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Safe Keeping

Londonderry Women's Club member Athena Bevan carefully takes the fingerprint impression of Moose Hill Kindergarten student Evelyn Murray recently during the club's annual visit to the school. More photo on page 2.

Photo by Chris Paul

Communications System Discussed at Town Council

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The town of Londonderry may benefit from a proposed statewide communications system, but not in the near future.

Battalion Chief Mike

McQuillen and Lt. Jeremy Mague, who are also heading up the effort to improve town-wide communications among Police, Fire and Public Works, discussed the state plan in the March 6 Town Council meeting.

McQuillen told the Council that the state system is similar to a digital system that is being introduced across the country, and would allow the sharing of data from emergency personnel's cell

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Affordable Elderly Housing Stays Under Microscope

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Conservation Commission continued its review of a proposed affordable elderly housing complex, asking developers to make some adjustments to protect the buffer to Little Cohas Brook.

In its Feb. 28 meeting the Commission met with Joe DeCarolis, one of the developers of the project at 7 Litchfield Road. While the Commission agreed with the need to house these members of the community, they expressed concern about the possible environmental impact.

The property is Tax Map 12, Lot 20 and is owned by the 7 Litchfield

Road Realty Trust. The property is 13.49 acres and is zoned AR-1.

The plan calls for three buildings with 22 units in each. An existing house and two barns would be torn down.

DeCarolis told the Commission that there would be very little encroachment on the 25-foot buffer. "There is one place on Litchfield Road where we would exceed it," he told the Commission. "But what is there now is a manhole, with no treatment facility. We would treat the runoff before it expels into the Little Cohas."

"These are swales, not retention ponds," DeCarolis told the members. "They

will barely be visible."

Member Mike Speltz reminded DeCarolis of the conditions for a conditional use permit. "It can't just be for your economic advantage," he told DeCarolis. He asked if DeCarolis would consider eliminating the northernmost building, nearest to Litchfield Road, or consider rotating it to have less effect on the buffer.

"The Fire Department wanted it this way," DeCarolis responded to questioning from Speltz and Chairman Marge Badois. "It is easier for them to get around buildings."

Speltz also suggested that a natural vegetative buffer would be more

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Property May Be Going to the Dogs and Beer Brewery

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

A change of use application for a Londonderry property may bring two new, but vastly different, businesses to Londonderry.

The prospect of a dog day care and nano-brewery in vacant property at 298 and 302 Rockingham Road came before the Planning Board in its March 1 meeting. The plan received conditional approval.

Attorney Mike Hammer represented Remi Fortin, the owner and developer. Jane Keefe, manager of the property,

was also in attendance.

The parcel is PID Map 17, Lot 24, and is zoned C-III.

Hammer told the board the commercial building has been vacant for a while and formerly housed a chiropractor and yoga studio and a recording studio. The property covers 18 acres, he said.

Hammer said the principals have spoken with the Department of Environmental Services, who told them there is enough water for a micro-brewery but that they need a new septic design. They are in correspondence with the Department of Trans-

portation about a driveway permit, he said.

The parking lot was previously striped by a paving contractor, and Hammer said, "It does not necessarily conform to the town regulations and we are planning to restripe it."

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Londonderry Women's Club Helps Parents Keep Track of Kids



For over thirty years the Londonderry Women's Club has been sending members to the schools in town to fingerprint youngsters so that parent have a record of the children's fingerprints. Member were at Moose Hill Kindergarten recently to carry on with the long tradition.

Photos by Chris Paul

Communications

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McQuillen said the idea came after Sept. 11, 2001, when communica-

tion between emergency workers was spotty, and that the need for it was reinforced after the Boston Marathon bomb-

ing. The plan, he said, is to have one communications tower within every 200 square miles.

While the state has \$7 billion earmarked for the project, the total project cost is estimated at

between \$40 to \$120 billion, McQuillen said, adding, "They are hopeful that AT&T, Verizon or Sprint will be willing to subsidize it."

The New Hampshire plan will be developed in draft form over this coming summer, McQuillen said.

Council Vice-Chair Tom Freda asked, "At the end of the day, will the thing they're developing with this thing (the proposed town-wide communications plan)?"

McQuillen said it

would.

The Council also discussed the town's proposed communications upgrade, which is on the March 14 ballot at \$2,824,730. Resident Debra Paul noted that Derry is also upgrading its communications system and it is costing the neighboring town an estimated \$1.6 million. The Derry communications upgrade was recently added to its Capital Improvement Plan, according to an article in the Nutfield News, and Paul asked if Londonderry's system will be compat-

ible and if they could somehow share the cost.

McQuillen said while Derry is purchasing the same type of digital system, Derry is not building any new towers and Londonderry plans to build at least one.

Paul suggested that Fire Chief Darren O'Brien talk with Derry Fire Chief Michael Gagnon. Farrell directed Town Manager Kevin Smith to set up a chief-to-chief talk, to pinpoint any differences and any synergies between the systems.



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Town Council Chair Adresses Resident's Concerns

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council discussed several concerns from a resident in its March 6 meeting.

Council Chair John Farrell had a two-page letter read into the record.

Stop the backhoes

Farrell was responding to concerns from Nutfield publisher Debra Paul in which she called for a moratorium on building in the Stonehenge and Hardy road area. Paul and other residents have expressed dismay over the First Londonderry Corp., LLC's plans to build a workforce housing complex at the junction of the two roads. Residents, including Farrell and Council Planning Board representative Jim Butler, have cited traffic concerns, aesthetics and other impacts on the rural neighborhood.

Paul said the moratorium issue has been brought up by her, Pauline Caron, Martin Srugis and others.

Farrell reviewed the steps the town has taken to control growth, including a Growth Management Ordinance. Farrell told Paul and the other residents that the town is subject to state laws regarding planning, zoning, development and "workforce housing." He reminded them that

under a previous Town Manager, previous Town Attorney, previous Council and previous Planning Board, a workforce housing ordinance was enacted that was deemed unlawful by the state and unenforceable by state law. Farrell wrote in a statement, "This Town, Council, Town Manager and Planning Board, with the assistance of the Town Attorney, enacted a new ordinance which is lawful and is our current ordinance."

Farrell said they were advised by Town Attorney Michael Ramsdell that a challenge to the ordinance would not stand up in Superior Court.

Farrell further explained that the town had investigated purchase of the property itself. The developer paid \$750,000 for the land and the Conservation Fund has \$1.6 million in its fund, he said. But the developer's attorney informed them 10 days ago that the developer is not interested in selling the land, and that "there was no point in engaging in further conversations." Farrell said the developer's attorney reiterated their confidence that they would prevail, either through the Planning Board process or in Superior Court.

Farrell also said that in his seven years on the

Council and 11 on the Planning Board, traffic has always been a town concern. Many developers have come in and offered "fixes" such as a left-turn lane, or even that the intersection in question is not an issue. Farrell said, "Those people don't live here. This is not their town. We live here and it is our town."

In talks with the developers, he said, "I have communicated that we did not see this development as a good fit for Londonderry."

A call for new blood?

Paul was the sponsor of a petitioned warrant article on the ballot this past March that asked for the town to establish a study committee on establishing term limits for elected officials. The article did pass, with 1,080 votes. But Paul said the study committee never happened.

In his statement, Farrell said that most term limits are controlled by state law. State law mandates that all elected and appointed Planning Board, Zoning Board and other land-use board members have three-year terms. However, state law does not limit the number of terms an elected official may serve. Farrell said the issue of term limits needs to be addressed with the state legislative body.

He said that term limits could be imposed on boards and committees that are not covered under state law, such as Recreation, Senior Resources and Solid Waste. However, he added, those boards and committees have historically had "poor volunteer response" and are "difficult to fill at times."

Farrell also noted that any change would require a charter change.

Residents helping residents

Farrell reviewed the process that the Council

takes to support constituents, noting, "We are the front-line advocates for the taxpayers of Londonderry." He said the Council investigates issues such as the Stonehenge/Hardy project and its impact through channels including the Planning Board, town staff, state Department of Transportation and other necessary resources. When the issue has been investigated, the Council reports back to the residents, he said.

Sometimes their metaphorical hands are tied, Farrell added. "Occasion-

ally, state law or the work of our predecessors does not allow favorable news," he wrote.

Farrell said what is most important is that the Council provides correct information to the town and "makes decisions in the town's best interests within the framework of what we are given to work with."

The Stonehenge/Hardy project, officially named "The Residences at MacGregor Cut," was scheduled to be discussed and voted on in the March 8 Planning Board meeting.

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Editorial

Prepare to Vote

Election Day is Tuesday, March 14. In the days between now and then, we hope you'll listen to candidates speak, read their words, and reach out to them about the issues that concern you.

The March election has no state or national candidates, and that's traditionally bad news for voter turnout. That being said, we remind you that your vote has far more impact on local government races than it does on the state or federal level, and likewise the outcome of your vote on the local level has more of an impact on you.

Equally important are the warrant articles on the town and school ballots, whether it's the school budget or a request for new communications equipment, funding for roadwork or for construction of school classrooms. Town and school requests should be handled the way you handle your checkbook: can we afford it? Is it a necessity or a luxury? Is it something we can put off, or will it end up costing much more later on?

If you don't understand what you're being asked to approve, seek the answers. The right to vote is important, but it carries with it the responsibility of understanding the issues at hand. It shouldn't sway your vote if the budget committee or your neighbor favors or dislikes a

warrant article or candidate, you should consider the source.

We've asked candidates why they're seeking office. We've also reviewed warrant articles in past issues. Here are a few pointers: On a bond, pay attention to the financial obligation imposed for each year of the bond, as the money will come out of your pocket for the life of the bond. How about a union contract? If it covers just one year, its costs are likely to be clear, but most contracts are for two to four years. Make sure that you understand the costs attached to each additional year. You won't be asked to vote on it in future years, but the money will be added to the overall budget and will be part of your tax bill.

And money isn't everything. Does the contract take into consideration the economic downturn? Are workers paying more of their insurance these days? Be sure to get the full picture, because the choice is yours.

Each article has its pros and cons, and it pays to listen to both sides. Many people like to pride themselves on their patriotism, and there's not a much better way to express your patriotism than by heading to the polls and making informed choices. So for your own good and the good of the community, please vote March 14.

Letters

A Marine For Trump

To the Editor:

In a letter to the editor, February 23, Marine Captain Bob Pitre was passionate in defense of President Trump and in antagonism toward the opposition. His letter is worth a response.

The captain comes across as a hard charger. But if he led a charge against an enemy position without reconnaissance, without a sound tactical scheme, and without a cool head, he likely would get his marines killed. His letter? More research (recon) might have been done and coolness in his antagonism would have been helpful.

He states George Soros is a soulless sociopath who collaborated with the Nazis to harm Jews in Hungary in WWII (1939-1945). Hey, Soros was born in 1930. He was 13 when the Nazis occupied Hungary in 1944 and then fought the Russians. His family was Jewish and survived due to false papers identifying them as Christians; they helped other Jews to survive by providing the same false ID documents. Go on the internet, Wikipedia, and believe or not.

As for the Senate Democrats opposing Trump's cabinet nominees, stalling and obstructing says the captain, parliamentary tactics to slow things down are part of the Senate's political maneuvering - hey, does the captain expect the Democrats to lie down, roll over, and play dead?

As for that website <http://humanevents.com> (and so forth) listing 10 reasons why Soros is dangerous, the internet shows Human Events to be Powerful Conservative Voices and the first two reasons are Soros gives money to left-wing causes

and he was for Obama and against Bush. Surprise, surprise, conservatives not liking liberals. Come on, in our country with two major political parties normality is each party opposing the other.

The question: can the captain - seemingly a flaming conservative - do better than to provide lots of heat but no light in consideration of the Trump administration and the opposition?

CC Mitchell

Vote YES on Article 26

To the Editor;

I am writing to encourage all Londonderry residents to come out and vote YES on March 14 for warrant article #26 to support the Rail Trail. We have worked hard to thus far get 3.2 miles of paved trail from Rockingham Road/Rt. 28, up to North School, and thousands have enjoyed it. The next step is to cross over Rt. 28 (farther north) and go west through the Little Cohas Brook area to the airport.

Trailways has worked for and received a \$75,000 grant from the Samuel P. Hunt foundation, that requires matching funds from the town of Londonderry. This grant with the \$144,000 requested on the warrant article will allow us to have a safety crossing over 28 and open up the next phase. It would be a shame if we had to forfeit that money.

If you haven't yet experienced the rail trail, you should! The trail can be accessed by North School and the Exit 5 Park-n-Ride.

As a family physician, I understand the value of exercise, and realize that we need to make exercise more accessible, and fun. A walking, active community is a healthier commu-

nity, with lower rates of obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular death. The Rail Trail achieves this, and I've had innumerable patients come back to me and sing its praises.

So enjoy the trail, and come out March 14 and vote YES on Warrant Article #26 to extend the trail and improve safety!

John Daley MD
Londonderry, NH

Reality Check

To the Editor;

Many letters have been published by people saying we should give Trump a chance. Well, it is time for a reality check and the welfare of our country is at stake. Barely over month in office, Trump has made it clear that a businessman without any governing experience is not ok. To make matters worse, he has surrounded himself with other billionaire business people without any governing experience. The same people that brought us the mortgage crisis and last major drop in the stock market are now part of Trumps cabinet or heading the EPA, Department of Education, etc. What happened to his promise to "drain the swamp".

Add the fact that these appointed department heads have made it no secret their intent is to drastically cut department budgets. The rational is that less regulation means higher business profits. In spite of what you may think, increased business profits only benefit the board of directors and shareholders. It never translates into higher wages and better benefits for the average worker.

People say he has already delivered on many of his campaign

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Council Discusses Offer Made on Town Owned Property

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In its March 6 meeting, the Londonderry Town Council heard from a resident and developer who wants to buy a piece of town-owned property.

The parcel in question is at 68 Hall Road and the asking price is \$24,377.

Town Manager Kevin Smith said the parcel was taken by the town in tax deed in 2013. The town did not attempt to sell the property over the ensuing three years because a portion of the profit would go back to the orig-

inal owner, Smith said. This year resident Jim Taylor approached the town.

Smith noted that state statute dictates that the sale of any town property be vetted by the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board, and that two public hearings be held. The March 6 hearing was the first, Smith said.

Smith said both Conservation and Planning have given the sale a green light.

Taylor said the property is currently "a mess"

and that it includes a "scary-looking mobile home." His plan is to remove the mobile home and other debris and build a small house, probably a starter ranch, on the property. The neighborhood is not high-end and a small house will suit it best, Taylor said.

Council member Joe Green asked how long the property had been in this condition, and Smith said while it was deeded in 2013, the taxes hadn't been paid since 2010.

"Has there been a lot of interest in the proper-

ty?" Green asked, to which Smith responded that he had had one other contact by e-mail from a person interested in purchasing it.

The parcel is .09 acres and has enough frontage, Taylor said in response to a question by resident Debra Paul.

Councilor Tom Dolan asked if there was a working well and septic system, and Taylor said he'd

be starting from scratch. "I couldn't find one," he said. He added that there were some monitoring wells on the property and that the site could have seen contamination in the past.

The second public hearing will be in the March 20 Council meeting.

In other business, the Council waived a first reading on renaming a

portion of Garden Lane "Michels Way." The renaming is in honor of the late Attorney John Michels, a Londonderry resident who worked with the developers in the early stages of the Woodmont Commons project. A second reading, public hearing and adoption of the name change will be held in the March 20 meeting.

Letters

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promises. Yet, for all of his 25 executive actions, which do not carry the weight of law, Trump has only signed 4 laws. One law removes the requirement that US oil & mining companies disclose payments to foreign governments. So much for transparency. The second removes protections against dumping in lakes and streams. Companies can now dump any kind of waste into rivers and the public will never know because the new head of the EPA has promised funding cuts of 90%. It was

monitoring by the EPA that disclosed the local government plan resulting in the poisoning of people in Flint, Michigan.

Then there is his promise to never take a vacation. Rather than spending his weekends working in the White House, we the taxpayers are spending a minimum of \$3 million dollars so Trump can spend his weekends in Florida. At the same time, the first lady is costing us \$500,000 a day to stay in her NYC apartment in Trump Tower. By the way, in addition to taxpayer money paying for his stays in Florida, the Trump owned private

club has doubled its annual membership fee to \$200,000.

Steven Zeichner
Londonderry, NH

Go Green

To the Editor:

To make it easier for residents to recycle their own motor oil, the Solid Waste and Environment Committee announces that Tisdell Transmission is now accepting uncontaminated residential oil. Please see our Going Green in Londonderry column - in this issue - for details.

Paul Margolin
Solid Waste and
Environment Committee

Budget Committee Candidates Run For Open Seats in Election

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Two candidates, Duncan Campbell and Kirsten Hildonen, have filed for the open one-year term on the Budget Committee.

Hildonen, 37, was raised in Londonderry and attended South School and Londonderry Middle School, graduating from Londonderry High School. She moved away, living all over the country, before moving back this past June.

The Budget Committee position is her first foray into public elected

office, Hildonen said, noting, "I haven't lived in one place long enough to get involved." However, she has assisted with elections and volunteered with the Historical Society, she said.

Hildonen is running because she saw a vacuum on the Budget Committee and felt it was "a good place to get involved." She is running for two reasons. One, she said, is for fuller representation from people like her, young people who have moved away and come back. "There are a

bunch of people who have moved back to Londonderry," she said. "It's important to have their voices on the Budget Committee."

Second, Hildonen said, she has a background in research and analysis. Her field is European History and she is working toward her doctorate. "I think it's important to analyze data, particularly with the growth of Londonderry," she said. "I think my perspective will be useful."

Campbell could not be reached for comment.

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Three Vie for Open Library Positions on March Ballot

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Two incumbents and one challenger have thrown their library cards into the ring for the two open Leach Library trustee positions.

Current members Melissa Coffey and Cynthia Peterson filed for the office along with challenger Sam Fucile.

Coffey, 45, has lived in Londonderry for 14 years. She has served two terms as Library Trustee. She is running again because she has enjoyed helping the library and her town through her previous two terms. "I have seen a lot of positive changes and look forward to more," Coffey said.

During her first two terms, she and the trustees have seen the library increase its ability for patrons to reserve books online, added a museum pass to the New England Aquarium, and established more programs for young adults, she said. Her own children, now teens, are still involved with the library, Coffey said.

Coffey said she's the

best candidate because she "truly enjoys" the work and is an active library user. She is involved with literacy through her professional career with Scholastic Book Fairs.

"I am passionate about books and reading, and I want to serve my community," she said.

Peterson, 51, is a Londonderry native and LHS graduate. She lived elsewhere for several years, returning in 2001 to establish residency. She is running for her second term as Library Trustee.

"I enjoy it," Peterson said. "I enjoy the library and serving the people of Londonderry."

Peterson said she's the best candidate in part because of her background in business and finance. Also, she said, "I love books and I want to see our programming kept going. We do a lot of great programming for both children and adults."

Facile, 35, has lived in town for nine years. The bid for library trustee is his first run for public office, though he's active in

coaching his son's sports teams.

"The library has been a part of our family life since we've been in Londonderry," Fucile said. His young son uses the library extensively, he

said, and "we want to give back to the community."

Facile said he would be a good candidate because of his background in accounting and finance. He has passion for the cause and would bring new ideas, he said. "Also," he said, "I want to serve my community."

OBITUARY

Stephen W. Green



Stephen W. Green of Londonderry, NH died Friday March 3, 2017 after a short aggressive battle with cancer. Steve was born on January 15, 1937, a son of the late George and Marion Green. He had been a resident of Londonderry and Malden, MA for most of his life.

Steve, AKA Stefano was an Italian Chef by trade and had a passion for cooking for his family as well as for work. He enjoyed writing cook books, as well as his cooking show on public access television. He was a minister who joined many marriages including his daughter's. He also served his country proudly in the US Army. Steve was a guy who got along with everybody he met, a guy everybody wanted to know.

Steve was happily married to his wife Jo-Ann for 48 years before her passing November of 2016. Three short months later Steve has joined his wife in Heaven.

Steve is survived by two sons, Joseph Green and his wife Mary, and Robert Green and his wife Beverly. Four daughters, Kari Green Blunt and her husband Danny, Nicole Green Burke and her husband Chris, Judy Green DePasse, and Leslie Green. Beloved grandchildren, Ashley, Joey, Stefanie, Anthony, Christopher, Corey, and Robert Jr. Two great-grandchildren, Kolton and Dylan. Two brothers, John Green and his wife Carol, and Richard Green. He also leaves numerous nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be held on Wednesday March 8, 2017 from 5 – 8pm in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday at 10:00am in St. Mark's Church, 1 South Rd., Londonderry. Entombment will follow in the Pine Grove Cemetery Mausoleum, Manchester. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

OBITUARY

Helen M. Conti



Helen M. Conti, 85, of Londonderry, died peacefully after a long illness, surrounded by family on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at her home. Helen was born in Boston on December 30, 1931, daughter of the late Charles and Helena Sauer. She was raised in Jamaica Plain, graduated from Jamaica Plain High School in 1949, and is a graduate of Katharine Gibbs School in Boston. Helen worked at Boston City Hospital (now New England Medical Center), the Agassiz School in Jamaica Plain and later for St. Mary's Parish in Wrentham MA, where she lived with her husband, Albert until his death in 1997. Helen moved to Londonderry in 2002. She was very active in St. Jude's Parish; she was a member of the Women's Guild and St. Jude's Crafters. She was an active member of the Londonderry Senior Center, the Red Hatters and was on the Elder Affairs Committee of Londonderry. Helen was best known for her flower arranging, and sewing talents, and her love for her two Yorkies: Lady Victoria and Emily Rose.

Helen is predeceased by her husband Albert Conti; a Boston Police Officer, and survived by her sister, Dorothy Greenler of Manchester, her daughters Helene Staley of Manchester, Paula Conti of Bow, NH, and two grandchildren, Timothy and Meredythe Leonard of Manchester.

Relatives and friends are invited to pay their respects on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm at Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Mark the Evangelist Church in Londonderry on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 10:30 am. Burial will follow in Center Cemetery in Wrentham, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Jude's Women's Guild in Londonderry, NH or the Londonderry Senior Center. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit peabodyfuneralhome.com



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Church Receives Subdivision Approval By Planning

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Planning Board has approved the subdivision of a parcel of land owned by Victory Baptist

Church into two house lots.

In the March 1 meeting the board heard from Brian Haynes, an engineer representing the church and its pastor, the Rev. Calvin Fuller.

The property is PID Map 11 Lot 98 and is located at 9 Harvey Road. The property is 4.85 acres with 192 feet of frontage on Hardy Road and 50 feet on Maureen Circle. It is zoned AR-1.

Haynes said the property already has an existing home. The plan is to divide the property into two residential lots, with the existing dwelling on 1.6 acres with Harvey Road frontage. The

remaining acreage would be a new house lot of 3.24 acres with frontage on Maureen Circle.

Haynes said the Zoning Board of Adjustment has already granted a variance for the smaller

frontage on Maureen Circle.

There were no speakers in a public hearing, and the board accepted the application.

Dogs

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Reilly asked for better definition of the term "nanobrewery." Keefe said potential customers can come to the facility and sample the different brews in 2-ounce cups. "If they like it, they can take it home in a larger container," she said.

It is a retail establishment, Keefe told Reilly, and will be open from 2 to 6 p.m.

Reilly questioned the

amount of parking, saying it seemed like "an awful lot of parking" for the nature of these businesses.

John Trottier, assistant director of public works, agreed and said, "They maximized the amount. It is a lot of pavement." Trottier suggested the developers eliminate six parking spaces.

Reilly also asked about the hours of the dog day care. "Will it be normal workers' hours?"

Keefe said the facility will operate with "all

kinds of hours." It will house pets whose owners are away, so there is an overnight component, she told Reilly. There will not be a staff person on site overnight, but they will be on call, she said, adding, "We don't want anything to happen to the dogs."

Reilly asked about buffers for two reasons: the environment and the neighbors. "I'm thinking about barking dogs, and who's on the other side," she said.

Board members expressed concern about a

graveled area to the rear of the complex and possible run-off.

Hammer said the owners are working off a 1980 site plan. "We can't give you a 'pre' and 'post' analysis," he said. "We have no idea what the conditions were in the 1980s."

"I can't certify there was no net change," Hammer said in regards to the asphalt. "We have no idea what 'pre' was."

But Trottier said, "We can go back to the approved site plan and

compare 1980 with today. There is a difference in the run-off from gravel and from a forested area."

Trottier also said he was willing to "hash it out" with Fortin's engineer.

"I am comfortable you will be able to work it out," Vice-Chair Mary Wing Soares, who conducted the meeting, said.

The board voted unanimously to give conditional approval to the project.

Reilly said, "It will be nice to see some life out there."

In other business, the board voted unanimously to keep the same slate of officers, including Art Rugg, chair; Soares, vice-chair; Chris Davies as secretary; and Scott Benson as assistant secretary.

The board also approved the continuation of two public hearings and application reviews to April 5: a lot line change and subdivision application for Elwood Road and an 83-lot conservation subdivision, Lorden Commons, for 17 Old Derry Road.

Housing

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effective than a treatment swale, which is basically just grass. "It would soak up more nutrients," he said of the vegetative buffer.

The Commission approved of the developers' plan to remove the barns and house. "That is a good compensating mechanism," Speltz said.

Speltz also suggested moving the northernmost building a little to the west to minimize the impact.

Member Roger Fillio asked DeCarolis how long

this complex would have to remain as affordable senior housing. DeCarolis said, "It may end up as 'affordable housing,' meaning workforce housing. He said he's talking with a group of people in Pelham who told him, "They feel they have enough affordable elderly housing."

"But we don't," Associate Planner Laura Gandia said.

Fillio pressed, "Would you change it in the future?"

"We can't predict that," DeCarolis said, though he added that the need for "baby boomer"

senior housing is expected to peak within five years. "Then it will go down," he said.

DeCarolis observed that the median income for Londonderry is \$93,000, and that low-income seniors don't have those paychecks or those options. "We have to build these," he said, "and the boards have to help."

Members also suggested DeCarolis and his part-

ner cut back on the amount of parking spaces they proposed. The standard for affordable elderly housing is 1.25 spaces, DeCarolis said. "We went to 1.50, which is the standard for affordable workforce," he said. The number of parking spaces for market-rate apartments is 1.75, he said.

Speltz suggested DeCarolis drop back to the minimum allowable num-

ber of spaces, which would "reduce the impact on the buffer and reduce your costs."

Member Deborah Lievens asked, "If the character of the units changed, would you be able to change the number of parking spaces?"

No, Carolis said. "Once you're committed, you're committed for 40 years," he said, referring to the term of authorization by

the FHA and New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority.

Speltz said he would like to see the northern building reoriented, to reduce the impact on the buffer. He listed the removal of the barns and house as a plus, but added, "I still have an issue with the 'economic advantage.'"

The Commission took no action on the plan.

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Republicans Jump Ship, Unions Retain Advantage

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

New Hampshire's unions and collective bargaining units will retain what power they have, after a bill to mitigate said power failed in the New Hampshire House of Representatives.

SB 11, a right-to-work bill that "prohibits collective bargaining agreements that require employees to join or contribute to a labor union," passed the Senate earlier this year. Scheduled for a House vote Thursday, Feb. 16, it failed to pass and was deemed ITL (Inexpedient to Legislate). The bill was defeated 200 to 177, and voted 193 to 184 to be indefinitely postponed. A Republican effort to reconsider also failed, 194 to 183.

Right To Work History

The controversial concept has been before the Legislature almost a dozen times since the turn of the century. A version was vetoed by then-Gov. John Lynch in 2011. The theme or variations

on it appeared in 2012 as HB 1677, prohibiting collective bargaining agreements that require employees to join or contribute to a labor union, tabled in the Senate; HB 323, prohibiting collective bargaining agreements that require employees to join or contribute to a labor union, killed in the House in 2013; SB 217, prohibiting collective bargaining agreements that require employees to join or contribute to a labor union, killed in the Senate in 2014; HB 402, prohibiting collective bargaining agreements that require employees to join or contribute to a labor union, tabled in the Senate in 2015; SB 107, prohibiting collective bargaining agreements that require employees to join or contribute to a labor union, tabled in the Senate in 2015; HB 1341, prohibiting collective bargaining

agreements that require employees to join or contribute to a labor union, sent to interim study in 2016; HB 438, 2017, prohibiting a public employer from withholding union dues from a public employee's wages, in committee; HB 520, 2017, prohibiting collective bargaining agreements that require employees to join or contribute to a labor union, in committee; HB 444, 2017, requiring state employers to report the ratio of employees paying union dues to the total number of employees, in committee; and SB 11.

An earlier iteration of a Right-To-Work law saw the light in 1947 but was repealed two years later under the late Gov. Sherman Adams.

The idea has been criticized by unions as being hostile to workers, with detractors pointing to the advantages not having a union would mean for corporate interests. Detractors have also pointed to strides made by unions including safety regulations, shorter work weeks and retirement benefits.

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker made Right to Work part of a national conversation in 2011 when he introduced his Budget Repair Bill, which impacted collective bargaining, compensation, retirement, health insurance, and sick leave of public sector employees. In response, unions and other groups organized protests inside and around the state capitol. The bill was passed into law and became effective June 29, 2011. After three years of litigation, the Wisconsin Supreme Court

ruled the bill was ruled to be constitutional in July 2014.

How and why they voted

Though the concept was heavily backed by conservative Republicans and new governor Chris Sununu, in the end even some Republicans could not support it.

State Rep Brian Chirichiello, R-Derry, joined eight of the 10 Derry reps in voting against Right To Work. He explained, "Derry is still a blue-collar community, with a lot of people who are union members or relatives of union members."

While there were good arguments from both sides, Chirichiello cited stats that seven percent of New Hampshire's workforce is actually unionized. Ultimately, he said, voting "yes" would not make a difference for most of the population.

Supporters of the bill said that voting it in would help to combat joblessness and help the economy. But Chirichiello pointed out that unemployment is 2.9 percent. He said he "didn't subscribe" to the argument that RTW would bring in business, but that he felt business would be more likely to come to the state when energy costs are reduced.

According to Chirichiello, the proponents of the bill also made several misstatements, such as claiming that people are forced to join unions. "No one," he said, "can be forced to join a union."

If you work in a union shop and don't join you will be asked to pay an "agency fee," which means if you work in a

shop and there's an issue, the union has to "go to bat for you," he said. But it's less out of the pocket than the union dues.

Chirichiello said when the bill came out of the House committee the committee had voted 14 to 7 to kill the bill. "I voted with the committee," he said.

"Right To Work," he said, "is more of a political issue."

State Rep Betsy McKinney, R-Londonderry, also voted no. "I just couldn't see it," she said in a phone interview Thursday. "I got a few calls in favor of it, but the majority of my constituents were against it."

McKinney agreed with Chirichiello that with the low union participation and low unemployment rate in New Hampshire, it "didn't seem to make much difference."

"Everyone I know in a union seems to be happy," McKinney said, adding, "Sometimes they don't like the amount of the dues. But that's up to the collective bargaining agreement."

Sen. Sharon Carson, R-Londonderry, who represents Dist. 14 in the Senate, crossed party lines in the Jan. 10 Senate vote to vote against the bill.

Sen. Regina Birdsell, R-Hampstead, did support Right-To-Work and wrote in an e-mail, "I have always supported Right to Work and voted for it both times I was in the House and like Senator Rausch, voted for it in the Senate. My belief is RTW would have been another tool in our state economic development toolbox to show that New Hamp-

shire is open for business. The defeat means we will have to work even harder to have New Hampshire's Open for Business sign up so we can entice businesses to New Hampshire. We will continue to address issues that are as important to business owners such as; cutting business taxes, our health-care and energy costs, the sales apportionment issue, which will be affecting those in the service industry, workforce development, and keeping our college graduates in New Hampshire. The more businesses we bring into New Hampshire, the better it is for all taxpayers

The Senate Democrats issued the following statement: "Today's defeat of the so-called Right to Work for Less legislation is a great victory for New Hampshire's working families. Right to Work for Less makes it harder for people to earn a living, harder for people to make ends meet, and harder for people to support a family. I congratulate the bipartisan coalition in the House that recognized the damage it would have caused and came together to defeat this harmful legislation.

"Now that Right to Work for Less has been defeated in the House, I urge Governor Sununu and my Republican colleagues to turn away from the partisan and divisive agenda they have been fast-tracking and join with Democrats to focus on the priorities that matter to New Hampshire families and businesses and to find bipartisan, common sense solutions that expand opportunity for all, not just those at the top."

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Londonderry Senior Puts Her Thoughts in Writing

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

When Evelyn Blier saw a young mother pushing a stroller with twins in a supermarket, she knew she had to make contact. Blier stopped the young woman then recited her original poem, "A Mother's Heart." "She loved it," Blier said.

Blier, 88, has been putting her thoughts into rhyme since her 40s. She shares her poetry wherever she can, in the hope of bringing encouragement to others on their road through life.

Blier, a native of Lawrence, Mass., was born at home. She attended Catholic school and did what she needed to do to pass her English classes, but freely admits "I never was much of a reader."

After graduation she worked for the telephone company and the retail stores, Cherry and Webb and Touraine. She met her husband Leonard, married and had four children, three of whom are living.

She already had a strong creative streak, performing in local musicals and singing groups with Leonard. In Lawrence they did several shows a year with the VFW, and when they became snowbirds they performed with a group in Florida. When they returned to New England, settling in an apartment attached to her son Steve's home, she became a member of the Londonderry Senior Center and formed a chapter of the Red Hat Ladies. She's been

a contestant for Ms. Senior America, and still sings publicly on occasion.

It all came together in her 40s, and Blier still isn't sure why. "I started writing," she said. "I thought of things and I had to write them." She had lived long enough to have some life experiences and she poured them out, writing in cursive on lined paper. "I don't have a computer," she said. Steve and his girlfriend do the typing, and another friend adds graphics when Blier wants to hand a poem out.

She expressed the bonds of motherhood in "A Mother's Heart," writing, "When her children are older, they may live apart, but they'll always be close to a mother's heart." In "Key to Happiness," she admonished her readers not to look for shortcuts on the road called "Life," noting that challenges provide strength.

Blier has never found an emotion she didn't have words for. "If I'm stuck and I'm not satisfied with what I've written, I'll start over," she said.

She sees her writing as a service to others, and has written poems by request. "If someone's in a situation, I'll try to write something for them," she said, noting that she's produced verses for a woman who wanted to encourage her sick former daughter-in-law and for a friend turning 90.

Her son David fulfilled one of her lifetime wishes when he took her to California to see the filming of "The Price Is Right." She wasn't a contestant but

did get to sit in the audience, and she had written a poem for host Bob Barker. During the intermission her seatmate called attention to the poem, and Blier got to read it out loud to Barker. She later mailed him a copy, and received an autographed picture, she said.

Her most recent work came after the New England Patriots won the Super Bowl. Though she's not an avid fan, Blier said she always pays attention when a New England team makes the playoffs, and she was excited about this one. She watched the game with Steve in her apartment. "Two weeks before, I had made a bet with Steve," she said. "I put down \$20, and I won \$400!"

But like the rest of New England, she went through a lot to get that \$400. She remembers being disappointed by the half-time, when the Patriots were dragging. "I said to myself, 'Come on, Tom!' and they pulled out of it. Tom won and I won."

As she always does, she put her feelings into the following poem:

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Sunday was a "Day of Celebration", It was a Day of Fame

For the Patriots played an amazing heart wrenching game

They proved when things go wrong

We all need to stay strong

With Faith and Determination we'll find what we need

We know that with it, we will all succeed

May good times con-

tinue to come our way

As we continue along "Life's Busy Way"

We know the Patriots showed us if we just believe

There is nothing in life that we can't achieve

If you believe in your heart and let it follow

We will all share in a brighter and beautiful tomorrow

Blier still drives and visits the Londonderry Senior Center, though she admits that her circle of friends is shrinking as people pass on and baby boomers move up. She still has her Red Hat group, the "Classy Sassy Ladies," and they meet once a month for lunch. Steve stops by in the morning before work to play a couple of hands of cards.

And she'll write as long as she can hold a ballpoint pen. "I don't feel I'm done yet," she said. "I want to keep going."

A good subject for her next poem.



Evelyn Blier of Londonderry holds one of the many poems she has written. Courtesy/Steve Blier



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Kids Coop Theatre Presents James And The Giant Peach Jr.

This weekend the Kids Coop Theatre will be presenting their own take of the 1961 Roald Dahl classic, James and the Giant Peach as they continue to celebrate their 20th Anniversary season with “James and the Giant Peach Jr.”

Under the direction of Pinkerton Academy Senior, Emily St. Louis, this 31-member cast featuring actors between the ages of 8-15 from the towns of Derry, Londonderry, Chester, Sandown, Hampstead, Atkinson, Litchfield and Windham will be recounting the adventures of young James, his signing insect friends, and an overgrown peach. This exciting and moving musical about courage and self-discovery will be sure to hit home with audience

members of all ages.

The lead role of James will be played by Ryan Carrigan of Derry, and his insect friends will be played by Taylor Athanasious of Atkinson, as the Grasshopper, Madison Cayer, the Ladybug, of Litchfield, Claire Dormer, of Londonderry, plays the Spider, Zelda Howard-Martin also of Londonderry is the Centipede and Michael Wimmer, the Earthworm, is from Windham.

The rest of the creative reigns will be held by two other Pinkerton Students, Ruthie Vinson and Mary Sullivan, as part of the Kids Koop Theatre’s 6th Annual Young Directors Showcase. Vinson, a Pinkerton Junior, will be the Music Director, Mentored by Greater Derry Arts Council President



Kids Coop Theatre continues their 20th anniversary season celebration with the production of “James and the Giant Peach Jr”, based on Roald Dahl’s 1961 classic, “James and the Giant Peach”. The cast of 31 youngsters is overseen by three of the Coop’s senior members, ages 16-18, who are coached by professional mentors, Maureen Mansfield and Maryilyn Olbricht. The show will be performed March 10th and 11th at the historic Derry Opera House. Courtesy Photo

Marilyn Olbricht, and Sullivan, another Pinkerton Junior, will be in charge of choreography. Maureen Mansfield, who holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Salem State College, will mentor Director, St. Louis.

Don’t miss this “masterpeach” of a story playing Friday, March 10t at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 11 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the historic Derry Opera House, located at 29 West Broadway. All tickets are \$12 and are available at www.kids-coop-theatre.org (discounted group tickets for 10 people or more are available for the Saturday matinee showing only).

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lady Lancer Basketball Squad Upset by Green Wave

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Invariably, if a coach coaches a sport long enough or a player plays long enough they are going to have both positive and bad memories.

For Londonderry High School girls' basketball coach Theos and his Lady Lancers, the memories of their last-second, 2016-17 Division I first-round tournament loss to the Dover High Green Wave at LHS Wednesday night, March 1 will carry with it the unpleasant, latter.

After racing out to a commanding 20-6 lead after one period with relentless full-court pressure and half-court trapping, fifth-seeded Londonderry saw the 12th-ranked Green Wave win the second, third, and fourth periods en route to a 47-46 upset win which ended the Lancers' legitimate championships hopes of this winter.

Dover - which went 8-10 on the regular season after dropping its final three games of the regular season, including a 53-37 defeat to the Lady Lan-

cers in Londonderry on Feb. 21 - got the winning point on a three-point jump shot from Maggie Casey on which the ball rattled around the rim for a few seconds before falling through the netting. That shot took the score from a 46-44 Londonderry lead to the 47-46 Green Wave lead with a mere 9.4 seconds to go on the clock. And the hosts proved unable to hit the final shot they needed to to reclaim success.

"We took away their two big players, but we left another wide open because the zone was stretched too thin," lamented coach Nick Theos. "If we were in man (defense) we might have been in better position to guard everyone. Give her credit though, she banked in a big shot. Once she released it I knew it was going in. On our end, I thought we had enough time to run a set, so we didn't need a last-second out of bounds play."

"I should have pushed the ball to half court before calling the timeout. But we got the ball into the hands of our leading scorer at the foul line with time to attack and shoot or

attack and kick to a shooter," said Theos. "I had a dozen different plays in my mind at the time and I decided to go with that one, and it's a decision I'll have to live with."

The Lancers raced out to the 20-6 lead by the close of the first quarter using full-court and half-court defensive work which frustrated and stymied Dover, which sank just two of the dozen shots it attempted from the floor during that stanza. Londonderry, meanwhile, sank eight of its 18 shots from the field in assuming the double-digit advantage. Veteran guard Kelsey Coffey tallied eight of the LHS points, hitting a pair of three-pointers in the process.

The visitors outscored their hosts by a modest 11-9 count in the second period, but Londonderry's lead was still pretty comfy at 29-17 when the squads adjourned for halftime.

But the locals looked sleepy at the start of period number three, and Dover was all kinds of dedicated to the idea of a tournament upset during that stanza. The seacoast

side ripped off a 14-2 run during the period and knotted the score at 35-35 with 27 seconds left in the quarter. And 35-35 was where the score sat as the fourth period commenced, with the Lady Lancers having hit just two of 10 shots from the floor and Dover having shot 50 percent from the field (7-14).

"The third quarter is what lost us the game," said Theos. "We got away from our plan and started extending out our defense, which created holes on the inside that Dover took advantage of. Combine that with our offense sputtering and we gave them the opportunity to close the gap. We kept taking long outside

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Lady Lancer guard Delaney McGurn drives right into the teeth of the Dover defense during a tough fourth quarter at LHS. Photo by Chris Paul

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Lancer Boy Cagers Experience Rough Finish to Regular Season

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Anybody who has seen the 2016-17 Londonderry High boys' basketball squad play this winter knows that there doesn't appear to be any end to the fight in coach Nate Stanton's Lancers.

But with that having been said, the intestinal fortitude and fire haven't necessarily been quite enough for the local hoopsters to win every time out, and the team didn't have its regular season end in the best of fashions last week as Londonderry dropped three

of its final four contests in finishing up at 10-8 in tough Division I.

Stanton's squad ended the regular campaign last week with a double-overtime loss at Manchester Memorial on Tuesday, Feb. 28, and despite a record-setting effort from standout senior guard Jake Coleman the local cagers also took a two-overtime defeat on the chin from the streaking Nashua North Titans in Londonderry three evenings later.

In the 65-57 defeat at the hands of a Memorial mob which finished its regular season with an 8-10 record after dropping

five of its final six contests, Londonderry saw the Crusaders tied the score with a buzzer-beating jumper at the close of regulation. And then in the extra stanzas the pesky Manchester side outscored the Lancers by an 18-10 margin to bag the victory.

In the back and forth battle, Londonderry led 11-10 after one quarter, trailed 19-16 at the half, and then saw the tally knotted up at 34-34 rolling into the quarter four.

Edging up on a new Londonderry High boys' scoring record, Coleman netted 28 total points - including a half-dozen

three-pointers - to climb within 18 of the all-time LHS scoring mark. His fellow 12th-grader Brandon Radford contributed eight.

Coleman set the new LHS career scoring record - surpassing Corey Keeling's tally of 1,247 - by tossing in a total of 26 in the North match on Friday, March 3. Alas, that wound up being the best new for the hosts in a 93-85 OT loss.

Things looked pretty darn good for the Lancers at the ends of one quarter (20-11) and then two periods (44-32). But the Titans, who finished their 2016-17 season having won their final five games to end up at 11-7 overall, outscored their hosts by a 46-34 tally in the second half and then by a 15-7 margin in the overtime periods in claiming success.

North got a pretty stunning 38 points from Alonzo Linton in its win over the Lancers, who netted an amazing 16



Senior standout Jake Coleman set a new LHS boys' hoop career scoring record during his team's overtime loss to North last week. Photo by Chris Paul

three-pointers as a squad Bertrand hitting three. MacDonald finished up with 19 points, Bertrand Cam MacDonald each connected for 17, and sinking five and Dakota Ethan Garofalo bagged 12.

Lancer Skiing Duo Performs Well at Meets of Champs

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School skiing standouts Josh Galluzzo and Bryeton Evarts both acquitted themselves well

at the state skiing Meets of Champions on Cannon Mountain last Thursday, March 2.

Galluzzo finished an excellent seventh among 59 competitors in the

men's slalom and 17th among 59 athletes in the men's giant slalom, while Evarts was 18th among 52 racers in the women's giant slalom and 24th among 53 in the slalom.

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Lancer Icemen Have Season Ended by Concord in D-I Tourney

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After getting dealt a humbling, 7-1 defeat by the tough Concord High Crimson Tide a few weeks earlier, the Londonderry High School hockey squad knew that it would have its hands all kinds of full with trying to get past that same Tide side in a Division I quarterfinal-round tournament contest in the state capital last Saturday night, March 4.

And the Lancer ice-

men's expectations were exactly right as the rematch went very much like the first meeting had, with Concord busting open a tight game with a flurry of goals in the second period.

The second-seeded, 15-3 Crimson Tide of long-time coach Duncan Walsh ended up tallying a second 7-1 victory over the seventh-seeded LHS crew at the Everett Arena that night to advance in the D-I tourney, while forcing the locals to place their uniforms into moth balls

until later this calendar year.

Concord raced out to a 1-0 lead less than five minutes into the battle on a power-play goal. And they continued to pepper the Londonderry goal - and LHS senior keeper Cody Baldwin within it - with shots in the wake of that goal. But Baldwin and his defense managed to keep the puck out through the rest of the stanza, with defenseman Danny Bears giving his team a huge boost with a power-play goal of his own with 1:51

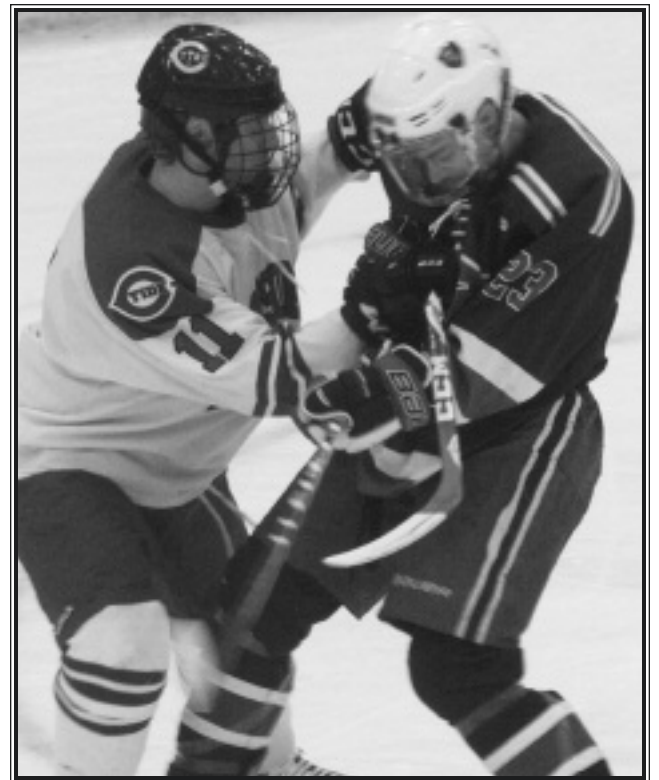
left in the first.

The skilled senior back-liner barely managed to keep the puck inside the Concord defensive zone on a clearing attempt, and his wrist shot toward the Tide's cage knuckled its way past opposing goalie Spencer Burgess and into the netting behind him.

The hosts had drawn a five-minute major penalty, so the period ended with Londonderry grasping a handful of momentum and the remaining one minute of the power-play to start the second stanza as well.

But that middle period ended up being an absolute nightmare from the Lancer standpoint, with Concord scoring six times on 13 shots in grabbing an insurmountable 7-1 advantage.

The third period wound up featuring running time with the six-goal difference between the



Lancer hockey player Jared Tuccolo takes a cross-check to the chest from a Concord player during tourney action. Photo by Chris Pantazis

squads, and no more goals were scored.

The Lancers finished the winter campaign with

a solid 11-8 overall record, but they lost four of their final five contests in reaching the end.

Londonderry Senior Wrestler Chase Goes 1-2 at New Englands

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After hitting the heights at both the Division I and state Meet of Champions in recent weeks, Londonderry High School senior wrestling standout Drew Chase had a more modest performance at the New England Championships in Rhode Island late last week.

The 152-pound D-I and MOC champion - who was also named the Outstanding Wrestler at that latter, major competition at

Nashua High School South several weekends ago - finished with a 1-2 record at the 52nd Annual New England Interscholastic Wrestling Championships at the Providence Career and Technical Academy in Providence last Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4.

Chase collected a victory over an opponent from Marshwood, Maine on day one but was then bested by his next two opponents. But the Lancer stalwart - who will

study computer science at The Rochester Institute of Technology in the fall - was extremely pleased with getting the opportunity to compete at the major regional event in closing out his noteworthy high school career.

"I really enjoyed it," he said. "Unlike at every other tournament during the season, every match felt like it could be a championship match at the New Englands because you were facing the best of the best from the different states."

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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.

Among other tests to diagnose colon cancer a colonoscopy has gotten the most attention in recent years. There are also blood test, although, there is not blood test to confirm colon cancer. A barium enema allows doctors to create a clear silhouette of your rectum, colon and sometimes a small portion of your small intestine. It is important if you suspect that you have any issues to consult with your doctor to catch this early.

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Ex-Lady Lancer Star Basketball Trio Excelling in College Hoops

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Kate Balcom, Aliza Simpson, and Jackie Luckhardt have plenty in common.

And their impressive athletic skills have had all three former Londonderry High basketball standouts continuing to make headlines and collect awards in collegiate hoops this winter.

Balcom was good enough in her freshman year on the Grove City College (Pa.) women's team to earn all kinds of playing time on a very successful team and get named President's Athletic Conference Rookie of the Week honors not just once but FIVE times.

Former New Hampshire High School Gatorade Player of the Year Simpson has continued to be a guiding force on a University of New Hampshire women's hoop team which recently won the America East Conference regular season title.

And Luckhardt stepped right into a key role with the University of Southern Maine Lady Huskies' as a freshman and ended up bagging some impressive on-court and academic honors.

All three talented young ladies played vital roles at guard positions on Division I state championship teams for LHS in recent years, and none missed a beat in making the successful move from Granite State high school hoops to the world of

women's collegiate basketball.

Balcom won PAC Rookie of the Week Honors during two consecutive weeks - those of Feb. 13 and Feb. 20 - in helping her Lady Wolverines' contingent to a fine 14-12 overall record and a 10-8 mark in the President's Athletic Conference.

The former LHS hoop and track and field standout earned her fifth rookie of the week award during that week of the 20th after averaging 17 points and seven rebounds per game. She set career highs in points (24) and rebounds (nine) in a win over Thiel, and also bagged 10 points and five rebounds a few days later against Bethany.

The former Lady Lancer standout finished up second on her team in scoring average (9 points per game) and total steals (47). She also ranked third in rebounding average (4.8).

Balcom played in all 26 of her team's games, starting 24 of them and averaging 24.4 minutes of court-time per game. She and the Lady Wolverines finished up with a slim, 55-49 loss to Westminster in the PAC championships recently.

UNH junior guard Simpson has played a pivotal role in the tremendous success enjoyed by the Lady Wildcats this winter after also being a key cog for the team the two previous seasons.

After winning their



Kate Balcom

Photo courtesy Grove City Coll.



Aliza Simpson

Photo courtesy Audrey Powell



Jackie Luckhardt

Photo courtesy Jason Johns

game against the University of Maryland-Baltimore County crew this past Sunday, Simpson and her teammates had amassed a 25-4 overall record and had already hoisted the America East regular season championship trophy over their heads.

Simpson had played in all 29 of the Lady Wildcats' contests with 24 starts, averaging just a tick below 25 minutes of court time and tallying 4.5 points per game. She also sat second on the team in steals (29), third in assists (63), and fourth in total rebounds (94).

The former LHS hoop and soccer star has tallied double figures in points in a handful of games, notched five assists in contests against Northeastern and Dart-

mouth, and hauled down eight rebounds against Cornell.

Luckhardt, who excelled in soccer and lacrosse as well as basketball at Londonderry High during her four years there, earned a major role with her University of Southern Maine hoop contingent and served as a bright light in a pretty challenging 5-21 campaign.

The ex-Lady Lancer star was named the Maine Women's Basketball Coaches Association (MWBCA) Rookie of the Week for the span ending Sunday, February 19.

Luckhardt had also earned MWBCA Honor Roll recognition previously on Nov. 22 and Dec. 6, but then made the leap to an honor for her on-court efforts to rookie of the

week after her strong performances during the final week of the regular season.

The former Londonderry athletic stalwart earned the collegiate honor after averaging 13 points, five rebounds, two assists, and 1.5 steals per game in two games for the Lady Huskies.

In a road game back here in New Hampshire at Plymouth State, Luckhardt set season and career-high marks with 19 points - including a 7-for-7 mark from the free throw line - while also grabbing six rebounds.

Then two days later at

U-Mass Dartmouth, Luckhardt netted seven points, snagged four rebounds, dished out two assists, and snagged two steals.

All totaled, Luckhardt played in all 26 of her squad's games this season and started 25. She concluded her successful rookie campaign averaging 7.6 points, 4.3 rebounds, 2.2 assists, and 2.2 steals per game. She posted highs of 19 points (vs. Plymouth State), eight rebounds (against Rhode Island College), seven assists (vs. Southern Vermont), and six steals (vs. Salem State).



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RAYS' Local Swimmers Excel at Regional Competition

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A bunch of skilled and determined young swimmers from Londonderry who compete for the Rockingham Area Youth Swim Team (RAYS) did themselves and their squad proud at the recent 2017 New England Regional Swim Meet held at the Greater Lawrence (Mass.) Vocational Technical High School.

February marked the beginning of the USA Swim organization's championship meet season, and a total of 74 RAYS qualified to swim at the group's regional event in Lawrence. And among that number were numerous Londonderry residents who scored in events.

In girls' 8-and-under competition, Megan Plaza

placed in a slew of events including the 25-meter butterfly, in which she took fifth.

Also in that girls' division, Mia Robinson improved her time in the 25-meter freestyle by more than two seconds, Charlotte Rolfe improved by 3.5 seconds in the 25-meter backstroke, and Malia Smith improved in all seven events in which she swam.

In boys' 8-and-under action, Chase Von Pichl took fourth in the 50-meter breaststroke and fifth in the 100-meter individual medley, and Sam Munsey improved in all of his events.

Girls' 9-10 division competition featured strong work from Ashleigh Leone, who snared seconds in the 100 back and the 200 IM and

third in the 50 fly. Also in that class, Arianna Dudley swam well in her first regional meet.

Among the Londonderry girls in the 11-12 division, Kayla Morelli-Von Pichl improved in three of her events, and Megan St. Germain claimed third in the 200-meter breaststroke and improved by more than six seconds in the 100-meter breaststroke.

And in boys' 13-14 division competition, Brandon White notched second in the 200 back and also performed well in the 200 IM and the 100 fly.

The RAYS are a year-round competitive squad offering professional coaching and instruction for all ages and abilities. For more info contact the team's head coaches at www.teamunify.com/nerays.



Making the Cut

Some 13 Division I spirit squads competed in the preliminary round of the state spirit championships at Pinkerton Academy on Sunday, March 5, with the top five advancing to the title round back there at the academy in Derry this coming Sunday starting at 11a.m. The five teams moving on will include the Londonderry High Lady Lancers, who placed fifth to qualify. First place went to host Pinkerton with 106.9 points out of a possible score of 110. Concord took second with a 104.1, third place was bagged by Bedford with its 101, fourth went to Dover with a 99.4, and the Lady Lancers scored a 97.8 to move onward. *Courtesy photo*

Girls Basketball

Continued from page 2 shots in the third, and we needed to be more aggressive going to the basket."

The Green Wave claimed its first lead of the night with the first bucket of the fourth quarter, but the impressive play of LHS standout sub Delaney McGurn then made it look as though the Lady Lancers would pull out the win.

McGurn scored some nine, big points during that period and helped her side build its lead back up to a decent six points at 44-38 with 4:21 showing on the game clock.

"In the fourth we actually gained some composure back when I inserted Delaney into the game," said the coach. "She took over, hitting a big three but more important going to the basket and drawing contact and making four of six (shots) from the line. Once we took the six-point lead deep in the fourth I thought we had recovered, but two ques-



LHS point guard Emmy Dumaresq tries to slice through the Dover defense. Photo by Chris Paul

tionable travel calls, a five-second call, and a charge call once again opened the door. I probably should have run more aggressive offenses at the time I thought they would be fouling, but they didn't and they got the ball back anyway."

Dover hero Casey only finished the night with

seven points, but the clutch trey she sank was more important than any other single shot of the game.

"When you blow a lead like that there are 20 to 30 different plays that have to go their way, and if any of them go your way they can't complete the comeback," said coach Theos. "They made all the plays and we came up short. As a coach I have to own that. Most of our girls are sophomores or freshmen, and I needed to do more to help them through that rough patch."

Coffey completed her truly superb four-year varsity career with 11 points in her last game. McGurn equaled that point output, and sophomore standout Amanda

DeAngelis netted 10.

Theos and his youthful crew completed the 2016-17 season with an 11-9 record within extremely tough Division I. But the final memory of the campaign is certainly not a pleasant one.

"This group finished fifth in the regular season, which was probably an over-achievement. They worked hard and deserved another game, unfortunately this game isn't always fair," said the coach.

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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.

Karaoke Night

The Londonderry American Legion Post 27 will hold a Karaoke Night with DJ Sharon Friday, March 10, at 7 p.m. Nonmembers and prospective members are welcome. The post is located at 6 Sargent Road in Londonderry. For more information visit the Web site at www.alpost27.com, call 437-6613, or visit the Greeley Parmenter Harrington Facebook page.

Legion Meeting

The Londonderry American Legion Post 27 will hold a general meeting and election Monday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. Nominations for the Executive Board will be made. The post is located at 6 Sargent Road in Londonderry. For more information visit the Web site at www.alpost27.com, call 437-6613, or visit the Greeley Parmenter Harrington Facebook page.

Go Back to the 50s

The Londonderry Lions Club will hold a 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s dance with Bobby and the Sharptones Friday, April 21, from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Lions Hall, Mammoth Road, Londonderry. Cost is \$20 per person, \$35 per couple. For tickets or more information call Jerry at 434-5307.

Blood Drive

The SportsZone in Derry will host a Red Cross Blood Drive Monday, March 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in its facility at 7 A St. Those 17 and older and in good health are eligible. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-828-1975 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter the code SPORTSZONE-DERRY.

St. Patrick's Day Party

The Londonderry American Legion Post 27 will hold a St. Patrick's Day party

with Bazooka Joe Saturday, March 18. The post is located at 6 Sargent Road in Londonderry. For more information visit the Web site at www.alpost27.com, call 437-6613, or visit the Greeley Parmenter Harrington Facebook page.

Legion Bingo

The Londonderry American Legion Post 27 will play Bingo at the Manchester VA Hospital Friday, March 27, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Members of the Londonderry High School Pay-It-Forward club will assist. For more information visit the Web site at www.alpost27.com, call 437-6613, or visit the Greeley Parmenter Harrington Facebook page.

Depression Workshop

In conjunction with The Upper Room, the YMCA of Greater Londonderry is offering the final workshop in a series for teens and their parents Thursday, March 23, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Londonderry Middle School, 313 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. "Depression - How It Feels To Be You:" is the topic. The work-

shop is free; for more information or to register contact Lisa Fitzgerald, the "Y" branch director, at 232-8640.

Resource Fair

The Upper Room will hold a Children's Resource Fair for people who are pregnant or have children under 5 Wednesday, March 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Road, Derry. Dinner will be provided and there will be giveaways and raffles. Registration is requested by calling 437-8477, ext. 12.

Traditional Music

The Leach Library will host Adam Boyce for his presentation, "The Old Country Fiddler: Charles Ross Taggart, Traveling Entertainer". Thursday, April 13, at 7 p.m. in the lower-level meeting room. Boyce will portray Taggart near the end of Taggart's career, c. 1936, sharing recollections on his life, with some live fiddling and humorous sketches interspersed. This program is free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call the library at 432-1132 or 432-1127.

Cinema Screening

Film screening of Cinema Twain, a portrayal of Mark Twain written, directed, produced, and performed by Val Kilmer with Q & A. Friday, March 17th at 7:30 at Stockbridge Theatre, Derry. Tickets and Information at

www.valkilmer.com

Movie Night

A Young Adult Movie Time featuring "Through the Looking Glass" will be offered Thursday, April 13, from 3:30 to 5:45 p.m. in the Leach Library. Popcorn and beverages will be offered along with a raffle. The program is free and open to students in grades 6 through 12. For more information, call the library at 432-1132 or 432-1127.

Salute to Reading

Magician Steve Rudolph will be the featured performer at the Leach Library Children's Room Kick-off for National Library Week Monday, April 10, from 4 to 5 p.m. This program is open to 90 participants of all ages. Registration is required beginning Monday, April 3. For more information, call the library at 432-1132 or 432-1127.

Book Bingo

Flower Power Book Bingo will be offered Monday, April 17, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Leach Library. Registration is required and begins Monday, April 10, at 9 a.m. For more information, call the library at 432-1132 or 432-1127.

Recycling Electronics

Londonderry Grange is holding our bi-annual FUNDRAISER to promote recycling electronics. Nominal fees range from: Electrical cords/wires (\$1) to CRT monitors (\$10), AC's, Microwaves, Dehumidifiers (\$16), TV's under 25" (\$15), TV's 27" - 32" (\$25), TV's greater than 32" (\$35). Everything in between is \$2 to \$7. Our partner is Recycle, USA L.L.C. Date is Earth Day - Saturday, April 22nd, 2017 from 10:00 am. until 1:00 pm. Enter from the horseshoe drive from Pillsbury Rd at 260 Mammoth Rd. Boy Scouts from Troop 521 will take your items from your vehicle. Grange members will total the fees. Checks made payable to Londonderry Grange No. 44 and cash are accepted. Please exit "right" onto Mammoth Road. We thank you for supporting your local Grange.

Purim Celebration

Etz Hayim Synagogue (1.5 Hood Road, Derry) is having a musical Purim celebration on Saturday, March 11 at 7:15 PM with a Sphiel

(Play) enacting the story of Purim adapted to a Woodstock theme with songs to the music of Simon and Garfunkel. Refreshments (BYOB) and hamantaschen (3 cornered cookies with sweet filling) will be served. Admission is free.

Model Railroad

The Seacoast Division of the National Model Railroad Association will hold Derry Fun Nights the second Friday of each month, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Marion Gerish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. Topic in the March 10 meeting will be building structures from styrene. Those wanting further information may go to the Division's website at www.seacoastnmra.org/calendar.

Trailways Group

A Meet and Greet with members of the Londonderry Trailways Association will be held Saturday, March 11, from 10 a.m. to noon at Benson's Lumber and Hardware, 20 Orchard View Drive, Londonderry. Londonderry Trailways is a volunteer, not-for-profit organization which develops, maintains, and promotes community trails in the Town of Londonderry for the purpose of encouraging healthy outdoor recreational activity and social interaction in the community.

Race To Benefit Upper Room

After a successful inaugural launch last year, organizers of The Upper Room Race For Families (TURFF) are encouraging runners of all abilities to register and participate in the second annual event scheduled for April 9. The race is scheduled to begin at Pinkerton Academy's Hackler Gymnasium. Registration begins at 8 a.m., with the first wave starting at 9 a.m., according to organizers. All proceeds will go to benefit the Upper Room. The 5K is \$20; 10k is \$25; 5k team is \$80; and 10k is \$100. To register go to lightboxreg.com/the-upper-room-race-for-families-turff.

"Galileo" Library Stop

A living history performance, "The Starry Messenger," will be held Thursday, April 27, at 7 p.m. in the Leach Library, Londonderry. Mike Francis will be the presenter. Francis will enact

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March School & Town Meetings

Mar. 8	Planning Board Meeting	7 p.m.
Mar. 9	Solid Waste & Environment Committee Meeting	7 p.m.
Mar. 10	Solid Waste & Environment Committee Meeting	7 p.m.
	Recreation Commission Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Mar. 11	Town Deliberative Session	9 a.m.
Mar. 13	Recreation Commission Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Mar. 14	Town Election Day	8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Mar. 15	ZBA Meeting	7 p.m.
	LYSA Meeting	7 p.m.
Mar. 16	Old Home Day Committee Meeting	7 p.m.
Mar. 20	Town Council Meeting	7 p.m.
Mar. 21	Senior Resources Committee	6 p.m.
	Londonderry School Board Meeting	7 p.m.
Mar. 23	Heritage Commission Meeting	7 p.m.
	Budget Committee Meeting	7 p.m.
Mar. 28	Conservation Commission Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Mar. 30	Heritage Commission Meeting	7 p.m.
	Budget Committee Meeting	7 p.m.

Meeting held at Moose Hill Council Chamber at Town Hall unless otherwise specified

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a dramatic, fun-filled adaptation of Galileo's short treatise "Siderius Nuncius." As Galileo dressed in 17th-century costume, Francis will give a public lecture on Galileo's most recent discoveries made using his newly-devised spyglass. Audience members are invited to participate in Galileo's many experiments and demonstrations. 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 the library at 432-1132 or 432-1127.

Register Now for Spring Sports

Registration is now open for spring sports at Londonderry High School. Those wanting to register may find the link to the online registration portal FamilyID at <http://lhs.londonderry.org/athletics>. Those wanting further information may call the athletic office at 432-6941, extension 2307.

Senior Breakfast

The Londonderry Senior Center holds a monthly breakfast with a speaker on the last Friday of the month.

Cost is \$4 per person, and reservations are required. Reservations may be made at the front desk. The next breakfast is Friday, March 31. For more information, call the Center at 432-8554.

Fight Addiction

Narcanon provides screenings and interventions for those struggling with addiction and their families. For more information go to narcanon-suncoast.org/blog/the-power-of-an-intervention.html or call 877-841-5509.

Laugh It Up

A comedy night to benefit the Londonderry High School lacrosse team will be

held Thursday, March 16, beginning at 8 p.m. in the Tupelo Music Hall, A Street, Derry. A number of professional comedians will perform. There will be a 50-50 raffle. Tickets to the event are \$25 per person. For more information, contact Cris Navarro, cnavarro@allegrotech.com or 490-2525, or Chefyl Grant, nhclgrant@gmail.com or 247-5579.

Parents of Young Children Support Group

The Upper Room offers FROG, Families Reaching Our Goals, a support group for parents and caregivers of toddlers, Wednesdays from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. in its

facility at 36 Tsienneto Road in Derry. For more information or to register, call 437-8477.

Sarah Josepha Hale

In honor of Women's History Month, the Londonderry Women's Club will host a New Hampshire Humanities program on Sarah Josepha Hale Wednesday, March 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. Sharon Wood will portray Ann Wyman Blake speaking of her admiration for Hale. Hale was a New Hampshire native, first female magazine editor, and instrumental in establishing Thanksgiving as a national

holiday. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the club's Web site at www.londonderrywomensclub.com

Seniors Holiday Dinner

The Londonderry Senior Center will offer a St. Patrick's Day Dinner Friday, March 17, at noon. The dinner is \$5, members and \$15, non-members. Registration is required at the front desk of the Center.

Go Back to the Fifties

The Londonderry Lions Club will hold a 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s dance with Bobby and the Sharptones Friday, April 21, from 7 to 11 p.m. in

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

March 1

12:37 a.m. Weapons Offenses Investigated at McDonald's on Nashua Road.

7:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Investigated on Rockingham Road near Atlas Fireworks.

7:50 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident investigated Old Derry and Haywood Roads
9:50 a.m. Suspicious Activity reported on Holly Lane.

4:09 p.m. Complaint Investigated on Mammoth and Stonehenge Roads.

4:27 p.m. Disturbance reported Charleston Avenue.

5:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Investigated on Nashua Road near Charles George Trucking

8:08 p.m. Disturbance Investigated at 7-eleven Food Mart on Nashua Road.

11:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop results in Arrest at Aviation Museum on Navigator Road. Weley Hodgman, 19 of Nashua charged with Suspended Registration (operating-misd) and Operating Without a Valid License.

March 2

6:02 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated Olde Country Village Road

8:55 a.m. Wires Down on Bartley Hill and Perkins Roads

10:19 a.m. Liquor Law Violations reported and arrest made at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

10:25 a.m. Suspicious Activity reported on Olde Country Village Road.

2:45 p.m. Criminal Mischief Investigated on Pine Street.

7:25 p.m. Serve Warrant served and Arrest made on Main Street, Jaffrey. Joseph Bennett, 26, Jaffrey, charged on Conduct After an Accident.

March 3

1:23 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Old Derry Road.

6:21 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Hampton Drive at Global.

8:41 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

10:05 p.m. Trespassing reported on Chapparel Drive.

11:55 a.m. Neighborhood Disputes investigated Pillsbury Road

12:51 p.m. Suspicious Activity Investigated on South Road.

2:56 p.m. Neighborhood Disputes Investigated on Pillsbury Road.

6:55 p.m. Suspicious Activity Investigated Sis Usa, Inc. on Wentworth Avenue.

March 4

3:35 p.m. Warrant Served and Arrest made on Crestview Circle. Christian Flores, 18, of Londonderry charged with Possession of Controlled/narcotic Drugs.

5:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop results in Arrest on Mammoth and Pillsbury Roads. Kyle Smith, 26 of Lowell, Mass. chargd with Possession of Controlled/narcotic Drugs, Possession Of Drugs (in A Motor Vehicle), After Market Tinted Glass Prohibited and Failure to Obey Inspection Requirements.

March 5

11:53 a.m. Weapons Offenses Reported on Wiley Hill Road Power Lines.

12:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident reported on Nashua Road near Alltown Gas.

6:43 p.m. Weapons Offenses reported on Nashua Road near Dubowik Excavation.

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Going Green: More Places to Recycle Your Motor Oil

By PAUL MARGOLIN

The Solid Waste and Environment Committee and the Londonderry Department of Public Works are pleased to offer residents expanded access to used oil recycling. Tisdell Transmission is accepting used motor oil from Londonderry citizens during normal business hours.

The Town continues to accept used oil from resi-

dents the first Saturday morning of the month (except for January and July) at Central Fire Station, from 10am to noon. This oil is used to heat the Town Highway Garage on High Range Road, thereby defraying utility expenses for the Town.

If you can't make it to Central Fire at the monthly Saturday collection, Tisdell Transmission at 27 Ash Street will accept your used motor oil Monday through Friday from

8:00am – 5:30pm. They can be reached at 432-3201 and their website is: tisdelltransmission.com.

Please note: to ensure the safe operation of the oil burners, it is critical that used motor oil is uncontaminated from water or any other fluids or chemicals. The following tips serve as a guide for residents:

Best Practices for handling used oil

1. Avoid contamina-

tion - do not add any other fluid to the container holding used motor oil.

2. For ease of inspection, store used oil in translucent containers. If using milk or water jugs, do not store for long periods; they are made of a thinner plastic than the original oil containers and are prone to leaking over time.

3. Do not store oil uncovered or outside, exposed to rain and snow. Always keep a lid on the

containers.

4. If rainwater has gotten into your oil, during winter when the temperature is below freezing put it outside with the lid on. The oil will remain on top and any water will freeze below the oil in the container. Once the water freezes, the container can be brought inside and the oil safely poured into another plastic container, if done right away. (Note: Water expands as it

freezes. Make sure the container is no more than 75% full to avoid the risk of cracking the container and causing a leak.)

5. Do not leave used motor oil unattended at either Central Fire Station or Tisdell. Once the containers are emptied, residents can re-use them or discard them at home.

Courtesy of Londonderry's Solid Waste and Environment Committee and Department of Public Works.

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the Lions Hall, Mammoth Road, Londonderry. Cost is \$20 per person, \$35 per couple. For tickets or more information call Jerry at 434-5307.

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. 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. 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. 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 March: March 12, St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Church of the Transfiguration, 5 to 6:30 p.m., 1 Hood Road, Derry, 432-2130; March 16, Dinner at West Running Brook Middle School, 5 to 6:30 p.m., 1 West Running Brook Lane, Derry, 432-1350; March 18, Dinner at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 5 to 6:30 p.m., 63 East Broadway, Derry, 434-4767; March 19, Dinner at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 5 to 6:15 p.m., 1 Hood Road, Derry, 432-0004; March 26, Breakfast at Church of the Transfiguration, 9 to 10 a.m., 1 Hood Road, Derry, 432-

2130; March 31, Spaghetti Supper at First Parish Congregational Church, 5 to 6:30 p.m., 47 East Derry Road, Derry, 434-0628. Sonshine Soup Kitchen serves a free meal every weeknight from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Derry Garden Club Scholarship

The Derry Garden Club is accepting applications for the 2017 Derry Garden Club \$1,000 Scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school student who will be attending an accredited college or university to pursue a course of study related to horticulture, forestry, botany, landscape architecture, natural resources, earth science, environmental science, or any other related field. Information on requirements and applications are available through the guidance offices at Pinkerton Academy and Londonderry High School and at www.derrygardenclub.org/2017.html. Applications must be received by April 1.

Teen & Parent Workshop

The Upper Room, 36 Tseneto Road, holds the fol-

lowing 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.

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 children for the 2017-18 session. LEEP is a developmentally appropriate preschool re-

spectful 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.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY ZONING BOARD

March 15, 2017 7:00 p.m. Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Road

- I. Draft minutes to approve: February 2017
- II. Report by Town Council liaison (if any): n/a
- III. Public hearing of cases:

A. **CASE NO. 2/15/2017-2:** Request for as variance from LZO 3.9.1 and 3.9.4 to allow the construction of a wireless telecommunications facility in the AR-1 zone where otherwise prohibited and to allow construction of the wireless communication tower which is set back approximately 204 feet from the nearest property boundary where 300 feet are required, 76 Chase Road, Map 1 Lot 83, Zoned AR-1, Christopher Trakas (Owner) and American Tower Corporation (Applicant) – continued from the January 2017 meeting

B. **CASE NO. 3/15/2017-1:** Request for a variance from LZO 2.3.1.3.B to construct a single family dwelling on a lot with 0 feet of frontage where 150 feet of frontage is required on a Class V road or better, Ash St/Wildlife Way/Cedar St (Derry), Map 10 Lot 74, Zoned AR-1, Summit Construction & Design, LLC (Owner & Applicant)

C. **CASE NO. 3/15/2017-2:** Request for a variance from LZO 2.3.1.3.C.4 to construct an in-law addition which will encroach 12 feet into the setback where 40 feet are required, 33 Sparhawk Drive, Map 1 Lot 082 47, Zoned AR-1, Oscar DeVlaminck and Melissa DeVlaminck (Owners) and Oscar DeVlaminck (Applicant)

- IV. Communications and miscellaneous:
- V. Other business:



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

The Londonderry Town Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on the following item:

1. Resolution #2017-01 – A Resolution Relative to Re-Naming a Portion of Garden Lane

The Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, March 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053. A copy of the proposed amendment may be viewed at the Town Manager's office during regular business hours and online at www.londonderrynh.org.

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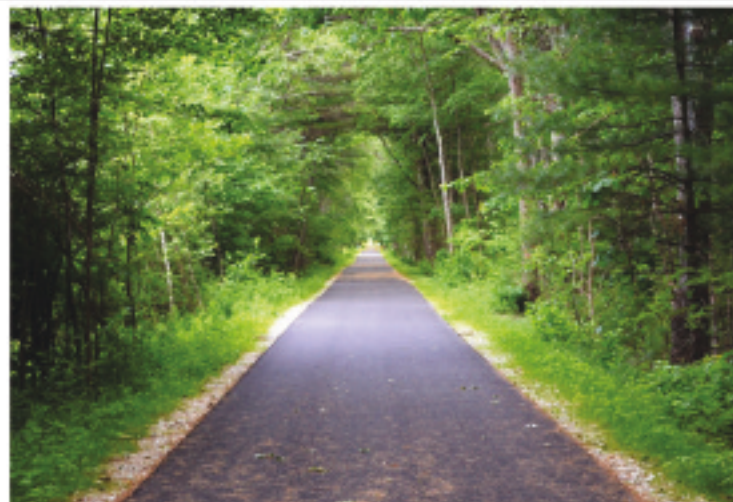
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Successful passage of Town Article 26 will enable Trailways to do the following:

The cost for the next segment of the Rail Trail (Phase 4) is \$219,000. We have a \$75,000 matching grant, which leaves \$144,000 to be raised via Article 26 on the Town ballot. Successful passage of Town Article 26 will enable Trailways to do the following:

- Receive the matching grant for \$75,000 which funds 35% of this Phase 4 project.

The Samuel P Hunt Foundation has awarded Trailways a \$75,000 "matching grant" that requires Trailways to raise a matching



amount in order to receive the grant. If Article #26 for \$144,000 is passed this will be the match and the Hunt money will be released for the project.

- Install a pedestrian crossing light at Route 28 and Sanborn Road which is a State of NH requirement.
- Complete an additional one-quarter mile paved section of Rail Trail heading from the crossing into the North Londonderry Village area.

LONDONDERRY TOWN WARRANT—ARTICLE NO. 26 [CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE 4 OF THE RAIL TRAIL]: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$144,000) for the purpose of receipt and acceptance of a \$75,000 private grant and constructing Phase 4 of the Rail Trail."

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We are residents of Londonderry and proud to be supporting Article #26 to fund the expansion of the Londonderry Rail Trail and installation of a pedestrian crossing light.

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**Vote 'Yes' on March 14th for Article #26
on the last page of the Town ballot**