, including marriage licenses, dog registrations, election business and more, will remain in action during the transition period, she said.

Farrell doesn't anticipate a great inconvenience to Londonderry,

noting that the middle of the month is a "quiet time" for auto registrations. And it's also a holiday weekend, she said, so many residents will be out of town.

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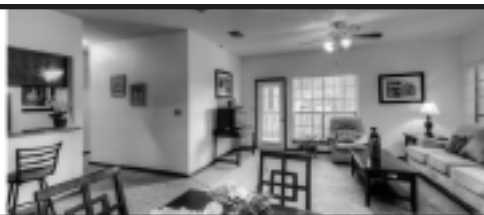


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School Requests Go Before Voters at Deliberative

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry voters will review the School District warrant in a deliberative session to be held Friday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Londonderry High School cafeteria.

The working budget, Article 2 on the warrant, is for 2017-18 is \$71,150,000, lower than the default budget of \$71,210,426. If the working budget is approved the school portion of the tax rate will be \$13.82.

The warrant also includes the following bargaining agreements, articles 3 through 6 respectively: Londonderry Education Association, two-year contract, \$790,140 for first year, 25 cents on tax rate; Londonderry Association Allied Health Professionals, two-year contract, \$63,921, first year, 0.02 cents on tax rate;

Londonderry Custodians, three-year contract, \$63,474, first year, 0.02 cents on tax rate; and Londonderry Support Staff, three-year contract, \$114,779, first year, 0.04

cents on tax rate.

Voters will be able to discuss and review Article 8, School Lunch Program and Federal Fund Projects, to accept \$1,632,000 for the school lunch program and \$1,429,000 for Federal projects.

Capital reserve funds and trust funds are as follows: Article 9, School Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, \$600,000. 19 cents on tax rate; Article 10, Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, up to \$125,000, amount to come from fund balance; and Article 11, Special Education Trust Fund, up to \$50,000, amount to come from fund balance. Article 10 asks voters to raise and appropriate a non-lapsing amount of \$275,000, to remove all known asbestos in district buildings, with an estimated tax impact of 0.09 cents. The articles are available for explanation, discussion and deliberation. They will be voted on in the March 14 election day, along with two School Board members for two three-year terms.

OBITUARY

Arthur Tsetsilas



Arthur Tsetsilas, 70, of Plymouth, MA, died peacefully, surrounded by family, Thursday January 26, 2017 at his home. He was born in Derry, NH on October 7, 1946, a beloved son of the late Arthur and Ethel (Andersen) Tsetsilas. Arthur was born and raised in Derry, NH. He was a 1964 graduate of Pinkerton Academy, and a graduate of Plymouth State College (1969). Art was a formidable athlete at both schools. Arthur proudly served his country in the US Army National Guard and as a US Army Reservist. He raised a family and lived most of his life in Londonderry, NH. For the past 12 years he resided on the ocean in scenic Plymouth, MA. Arthur was a successful business owner as the President of ET Tile and Stone, and was formerly employed by Merrimac Tile Company. Over the years, Art coached both his sons in all their athletic endeavors. Arthur was a community leader who always volunteered his time, most proudly serving as the President of the Londonderry Football Gridiron Club. Arthur was recently inducted into the Londonderry High School Hall of Fame in recognition of his contributions to the town.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene Bradford Tsetsilas of Plymouth; two sons, Tim Tsetsilas and his wife Cathleen of Londonderry, and Shawn Tssetilas and his wife Paula of Rye; stepchildren, Sharon Glazier and James Glazier; his seven beautiful grandchildren, Erika, Alex, Zoe, Sarah, Nicholas, Tyler, and Olivia Rae, and their proud grandmother, Susan Tssetilas of Londonderry; his four siblings, George Tssetilas of Derry, Tina Gaumer of Nashua, Alex Tssetilas of Maryland, and Ethel "Snooky" Tssetilas of Virginia; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his siblings, Anne Merrill, and his twin sister, Marcia Buckley.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held on Thursday, Feb. 2 from 4 - 7 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A period of sharing will be held during calling hours at 6:30pm. Family and friends are invited to gather immediately after calling hours for a Celebration of Life at the Londonderry Lions Hall, 256 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Londonderry Lancer Gridiron Club, P.O. Box 556, Londonderry, NH 03053. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

OBITUARY

Russell Burton Covell

Russell Burton Covell passed away on January 27, 2017 after a brief illness. Born on July 23, 1927 in Brooklyn, NY, the son of Russell Oliver Covell and Evelyn Marguerite Wulstein Covell, Russell grew up in Floral Park and Roslyn, NY. He married Polly Staudinger in 1952 and together, they enjoyed 62 years of a wonderful family life, raising one daughter, Sally, and two sons, James and Andrew, in Granby, CT. He and Polly moved to Londonderry, NH in 2006.

After graduating from Roslyn High School, Russell served in the United States Navy during World War II before enrolling in college at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY. He enjoyed a successful career as a mechanical engineer, working many years for Combustion Engineering in Windsor, CT. As an expert in his field, his work included advising foreign companies in the power manufacturing industry.

A person of many interests and talents, Russell shared with his wife, Polly, their love of family and travel during their retirement years. Vacations with their children and grandchildren on Cape Cod and elsewhere were amongst his happiest and most fulfilling activities. He also enjoyed carpentry, deep sea fishing, gardening, reading, and spending time on the golf course and at the billiards table.

Russell was predeceased by his parents, Russell and Evelyn, his wife, Polly, and two sisters, Dorothy and Barbara. He is survived by his sister, Phyllis Richardson of North Brunswick, NJ; his daughter, Sally Bertrand and husband Michael of Derry, NH; sons, James Covell and wife Mary of Leesburg, VA and Andrew Covell and wife Margaret of Boxborough, MA; grandchildren, Sarah and Thomas Bertrand and Daniel and Kirsten Covell; and other extended family. He was loved by all his family and will be deeply missed.

Arrangements will be private. The Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium is assisting the family with arrangements. For more information, or to post a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Conservation Commission Mulls Member Job Description

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission has perfected a "job description" for anyone who wants to join their ranks and their mission of saving Londonderry land for posterity.

In the Jan. 24 meeting the Commission reviewed and approved a descrip-

tion of responsibilities for prospective members.

Member Deborah Lievens expressed concern about a requirement that potential members be able to walk up to five miles of trails. "If they read that part first, they're going to think, 'I don't think I can do that,'" she told her fellow members.

Member Mike Byerly

countered, "A lot of what we do is outside." He speculated as to how much "physical limitations" could affect a member.

Chairman Marge Badois wondered if it would be a "fatal flaw" to have a member with physical limitations. She suggested moderating the description to "up to three miles."

Member Roger Fillio also wondered about a stated time commitment of 10 hours a month. "How many hours do you put in?" he asked Badois.

She said she spent up to 20 hours a month on Conservation business but added, "That's my choice. This is an entry-level commitment. This is the minimum."

Fillio observed that the meetings alone take two to three hours, twice a month. "There's six of your 10 there."

But Byerly said it depends on the season. In winter, when they can't get out as much, he's likely to put in six hours a month. When it's time to get out and monitor properties, it's more like every

other weekend, he said. "Six to 12 hours seems about right for this," Byerly said.

The members agreed to amend the job description to state that a candidate should be able to walk up to three miles, and have a six-to-12-hour a month commitment. They approved it unanimously.

Union Members Voice Their Views on Right-to-Work Bill

HUNTER MCGEE
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With state representatives attending, union members from the community Thursday praised unions while speaking out against a proposed Right-to-Work bill during a meeting at the Derry Public Library.

About 60 union representatives attended the meeting in a room in the library. The workers told how unions have helped them in their jobs and wanted to let state representatives know how they felt about the bill.

State representatives had been invited to the meeting in a Jan. 11 letter from the New Hampshire AFL-CIO President Glenn Brackett to discuss proposed legislation such as Right-to-Know.

Under the Right-to-Work bill, unions would no longer be allowed to collect a fee, called an "agency fee," from non-union members.

According to federal law, unions are required to represent employees whether they are in a union or not. Employees don't have to join a union but still have to pay for the agency fee for their percentage of collective bargaining. Employees who aren't in a union but pay agency fees are called "agency members."

In New Hampshire, a union member pays 100 percent and an agency member pays half of the fee. Agency members pay the fee because they still receive representation, Brackett said after the meeting.

"They are paying for it because they are covered under federal law," Brackett said. "The union represents them."

For example, if an agency member is fired, the union represents the employee in arbitration and mediation, Brackett said.

"If they get fired we have to go to arbitration,

mediation," Brackett said, adding "You pay for it, it's federal law."

Proponents of Right-to-Work say it will help improve the economy by increasing employment and wages for workers.

The state Senate approved the bill by a razor-thin margin of 12-11 on Thursday. The proposal now moves to the state House.

After the meeting, longtime union member Dana Savageau said he opposed Right-to-Work because non-union members would receive all of the benefits union members receive without having to pay for them.

"Right-to Work is a scary thing," said Savageau, who has been a carpenter for 35 years

and belongs to Carpenters Local 111.

Savageau said unions help workers in such areas as on-going education. He said workers continually have to learn about new equipment such as hydraulic lifts and scaffolding.

"Dues pay for our education, he said. 'We have ongoing education, it never ends.'"

Savageau said he and other union members have lived in the community for years. They wanted to let state representatives know where they stood on the bill.

If approved, Savageau said union members believe that Right-to-Work would weaken unions, while lowering wages and negatively impacting ben-

efits.

After listening to the union members, State Rep. Phyllis Katsakiores said she thought the meeting was very informative and she was impressed by the workers' stories. Katsakiores is opposed to Right-to-Work.

"I think the union has done a great job," she said, adding, "And my people I represent as a town councilor, almost all

of them are union employees. How do you turn your back on your people, you can't do it? So that's why I support them."

State Rep. Richard Tripp also attended the meeting and said afterward that he hadn't yet read the bill and wasn't ready yet to make a decision.

"Since I haven't read the bill I don't know what it does," he said.



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LHS Math Club: They Do The Math and Do It Well

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Amy Overhulter admits she isn't good at math. But the Londonderry High School freshman didn't let that stop her, joining the Math Team and competing. "I like how we're all part of a

team," she said. "The other kids aren't mean. If you don't know something, they'll explain it to you."

The LHS Math Team is going for its fourth state title in recent years with a dedicated group of "mathletes" coached by Mike

Wenger, an LHS math teacher who also coordinates the state Math Team. The team is second in the standings this year, so far, and has a good chance to advancing to first.

Wenger said he's been the local coach for 18 years, and isn't sure how long it existed before him. When he started it was hard to get the requisite 10 students on a team, he said. He targeted four of his best algebra students and invited them to join, "and they brought their friends." Wenger added that the teams grew over the years. "At one point, we had 52 or 53 kids," Wenger said. This year they have about 20.

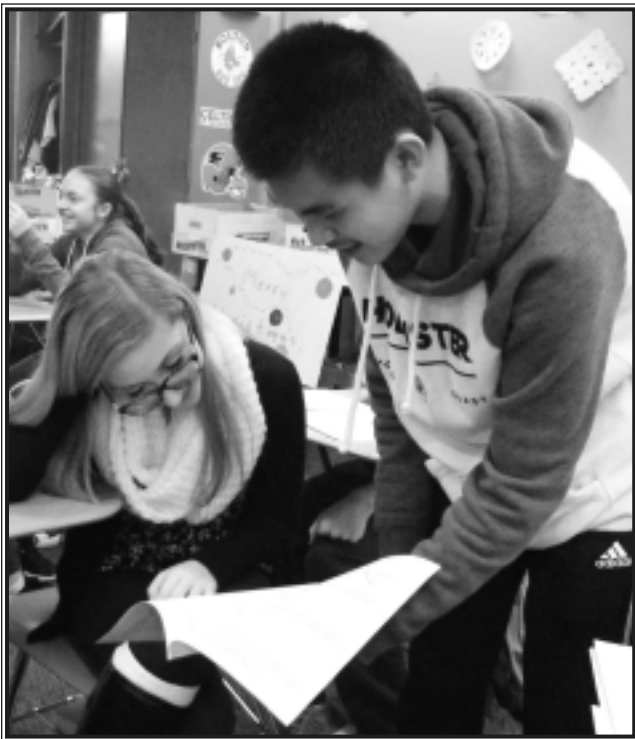
"It ebbs and flows," he said.

What do they like about it? While Wenger can't speak for each individual student, he said there is a sweet taste to winning. "We've won four state titles, and come in second for others. We've had nine trophies in the past 12 years, first or second every year." It is, he said, "A pretty good run."

The group belongs to the Tri-State Math League, which holds six competitions per year. That afternoon they were going to Timberlane Regional High School in Plaistow for a meet against a dozen other schools in Division I, with a focus on going to the States at Plymouth in March and the New England event in Canton, Mass. over April vacation. He will accompany the New Hampshire team to Penn State for the Nationals in July, and hopes some of his LHS kids will be along.



Members of the LHS math team and coach Mike Wenger, far right, pose before a meet this past Wednesday. Front row, from left: Tim Gore, Sara Overhulser, Amy Overhulser, Katie LaLerda; middle row, Angelina Bernardini, Meghan McLudden, Carolyn Hill and Urvi Chakraborty; and back row, Christian Ingram, Damian Bernardini, Varun Sadhir, Alesandra Bernardini, Andrew Liu and Caroline Hayes. Photos by Kathleen Bailey.



Carolyn Hill and Andrew Liu go over a math problem in preparation for a Math Team meet this past Wednesday.

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LHS Improv Troupe Makes It Up As They Go Along

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

"Romeo, Romeo, let down your hair," one Londonderry High School boy orated as another chanted, "We have to kill the king" in a "Bad Shakespeare" skit in the LHS cafeteria. The boys had already been "cheerleaders" and "interpretive dancers," and as they fell on one of their troupe to pretend-kill him, emcee Tristan Crane said, "I am under authority from Paone Entertainment to fire you all." But they survived to finish the evening of skits.

Whose line was it? Everybody's, as the Londonderry High School Improv Troupe took to the stage this past Wednesday night for their annual performance. Parents, friends and the curious filled the LHS cafeteria to sample an art form where almost anything goes, and went.

English teacher Zach Paone is the adviser for the group, which is an offshoot of the LHS Drama Club formed in 2013. The tradition, Paone said, is that the running of the troupe is passed down to student directors. This year's senior student directors are Scott Beliveau and Julia Fitzgibbons.

As he sold show tickets and raffle tickets alongside Drama Director Valerie Nelson, Paone observed that students like improv because it "forces them to think on their feet." While there are set pieces or frameworks for the skits, the students don't know what questions they will pick from a hat, or what questions the audience will suggest.

Have the students ever had a question that was over their heads, or un-actable? Never during a show, Paone said. "They always find a way to recover."

As she waited to go on, senior Anna Mercier said she joined Improv in her sophomore year. She was working on theater stage crews and decided to try it out, and said, "I had a blast."

You have to be "the right person" to do this, Mercier said. She's still "having a blast," but said she derives even more joy from watching other people.

What's the craziest thing she's ever been asked to do in Improv? "In a rehearsal I had to pretend to be one of our other actors. I had to roll around on the ground," Mercier said. "That isn't me, but I had to prove I was this other person."

Has she ever had a question she couldn't answer? Not during a show, Mercier said. "But in rehearsal one time, one of the prompts left me standing there. Fortunately, the rest of the group moved on."

And she caught up, because it's improv.

Sophomore Isabel Todd joined the Improv troupe because she wants to go into music and the arts. "It seemed like a good idea," Todd, who enjoys both scripted and unscripted fare, said. "In improv we're more free, and able to say what we want. There's no pressure to remember lines."

Todd hasn't been in Improv long enough to be thrown a line she can't handle. But if that day comes, she said, "I will



Students in the LHS Improv Troupe perform a skit. From left: Alp Okyar, Brendan Schebhetl, Izzy Todd and Jimmy Fitzgibbons. Kathleen Bailey photo

work around it."

Improv is a family tradition for sophomore Jimmy Fitzgibbons, whose sister Julia is one of this year's student directors. "She told me, 'You'd be good at this,'" Fitzgibbons said. He listened to his big sister and joined up.

The weirdest line he's ever had to say? "I sat on my son and broke his ribs," Fitzgibbons said with a big grin.

Paone introduced the program, speaking of the "fantastic energy" generated by the Improv Troupe. The students took the stage one by one in an exercise called "Photograph," each student expressing a pose from the theme "Bewilderment." No two poses were alike.

Julia Fitzgibbons took the mic with the first exercise, a take on "The Dating Game." Three boys took the stage, Tristan Crane, Chris Maio and Carter Wolk. "It's Valentines' Day and they are not good at finding love," Fitzgibbons explained. Ben Dionne was their

potential date, a slightly unhinged witch.

Crane took on the persona of a thug, Jimmy Two Shoes; Maio reinvented himself as Joe Jonas; and Wolk said he had a headache. "I work in a cake factory," he inexplicably told them.

"I like to fly on a broomstick," Dionne said. "How do you get around?"

Each boy was gradually eliminated and Fitzgibbons moved to another skit, "Two-Line Vocabulary." Melanie Methot, Isabel Todd and Anna Mercier each chose two sentences from a hat, which they were required to insert into conversation with Jimmy Fitzgibbons. Julia Fitzgibbons asked the audi-

ence for a location and someone shouted out, "The Laundromat."

She asked for a problem to solve and someone else hollered, "Too much bleach!"

Methot's lines were "Who even are you?" and "Happy Birthday, Scott" (Beliveau). Todd's lines were "It will work if you believe it will" and an audience-suggested, "But why?" Mercier's two lines were, "You can fix anything with duct tape" and, "But mine is better."

Methot led off by asking Fitzgibbons, "Who are you?" When he responded, "I'm your neighbor," she shot back, "Happy birthday, Scott!" When he

tried to tell the girls how to use the pretend washing machine, Methot repeated, "Who even are you?"

"Now you toss in the whites," Fitzgibbons said.

Todd retorted, "But why?"

"You pour in two cups of detergent," Fitzgibbons said.

"Who even are you?" Methot asked. He tiredly repeated, "I'm your neighbor."

"But mine is better," Mercier said.

"It will work if you believe," Todd said, staring down at the nonexistent appliance.

Methot trilled, "Happy birthday, Scott!"

And Mercier said, "You can fix it with duct tape." Fitzgibbons wrapped imaginary duct tape around the imaginary machine, to howls from the audience.

Members of the troupe are Brendan Schebhetl, Alp Okyar, Gio Cafarro, Kim Garian, Will Stepanik, Andrew Maynard, Sean Daley, the two Fitzgibbons, Beliveau, Crane, Dionne, Wolk, Methot, Maio, Mercier and Todd.

The Improve Troupe will have a segment during the Theater Night Wednesday, May 24, at 7 p.m. in the LHS cafeteria.

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Twenty Students Battle to Represent South School in Spelling Bee



Fifth grader Timothy Dolan, above left, was the champion speller at this year's Spelling Bee at South Elementary School. April Edmunds, above center, was the runner up and is the alternate for the state competition. Tim outlasted 20 other contestants and won in 10 rounds during the Bee which took place last week at the South School. The final word of the Bee was "Icarus." *Photos by Chris Paul*

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Huge Fourth Quarter Effort Gets LHS Boy Cagers Win Over PA



Londonderry High hoop star Jake Coleman got his shooting hand all kinds of hot in tallying 25 points during his team's Ball Family Trophy victory over Pinkerton in Derry last Friday. Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After falling behind by three points at the conclusion of three quarters, the Londonderry High boys' basketball squad kicked its game into a higher gear and claimed a pleasing 64-47 victory over the host Pinkerton Academy Astros in Derry in Ball Family Trophy action between

the rival hoop squads on Friday, Jan. 27 evening.

Sharp-shooters Jake Coleman and Ethan Garofalo both sank key three-point shots during the decisive final quarter as the visitors outscored their struggling hosts by a 27-7 tally during those final eight minutes of play.

Londonderry bumped its Division I season record over the .500 mark

to 4-3 with the victory while the academy crew slipped to 2-6.

After heading into the fourth period trailing 40-37, Londonderry regained the upper hand on the combination of a single free throw followed by two consecutive treys by spunky sophomore guard Garofalo which made it a 44-40 contest. And the LHS crew wouldn't lose the lead again, with game-high scorer Coleman throwing down a dozen points in that vital stanza on the way to a 25-point output. All in all, the skilled senior nailed a handful of threes despite having some trouble getting his shots to fall earlier in the battle.

"This is probably the best we've shot this season, so we're going in the right direction," said LHS coach Nate Stanton.

Speaking of the performance of Coleman in specific, the coach had no worries about having the sharp-shooter come around after seeing a number of his shots slip into the cylinder and out during the first three periods. And Stanton felt no need to say anything to Coleman about any frustration he might be feeling after the numerous close-but-no-cigar moments in the first three quarters.

"He's a shooter, so I

don't want him second-guessing himself," said the Stanton. "His confidence is getting there, and we have a ways to go in the season and he's going to be important for us."

Coleman, who has been a key player for the Lancer varsity since his freshman year, surpassed the 1,000-point scoring mark during the Lancers' loss at Exeter back on Friday Jan. 13.

The Lancers grasped leads of 13-9 after one quarter and 31-24 at half-time, but Pinkerton was the considerably stronger of the opposing squads during the third period in outscoring its guest by a 16-6 margin to carry the aforementioned 40-37 advantage into quarter

four.

But coach Peter Rosinski's scuffling PA crew went scoreless through the first 3:25 of the final stanza as Londonderry zipped off a 9-0 run to claim a 49-40 lead.

Nick Bortone ended the PA scoring drought with 4:35 left on the game clock, and the Astros continued to battle. But the LHS lead never slipped below seven points the rest of the way.

Along with Coleman's game-high 25 points, the victorious Lancers received a bakers-dozen of 13 points from Garofalo, 12 from Brandon Radford, and nine from Pat Zepf.

Pinkerton had three players score in double figures, with senior guards Bortone and Matt

Anzivino pacing the way with 12 apiece, sophomore guard Jay Reynolds tallying 11, and his fellow 10th-grader Joe Merrill contributing nine.

Londonderry headed into this week staring at a slate which had it playing host to the Nashua South Purple Panthers this Tuesday, Jan. 31, after Londonderry Times press time, followed by a home meeting with coach Stanton's former Salem High squad on Friday, Feb. 3.

Pinkerton, meanwhile, was looking at a pair of road games all the way out in Keene on Tuesday the 31st, after Nutfield News press time, followed by a far shorter journey to Manchester Memorial in the Queen City this Friday, Feb. 3.

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Signs and symptoms of colon cancer include: a change in your bowel habits, including diarrhea or constipation or a change in the consistency of your stool for more than a couple of weeks; rectal bleeding or blood in your stool; persistent abdominal discomfort, such as cramps, gas or pain; a feeling that your bowel doesn't empty completely; weakness or fatigue; or unexplained weight loss.

Many people with colon cancer experience no symptoms in the early stages of the disease. When symptoms appear, they'll likely vary, depending on the cancer's size and location in your large intestine. It's not clear what causes colon cancer in most cases. Doctors know that colon cancer occurs when healthy cells in the colon become altered. Healthy cells grow and divide in an orderly way to keep your body functioning normally. But sometimes this growth gets out of control. Cells continue dividing even when new cells aren't needed. In the colon and rectum, this exaggerated growth may cause precancerous cells to form in the lining of your intestine. Over a long period of time, spanning up to several years, some of these areas of abnormal cells may become cancerous.

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Lady Lancer Cagers Split Battles With Merrimack and Pinkerton

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A solid victory over Merrimack followed by a loss to the rival Pinkerton Academy Lady Astros in Ball Family Trophy play last week left the Londonderry High girls' basketball squad with a 6-4 record in Division I this season.

The Lady Lancers appeared to have a pattern emerge during their first nine games of the divisional campaign, winning their first three games, losing their next three, and then bagging their third consecutive victory over the Merrimack High Tomahawks in a 56-40 success at LHS Wednesday night, Jan. 25.

The hosts busted open a tight game in the second half against the 5-4 Merrimack mob. The contest was tied at 8-8 after one period and 15-15 at the half, but Londonderry outscored its guest by a pretty stellar 41-25 margin during the second half.

Amanda DeAngelis netted 16 points and blocked four shots for the victors, Courtney Shay and Hannah Hagearty each tallied 11 points and snagged seven rebounds, and Delaney McGurn contributed

seven points and six assists to the cause.

"Both teams were tight in the first half," noted LHS coach Nick Theos. "We turned the ball over a lot against their press, which gave them easy baskets. Once Emmy Dumaresq got their press under control we were able to get easy baskets ourselves. Emmy played most of the game and set the pace while Amanda had all 16 of her points in the second half. I told her to go out and show what she was made of in that second half, and she surprised even me, playing very physical and running the floor well."

But the Lancer squad ended up having trouble putting the ball in the bucket in its lopsided 58-39 loss to rival Pinkerton in Ball Family action in Derry Friday Jan. 27.

And giving credit where it's due, one huge factor in the Lady Lancers' loss was an intense defensive performance by the host Astros, who managed to slap the ball out of Londonderry hands and block shots throughout the battle.

The first quarter was high-scoring, with Pinker-



LHS cager Amanda DeAngelis was surrounded by Lady Astros last Friday night. Photo by Chris Paul

ton grasping a tiny, one-point advantage of 17-16 at its end.

But the second period was quite different, with the Lancers going scoreless for the first 4:15 as the PA lead grew modestly to 20-16 with the hosts struggling mightily to score as well.

Dumaresq finally netted some points for LHS when she nailed a three-pointer - her third to that point - with 3:45 to go in the half, and the score moved to 20-19.

By the close of that stanza, the Pinkerton lead sat at a modest 26-21 as two teams which combined for 33 first quarter

points only netted 14 in the second.

The Lancers had more scoring woes during the first five minutes of the third quarter, not hitting a field goal until youngster Katie Sullivan sank a trey. But at that juncture, the Pinkerton lead had grown to eight points (35-27), and it would bulge further up to 11 at 43-32 with one quarter remaining.

Pinkerton sophomore Brooke Kane took advantage of the fact that she was by far the tallest player on the court, particularly in the third period, when she netted 11 of her squad's 17 points.

The Lady Astros created

more space between themselves and their rivals in the fourth quarter, outscoring Londonderry by a 15-7 margin to win by 19.

As had been the case in the previous two periods, the Lady Lancers struggled mightily with hitting their shots from the floor in the fourth quarter, not sinking a field goal until just 2:02 remained.

Londonderry - which was playing without senior stalwart and sharp-shooter Kelsey Coffey - lost standout sophomore Amanda DeAngelis to her fifth foul with 4:46 to go in the game as LHS was working diligently to keep pace with its now 8-1 host.

"You've got to give (Pinkerton) credit. They had to have had double digits in blocks tonight. Some of them were close (to being

fouls), and some were very nice blocks," said Theos.

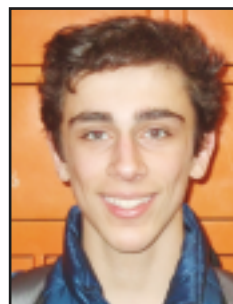
The Lady Astros had Kane finish her productive night with 22 points, 12 rebounds, five blocks, and three assists. Point-guard Amanda Lemire tallied 19 points, and Tori Overko contributed seven.

Londonderry was led by Dumaresq with the nine points she potted on threes in the first half, McGurn was good for seven points, and Courtney Shay tallied six.

The Lady Lancers stepped into this week aiming to jump back on the winning track in games at Nashua South on Tuesday the 31st, after Londonderry Times press time, followed by another road contest at Salem High this Friday night, Feb. 3.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Jan. 9



Josh Galluzzo, Sophomore, Boys' Skiing

This talented 10th grader has been his team's front-runner for the last two years, consistently placing in the top three overall and first for the Lancers. His passion for racing is infectious and his willingness to help his teammates is genuine.



Brianna Ho, Senior, Unified Basketball

This spirited and skilled veteran has scored 10 points so far this season. She is a great defender who often makes it difficult for other teams to get the ball up the court.



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LHS Wrestling Crew Experienced Mixed Fortunes Last Week

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

There were both ups and downs for the Londonderry High School wrestling squad at competitions away from its home mats last week.

The Lancers came extremely close to defeating the Pinkerton Academy Astros in Ball Family Trophy action in Derry during the evening of Wednesday Jan. 25. But in the end the hosts were a slim two points better in a 36-34 decision.

Action began with the 160-pound bout between Lancer Colin Reardon and Jacob Dube, with Reardon making quick work of his opponent by pinning him with 47 seconds left in period number one.

The Astros then got a pin of their own at 170 pounds with Kyle Setzer doing the honors against Mike Watts with a mere seven ticks of the clock left in the first period of

their battle.

But Londonderry's 182-pound grappler Alex Boucher bagged a pin of his own by knocking off rival Raul Martinez with just a second left in the second period.

LHS 195-pound stalwart Ben Psaledas then took down Astro Cam Macro with just 13 seconds left in the first period of their bout as Londonderry seemed to tally a bit of momentum.

But Pinkerton turned the tide with consecutive successes from Robby Fahey at 220 pounds, Deene Hill via a forfeit at 285, 106-pounder Kris DiNitto, 113-pound stand-out Walker Stinson, and Jonathan Simonelli in the 120-pound bout.

There was a double forfeit at 126 pounds, and with PA leading 33-18 Dave Donnelly gave the Lancers a significant victory at 132 pounds by pinning Zach Vigroux with 34

seconds to go in their second period.

Derek Wilson gave the academy crew a positive swing at 138 pounds by squeaking out an 8-7 decision against Craig Santos as the hosts went up 36-24.

Londonderry battled its way back heartily with decisive wins from Tyler Byrd at 145 pounds (9-0 major decision) and Drew Chase at 152 (pin with 1:25 to go in second).

"Overall, I think we wrestled hard and well," said LHS coach Jason Cucolo. "The kids came ready to wrestle. It's hard winning dual meets with the amount of forfeits we have, but I was very pleased and proud of their performance."

The Lancers then split up their number last Saturday the 28th and had their varsity grapplers go to the Methuen (Mass.) Invitational and a handful of their junior varsity

grapplers head to the New Hampshire seacoast for the Winnacunnet High School Invitational in Hampton.

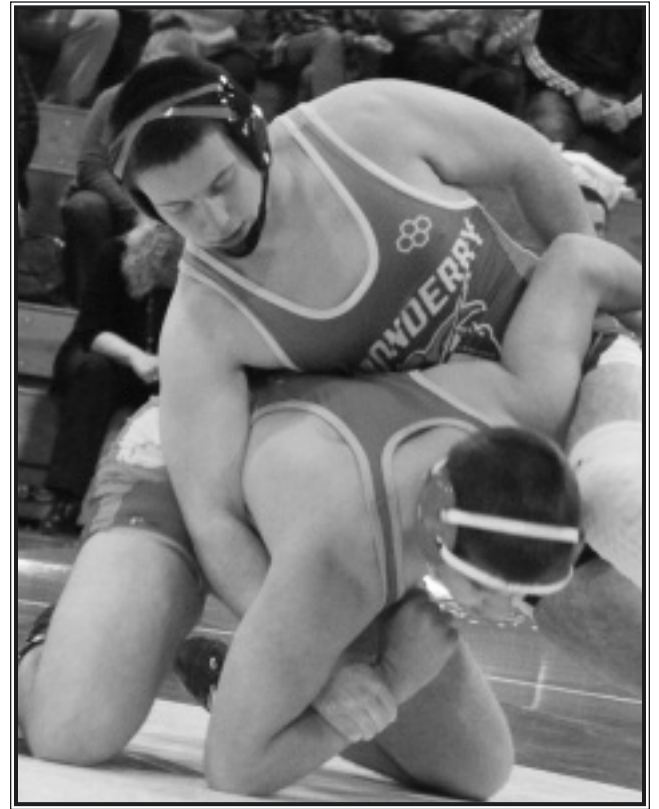
At the Bay State event, Londonderry finished a more than respectable fifth out of 16 contingents.

A quartet of Lancers collected second place finishes in their respective weight classes including Santos at 138 pounds, Byrd at 145, Chase at 152, and Reardon at 160.

Psaledas notched a fourth at 195, Donnelly and Boucher both bagged fifths in their divisions, and Michael Watts tallied sixth in the 170-pound class.

On the seacoast, Londonderry had Nick Walter (170 pounds), Jack Kelley (170), and Taylor Dyer (182) claim very decent 2-2 records. Zach Can and Justin Miller also competed.

This week, the Lancers hosted the always-tough



LHS 195-pound grappler Ben Psaledas took care of business against Pinkerton's Cam Macro during Ball Trophy action. Photo by Chris Paul

Concord High Crimson Grade Night. Those Tide on Wednesday, Feb. events took place after 1 for both Senior Night Londonderry Times press festivities and Eighth time.

Londonderry Gymnasts Grab Top Spot at Two Competitions

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Neither Goffstown nor Nashua South nor Concord nor Nashua North was any kind of match for the Londonderry High Lady Lancer girls' gymnastics squad in a five-team meet at the Absolute Gymnastics Academy in Tyngsborough, Mass. on Wednesday, Jan. 25.

Coach Heather Tuden's LHS crew bagged a team score of 134.25 to easily outdistance Goffstown (120.95), South

(118.85), Concord (112.1), and North (103.25).

Mira Kutney, Cassidy Williams, and Maddie Croteau were the scoring stalwarts for the locals, with Kutney snaring first place in the floor exercise (9.2) and seconds on the uneven bars (8.25) and the balance beam (8.7).

Croteau was victorious on vault (9.25) with Williams second (9.2), Croteau claimed third on bars (8.1) and floor (8.9), and Williams finished third on beam (8.6).

"We started off with a

rough bar set, but the team was able to pull everything together to finish with our second highest score of the season," said coach Tuden. "We had other solid vaults from Chelsea Pinet and Taylor MacKenzie, we had other clean bar routines from Tara Nigro and Janiah Bergendahl, other good beam routines came from Camille Lamont, Maddie Croteau, and Marissa McKay, and other strong floor routines came from Suzie Moore, Camille Lamont, and Tay-

lor MacKenzie."

The Lady Lancers then played host to Spaulding of Rochester, Alvirne of Hudson, and the Windham High gymnasts this past Monday evening the 30th.

And the defending state champs got the job done that night by notching a score of 132.7 to defeat Windham (127.2),

Spaulding (115.3), and Alvirne (112.4).

Croteau collected first places on vault and floor, Cassidy Williams finished second on bars, Suzie Moore got second on both beam and floor, and third places came from Seana Kelly on bars and floor and Chelsea Pinet and Williams in a tie on beam.

"It was nice being at home in front of our home crowd," said Tuden. "Every meet we are slowly putting things together in preparation for states."

The Lady Lancers' final home meet of the campaign takes place next Monday the 6th, which will also be senior night for the strong local contingent.

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Lancer High Icemen Play Well But Split Pair of Road Contests

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Two strong performances yielded a victory and a slim loss last week for the Londonderry High School ice hockey team, which wound up seeing its season record move to 7-3 in tough Division I.

The LHS squad trounced a Nashua opponent in the Gate City during the middle of the week but suffered its second defeat at the hands of the Pinkerton Academy Astros in a little more than two weeks in Ball Family Trophy play at the end of the week.

Three days before the rematch with Pinkerton - on Wednesday Jan. 25 - the Lancers pummeled the host Nashua North-Souhegan squad by an 8-3 tally at the Conway Arena in the Gate City.

In bagging its fourth

win in its last five D-I contests and making its divisional record 7-2, the Lancer crew received two goals from Billy Croteau and single markers from Jared Tuccolo, Nick Pitarys, Jack Thompson (his first varsity tally), Dom Federico, and Patrick Murphy.

After dropping an overtime decision to Pinkerton on home ice back on Friday Jan. 13, the Lancers were very much looking forward to the rematch in the Ball Trophy battle on Pinkerton's home sheet at The Ice Den in Hooksett Saturday night Jan. 28.

Both squads played extremely well in front of a spirited capacity crowd, but when the final buzzer blared the Astros had a 2-0 victory to celebrate.

The host Pinkerton crew got the only goal it would end up needing to

bag this, their second shutout of the campaign when sophomore forward Gennaro Marra scored on a penalty shot with 5:19 remaining in the first period.

Londonderry would put more shots on net than Pinkerton in every period, finishing with a total of 24 to the Astros' 13. But the now 7-3 Lancers couldn't manage to get a shot past PA goalie Dakota Robinson.

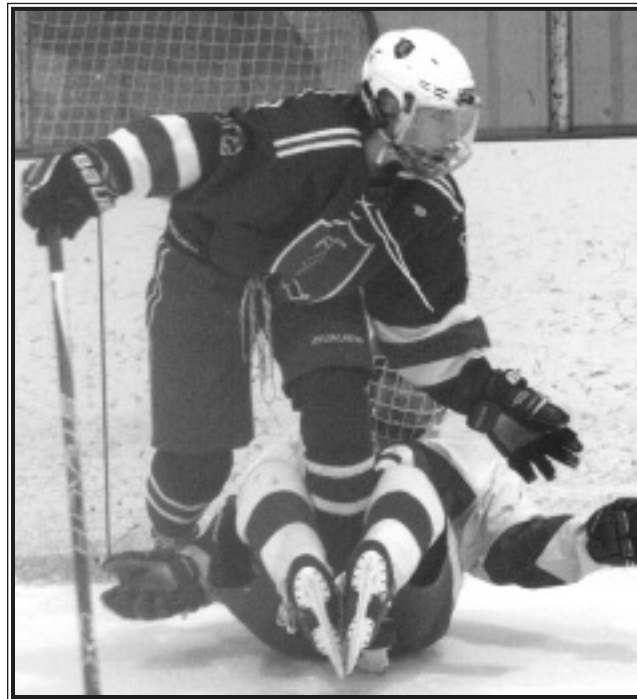
The visiting side had 11 shots on Robinson in the scoreless second period and then enjoyed a glittering chance to knot the score at 1-1 when the Lancers found themselves with a five-minute power-play just minutes into the third stanza. That power-play came about shortly after LHS defenseman Anthony Federico clanged a shot off of the post to the right of the PA

keeper.

But Pinkerton survived the subsequent five-minute Lancer power-play - even putting three shots of its own on LHS goalie Cam Donovan in the process - before bagging a big insurance tally with just 2:24 to go when Eddie Welch set up Hare on a pretty play. Welch slid the puck from behind the Lancers' net to Hare at the left post of the cage, and the junior forward didn't miss.

"I think this was our best game of the season," said PA coach Sam Littlefield. "Every guy stepped up and we played really well."

For his part, LHS coach Bedford - who announced to media members following the game that he will need to take a hiatus from the team in mid-February in order to have hip replacement surgery - was all



Londonderry High sophomore forward Patrick Murphy experienced all kinds of trouble getting away from this PA Astro. Photo by Chris Pantazis

kinds of pleased with the effort of his team and the contest overall.

"It was a great game," he said. "I love seeing this level of play. Pinkerton

played well, they had a great crowd, and it looks like Sam has them playing well and he's gotten them past their disciplinary problems of last year."

LHS Swimmers Beat All Comers in Final Regular Season Meets

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It wouldn't have been possible for the Londonderry High School boys' and girls' swim squads to have done much better than they in fact did in their final regular season meets in their home pool on Senior Night last Friday, Jan. 27.

The Lancer males simply demolished the six opponents against whom

they competed that evening, winning no less than nine events in the process.

And while the Lady Lancers didn't manage to win any individual events, they showed their tremendous depth in also finishing the night with a perfect 6-0 record.

BOYS

The names Nick Byrne and Richard Chen kept coming up over and over

for the victorious LHS guys on this evening, with Byrne winning the 500-yard freestyle (time of 5 minutes, 35.23 seconds) and the 100-yard backstroke (1:08.51) on his own, and Chen bagging victories in the 100-yard butterfly (1:16.95) and the 100-yard breaststroke (1:19.43) as a solo act.

Byrne and Chen were also members of the victorious 200-yard medley

relay (2:00.64) quartet, Chen was on the winning 200 free relay team (1:58.41), and Byrne competed on the victorious 400 free relay squad (4:01.22).

Other individual victories were claimed by Jack Stuart in the 200 free (2:10.14), and Rhys Van Etten in the 200-yard individual medley (2:57.20).

Other members of LHS first place relay quartets included Mike Hession, Brian Parrott, Devin James, and Harrison Feig.

GIRLS

The Lady Lancers had Anna Gruchot grab second places in the 50 free and the 100 free, Emily Buttafuoco bag second in the 200 free, Caroline Russell collect the second

spot in the 500 free, the 200 free relay and 400 free relay teams take seconds, and Maeve McPhail finish third in the 200 individual medley.

The Lancer squads will now continue to train and bide their time until the state championships at the University of New Hampshire in Durham on Sunday, Feb. 12.

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Ball Family Trophy Will Remain at PA Again This Year

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Victories in boys' swimming, girls' gymnastics, wrestling, girls' basketball, boys' and girls' track and field, and ice hockey have assured Pinkerton Academy of holding onto the Ball Family Trophy for a sixth consecutive year.

For decades now, the academy's winter varsity athletic teams have been playing the rival Londonderry High winter squads for possession of the coveted Ball Family Trophy,

which is named for the local clan which has had members make significant contributions both within and outside of athletics throughout the schools' respective histories.

The Pinkerton seven team wins during this 2016-17 winter campaign were balanced against Londonderry Lancer victories in girls' swimming, boys' basketball, and unified hoop.

PA and LHS teams have still yet to meet in boys' and girls' skiing and spirit, but at most the

Lancers could make it a 7-6 tally if they were to win those remaining events.

The 2016-17 Ball games were highlighted by a heavy slate of PA/LHS contests last week, with the Astros snagging a slim wrestling win on Wednesday, Londonderry taking basketball victories in unified and boys' hoop at PA two days later, Pinkerton winning girls' hoop on that Friday evening, and the Astros capping off their success with an electrifying 2-0 ice hockey win Saturday night Jan. 28.



Londonderry High Tracksters Get Their Final Tune-Up in Maine

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With the Division I championship meets looming ahead at Dartmouth Col-

lege this coming Sunday, Londonderry High School boys' and girls' track and field stalwarts took the chance to undertake one final competitive tune-up

at an unscored meet at the University of Southern Maine in Gorham last Saturday, Jan. 28.

Among the top finishers for the Lady Lancers

were event winners Gretchen McGrath in the 600-meter run (time of 1 minute, 39.21 seconds) and Lexy Freire in the 55-meter hurdles (8.66 sec-

onds).

Lancer males who went top-three included Chris Zaino and Declan Hotter, who were second and third respectively in

the 1,000-meter run, and the second place 4x800 relay quartet of Kyle Freire, Hotter, Brian Metro, and Jeff Cieslikowski.

A Day of Parenting Help

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Upper Room will offer a day of workshops and learning for parents and teens, with the goal of reaching those who can't make their weekday and evening sessions.

The event will be Saturday, Feb. 11, at the facility at 36 Tsienneto Road.

Executive Director Brenda Guggisberg said in a phone interview this past Thursday that the agency has offered the day-long event in the past, in order to meet the needs of families who for some reason can't come at night. "They work at night, or they can't get a sitter," Guggisberg explained.

The classes will be taught by two Upper Room staff members, Sue Schick and Elaina Wheaton.

The day of workshops offers two tracks, one for parents of teens, with teens also welcome, and one for parents of young-to middle-school children.

The parent-and-teen track offers workshops in Teen Emotions, Drugs, Alcohol and You, and Social Media. These are tough topics, Guggisberg observed. "This format helps parents and teens talk about the more difficult things." For example, she said, a parent and their teen can develop strategies to build a firewall against substance abuse. "These are protec-

tive factors that allow a kid to bow out," Guggisberg said. For example, a parent and child could agree, "If I text you this, it means, 'Come and get me.'"

The social media piece is also important, according to Guggisberg, because the wrong post, tweet or text could affect job and

college prospects.

The track for parents of younger and middle-school children offers workshops in Self-Esteem, Communicating With your Kids, and identifying your parenting style and how it affects your own parenting. "You can look at your parenting style and say, 'How's it working?'" Guggisberg said.

Cost is \$40 per person. Snacks and coffee will be

provided, and people are also welcome to bring their own lunches, she said.

The sessions last 5 1/2 hours, but it's worth it, Guggisberg said. "It's a lot of work, but you leave with a lot of resources."

The agency has had a lot of calls from families in

recent months, she said, "And we're trying to get the information out there."

The event is Saturday Feb. 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at The Upper Room at 36 Tsienneto Road. Snow date is Feb. 18. For more information, call 437-8477 or visit www.urteach-ers.org.

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Additionally: We will run the full versions of any calendar items online free of charge at www.nutpub.net. Please send items to calendar@nutpub.net.

Future Business Leaders of America Week of Activities

Activities planned for February 5th to 11th for Londonderry High School's Future Business Leaders of America Chapter. Tuesday the 7th there will be an ice cream social in room 412 after school for FBLA members to attend. Wednesday the 8th in room 412, the FBLA will be showing off an exciting bulletin board display with the theme "Legacy of Leadership." On Thursday the 9th, Organ Donor Awareness day takes place, with FBLA members handing out green ribbons and displaying a poster to edu-

cate folks on this vital cause. Finally, on Friday the 10th, FBLA members will show they know how to dress for success by wearing their final business attire.

Dr. Seuss Month

March is Dr. Seuss's Birthday Month and children are invited to stop by the Children's Room in the Leach Library and play a Dr. Seuss matching game. They will be entered into a drawing for a Dr. Seuss-themed gift bag. Londonderry Leach Library, events are free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. They are held in the library's lower-level

meeting room. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call the library at 432-1132 or 432-1127.

Book Bingo

Spring Book Bingo will be offered Thursday, March 9, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Participants should be in grades six through 12, bingo winners win books. Snacks and drinks will be served. No sign-up is necessary. Londonderry Leach Library, events are free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. They are held in the library's lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call the library at 432-1132 or 432-1127.

Little Critters

Have fun with "Little Critter" the star of the Mercer Mayer picture books, will be held Monday, March

13, from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Leach Library, Londonderry. Photo ops with Little Critter are available. The program is limited to 90 children and registration is required beginning Monday, March 9. Call to register or come by the Children's Room. Londonderry Leach Library, events are free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. They are held in the library's lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call the library at 432-1132 or 432-1127.

Moose Man

Rick "The Moose Man" Libbey will speak on "Moose Moments In the Wild" Thursday, March 16, at 7 p.m. Londonderry Leach Library, events are free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. They are held in the library's lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call the library at 432-1132 or 432-1127.

Free Meals

The following free meals are offered in February: Feb. 12, Dinner at Church of the Transfiguration, 5 to 6:30 p.m., 1 Hood Road, Derry, 432-2130; Feb. 13, Dinner at West Running Brook Middle School, 5 to 6:30 p.m., 1

West Running Brook Lane, Derry, 432-1350; Feb. 18, Dinner at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 5 to 6:30 p.m., 63 East Broadway, Derry, 434-4767; Feb. 19, Dinner at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 5 to 6:15 p.m., 1 Hood Road, Derry, 432-0004; Feb. 24, Spaghetti Supper at First Parish Congregational Church, 5 to 6:30 p.m., 47 East Derry Road, Derry, 434-0628; Feb. 26, Breakfast at Church of the Transfiguration, 9 to 10 a.m., 1 Hood Road, Derry, 432-2130; Feb. 26, Lunch at St. Jude Parish Community, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, 432-3333 The Sonshine Soup Kitchen serves a free meal every weeknight from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Internet Safety Workshop

The Upper Room will hold a workshop, "Digital Footprint/Reality of Text" Monday, Feb. 6, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at its facility, 36 Tsienneto Road. Cost is \$10 per family. Teens are welcome to attend with parents. For more information, call 437-8477 or visit www.urteachers.org.

Super Parent Saturday

The Upper Room, a family resource agency, will offer a Super Parent Saturday Feb. 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at its facility at 36 Tsienneto Road. Snow date is Feb. 18. The day of workshops offers two tracks, one for parents of teens, with teens also welcome, and one for parents of young-to middle-school children. Cost is \$40 per person. For more information, call 437-8477 or visit www.urteachers.org.

Seniors invited to Music Café

The Londonderry Senior Center will host a Music Café Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 10 to 11 a.m. Resident Paul Lussier will play the guitar and sing. The performance is free. Those wanting further information may call Director Cathy Blash at 432-8554 or 432-1100 ext. 230.

Head to Musquash for outdoor fun

The Londonderry Conservation Commission will hold its annual Musquash Field Day Saturday, Feb. 18. There will be snowshoeing, a bonfire, nature walks/talks and prizes for children. Food will include hot choco-

late, coffee, hot dogs and cookies.

Teen & Parent Workshops

The Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Road, holds the following free weekly support groups and workshops: Hour Power Lunch Time Workshops, Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Topics available on Web site. Parents of Teens, Thursdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Parents of children 0-6, includes playgroup and/or childcare, Wednesdays, 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. Light refreshments and coffee. Teen and Young Parents (up to age 23), Wednesdays, 5 to 7 p.m., includes light dinner and childcare. For more information, call 437-8477 or visit www.urteachers.org.

Buy a Bowl, Help the Community

The Potter's Bowl to benefit Community Caregivers will be held Saturday, Feb. 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Pinkerton Academy Freshman Cafeteria. For \$40, patrons will be able to pick a handcrafted pottery bowl donated by local New Hampshire artists, and enjoy more than a dozen different soups donated from local restaurants in the Derry area as well as breads and desserts. Other handcrafted items will be offered in an auction including paintings, matted photography, wooden crafts, clothing and handcrafted jewelry. In an effort to encourage more families with children, the Caregivers will offer a "Kids Under 12" ticket for \$10. Tickets are currently on sale. To purchase a ticket call Caregivers at 432-0877 or drop by 1 B Commons Drive, Unit 10, Londonderry, during the business day. For a soup menu, directions, and a list of auction items visit www.comcaregivers.org or the agency's Facebook page.

Spring Sports

Registration is open for Londonderry High School spring sports. To register, find the link to the online registration portal, Family ID, at <http://lhs.londonderry.org/athletics>. For more information, call the athletic office at 432-6941, ext. 2307.

Register Now for Preschool

The Londonderry Early Education Program (LEEP) is currently registering chil-

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February - School & Town Meetings

Feb. 1	Planning Board Meeting	7 p.m.
	Trustees of Leach Library	7 p.m.
	Library Meeting Room	
	LYSA Meeting	7 p.m.
	Sunnycrest Conference Room	
Feb. 2	Tentative ZBA Overflow Meeting	7 p.m.
Feb. 6	Town Council Meeting	7 p.m.
	Lon. Housing & Redevelopment Authority	7 p.m.
	Sunnycrest Conference Room	
Feb. 8	Planning Board	7 p.m.
Feb. 9	Solid Waste & Environment Com.	7 p.m.
	Woodmont Conference Room	
Feb. 10	School Deliberative Session	7 p.m.
	School Board Meeting	
	LHS Cafeteria	
Feb. 11	Town Deliberative Session	9 a.m.
	LHS Cafeteria	
Feb. 13	Recreation Commission	7:30 p.m.
	Sunnycrest Conference Room	
Feb. 15	ZBA Meeting	7 p.m.
Feb. 16	Old Home Day Committee	7 p.m.
	Sunnycrest Conference Room	
Feb. 20	Town Council Meeting	7 p.m.
Feb. 21	Senior Resources Committee	6 p.m.
	Sunnycrest Conference Room	
	Londonderry School Board	7 p.m.
Feb. 23	Heritage Commission Meeting	7 p.m.
	Sunnycrest Conference Room	
	Budget Committee Meeting	7 p.m.
Feb. 28	Conservation Commission	7 p.m.
	Sunnycrest Conference Room	

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dren for the 2017-18 session. LEEP is a developmentally appropriate preschool respectful of the talents and needs of individual children. The teachers are all certified educators and the program is provided by the Londonderry School District. Programs for 3-year old preschoolers meet from 8:45 to 11:00 a.m., either two or four days per week and the program for prekindergarten students meets from noon to 2:30 p.m., either three or four days per week. Tuition is preschool, \$150

per month, two days, \$200 per month, four days; Pre-K \$180 per month, three days and \$200 per month, four days. Applications and the LEEP Handbook are available online on the Moose Hill School Web site. For more information, contact Kathy Kelley at 437-5855, ext. 7223, or e-mail her at kkelley@londonderry.org or Kim Speers at kspeers@londonderry.org.

Center Announces Seasonal Closings

The Londonderry Senior Center will follow the Londonderry Schools' pattern for dealing with winter weather. If the schools have

a delayed opening, the Center will have a delayed opening, opening at 9 a.m. If the schools are closed for inclement weather, the Center will also be closed. For information, call 432-8554.

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Help Shape Democrats' Future in Londonderry

The Londonderry Democratic Committee will hold its Election of Officers Saturday, Feb. 18 in the Leach Library, 275 Mammoth Road. Officers are sought along with delegates to the state convention. For more information, contact Chairwoman Tam Siekmann at chair@londonderrydems.com; call 425-3515; visit www.londonderrydems.com; or check out their Facebook page.

Winter Coats Available

The Renew Clothing Ministry will be open Satur-

day, Feb. 4, from 8 to 10:30 a.m. in Calvary Bible Church, Hampstead Road, Derry. Those interested in clothing are asked to arrive by 10 a.m. Winter coats are in stock, with a limited number per household. To make sure the newer clothing is available for everyone, each family is limited to 20 of the newer items, plus a "reasonable amount" of the older ones. The service gives free gently-used apparel to families and individuals on a budget. Donations of modern clothing in good condition may be placed in the donation bin at any time. The shop does not accept

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Jan. 23
2:44 p.m. Responded to medical emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport on Airport Road.
6:32 a.m. Auto Theft investigated on Twin Isles Road.
7:18 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Griffin Road.
10 a.m. Sex offenses investigated on Winding Pond Road.
10:12 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated Rockingham Road near Red Arrow Diner involving a Ford T250 and a Subaru Outback.
4:33 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with transportation to hospital from Londonderry Middle School.

5:10 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Old Derry Road at “S” curve.
5:21 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Old Derry Road at “S” curve.

Tuesday - Jan. 24
8:29 a.m. Missing person report investigated Windsor Blvd.
10:03 a.m. Motor vehicle accident responded to at Hardy Road and Bancroft Road.
2:29 p.m. Serving warrant at Manchester Police Dept. results in the arrest of Jeremy Cooke, 40, of Londonderry. Charged with theft from a Building.
5:37 p.m. Criminal threatening investigated at Prosciutto’s on Nashua Road.
6:52 p.m. Serving warrant on Tinker Avenue results in the arrest of John Bernazani, 52, of Merrimack. Charged with Stalking.

Wednesday - Jan. 25
11:31 a.m. Suspicious activity reported and services rendered on High Range Road at Quentin Drive.
11:32 a.m. Motor vehicle

accident investigated Valley Street.
3:44 p.m. Serving a Warrant on Kendall Pond Road results in the arrest of Daniel Baker, 56, of Derry. Charged with Conduct After An Accident and Stop Sign/Yield Sign.
4:15 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident reported on South Road and Pine Street.
8:38 p.m. Domestic Disturbance reported and peace restored on Calla Road.
8:47 p.m. Domestic Disturbance reported and peace restored on Charmand Row.
10:43 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated at CVS Pharmacy on Mammoth Road.

Thursday - Jan. 26
9:51 a.m. Sex offenses reported and Services Rendered on Winterwood Drive.
10:26 a.m. Motor Vehicle accident investigated on Harvey Road near Webster Road involving Mini Cooper and Dodge Caravan.
10:52 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Winding Pond Road.
3:36 p.m. Missing Person report investigated Litchfield Road.
7:28 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated South Road.

Friday - Jan. 27
4:14 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Auburn Road.
2:30 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Bartlett Street, Manchester. Flora Lynn, 36, of Manchester charged on Burglary.
8:20 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Charleston Avenue.
Saturday - Jan. 28
1 a.m. Disturbance investigated on Granite Street.
11:42 a.m. Motor Vehicle

Accident Investigated on Airport Road.
12:24 p.m. Domestic Disturbance on Noyes Road investigated.
12:26 p.m. Domestic Disturbance reported at Olde Country Village Road.
2:01 p.m. Disturbance investigated at Londonderry Middle School.
4:36 p.m. Domestic Disturbance report results in arrest made on Litchfield Road.
5:02 p.m. Overdose report on Morway Drive results in transport to hospital.
9: 51 p.m. Neighborhood Disputes investigated on Hunter Blvd.
10:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop at Rockingham and Auburn Road results in the arrest of Franklyn Liranzo, 38, of Lawrence, Mass. Charged with Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs, Possession of Drugs in a Motor Vehicle, Driving after Revocation or Suspension, a Bench Warrant, and failure to stop at Stop Sign/Yield Sign.

Sunday - Jan. 29
2:05 a.m. Missing Person investigated on Winding Pond Road.
10:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident investigated on Rockingham Road at Liberty Drive.
2:56 p.m. Weapons Offenses reported and a warning issued on South Road at Goat Farm.
8:49 p.m. Domestic Disturbance reported and peace restored on Winding Pond Road.
9:10 p.m. Motor Vehicle Complaint on Nashua Road near Route 93 results in the arrest of Jason Lindkvist, 45, of Wakefield, Mass. Charged with Possession Of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs and Possession of Drugs in A Motor Vehicle.

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Derry Farmers Market Will Be Returning This Summer

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Dubbed the Derry Homegrown Farm & Artisan Market, a new Farmers Market will be open for business this summer.

To finalize the market proposal, Derry Town Councilors agreed at their Jan. 24 meeting to waive a small fee that Derry previously charged to vendors.

A farmers market is returning this summer after a year's hiatus. The last market operated out of land owned by the Benson family along Broad-

way in the summers of 2014 and 2015. The market didn't run last year after Beverly Ferrante, the director, left her post after the summer of 2015, according to officials.

In the meeting, Terri Pastori, chairman of the Derry Economic Development Advisory Committee, said she and other members of a committee have been working on the project to reestablish a market for almost a year.

Pastori said a diverse group of farmers, bakers and PTA members formed the group last March to

create a Farmers Market unique to Derry. They plan to launch the new market in June downtown on the Benson lawn, Pastori said.

But before the plan could be approved, Pastori asked the council to waive a small fee that the Town charges vendors.

"One obstacle, Derry has a special fee that it charges each of the vendors," Pastori said. "And farmers they don't make a lot of money to attract them."

As part of the arrangement, Pastori said farmers have agreed to pay a

small fee of about \$10 to \$15 to the committee for advertising. She said the group is going through the process of becoming a non-profit, which will not be completed until after the summer.

"They've got to pay us a small fee," Pastori said. "And we are going through the process of being a non-profit and nobody wants a salary; we are just doing it because we believe in it as individuals."

A big criticism of the Derry's Farmers Market in the past, even a small fee

can be prohibitive to farmers, she said.

"They've got to sell a lot of tomatoes and cucumbers to even cover our fee," Pastori said.

The committee members did some research and found that the fee only generated a small amount of money for the town, Pastori said. The group members want oversight from the town and for the Derry to inspect the vendors. She said there are ways to waive the fee if the market becomes a town-sponsored event.

"We aren't looking for anything from the town," Pastori said. "We don't want funding, we don't want anything. If we could get a little bit of advertising on the town website or on bulletin boards, that would be amazing, but other than that we aren't looking for anything."

Pastori said she wanted to mention that the new market will have an entertainment component every week. She said committee member Jenna Paradise is working on lining up activities geared toward children.

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housewares, books, toys or bedding. The ministry is unable to provide tax receipts for donations. No money is asked for or accepted for the clothing. For more information find "Renew Derry" on Facebook, e-mail renewclothing@myfairpoint.net or renewclothing@yahoo.com, or call the church secretary at 434-1516.

Celebrate Work of Mo Willems

The work of Mo Willems will be the subject of a children's program Monday, Feb. 6, from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Leach Library Children's Room. Children will hear the adventures of Elephant and Piggie, help find Knuffle Bunny and find out why pigeons should not drive. There will also be a chance to help Duckling find his cookie. All participants will receive a goody bag and will be entered into a raffle to earn one of two special Mo Willems-themed prizes. This program is

open to 90 participants of all ages and registration is required. To register, call 432-1127, or stop by the Children's Room.

Italian Gardens

The Leach Library will host a program on "Iconic Italian Gardens" Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Leach Library, Londonderry. Presenter Laura Campbell will explore the history of several well-known Italian gardens including Ninfa, Villa Lante, and Villa D'este. She will present her own photographs of the gardens and offer her observations as well as professional insights. This program is free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. It will be held in the library's lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 432-1132.

Live Animals

Children are invited to join staff members of the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center Tuesday, Feb. 21, from 4 to 5 p.m. to hear the stories of three native

New Hampshire animals who returned from the edge of extinction. Participants will encounter three live animals, learn about their habitats and characteristics, and then learn about a person who has helped the animals to thrive. Live animals may include a Peregrine falcon, Broadwing hawk and porcupine (live animals). This program is open to 90 participants of all ages. Registration is required and begins Monday, Feb. 13, at 9 a.m. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room. This program is sponsored by The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library

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Books and Ice Cream

The Londonderry Middle School will hold its annual Scholastic Book Fair during the week of now through Feb. 3 at the school. Students may purchase books before or after school or during their assigned time during the class day. In addition, a Family Ice Cream

Social will be held Wednesday, Feb. 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the sixth-grade pod area. The book fair will be open. All students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Elementary fifth-grade students are also welcome with a parent or guardian. Principal Richard Zacchilli will be available for school tours. For more information, call the school or e-mail Melissa Cote at cotep@comcast.net Middle-schoolers' opinions sought

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