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## Tasty Treat

The Londonderry Middle School's production of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory will take to the stage starting on Friday night. Pictured, Paige Boyon plays the role of Willy Wonka, and tempts Abbie Whitley playing Violet Beauregarde. See story on page 9. Photo by Chris Paul

## LHS Students Walk Have Out to Honor Florida Shooting Victims

KATIE O'DONNELL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Nearly 300 Londonderry Lancers joined with students across America to participate in a 17-minute walk out of class on March 14. The students assembled outside of the high school from 10:00 a.m. to 10:17 a.m. out of

respect and solidarity for the 17 members of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School community who lost their lives during a shooting on the campus.

The Parkland, Florida school drew national attention, not only for the murders by 19-year old Nikolas Cruz, but for the

level of student activism that it inspired afterwards. Through the efforts of the MSDHS students, a national walk out was planned to take place one month after the shootings.

Normally, protests or demonstrations that encourage students to

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## Town Elections See Most Articles Passes by Voters

KATIE O'DONNELL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Not even the frozen fury of a nor'easter could stop town elections in Londonderry, as voters braved the elements to cast their ballots at the high school on March 13. Nine elected positions were up for grabs, although only two were contested. The weather made it difficult for locals to come and vote, but the turnout was not nearly as poor as Town Moderator Bob Saur thought it would be.

"Considering the snow, I thought it went very smoothly," said Saur.

He and the Supervisors of the Checklist had

originally estimated that approximately 2,500 would vote in the election, based on previous turnouts. Due to the snow, only 2010 people came, reported Town Clerk Sherry Farrell. She said "we were excited" to see that many make it to the polls. Saur agreed that "it exceeded my expectations." The total number of votes includes the 351 absentee ballots that were submitted the day before the election.

There are a total of 18,407 registered voters in Londonderry, roughly 11 percent made it to the polls. That is a little below average, but Saur said "town elections do not

attract a lot of voters." By comparison, he said about 15,000 came out for the last presidential election.

Despite the turn out, the town managed to have a fair and eventful election. All results are from the official posting on the town website.

Jim Butler will be returning to the Town Council for another three-year term after running unopposed. He won 1,586 votes, although there were 60 write-ins and 394 abstentions.

In the race for town moderator, Tom Freda will take over for Saur after garnering 1,062 com-

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## Londonderry Voters Pass All School District Articles

KATIE O'DONNELL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

This year's town election once again faced the frozen wrath of winter, but that didn't stop voters from passing all the school district warrant articles on the ballot. Everything from the recommended budget to new bleachers at the high school will get its desired funding from taxpayers. The school board will also have its two positions filled by returning incumbent Steve Young and newcomer Michael Saucier.

Despite the terrible weather, a little over 2,000 people made it to the polls out of 18,407 regis-

tered voters, according to Town Moderator Bob Saur. That's roughly 11 percent of all voters in Londonderry.

"For a town election, it was a little bit low," said Saur, "but in the ballpark" of what had been estimated based on previous election. And once you take the weather into consideration, Saur said he felt the turnout "exceeded my expectations."

There were six school articles to consider this year, with the first pertaining to electing officials to the school board.

Two men were elected to serve on the school board for a three-year term. Young will return

for his sixth term after receiving 734 votes. That is second to Saucier, who won 1,026 votes. Young will bring back over a decade of service to the board, while Saucier brings experience as an educator, parent, and coach.

The budget vote was by far the most crucial

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# Pranks Continue at North Elementary School



Five lucky students had the chance to pie their Assistant Principal at North Elementary School on Tuesday, March 20. The event was part of the continuing "Lets Prank North School" fundraising endeavor brought to the school by the PTA. With every fundraising goal reached, another "prank" is performed. Pictured, Jill Connors gets a pie in the face by third grade student Lyla Kullman.

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## Sweet Weekend

The evaporator at the sugar shack on Peabody Row will be fired up this weekend as the state celebrates Maple Sugar Weekend. If the flag is out, stop in for a demonstration of how maple syrup is made.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

# Planning Board Discusses Space Expansion For Auto Shop

ALEX GUITTARR  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Some big changes for a local auto shop were the point of discussion during the Planning Board's latest meeting at Town Hall on March 14.

The applicant, SAMPO Properties, were represented by George Chadwick, the Senior Project Manager for Bedford Design Consultants.

According to Chadwick, Enviro-Tote, Inc., a manufacturer of environmentally-friendly tote bags, were hoping to rent out fifty four hundred square feet to another company currently located within a manufacturing

building on 15 Industrial Drive.

Thus, the applicants needed to seek permission from the board to change the building's site plan from only revolving around manufacturing, storage and assembly to also include motor vehicle maintenance and repair.

The business receiving this extra space is known as Synergy Auto Labs. Founded back in 2010, Synergy specializes in performance upgrades and full custom builds for street and race cars, amongst other services.

Each mechanic has numerous certifications, including ASE Master Technician and Toyota

Expert Certification.

Chadwick went on to note that the building is already in good shape, containing plentiful parking, solid paving, loading docks and so on. However, two renovations would be necessary, including repainting of handicap spaces and eliminating two portions of pavement that are encroaching on certain properties, such as the nearby Manchester-Boston Regional Airport.

Upon entering discussions, the board's Vice Chair Mary Wing Soares wondered what impact that these changes would have on local traffic.

Chadwick believed that there would actually be a reduction in traffic, as the new space would allow for overnight work on the roughly one hundred cars that Synergy services every month.

Soares was also concerned about whether or not the cars present on

the lot would pose an issue, as it is illegal for more than two non-registered cars to be parked in these areas. Jason Ashby, one of the company's Lead Mechanics, noted that this would not be an issue, as these cars can prove to be quite expensive and they would not be left outside for safety reasons. This would also be more manageable with the additional space.

"We aim to have a really clean appearance as far

as everything goes," Ashby noted.

Ex-Officio Tony DeFrancesco was curious about how the business handles fluid containment, but Ashby was quick to note that the proper barrels and equipment were in place to keep things clean and safe.

After a rather quick discussion, the board decided to unanimously approve the request of the applicants.

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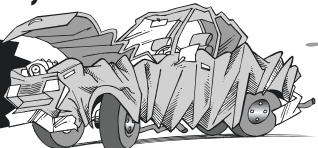
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# Editorial

## Don't Stay in the Dark

Open and transparent government it's what the public should expect from officials at the local, state and national level, and it's what officials love to say they support. Fortunately, a bill to put more hurdles in front of Granite Staters seeking to obtain public information was tabled in this legislative session. It should never have arisen in the first place.

March 15 through 21 is National Sunshine Week, a reminder that government business conducted in the open is at the heart of a democracy. If we don't know what our officials are doing, we can't hold them accountable.

The heart of Sunshine Week is the public's Right to Know, which in New Hampshire is guided by statute RSA91-A. Knowledge, as the saying goes, is power. And that power is not something to be held close to the chest by politicians; it belongs to each of us. Sunshine Week is a national effort spearheaded by the American Society of News Editors, an annual effort to promote open government. Although the week was created by journalists, it's not about newspapers. The motto of Sunshine Week is "Your Right to Know." As a citizen in a democracy, you have the right to know how your government operates, and your elected officials have the obligation, except in carefully delineated situations, to conduct their

business in the open and in accordance with the will of the people, even when that's uncomfortable.

James Madison, the father of the U.S. Constitution, wrote that "consent of the governed" requires that people be able to "arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives." That knowledge shouldn't be hidden away, and in our participatory democracy, every citizen has a right to access government meetings and public records. And that's the key. Keeping government transparent means newspapers must be watchdogs, ask the uncomfortable questions, get the information, and provide it in unbiased fashion to their readers. When roadblocks are thrown up, the Right to Know process is ready for everyone to use and they should not be hampered by excessive fees or court challenges.

We know it's easier for officials to discuss public business in private, where strategies can be aired without anyone listening. But that's not the way it's supposed to work. Discussion is to be public. In a quorum. On the record.

Making it hard for the public to find out what's going on is not open government. You can criticize us for reporting things you don't want to hear, but we support the right to air that information. Because without information, we're all in the dark. The better choice is to let the sun shine in.

# Letters

## Historical Society Thank You

To the editor,  
"Thank You!" to all the wonderful businesses that supported the Londonderry Historical Society's 2018 Voting Day Gift Card Raffle and of course, all of you who braved the Nor'Easter, came out to vote and purchased the raffle tickets benefitting the reassembly the historic ca.1725 Rev. William Morrison House!

With special thanks to the Puritan Backroom Restaurant of Manchester and Harrington Flowers in north Londonderry, we'd like to express our deepest appreciation for those and all the other businesses who gave generously for the raffle, including Lucciano's Ristorante & Bar, The Coach Stop Restaurant & Tavern, Talia's Breakfast & Eatery, Dunkin' Donuts (near The 99), Harold Square "A New York Eatery", the Red Arrow - Londonderry, and The 99 Restaurant.

We're also glad that retiring Town Moderator Bob Saur graciously agreed to pull the winning ticket right before the clock struck and the polls closed.

Now, the drum roll, please...and the winner of our 2018 Voting Day Gift Card Raffle who received over \$300 in fantastic gift cards is...Mr. Mitch Feig! As they say, it's a small world, for when Mr. Feig's son Harry was in middle school, he volunteered for the Londonderry His-

torical Society and ran our children's games during Old Home Days!

We are very lucky to have such generous support from the donors, the volunteers, and the wonderful members of the community who help us in so many ways to fulfill our mission to preserve Londonderry History for the present and future generations to learn from and enjoy. A hearty "Thank You!" to ALL!

Ann Chiampa  
Curator  
Londonderry  
Historical Society

## Thank You to Londonderry Residents

To the editor,  
Want to thank everyone who braved the blizzard on March 13 to vote in our Town election. Voting in local elections is so very important, as it affects each of us more than any other election. I am proud that I stepped up and I was more than willing to serve this wonderful town. I congratulate Sherry Farrell on her win. She earned it and should be proud of the race we ran. I know she will continue to do a great job. Democracy is fundamental to our country and we are all blessed that we have free and fair elections. Thanks so very much to all of my supporters, who showed up at the polls and cast their vote for me. It is very much appreciated. I have never run for public office

before and do believe that anyone in our town who believes they are qualified to do the job and are willing to serve should step up and get involved. Thanks again - we do live in a wonderful town. I am very grateful for having had this experience.

Martha Liff Smith  
Londonderry NH.

## Join the Beautify Londonderry Committee

To the editor,  
The Beautify Londonderry Committee is looking for a few volunteers to join us in planning this year's Beautify Londonderry activities.

Beautify Londonderry is an annual Spring program to organize volunteers who perform volunteer beautification projects around town including roadside litter collection and landscaping projects at the schools and town properties.

The time commitment is pretty minimal and the group only meets from March-May, so if you have been thinking about a way to give back to the community, please consider joining.

If you are interested or want more information, please contact Mike Byerly at [mikebyerly89@gmail.com](mailto:mikebyerly89@gmail.com) or (603) 537-9551.

As an FYI, the program will run from April 21 to May 13 this year, but planning is underway now.

Mike Byerly  
Londonderry

Londonderry Times welcomes letters of up to 500 words on topics of local interest, written by local residents, and prints as many letters as possible. Please e-mail your letters to the Londonderry Times at [londonderrytimes@nutpub.net](mailto:londonderrytimes@nutpub.net). All letters must include the writer's name, address and phone number for verification if needed; name and town of residence will be printed. Londonderry Times reserves the right to reject or edit letters for content and length, and anonymous letters will not be printed. Deadline is 5 p.m. Monday.

## Have an Announcement?

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# Going Green: Recycle Your Plastic Bags (but not at the curb)

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## Part 1 of 2

Following Christmas, residents' blue bins were overflowing with recyclables. Since the Town went single stream in 2016, the recycling rate has risen from 20% to 24% of our waste stream. However, one thing we cannot recycle at the curb is plastic film: plastic bags and product overwrap.

Note that rigid plastic is still recyclable at the curb. Everything from soda bottles, detergent jugs and pill containers, to plastic dishware and rigid sandwich containers can be placed in your blue recycling cart. Be sure to put the caps back on the empty bottles first.

### Plastic Film Cripples Recovery Facility

Our recyclables are processed at a materials recovery facility (MRF) at a rate of 25,000 tons per hour. A MRF is designed to sort and process all that material loosely, using long screens and blowing air. However, when plastic film is in the mix it clogs the sorting machinery, causing shut-downs several times a day - see the accompanying photos from Waste Management's Billerica, Massachusetts MRF.

This disruption costs MRFs in maintenance downtime and disposal of the film, which devalues our recyclables in the market. We encourage you to always keep several re-useable shopping bags in your car, ready for your next trip to the market. But if you do bring plastic bags home from the store, don't discard

them. That wastes a valuable resource and needlessly fills landfills.

### How to Recycle Your Plastic Film

Re-use plastic bags, whether to line your waste basket, use as a laundry bag at the gym, or for pet waste disposal. Otherwise, collect them in a bag (remove the receipts) and bring them back, clean and dry, on your next grocery trip and recycle them. All supermarkets in Londonderry have bins near the entrance to collect plastic film, as do Walmart and Lowe's.

All #2 and #4 polyethylene plastic bags and wrap are acceptable: retail and produce bags; newspaper & dry-cleaning bags; cereal and cracker box liners; bread bags, onion or potato bags and

celery sleeves; overwrap on cases of water, soda, paper towels, disposable cups, diapers, etc.

So are clean zip-top food storage bags (slider removed), sandwich bags and trash bags; electronics and furniture wrap; plastic shipping envelopes (remove labels), bubble wrap and air pillows (deflated); ice bags (after dried) and salt pellet bags.

Some plastic packaging cannot be recycled; for instance, sealed bags of food such as pre-mixed salad or vegetables; frozen food bags; chip bags; pet food bags; and meat wrap. These items should be put in the trash.

Remember: Keep plastic bags out of your blue recycling cart. If you store your recyclables in a bag, simply dump them into the cart and re-use the bag; or save it for your next visit to the grocery store.



The town's recyclables are processed at a materials recovery facility (MRF) which gets clogged up and slowed down by plastic bags. Courtesy photo

## School Vote

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decision out of the remaining articles. Voters chose the proposed operating budget as amended by a vote of 1,244 to 705, with 64 voters abstaining. The newly voted budget will cost \$73,473,218 and have an estimated tax impact of \$13.57, which is only 11 cents more than the default budget would have cost, according to the budget forms handed out at the school deliberative session on Feb. 9.

Article Three covered the School Lunch Program and Federal Funds Project. Voters chose

1,799 to 185 in favor, with 29 abstaining, to accept and receive federal grants and other funds to finance and support the school lunch program, as well as, raise and appropriate \$2,936,000 to help pay for the program. This will have no impact on taxes for next year.

Voters approved Article Four 1,442 to 512 with 59 abstentions to raise and appropriate \$625,000 for the School Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, which will have a tax impact of 16 cents. The trust fund covers any "major one-time capital costs for district facilities including roofs, paving, boilers and small

renovation projects," according to the forms from the deliberative session.

Article Five's Equipment Capital Reserve Fund provides money to cover "essential small equipment for classrooms, offices, technology, and buildings and grounds." It was approved by a vote of 1,490 to 459 with 64 abstaining. The article sought to raise and appropriate

\$150,000 and will have a tax impact of four cents.

The final article, Article Six, deals with the lease and purchase of the new spectator bleachers for the high school. By approving the article, taxpayers will be responsible for the \$300,000 needed to cover the five-year lease purchase agreement for the new bleachers. The article also sought to raise and appropriate the

initial \$65,000 necessary to cover the first year's cost of the bleachers. The article is only two cents. It was approved by a vote of 1,251 to 708 with 54 abstaining.



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# Town's Arts Council Plans For Summer Cancels Arts Café



The Concerts on the Common Series has been a very popular put on by the Londonderry Arts Council.

LORI COSTA  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Arts Council held their meeting on Monday night, March 19 to discuss the upcoming events that they will be hosting.

First on the list was Londonderry's annual "Art in Action" where artists join together to display their talents of creating all kinds of artwork such as painting, pottery, and even jewelry making. This year, the Arts Council will be holding this event on Saturday, May 5 and Sunday May 6 from 10am-4pm. The artists will be featured once again at Mack's Apples Farm Market. The show is open to the public and there is no charge for admission. There are only 25 spaces available for the artists and 13 people are already registered, leaving only 12 remaining spots for artists to get involved. If you are interested in this event, you are encouraged to contact Barbara Scott at: [events@LondonderryArtsCouncil.org](mailto:events@LondonderryArtsCouncil.org) with the subject line: May Art in Action. You must also fill out the applica-

tion form that can be downloaded on the Londonderry Arts Council's website: [LondonderryArtsCouncil.org](http://LondonderryArtsCouncil.org).

Karen Giguere also made the announcement that the Londonderry Arts Café would not be continuing in 2019. Due to the low turnout of the public and less participation by artists, it was difficult to keep the show running properly. The artists also had to pay a fee to get into the show as well. Some artists also found it difficult to sell their artwork while musicians played so closely to their set-up.

The location was also an issue due to the fact that the Londonderry Senior Center is not located on a busy road and people may have missed the opportunity to see this event. The fact that it was held at the senior center may have also given the idea that the event was for the older generation. Ideas were generated by the Council to possibly try the Arts Café again when Woodmont is constructed.

Concerts on the Common was also discussed at the meeting, where the

Arts Council books various forms of entertainment for the summer months for the public to enjoy. The concerts are held on the Town Common at 265 Mammoth Road on Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. An email has been sent out to last year's sponsors to see if they wish to get involved again. A few commitments have been made for sponsors, but the Council is still waiting on sponsors who have not yet replied. The Council also has until August 1 to fill vacancies for performances, but are pleased with the line-up they currently have.

The upcoming months will bring about summer, sunshine, and enjoying the company of family and friends. The Londonderry Arts Council is looking to enrich the community's lives with local artists who want to share their creativity with the public. If you are an artist, you can get involved with Art in Action. If you want to support the artists of Londonderry, you can stop by Mack's Apples in May and see the beautiful works of art made by local artists.

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# Election Results

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pared to his competitor, Luisa Pietta, who got 733 votes. There were two write-ins and 213 abstentions. The position is a three-year term.

Sherry Farrell will continue her duties as town clerk for another three years after winning 1,423 votes. Martha Smith won 483 votes, with four write-ins and 100 abstentions.

Kirsten Hildonen ran unopposed for her second six-year term as a supervisor of the checklist. She got 1,577 votes, with six write-ins and 427 abstentions.

Hildonen will also join Kyle Ramon Rosen on the Budget Committee for a three-year term. Both ran unopposed for the two open seats with Hildonen getting 1,370 votes and Foden receiving 1,221 votes. There were 11 write-ins and 1,296

abstentions.

Howard Bookman will serve another three-year term as a trustee of the trust fund after getting 1,515 votes. There were six write-ins and 489 abstentions.

Carole Introne and Rep. Betsy McKinney were re-elected as library trustees for another three years. Introne got 1,349 votes and McKinney got 1,104 votes. There were 11 write-ins and 1,296 abstentions.

There were a total of 23 articles up on the ballot this year. Article two asked for \$6,400,000 to cover improvements to the Central Fire Station. According to the article, there would be zero tax impact for the 2019 fiscal year, but there would be a two cent impact in FY 2020 and a 13 cent impact in FY 2021,

based on "projected assessed values." The article needed 60 percent of the vote to pass, and received 1,293 votes in favor with 610 against and 107 abstaining.

The passing of article three will see \$2,300,000 raised for a new town-side communications system. There is no projected tax impact for passing this article. It passed 1,499 to 456 with 55 abstentions.

Article four was arguably the most important one, since it determined the town's operating budget for next year. The proposed amount was for \$31,707,838, which is the same as the default budget. The projected tax impact for passing the budget is \$4,901 for next year. It passed 1,291 to 640 with 79 abstentions.

Article five requested \$505,644 to cover the police outside detail. It passed 1,543 to 401 with 66 abstentions, with no tax impact.

Article six covered providing \$5,703,609 for the sewer fund. It passed 1,552 to 389 with 69 abstentions and no projected tax impact.

Article seven passed 1,544 to 390 with 76 abstentions. It asked for \$220,000 to cover sewer fund administrative costs and would not create any tax impact.

The roadway maintenance fund can thank the passing of article eight right for the \$650,000 that will be placed in the fund. Half of that will come from the Unassigned Fund

Balance and the other half will need to be raised by the town through a .083 cent property tax increase for next year. It passed 1,446 to 500 with 64 abstentions.

The town voted to appropriate \$150,000 into the Capital Reserve Fund for Fire Department Equipment and move \$75,000 from the UFB to the fund by a vote of 1,442 to 542 with 49 abstentions. The tax impact is less than a cent.

Article 10 passed 1,161 to 801 with 49 abstentions to appropriate \$28,000 and use \$14,000 from the UFB for the Capital Reserve Fund for Geographical Information Systems. The tax impact is miniscule at less than one cent.

Article 11 was passed 1,134 to 808 with 69 abstentions to appropriate \$180,000 and use \$90,000 from the UFB for the Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund. Again, the tax impact is less than a cent.

Article 12 passed 1,430 to 463 with 58 abstentions to appropriate \$100,000 and use \$100,00 from the UFB to fund the Capital Reserve Fund for Pillsbury for a tax impact of zero.

Article 13 passed 1,491 to 463 with 57 abstentions to put \$10,000 into the cemetery fund. This will not affect taxes.

Article 14 will also not have tax impact and will appropriate \$70,000 and request the same amount from the UFB to go towards the fund for fire

trucks. It passed 1,539 to 380 with 92 abstentions and will not any impact on taxes.

Article 15 passed 1,323 to 584 with 104 abstentions to appropriate \$189,900 and request the same amount from the UFB to cover the cost of building a recreation maintenance building. There will be no tax impact.

Article 16 requested \$100,000 from tax payers and \$100,000 from the UFB to pay for a comprehensive review of all commercial and industrial properties in town. It passed 1,431 to 460 with 120 abstentions and will have no tax impact.

Article 17 sought to raise and appropriate \$35,000 for a water and air study. It passed 1,188 to 723 with 100 abstaining. That will cost taxpayers less than a cent to cover.

Article 18 was voted down 1,139 against, with only 76 in favor of continuing construction of a pathway from Pillsbury Road to Wilshire Drive. It would have cost \$250,000 and was recommended by the Town Council, but not by the Budget Committee.

Comparatively, there was almost a 50/50 split on article 19 to purchase land on Sargent Road for \$95,000. It will cost less than a cent and actually passed 971 to 926 with

114 abstaining.

Article 20 was passed 1,560 to 371 with 69 abstentions. It will raise \$200,000 and take \$200,000 from the Police Details Special Revenue Fund to cover equipping the police department vehicles with emergency communication equipment.

Article 21 sought to raise \$28,000 to be added to the Town Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund from the Police Details Special Revenue Fund. It passed 1,551 to 386 with 73 abstentions.

Article 22 failed by a vote of 801 for and 1,136 against with 73 abstentions. It sought to raise and appropriate \$2,000,000 for the purchase of "land, easements and other transactions that meet the mission of the Londonderry Conservation Committee," according to the warrant. It would have raised taxes by 51 cents if it had passed. It was the only warrant article that was not recommended by either the Town Council or of the Budget Committee.

Finally, article 23 sought to replace the softball field lights at Nelson Softball Field for \$130,000. The tax impact will be less than one cent and was passed 1,136 to 827 with only 47 abstentions.

## Public Hearing Scheduled for Cable License Renewal

The Londonderry Town Council, in its statutory capacity as cable television franchising authority, will hold a public hearing on April 2, 2018 at 7 p.m. at Londonderry Town Hall for the Comcast Cable ("Comcast" or the "Franchise") and a proposed renewal franchise and termination of the existing Comcast franchise.

The public hearing is being held pursuant to the federal Cable Act, 47 U.S.C. 546: New Hampshire Revised Statutes Chapter 53-C:3-a et seq; and applicable law for purposes of the franchising authority's

consideration of a proposed renewal franchise and cable-related needs and interests of the public and Town and Comcast's financial and technical qualifications and local programming channels, facilities and services.

Final action may be taken on the proposal to adopt the renewal franchise and terminate the existing franchise. For more information on the proposed renewal franchise available for public inspection and copying, contact Drew Caron, Director of cable and Technical Operations, c/o Londonderry Town Hall.

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# Walk Out

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leave the classroom in the middle of the school day are discouraged by school administrations. Several across the country, most notably in Needville, Texas and Prince William County in Virginia, according to the Washington Post, threatened to take disciplinary action against students who participated in any sort of protest, claiming it was disrupted other other students.

In Londonderry, Lanc- ers who wanted to join the walk out were given permission to do so by the administration, provided it was done peace- fully and respectfully.

"There is a balance that must be struck between the Constitution- al rights of our students and the need to maintain safety and order during the school day," said LHS Principal Jason Parent

and Superintendent Scott Laliberte in a joint state- ment sent out to parents.

The two explained in their statement that the high school and district support the students' First Amendment rights to freedom of speech, "given that speech does not cause a substantial disruption to the learning environment."

According to the state- ment, several high school students approached the administration with a plan to encourage their peers to participate in the national walk out "to honor the seventeen vic- tims of the school shoot- ing, and to bring an aware- ness to the importance of safety in schools."

Parent said "Chloe Wil- son, Eva Gertz, the four Class Presidents led by Jeff Cieslikowski, and Stu- dent Council President Carolyn Roy" were the students behind the LHS event. During the 17- minute assembly, the stu- dents leaders briefly

spoke about the point of the walk out and conduct- ed a moment of silence.

In their joint state- ment, Parent and Lalibe- rte stressed that the walk out "is a student- led movement and the school is not endorsing this event. What we are doing is being supportive of all students who choose to take a responsi- ble approach with the event organizers to avoid substantial disruption to the school day."

Members of the administration like Par- ent, Laliberte, and Assis- tant Principal Katie Sulli- van were on hand to mon- itor the students along with school resource offi- cers and other members of the Londonderry Police Department.

Laliberte said he felt the resource officers play a strong role in students feeling safe on campus.

"Our officers are very well trained, and coopera- tion between the schools and the LPD has been out-

standing for many years now. They are an integral part of our efforts to maintain a safe learning environment."

Detective Christopher Olson said the department had made plans in advance in case of any issues during the walk out, but did not feel that the event would require addi- tional support other than having the officers and administration present.

Laliberte said he felt the walk out "went very well" and that the stu- dents were able to partic- ipate and carry out the demonstration "without any disruption to other students or the school environment."

Overall there were about 1,000 students who chose to stay in class, Parent said.

Students were encour- aged to speak with their parents and teachers about whether or not they were going to join the assembly and to make sure all educators knew if

the student was planning on leaving class. The school said it was not going to give conse- quences to those who spontaneously participat- ed, but "students should be aware that, as a natural consequence of participa-

tion, they will be respon- sible for making up any work they miss during this time," said Parent and Laliberte.

Because not even the constitution can protect students from taking their math test.

## OBITUARY

### Charles Lamport



Charles "Charlie" Bartley Lam- port, 87, passed away on March 13, 2018 at Parkland Medical Center after a short illness while surrounded by his loving family. Charlie was born in Brighton, MA to the late Edwin and Sarah (Halfrey) Lamport. He was raised in Stone- ham, MA with his four brothers and one sister.

During the Korean War, Charlie served in the Army as a radio operator at the Pentagon. He was one of the pioneers of solar engineering and worked for several major oil and gas companies throughout his life, including Mobil, Exxon, Suno- co, BP, and ARCO. Charlie raised his family in Tewksbury, MA and Frederick, MD and spent his retirement in southern NH. He enjoyed hunting, golfing with friends, fishing with his grandsons, and reading John Grisham novels, but his greatest joy was spending time with his family.

Charlie is predeceased by his five siblings: Edwin Lampport and his wife, Ruth; Leonard Lam- port and his wife, Eleanor; Robert Lampport and his wife, Lucille; Phillip Lampport and his wife, Kather- ine; and Phyllis Cannon.

Charlie is survived by his loving wife Nan (Papa- george) Lampport of Portsmouth, NH and his seven children: Douglas Lampport and his fiancé, Joanne Cole, of Tewksbury, MA; Ronald Lampport and his wife, Susan, of Pelham; Melissa Hoffman of London- derry; Carol Guerrin of Georgia; Michele Zaino and her husband, Jay, of Pelham; Deanna Lampport and her wife, Dr. Cheryl Garganta, of Gainesville, FL; and Elizabeth Lampport of Londonderry.

Charlie is survived by 14 grandchildren: Alyssa, Emily, and Matthew Lampport; Jaclyn, Jonathan, Joshua, and Jillian Hoffman; Marissa, Nicole, and Cassandra Zaino; Katelyn Lampport; Sarah Benine; Tania, Tiffany, and Lacey McAdams; and Stephanie and Christopher O'Donnell. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, March 16 from 5 - 7 p.m. at Peabody Funeral Homes and Cre- matorium (290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH with a memorial service immediately following. Memorial contributions may be made to New Hampshire SPCA, PO Box 196, Stratham, NH 03885. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com)

## Aviation Museum Hosts High School Course Open House

The Aviation Museum of New Hampshire, has announced an open house to learn more about the museum's high school aviation education courses, which are open to all New Hampshire high school juniors and seniors.

The open house will take place Saturday April 21, from 10 - Noon at the museum. A course in- structor will be available for questions, and staff will offer tours of the museum during the open house. Free admission.

The museum offers two free courses in avia- tion education. The fall semester is an introduc- tion to careers in aviation. The spring semester details the past, present, and future of aviation with segments on the his- tory of aviation, physics of flight and future trends in aviation. Students will be challenged to create, build and test their own wing designs. Come to the open house to learn more!

The mission of the Avi- ation Museum of NH is to preserve New Hampshire aviation history through dynamic and hands-on exhibits and programs. The museum engage's the public through learning

opportunities in aviation science and technology. The museum offers a unique cultural experi- ence, that inspires avia- tion enthusiasm in people of all ages.

The Aviation Museum of New Hampshire is located at 27 Navigator Road, Lon- donderry, NH, 03053. The museum's regular hours of operation are Friday and Saturday, 10 - 4 p.m., and Sunday 1 - 4 p.m. For more information call 603-669- 4820, email [avmuseum@n- hahs.org](mailto:avmuseum@n- hahs.org), or visit the muse- um's website, [www.av- iationmuseumofnh.org](http://www.av- iationmuseumofnh.org).

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# Middle School Drama Club To Perform Willy Wonka Jr.

LORI COSTA  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Middle School Drama Club will present the musical Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory Jr. starting Friday, March 23 at the school's cafeteria.

This magical adventure follows young man Charlie Bucket, played by Colby Lynch, as he wins a trip into the captivating world of Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory along with his loveable grandfather, Grandpa Joe, played by Frank Thomas.

The role of the Candy Man, Willy Wonka, is played by Paige Boyon who's exceptional singing voice is made for the stage.

The Middle School students have been working hard on this production since the beginning of November when auditions started.

The play's Director is seventh grade teacher Jennifer Maurice with Musical Direction by Matt Szopa.

The Assistant Director is Toby Paul with Choreographers Jennifer Maurice and Nikki Murray.

Helping out from the high school are assistants to directors Chris Maio and David Jarvis. Sound is being provided by Ryan Barrett.

The songs have been adapted from the 1971 film starring Gene Wilder. The story plays true to the original where Willy Wonka holds a contest for five lucky winners to come visit his chocolate factory, but only if they find the mysterious golden ticket hidden in one of



Londonderry Middle School students will perform Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory Jr. starting Friday night. Photo by Chris Paul

his chocolate bars. The children who have won the contest must be mindful that there are rules in the chocolate that are expected to be followed. If they choose not to listen they will be punished....

There are three show dates for the production beginning on Friday, March 23 at 7 p.m. The other two showings will be the following day on Saturday, March 24 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively. Tickets for adults will be \$8.00, students and seniors will be \$5.00, and children under three receive free admission.

The production will take place in the LMS cafeteria and the show will last approximately an hour and a half. The "junior" version of this play was made specifically for students and younger children in mind. This is due to the length of the original show and to scale down the needs for a

school production.

All are welcome to the LMS Drama club's production of Willy Wonka Junior. So, grab your golden ticket and come out to support the LMS Drama Club and re-live this incredible tale through the eyes of students with a love for the theater.

The cast features:

Paige Boyon plays the lead role of Willy Wonka, the Candy Man, Colby Lynch as Charlie Bucket, Aiden Keenan as James, Rachel Hutchinson plays Matilda, Alea Millis as Mrs. Bucket, Jonathan Page plays Mr. Bucket, Phoebe Bartlett, Grandma Josephine, Callie Nease is Grandma Georgina, Frank Thomas is Grandpa Joe, Josh Truesdale plays Grandpa George, Tess Brown is Phineous Trout, Ryan Kraics plays Augustus Gloop, Bell Crane is Mrs. Gloop, Danni Cournoyer as Veruca Salt, John Baumann is Mr. Salt, Abbie Whitley plays Vio-

let Beauregarde, Rebecca Quimpo is Mrs. Beauregarde, Kyle Burnell plays Mike Teavee and Jillian Jones plays Mrs. Teavee.

The Ensemble features:

Abbie Dorr, Brooke Bernasconi, Deanna Deje-

sus, Ellie Holcombe, Jason Cain, Joey Cain, Kelly Egan, Lindsay Greco, Mary McCarthy, Shalee Amber, Teresa Bompastore, Ahna Gainey, Emily Overhulser, Gianna DeMeo, Lindsay Smith, Massimo Sessa,

Shayana El Ghacal, Cassidy Methot, Ellie Cook, Gianna Fowler, Katia Chrylinski, Lauren Mok, Michaela Horan, Simone Pohl, Elizabeth Hurley and Killian Daron.

*See photos on page 10.*

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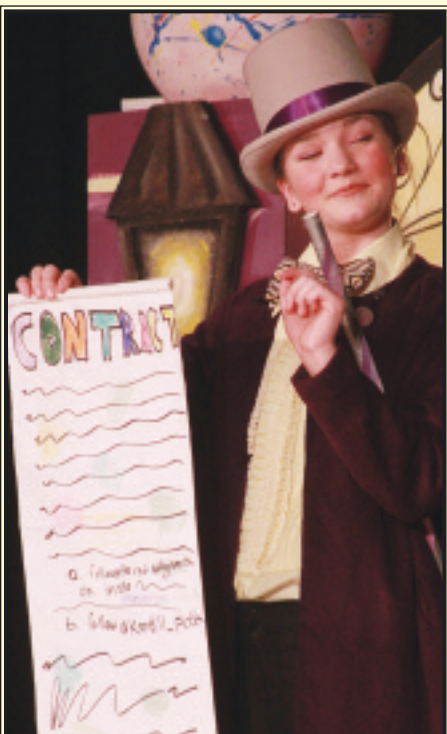
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# Middle School Drama Club Readies for Willy Wonka



The Londonderry Middle School Drama Club will be performing Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory starting on Friday night at 7 p.m. on stage at the school. See story on page 9.  
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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Lady Lancer Basketball Standout Courtney Shay Snares D-I Honors

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

There are few young athletes who have the talent, determination, and confidence, to be able to step from junior high school athletics to high school sports and become major contributors on the varsity level right away.

And anyone who saw Londonderry High School sophomore Courtney Shay enter D-I varsity field hockey and then varsity basketball as a freshman during the first half of the 2016-17 school year knew that this was one of those special young athletes who could jump right into high school games and acquit herself beautifully against even the most seasoned veterans.

Testament to the fact that Shay's considerable hoop skills have been noticed throughout tough New Hampshire Division I came recently when the LHS standout was named a 2017-18 All-State Honorable Mention selection by the league's coaches.

It's not tremendously common for many freshmen or sophomores to tally all-state honors in any high school sport, but there wasn't really any way in which Shay's name could be left out of the all-



Highly-skilled Londonderry High sophomore guard and team-leader Courtney Shay garnered Division I all-state honors recently following a truly great 2017-18 campaign. Photo by Chris Paul

state mix this winter.

As a centerpiece of an extremely young 2017-18 Londonderry High girls' basketball squad - which had just one senior to go with five juniors, four sophomores, and no less than five freshmen - Shay played every bit like a battle-tested junior or senior with perhaps three

years of varsity experience under her belt for veteran coach Nick Theos' crew.

And with the young guard averaging 12.4 points, six rebounds, and two assists per game and standing as a great example of toughness, smarts, and athleticism for her teammates, the Lancers

improved tremendously through the season after starting out 0-4.

Shay played a vital role - with youngsters like Colleen Furlong, Katie Sullivan, Ashley Schmitt, Mia Fantauzzi, Ashley Rourke, and Charlotte Sullivan gaining vital varsity experience - in helping Londonderry to an 8-4 record through the remainder of the regular season. And the 9-9 Lady Lancers ended up collecting the seventh seed.

Shay and junior teammate Michelle Marino led the Lady Lancers to a first-round tournament victory over number 10 Exeter by each scoring 18 points, and Shay was also Londonderry's leading scorer in the truly lopsided quarterfinal tournament loss to the second-seeded Pinkerton Lady Astros which ended the LHS crew's campaign. Shay netted 11 points that night.

"Courtney started all 23 games for us and was a captain as a sophomore," said coach Theos. "She was very versatile as a defender, able to guard opponents, point and cen-

ter, and anyone in between. One case in point was Pinkerton where she guarded (point-guard Amanda) Lemire and (big forward Brooke) Kane and in the second meeting did a great job against both. She was especially good against Lemire, keeping her off balance throughout the game with her length."

And longtime LHS coach Theos will be the very first person to state that he has a true gem in his lineup every night with youthful Shay.

"I have to keep remind-

ing myself that she is only a sophomore," he said. "She plays the game like a four-year senior. She was the heart of this year's team, and every time I challenged her she rose to the occasion. That included a dominating performance in the first round of the playoffs where she led us to a home playoff win by scoring 18 points and grabbing nine rebounds. She is a special kid and a special athlete. As a field hockey standout as well, Courtney's future is very bright as she helps lead this program into the future."

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# Lancer Spirit Squad Claims the Fifth Spot at New Englands

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After collecting a strong third place finish at the Division I championships in Derry on Sunday, March 11, the Londonderry High winter spirit squad managed a great fifth at the New England regionals at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester this past Saturday the 17th.

Coach Chelsie Murfitt's LHS bunch ended its 2017-18 campaign in fine fashion and feeling good about itself after putting forth that excellent effort against some of the other top contingents from the region at SNHU.

"We are so proud of their journey this winter season. This is such an incredible group of athletes," said coach Murfitt

following the New Englands.

The LHS crew had put forth a slightly-flawed but extremely spirited performance at the New Hampshire championships at Pinkerton Academy the previous weekend, tallying some 98.2 points to end up behind the runner-up Pinkerton crew and the state title winners from Concord High School.

The perennial defending state champion Pinkerton Lady Astros, who were disappointed with their second place finish at states, rebounded beautifully this past weekend to claim the New England crown.

The Astros outdistanced the closest New England team by 15.7 points, with a score of 212.40 to get first. Taking

second place in their division was Shelton High School (196.70) from Connecticut, Fairfield Ludlowe High School, also from Connecticut, took third (190.90).

The LHS Lady Lancers finished up in fifth place with a fine tally of 185 points.

The Concord Crimson Tide, who took first in the New Hampshire competition, wound up finishing second in the co-ed division behind Gloucester High School from Massachusetts.

There was initially a question regarding whether Londonderry would qualify to compete at regionals, but once all of the pertinent New Hampshire scores were lined up the Lady Lancers did in fact make it.

The Londonderry



*The Londonderry High Lady Lancers' varsity spirit squad snared a fifth-place finish at the New England Regionals at Southern New Hampshire University last weekend. The locals had taken third at the New Hampshire Championships in Derry a week earlier. Photo by Chris Paul*

squad included seniors Sara Berte. The juniors were Katelyn Leger and Sarah Duarte, while the sophomores included Ari-anna Squeglia, Ava MacEachern, Brianna and Meghan Evangelista, and Megan McHugh, and Samantha McCarthy, and the freshmen were Alana Mobbs, Lillian Tharrington, Nikki Longua, and Reyanna Broadhurst.

## LHS Has Over 20 of its Student/Athletes Collect State Honors

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The members of the Londonderry High School athletic and academic communities both had reasons to puff out their chests with pride last Monday, March 12, when they were extremely well-represented by nearly 30 Lancers at the annual New Hampshire Athletic Directors Association/New Hampshire Interscholastic Ath-

letic Association Senior Scholar/Athletes Award ceremonies at The Capital Center for the Arts in Concord.

A total of 27 LHS senior student/athletes qualified for that prestigious award and had their classroom and athletic accomplishments applauded at the event.

Recipients garnered their awards by fulfilling a number of important criteria, including being cur-

rent seniors at a New Hampshire high school who have maintained a B-plus average throughout their high school careers, lettering in and being currently active in at least two NHIAA-recognized sports, and being a positive role model who has participated in community service activities.

Londonderry High's proud and worthy 2017-18 recipients included Jacqueline Baumann (Soc-

cer/Lacrosse); Sara Berte (Fall Spirit/Winter Spirit); Jessica Brien (Fall Spirit/Winter Spirit/Outdoor Track); Jeff Cieslikowski (Cross Country/ Indoor Track); Gianna DelVisco (Gymnastics/ Outdoor Track); Kyle Dickson (Indoor Track/ Baseball); Jake Donnelly (Cross Country/Indoor Track); Jill Doris (Cross-Country/Indoor Track); Kalin Gregoire (Cross-Country/Indoor Track/ Outdoor Track); Brianna Ho (Unified Soccer/Uni-

fied Basketball/Unified Outdoor Track); Katherine Host (Fall Spirit/Winter Spirit); Victoria Kelly (Fall Spirit/Lacrosse); Alison Kraytenberg (Unified Soccer/Unified Basketball); Allison Marsh (Field Hockey/Lacrosse); Hannah Martin (Fall Spirit/Winter Spirit); Maeve McPhail (Field Hockey/ Swimming and Diving); Brian Metro (Indoor Track/Outdoor Track); Lauren Misiaszek (Soccer/Softball); Carina Pento (Volleyball); Caro-

line Russell (Field Hockey/Swimming and Diving); Alexandra Seeley (Cross-Country/ Indoor Track/Outdoor Track); Nathan Seeley (Cross-Country/ Indoor Track/Outdoor Track); Cassandra Stuart (Fall Spirit/Winter Spirit); Cameron Taranto (Indoor Track/Outdoor Track); Skyler Tarmey (Unified Basketball/Unified Outdoor Track); Dylan Walsh (Football/Baseball), and Pat Zepf (Football/Basketball).

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# LHS Varsity Boys' Basketball Personnel Bags Some D-I Honors

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It's unquestionably true that the Londonderry High School varsity boys' basketball squad's up-and-down 2017-18 season ended far sooner than coach Nate Stanton and his charges would have liked.

But it's also unquestionably true that that LHS contingent had some impressive talent, leadership, and accomplishments in a campaign which came to a rather unexpected halt with a Division I first-round loss to an 11th-seeded upstart from the seacoast.

As far as on-court talent is concerned, senior court general Cole Britting and sophomore scoring machine Jack Anderson both received Division I All-State Honorable Mention recognition, Britting and senior center Pat Zepf both claimed All-Academic team honors, and quite impressively coach Stanton won Division I Coach of the Year for the second time in just five years.

Being the self-effacing gentleman who folks have come to know pretty well in LHS athletic circles, Stanton was reticent where talking about his own accomplishment was concerned and wanted to talk more about his athletes.

Regarding Britting and his all-state recognition, the coach stated "Cole had an amazing year and



Despite a frustrating and costly late-season injury, LHS senior guard Cole Britting earned 2017-18 Division I all-state recognition.

was a great leader for us. He is the identity of our program, and it's an honor to say I have had the opportunity to coach him for four years."

The knee injury Britting suffered late in the regular season - which ended his campaign - was a significant factor in the sixth-seeded Lancers' early exit from the D-I tourney with a first-round loss to 11th-ranked Dover.

Regarding the all-state honors of Anderson - a 10th grader who played every bit like a seasoned junior or senior and had the kind of leadership abilities which earned

him a captaincy with the Lancers - coach Stanton said, "Jack had a great sophomore year and was our leading scorer. He has come a long way from last season to this season and his hard work is paying off."

When pressed to discuss his coach of the year honors, former Salem High hoop star Stanton said, "I'm honored my peers voted for me for this type of recognition. There are a lot of great coaches in our league, especially this season, and many of them deserve this type of reward. It is a great group



Loads of talent, drive, and leadership helped to get LHS sophomore guard Jack Anderson D-I all-state recognition recently. Photos by Chris Paul

of coaches and I'm grateful to have their support. Also, I would like to thank my coaching staff for all they did during the season as well. My assistants Mike Dunham, my dad Brian Stanton Sr., my JV coach Alex LaRosa, freshman coach Shaun Yelle, and last but certainly not least my Number One Scout and freshman assistant coach Lauren Gaudette."

The Londonderry varsity squad's 2017-18 season was, perhaps, close to being the very definition of a rollercoaster ride. Even before the Lancers played their first game

they lost junior standout Ethan Garofalo to severe leg and foot injuries in off-season hoop play, but they responded by collecting wins in every one of their first five contests.

The locals then dropped three straight games, and followed up those defeats by going a somewhat mediocre 4-3 in their next seven games.

But with standout point-guard Britting on the sidelines with his injured knee, the Lancers won their final three regu-



Londonderry High boys' hoop coach Nate Stanton was named the Division I Coach of the Year for the second time in five years this winter.

lar season games to finish up at a strong 12-6 and roll into the tournament ranked sixth.

However, the Lancers would reach the end of their road with the aforementioned loss to number 11 Dover, which would then go on to upset third-ranked Bedford and second-seeded Exeter - each by just two points - and push into the Division I championship game against the number one seed from Portsmouth High.



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# Londonderry High JV Boys' Basketball Squad Accomplished Plenty

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School's boys' basketball program is enjoying great health these days, overcoming adversity and boasting talent like sophomore varsity star Jack Anderson and a tremendous leader in Nate Stanton, who has been named the Division I

Coach of the Year twice in five years including this winter.

Right in the center of that successful program - between the varsity and freshman contingents - is coach Alex LaRosa's Lancer junior varsity crew. And with some seven seniors leaving the 2017-18 varsity squad via graduation, some of the

players from that JV crew will be looked to to make the important step upwards to the varsity for the 2018-19 campaign.

This year's JV roster was evenly-divided between sophomores and freshmen, with the 10th graders including guards Alex Tsetsilas, Alex Cafaro, and Artie Wilkinson, and forwards Luke

Marsh, Jeremy Roberts, and Griffin MiVille.

The freshmen included guards Jacob Ruppel, Jackson Cox, Lucas Seaman, and Dean Haggett, and forwards Scott McEvoy and Will Reyes.

"My JV team at Londonderry had a great year," said proud coach LaRosa, who teaches fourth grade at South Ele-

mentary. "We finished 13-5. We had a bunch of nail-bitters this year, including a game-winning lay-up at Keene by Jackson Cox. We had great wins against Winnacunnet and Bishop Guertin. Alex Tsetsilas was our team MVP and got brought up to varsity at the end of the year. Unfortunately, we lost in the first round of the tour-

namment to Dover."

Tsetsilas is a member of a longtime Londonderry clan which has been producing impressive athletes for Londonderry High for about as long as there has been one. And he will doubtless be seen as an important full-time addition to the Lancer varsity crew later this calendar year.

# NEGTC Gymnasts Enjoy Successes in Georgia and Massachusetts

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The span covering Feb. 23-25 was an incredibly busy and travel-filled period for young gymnasts on teams from the New England Gymnastics Training Center. And Londonderry girls made significant contributions to noteworthy successes which the local squads enjoyed at both events.

NEGTC contingents bagged top-two finishes at The Southern Charm Classic in Cartersville, Ga., with the Level 4 crew

tallying a championship victory and the Xcel Platinum squad finishing as the runner-up crew.

And at the Hawaiian Luau Invitational in Shrewsbury, Mass., the local gymnastics center had its Level 3 crew finish first, its Xcel Silver squad bag fourth place, and its Level 5 bunch finish fifth.

Way down south, the Level 4 contingent had a trio of Londonderry girls come up big in helping their squad to the Southern Charm crown.

Junior division standout Shana Hatfield proved

unbeatable on the uneven bars (score of 9.5), in the floor exercise (9.875), and in the all-around (38.275). She also notched a second on the balance beam (9.575) and a third on vault (9.325).

Also in that division, her fellow Londonderry resident Cailee Anderson was tops on vault (9.55), second on floor (9.5), and fourth in both the all-around (37.1) and on beam (9.25).

In the Level 4 senior division, Sophia Beauregard placed second on bars (9.175) and went top



The New England Gymnastics Training Center's talented young Level 4 crew went down to Georgia during February vacation and brought home a championship from the Southern Charm Classic. Courtesy photo

six on floor and in the all-around.

The top Londonderry contributor to the Level 3 success at the Bay State competition was Children's 'A' division athlete Hayley Doyle, who tied for third place on vault (9.05) and notched fourth place in the all-around on her own (35.5). She also tied for fourth in the floor exercise (9.0), and got

sixth on the balance beam.

In the Level 5 crew's effort at the Hawaiian Luau, a Londonderry contributor included Faith Carrier in the Junior 'A' division. She tallied top-12 finishes in vaulting, on bars, on beam, on floor, and in the all-around.

And in Xcel Silver action at the Massachusetts competition, Lon-

donderry's Riley Doyle made news in the Children's 'B' class by notching a fifth on vault and sixth places on both bars and beam.

The NEGTC girls are coached by owner Tim Madore along with Melanie Stoller, Justine Turner, Sherry Harper, Robin Flavin, Georgia Dougherty, and Kelsi Pincence.

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# A Week to a Cleaner, Happier Lifestyle

MELISSA BETH RUIZ  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Despite current weather conditions, Spring has indeed sprung as of March 20. The days are officially getting longer, and with any luck, the people of southern New Hampshire will soon be able to retire their winter coats in exchange for light sweaters and flip flops.

These extended hours of daylight will slowly but surely be bringing many a creature from out of hibernation, and no doubt their dens will be left a mess from months of neglect. And while the people of New England haven't had the luxury of sleeping Winter away, more than likely most households have put off the bulk of their housework until now, just in time for Spring Cleaning.

Many people have wondered where the concept of spring cleaning came from, and how to go about getting their homes spring clean, and many more have wondered how to keep them that way. While there haven't been any technological breakthroughs in the way of self-cleaning homes just yet, understanding the origin of the "Spring Clean" and learning how to let go might help make future annual de-cluttering more enjoyable.

According to on Bri-

tannica.com about the subject, Spring Cleaning comes from the distant past when homes were heated with coal, oil, and wood. In these days, despite homeowners' best efforts to keep clean in the winter months, ash and other debris would accumulate in hard-to-reach places., so when the outside conditions became more favorable, families would move their furniture, rugs, and other household items outside. From there, they sweep and scrub every area of the home that had been disregarded for the past few months, from floors and walls to linens and books, cleaning out months worth of dirt and grime. Once the interior was clean, members of the household would clean off the dressers, couches, and other items that were left outside and move them back to their original places, and enjoy their new, clean surroundings until they needed to rinse and repeat in the following years.

This time of year is associated with deep cleaning to this day, and there has even been a good several days dedicated to the Spring Equinox tidyup.

The last week of March is National Cleaning Week—the first full week of Spring and the perfect opportunity to develop a plan of action to divide and conquer the

task at hand.

Most sources for home care suggest that the best way to achieving a clean home in seven days is to clean one room per day. For example, on Sunday, March 26th, start with the kitchen, deep cleaning surfaces, cleaning behind the refrigerator, etc. Then the next day tackle the bathroom, deep cleaning the tub, organizing medicine cabinets, etc. Creating Spring Cleaning checklist with detailed items to be taken care of annually can help organize and simplify the process, and the burden need not be on one person.

Children old enough to clean up after themselves can tackle their own rooms. Old toys and clothes that haven't been played with or worn more than once in several months, or anything they have grown out of can be gathered to donate to a consignment shop, and parents can follow suit by giving away any suits or other items that haven't been used all winter.

Most churches have collection bins available for donations, and local consignment shops are almost always accepting gently used toys, clothes, and other items. Clothes that are worn to the point that they cannot be recirculated can be dropped off at textile

recycling bins to be repurposed into any number of articles of clothing.

Donating to and purchasing from consignment shops helps reduce waste, as clothes, toys, and household items can be reused by any number of families that might not be able to afford to pay retail price for any of those items, and therefore don't have to take up space in a landfill for the sake of no longer taking up space in their original home.

Having incentive to following through with and completing a full spring clean is helpful. Planning a family getaway that can only be done once certain cleaning goals are reached is a great way to ensure that tasks are done correctly. Having a yard sale to get rid of excess items, with funds going toward big ticket items such as bicycles, for example, is a fun way to reduce clutter. Above all, having a nice, clean home at the end of just one week is perhaps the greatest prize for a job well done.

The last of the Winter snow will (hopefully) soon be behind southern New Hampshire, and the first full week of Spring will bring plenty of spring cleaning inspiration in the form of songbirds and flowers.

## OBITUARY

### Irene F. St. Laurent



Irene Fernand (Biron) St. Laurent, 92, died March 5, 2018 at Elliot Hospital surrounded by her family following a brief illness.

She was born in Manchester on September 29, 1925 the daughter of Leopold and Yvonne (Hebert) Biron.

Prior to her retirement she was a stitcher for Klev Bros. and J.F. McElwain Shoe companies.

She enjoyed cooking, playing piano, bingo, country music, yard sales and her passion was sewing for her grandchildren. Her dog "Buddy" meant the world to her. She loved spending time with her family.

She was predeceased by her husband, Leonard M. St. Laurent on February 3, 1973.

Family members include two daughters, Denise Drolet and her husband, Gerard of Londonderry, Coral Harrington and her husband, George Lemire of Londonderry, one son, Albert St. Laurent of Nashua, eight grandchildren, Brian Drolet of Manchester, Kerry (Drolet) Vasquez and her husband, Rob of Austin TX., Tammy Harrington-Greenough of Manchester, Crystal Willis and her husband Shane Willis of Tampa FL., Diana St. Laurent, Jennifer St. Laurent both of Pittsfield, Richard St. Laurent, Sandra St. Laurent, both of Pittsfield, fifteen great grandchildren, Emily and Megan Vasquez, of Round Rock, TX., Cory, Cody, Savannah, and Katie Harrington-Greenough, all of Manchester, Colin, Vanessa, Aubrey, Juliann, David Willis all of Tampa, FL., Hayley Santor of Londonderry, Jacklyn and Axel Brown, Gabriel Godbout all of Pittsfield, and one great great granddaughter, Milya Harrington of Manchester, one sister, Diane Cote of Quebec, Canada, her aunt, Donalda Lessard of Manchester and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was also predeceased by a brother, Roger P. Biron Sr.

Calling hours will be on Thursday, March 8, 2018 from 5 - 9 p.m. at J. N. Boufford & Sons Funeral Home, 110 Bridge St.

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Friday, March 9, 2018 at 10 a.m. in St. Jude Church, Londonderry.

Committal prayers will follow in Mt. Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum.

For more information, online guestbook and up to date service times please visit [www.bouffordfuneralhome.com](http://www.bouffordfuneralhome.com).



## TOWN OF LONDONDERRY PLANNING BOARD

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH to consider the following:

Non-Binding Review and Discussion in accordance with RSA 674:54 for a governmental land use for the installation of a 3 million-gallon water tank and associated site improvements, 14 Josephine Drive, Map 15, Lot 40-3, Zoned AR-1. City of Manchester / Manchester Water Works (Owner and Applicant).

Formal review of a minor site plan for changes to outdoor lighting to install LED accent lighting on the building façade, 27 Buttrick Road, Map 6, Lot 30, Zoned C-1. Buttrick Ventures, LLC (Owner) and Barlo Signs (Applicant).

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# AROUND TOWN

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**Additionally:** We will run the full versions of any calendar items online free of charge at [www.nutpub.net](http://www.nutpub.net). Please send items to [londonderrytimes@nutpub.net](mailto:londonderrytimes@nutpub.net).

## Father/Daughter Princess Party

**P a t h f i n d e r s** Father/Daughter Princess Party will be held at the Merrimack, Masticola Upper Middle School's Multi Purpose Room, 26 Baboosic Lake Rd. on April 7, at 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Fathers and Daughters are invited to a fun-filled night with the Southern NH Indian-Pathfinders. Music, dancing, food, pictures with Princesses, pictures of each couple and Tiaras are all included. Dress as you are or come as your favorite princess. Price is \$30 for those who pre-register and \$40 at the door. Corsages and boutonnieres are available for additional \$15. We look forward to having you and your Princess join us so please register today at [www.indian-pathfinders.com](http://www.indian-pathfinders.com)

## Library Hours

The Leach Library Hours for the month of April are as follows: Mon. - Thur., 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri. & Sat., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## Native American Stories

Join us at the Leach Library on Thur., April 19 at 7 p.m., as Anne Jennison shares stories and cultural traditions of the Northeastern Woodlands. She will interweave song, drumming, audience participation, drama, and humor throughout her storytelling performance. This 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.

## Tickborne Diseases

On Thur., April 26 at 1 p.m., the Leach Library will hold a presentation by Carolyn Fredette, a Vectorborne Disease Epidemiologist at the New Hampshire Department of Health and

Human Services, Division of Public Health Services (DPHS). She will review the signs and symptoms of tickborne diseases as well as the ways to prevent illness. The audience will learn about the health hazards ticks pose in our area and have the opportunity to ask questions. 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.

## Book Bingo

Join us at the Leach Library on Thur., April 12 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. for a fun hour of Book Bingo. All participants in grades 6 through 12 will win and have a chance to choose from our special selection tables. In addition at this special event, snacks and drinks will be served and there will be a raffle for fun door prizes. No registration is necessary.

## Animals around the World

Journey around the world with Wildlife Encounters on Mon., April 9 from 4 - 5 p.m. and meet some amazing animals that make their homes in far-off lands at the Leah Library. During this adventurous program, participants will have a chance to learn about these animals' habitats, how they are adapted to live there, and maybe a few interesting facts about the animal too. Animal visitors may include a Wallaby, Fennec fox and Pyxie frog (live animals). This program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room, or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Mon, April 2.

## National Library Week Craft

Starting Mon., April 9 and ending on Sat., April 14

patrons are invited to create their own animal clip book-mark. Stop by the Leach Library Children's Room desk to pick up the supplies and create your reading friend in the library, or in the comfort of your own home.

## Fantastic Frogs

Come to the Leach Library on Mon., April 16 from 4 - 5 p.m. to hear exciting stories of fabulous frogs. All participants will leave with a wind-up toy frog ready for some fun in the water. This entertaining program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room, or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Mon., April 9.

## April Vacation Scavenger Hunt Bingo

The Leach Library Children's Room will be offering a fun new twist on two classic games during April vacation. Starting Mon., April 23 through Sat., April 28, participants can pick up a bingo card in the Children's Room, then explore the library to collect items that will make bingo: five in a row vertically, horizontally or diagonally. Return the items to the Children's Room for a special treat and a raffle ticket for a chance to win a prize bag.

## April Vacation Craft

Starting Mon., April 23 through Sat., April 28, participants will have a chance to create their own colorful swimming fish. Stop by the Leach Library Children's Room desk to pick up the supplies and create your perfect spring accessory in the library, or in the comfort of your own home.

## Relay for Life

American Cancer Society Participation in Relay For Life of Greater Derry-Londonderry to Help Attack

Cancer From Every Angle is calling on all community members to participate in the annual Relay For Life of Greater Derry-Londonderry on June 23, 2018 from noon - 10 p.m., at the Pinkerton Academy Track. Be part of the fight, and together we can beat our biggest rival. American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers to form teams and stand shoulder to shoulder with us and cancer patients and those supporting them. To learn more about Relay For Life, and register a team, visit [RelayForLife.org/derryandlondonderrynh.com](http://RelayForLife.org/derryandlondonderrynh.com) or on Facebook @GDLRelayforLife.

## Seder & Dinner

Passover Community Seder and dinner on Saturday, March 31 at 6 p.m. at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Rd, Derry. Call 432-0004 or go to [www.etzhayim.org](http://www.etzhayim.org) for details and to make a reservation.

## Addiction Support Group

First Baptist Church of Derry offer a free support group for families affected by addiction at our church on Monday nights. "The Lighthouse is a faith-based support group for families who have been affected by addictive behavior. It's held on the ground floor of First Baptist Church, 44 Broadway, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. on Monday nights through April 9. Addiction counselors and others serve as facilitators for people to share their concerns about their loved ones in a safe, confidential small group setting. There is no charge. Open to all."

## Free Meals

Community Meals Network; Please join us for free, family-friendly meals, served in a relaxed atmosphere. Breakfast on March 25 from 9 - 10 a.m., at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration 1 Hood Road, Derry; Lunch on March 25 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., at St. Jude's, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, for more information call 432-3333. Dinner on March 30 from 5 - 6:30 p.m., at First Parish, 47 East Derry Road, East Derry, for more information call 434-0628. For more information on any of the meals or our services please visit: [freemealsinderry.blogspot.com](http://freemealsinderry.blogspot.com)

## VA Bingo

On March 26, Post 27

will be playing bingo with patients at the VA Hospital in Manchester from 7 - 8:30 p.m. We'll be serving pizza and diet soda as well as providing \$150 in prize money.

## Blood Drive

Due to the recent severe storms there is an URGENT need for blood and blood products. With the current "Urgent" need for blood products, the American Red Cross needs all of our help to replenish the blood supplies. The Community Service Committee of Saint Jude Parish has scheduled this blood drive for Friday March 23, from 1 - 7 p.m. at the Londonderry Lions Hall 256 Mammoth Rd. in Londonderry. This is a new drive for us and we really need your help...Donors of ALL blood types are urgently needed to donate. In an effort to save you time, you can register online [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or by calling the Red Cross 1-800-RED-CROSS (We encourage ALL donors to make an appointment to help us in planning). You can also use the RapidPass system the day of the drive to save time the day of your donation as well. For more information on donating blood, you may call the American Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS or for more information on this drive please contact Vinny Curro [vincurro@comcast.net](mailto:vincurro@comcast.net) or 603-867-7472. Of course we will have home-made refreshments that our Saint Jude drives are known for...Thank you and we hope to see you there!

## Basket Ball Tryouts

Granite State Raiders Basketball AAU Tryouts Saturday March 24. For 6th, 7th, 8th graders at 12 - 1:30 p.m., for 9th & 10th graders at 1:30 - 3 p.m., on Sunday March 25. For 6th, 7th, 8th graders at 8:30 - 10 a.m., for 9th & 10th at 10 - 11:30 a.m. At the Bishop Brady High School Any questions call 491-2495.

## Model Railroading

Seacoast Division of the National Model Railroad Association is running their Derry Fun Night program. The program is held the second Friday night of each month, 7 - 9 p.m., at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. Dave Kotsonis will show his technique for carving rocks out of Plaster, small rocks outcropping or a full mountain range lean

the steps of carving the rocks as well as how to prepare your base before you start to carve rocks, tips on painting rocks and how to add scenery and trees to your finished scene. If you are interested in model trains and would like to join other like-minded hobbyists from beginner to expert for a fun evening program come to Derry Fun Night the second Friday of each month. For additional information go to the Division's website at [seacoastnmra.org/calendar](http://seacoastnmra.org/calendar).

## Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support Group

Hosted by David Hunter this group meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm at the: Bedford Presbyterian Church 4 Church Road Bedford. For more information call 660-3425 or email [dhunter31@gmail.com](mailto:dhunter31@gmail.com)

## Looking Good for Lou Gehrig!

2nd Annual Run for Healing for ALS, to raise funds for ALS and to highlight Israeli advances in research and treatment of this heart breaking disease. On Sunday, April 22 from noon - 3 p.m. is the Run/Walk for Healing for the whole family, even people who cannot walk or run can come and celebrate. The event will begin with an interfaith 'Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem' for Israel's 70th birthday. Our unity can multiply the power of our prayers. NH4Israel, a 12 year old, organization, is a committed group of Christians and Jews passionate about Israel. The event will take place at Etz Hayim Synagogue on Derry NH's Interfaith Campus 1/2 Hood Road, Derry. Please consider participating, donating, sponsoring and/or volunteering. For more information please visit [NH4Israel.org](http://NH4Israel.org)

## Londonderry Republican Committee

The Londonderry Republican Committee (LRC) has exciting news. We now have a new "home" for our meetings. The Victory Baptist Church under the direction of Pastor Tim Hawkins has graciously offered the use of their conference room for our monthly meetings. These meetings will be

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# Londonderry Police Log

## Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

**Monday - March 12**  
**5:44 a.m.** Citation Issued for Traffic Offenses on Pleasant Drive.  
**3:52 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Garden Lane at Market Basket.  
**5 p.m.** Services Rendered for Sex Offenses on Shasta Drive.  
**8:28 p.m.** Complaint Investigated on King Henry Drive.

**Tuesday - March 13**  
**5:43 a.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Harvey Road at Webster Road.  
**5:59 a.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Mammoth Road at Pleasant View Cemetary.  
**6:12 a.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Rockingham Road at Mammoth Road.  
**6:18 a.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Rockingham Road at Clark Road.  
**6:29 a.m.** Motor vehicle accident reported on Auburn Road at Rockingham Road.  
**7:10 a.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nashua Road at Hudson Line.  
**8:58 a.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nashua Road at Home Depot.  
**9:13 a.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated Vehicle Towed on Rockingham Rd at Side Of The Yard.  
**12:45 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nashua Road at McDONALDS.  
**12:57 p.m.** Criminal Threatening Investigated on Jewel Court.  
**1:33 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Rockingham Road at Stonehenge Road.  
**2:03 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Raymond Wieczorek Drive.  
**2:22 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Rockingham Road at Stonehenge Road.  
**2:38 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated

Highlander Way.  
**2:43 p.m.** Criminal Threatening Action: Investigated on Bridle Path at Wallace Farms.  
**2:52 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Accident Investigated on Litchfield Road at High Range Road.  
**3:10 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated and vehicle towed on Rockingham Road at Stonehenge Road.  
**3:36 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Rockingham Road at Commercial Lane.  
**3:46 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nashua Road at Route I-93.  
**4:22 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Harvey Road at One Way Section.  
**4:31 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Stonehenge Road.  
**5:01 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Check results in arrest made on Rockingham Road. Six officers respond and charge Nolasco Gonzalo Carcia, 43, of Manchester with Receiving Stolen Property and Operating Without a Valid License.  
**Wednesday - March 14**  
**8:56 a.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Grenier Field Road at Harvey Road.  
**10:11 a.m.** Three officers investigate Motor vehicle accident at intersection of Stonehenge and Hardy Roads.  
**10:38 a.m.** Juvenile offenses Action: Services Rendered on Holly Lane.  
**10:54 a.m.** Criminal Mischief investigated on Commons Drive.  
**2:45 p.m.** Services Rendered for Wires Down Action: High Range Road.  
**5:21 p.m.** Services Rendered Juvenile Offenses on Fiddlers Ridge Road.  
**6:15 p.m.** Four officers respond to disturbance which results in arrest made on Shasta Drive at Nutfield Country Store. Thomas Lindner, 18, of Derry charged with Un-

armed Robbery; Unlawful Possession and Intoxication; Default or Breach of Bail Conditions; and Willful Concealment.  
**6:51 p.m.** Missing person investigated on Beech Hill Drive.  
**8:53 p.m.** Three officers investigate an attempted suicide on Anthony Drive.  
**Thursday - March 15**  
**8:27 a.m.** Services rendered for complaint at Londonderry Town Hall.  
**9:42 a.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Mammoth Road at Remi Fortin and Sons, Inc.  
**11:36 a.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Perkins Road at Sleep Inn.  
**1:26 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Auburn Road at Old Derry Road.  
**3:11 p.m.** Complaint investigated at Londonderry Town Hall.  
**4:41 p.m.** Three officers investigate a motor vehicle accident involving three vehicles on Mohawk Drive at Londonderry BP Station.  
**5:59 p.m.** Response to motor vehicle accident results in citation issued on Alexander Road.  
**7:57 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Desmarias Avenue, Derry. Kevin Menento, 50, of Derry charged with Disorderly Conduct.  
**9:06 p.m.** Services rendered for motor vehicle accident on Rockingham Road at Page Road.  
**Friday - March 16**  
**8:19 a.m.** Four officers investigate a Motor vehicle accident on Nashua Road at Shell Food Mart.  
**8:37 a.m.** Response to Domestic Disturbance results in arrest on Hunter Blvd.  
**8:56 a.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Planeview Drive.  
**9:35 a.m.** Juvenile offenses investigated on Beech Hill Drive.  
**11:52 a.m.** Keeping the peace on Hunter Blvd.  
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# Majestic Theatre Wows Audiences With Production of Shrek Musical

ALEX GUITTARR  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Shrek series has been winning over audiences for more than a decade a half and has managed to produce seven movies, multiple short films, a television series, several video games and even an acclaimed Broadway musical that has run since 2008.

Having expanded beyond its original Broadway run throughout the country and even internationally, the Majestic Academy of Dramatic Arts in Manchester, NH has tried their hand at a version of the play, Shrek the Musical Jr., and recently put on four performances at the Derry

Opera House from March 16 to March 18.

Comprised entirely of children and teenagers from ages seven to fifteen, the fifty two performers, of which were chosen from seventy three auditionees, were led by Producer and Director Robert Dionne. Although the Majestic Academy was performing Shrek Jr. for the very first time during this three day period, Dionne noted that the theatre has had a long history with Derry and the opera house, extending back six or seven years.

"It's a great theatre. The opera house has been very good to us", Dionne noted.

The Majestic has already done the likes of

The Lion King and Aladdin in the past, not to mention its three annual major youth productions, but Shrek Jr. was brought to the attention of Dionne after it had been performed in various areas around Manchester. It seemed that the play managed to get significant attention, as roughly one thousand attendees piled into the opera house between the three days and four shows.

Written by David Lindsay-Abaire with music by Jeanine Tesori, both Shrek Jr. and the original musical mostly follow the events of the film, wherein the orge Shrek must confront the tyrannical Lord Farquaad alongside Princess Fiona and his



*The Majestic Theatre cast of Shrek Jr. performed for Audiences at the Derry Opera House on March 16 through March 18.*

wisecracking sidekick Donkey, with a variety of musical numbers thrown in as well.

Started back in 1990,

the Majestic Theatre has brought countless shows to the Manchester area, having had over fifteen thousand children and

adults participate in productions, educational programs and outreach events over the years.

# Maine Conservation Corps Welcomes Londonderry Resident

The Maine Conservation Corps (MCC) recently welcomed Jessalyn Benson to serve as an Environmental Steward and AmeriCorps volunteer for a 45-week, 1700-hour term of national service.

Benson is the daughter of Cindy Romano-Benson and Gavin Benson, and is from Londonderry.

She attended University of New Hampshire, receiving a B.S. in Envi-

ronmental Conservation and Sustainability and a B.A. in History (concentration in Environmental History).

Jessalyn will be completing a year of service with Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge in Wells, ME. The Environmental Stewards serve individually with nonprofits, state or federal agencies to increase organizational volunteer capacity and aid in the develop-



*Jessalyn Benson*

ment and implementation of host sites land manage-

ment plans.

Governor Paul R. LePage welcomed Benson's decision to enter national service in Maine. "On behalf of the State of Maine, I would like to congratulate you on your commitment to serving Maine as a member of the Maine Conservation Corps," said Governor LePage. "The Maine Conservation Corps has done tremendous work making positive changes to our

great State and Nation."

Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) Commissioner Walt Whitcomb also welcomed Benson, and highlighted the important work that the MCC does on behalf of Maine citizens. "As part of the DACF, the MCC's four-fold mission is to: accomplish conservation projects, create conservation employment, provide conservation education,

and engage conservation volunteers," said Whitcomb. "Since 1983, MCC-supported projects have helped build the infrastructure that so many Maine citizens enjoy in our parks and public places."

More information about the Maine Conservation Corps and AmeriCorps opportunities can be found at the [www.maine.gov/doc/park/s/mcc](http://www.maine.gov/doc/park/s/mcc) website.

## Police Log

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**1:48 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Harbor Court in Nashua. Nicole Capone, 32, of Nashua charged with Disobeying an Officer; Speeding (type I Or II Not Specified); two counts of Endangering Welfare of a Child and Change of Name or Address (license).

**1:51 p.m.** Criminal Mischief investigated on Mohawk Drive.

**6:30 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Action Blvd at Auto Auction of New England, Inc.

**11:02 p.m.** Motor vehicle stop results in arrest on Nashua Road at Exit 4. Susan Reagan, 48, of Dra-

cut, Mass. charged with Driving Under the Influence of Drugs or Liquor and Speeding.

**11:49 p.m.** Disturbance Investigated at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

**Saturday - March 17**

**2:29 a.m.** Response to Domestic Disturbance results in arrests made on Kendall Pond Road. Benjamin Rogers, 29, and Michelle Turcotte, 35, both of Londonderry, charged with Domestic Violence Simple Assault

**10:10 a.m.** Services rendered in keeping the peace on Noyes Road.

**11 a.m.** Services rendered in keeping the peace on Noyes Road.

**11:35 a.m.** Motor vehicle

accident investigated at Homegoods on Garden Lane.

**4:56 p.m.** Services rendered at Motor vehicle accident on Nashua Road.

**6:19 p.m.** Peace restored after disturbance at Hannaford Food & Drug on Hampton Drive.

**Sunday - March 18**

**2:40 a.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Airport Road at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**4:39 a.m.** Five officers assist other Police Department at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

**10 a.m.** Services rendered in keeping the peace on Sunset Drive.

**10:41 a.m.** Services rendered for suspicious ac-

tivity on Harvey Road.

**4:20 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Mount Pleasant Street, Derry. Robert McCreedy, 57, of

Derry charged with Theft.

**4:45 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**5:47 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated on Garden Lane at Market Basket.

## Around Town

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held there on the third Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m.

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