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Tasty Treats

The smell of maple sugar filled the air on Peabody Row with the opening of the Peterson Sugar Shack during the celebration of Maple Sugar Weekend. Sandy Coulombe explained to visitors how the evaporator works. See more photos page 2.

Photo by Chris Paul

Couple Proposes for Town to Beautify Our Forest

KATIE O'DONNELL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Monday night's Town Council meeting brought about a new opportunity for the public to get involved and potentially involve themselves in the town's history.

Husband and wife Kent and Meredith Allen

spoke to the Town Council about their new project entitled "Let's Beautify our Forest." The Allens are looking toward the future for 300th Nutfield anniversary next year and wish to do something special.

Kent Allen is in his seventh year of picking up and cleaning the town for-

est, which has been named "Kent Allen Forest," of tree debris and clearing plants such as poison ivy.

For Meredith Allen, she is working to put together a volunteer organization to further enhance the forest: "Let's Beautify our Forest". This can be

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Council Reorganizes and Reviews Right To Know Laws

LORI COSTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With the election cycle over, it was time for the Town Council to choose who would become the new Chairman and Vice-Chairman. It was unanimously voted that John Farrell would replace Tom Dolan as Chairman and Joe Green would replace John Farrell as Vice-Chairman. Also appointed by the Town Council were the positions of Deputy Town Clerk, which was awarded to Christie Campbell, and Tax Collector, Diane Mulholland.

The Council also went over the "Right to Know" laws in regards to how a

public meeting should be conducted. Councilor Tom Dolan explained how he previously gathered Vice-Chairs from various boards and committees from Londonderry, where they were all informed of ways meetings should be conducted by the town attorney. However, even though these are called Right to Know "laws", boards and committees cannot cut someone off if they do not like what they are saying in a public meeting. This would be considered an infringement on their First Amendment right to free speech.

Dolan explained that he hoped these rules

would be considered aspirational and the Town Council would set the example for the community in how to behave in public meetings. The Council also encourages the public to be civil when they approach them for public comment.

According to Dolan, there are only two things the Councilman can do to shut down a meeting that has gotten out of control. If someone comes into the council chambers with a very nasty and opinionated comment, the Chairman can set a time limit for how long the individual is allowed to speak. Under First Amendment

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First Woodmont Home Plans Seen at Heritage Commission

LORI COSTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Thursday night's meeting of the Heritage Commission, members reviewed five separate applications for hopes of approval and recommendation for the planning board.

The first plan presented was to create 28 residential lots in the Woodmont Commons on 15 Pillsbury Road and Gilcreast Road. The owner of the land is Pillsbury Realty Development, LLC and the applicant was DHB Homes, LLC. After some discussion between members of the commission, it was given the green light to make

the recommendation to go forth to the planning board.

The second site plan reviewed was to consolidate and construct seven duplex residential buildings with associated parking and facilities, Five Horizon Drive, Seven Horizon Drive, Nine Horizon Drive, Four Button Drive, and Six Button Drive. The owner of this property is Team Business Development Corp. and the applicant was DHB Homes, LLC.

The recommendation will be made to the planning board; however some concerns were raised on how trash collection would be accessi-

ble without curbside access for the town to pick up. The recommendation was made to possibly put in a designated area for residents to put their trash and recycle bins out for trash collection day, but will need to be added to the plans.

The third site plan brought to the commis-

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Maple Sugar Weekend Brings Drovees to Peterson Farm



The sweet smell of Maple Syrup filled the air again on Peabody Row as Anne Peterson opened the Sugar Shack at her farm for visitors during the states celebration of Maple Sugar Weekend. Peterson had a lot of help as well as a lot of visitors on Saturday and Sunday afternoons Demonstrations were given by Sandy Coulombe as well as maple syrup topped ice cream samples handed out by local historian Ann Champa. Near the end of Sunday afternoon, most if not all the syrup was sold out.

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School Board Elects New Chair And Vice-Chair During Reorganization Meeting

LORI COSTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After the Election cycle was over, the School Board was able to appoint two members to the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively. It was unanimously chosen that Jenn Ganem be appointed Chairwoman and Nancy Hendricks as her Vice-Chair.

The March 20 meeting also brought about a review of issues discussed in past meetings. Superintendent Scott Laliberte reviewed the policy of snow days for the Londonderry School system. The public has raised concerns about the number of snow days the schools have had and how much it will impact the coming months. According to Laliberte, there have been seven weather related cancellations (one day was a hurricane day). The last school day up to this point is scheduled for Friday, June 22 and the last day for staff is Monday June 25. This does fall within the designated number of days the school has set aside for weather related cancellations. Laliberte also said that some concerns have been brought to him about graduation, but thankfully they are not in a position where graduation needs to be moved. Seniors are also exempt from classes for 30 hours or five days, whichever is less. The Superintendent

also addressed questions on why the parent/teacher conferences on Friday, March 16 were not changed back to a regular school day. The reason for not changing it back was because of the volume of parent/teacher conferences that had been scheduled at the elementary level.

School Board member Steve Young also brought up the possible addition of "eight minutes a day" where another eight min-

utes is added to a regular school day. Laliberte said that it would depend on how those eight minutes are spent. The argument of hours vs. days comes down to the function from the Superintendent's personal view. At the elementary level, for example it may be beneficial to add another 15 minutes to the schedule for a writing period for students. Adding minutes would also be a teacher contract issue that would need to

be negotiated.

Assistant Superintendent Dan Black also gave his report on seventh and eighth grade students earning high school credit. It was added in the report that if a student just barely got by in a middle school course, they were not eligible to move up in the next course in high school. There are still moving parts to get classes in place for earning credit such as the foreign lan-

guages classes, but AS Black felt that these courses will be ready by December of this year.

The School Board also received the January and February Enrollment Report. There has been a modest fluctuation in the K-12 groups and staff is currently getting ready for kindergarten registration for next year. According to Laliberte, it is still too early to give a number on the students that will be enrolled. The Londonderry

school system also has 88 students that are enrolled that live in the Hooksett community. The School Board agreed that it is a testament to the district on how many students choose to come to Londonderry when they have three Manchester city schools to choose from along with, Pinkerton, Pembroke, and Goffstown. Londonderry has the second most students from the Hooksett community only behind Pinkerton.

Council

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laws, they are not able to shut a person down due to the content of their speech but can limit how long they are allowed to speak for.

The second way the Council can keep a meeting moving is if the public has comments that are repetitive. At that point, the Chairman (or woman) has the authority to ask if anyone has anything new to add to the conversation. Although the Council wants these rules to be aspirational, these two rules are expected to be followed when someone enters a public meeting with a comment to a board/committee (not just the Town Council). The aspirational portion of the rules are behaving, be courteous, be respectful of each other, and try to refrain from using vul-

gar language. Dolan also reminded the public to be mindful of viewers at home who may be underage watching the meetings, because they are on cable television-it is not regulated by the FCC.

The town attorney also put in a recommendation on voting for public meetings. At the Chairman's discretion, he/she may decide to step down from voting unless there is a tie between board members. If the board agrees on an ordinance 4-0, there is no need for the Chairman to vote to make it 5-0. Now that John Farrell is the Chairman for the Town Council, it will be his decision on whether he chooses to

vote or not. Former Chairman Tom Dolan also experimented with his stopwatch on how long public comment usually takes for each individual over the past few months. "I don't think I had anybody ever go over five minutes, and most people were right around three minutes," Dolan said.

Chairman John Farrell felt it was a good idea to have a set of informal rules for the public to follow but left it up to the Council if they wanted to vote on the rules or not. Councilor Jim Butler felt that the Council is doing fine without enacting the rules.

Dolan also mentioned how in the town of Derry,

members of the public are given a "stoplight" system, where they have until the light turns red to make their pitch to the Council (green is good and yellow is time is running out). Members of Londonderry's Town Council felt this was unnecessary in how their meetings are run, because no one has exceeded over five minutes.

Chairman John Farrell also made note how a few years back, he witnessed a member of Derry's community receive a ticket for disorderly conduct, because they exceeded their allotted time in a Derry Town Council meeting.

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have a set of informal rules for the public to follow but left it up to the Council if they wanted to vote on the rules or not. Councilor Jim Butler felt that the Council is doing fine without enacting the rules. Councilor Ted Combes felt it may be a good idea to have rules posted so the public knows how to conduct themselves when they are speaking in a town meeting. Vice-Chairman Joe Green also felt it was a good idea to enact a time limit to keep meetings moving along. The decision was ultimately made to instate these informal rules by discretion of the Chairman, but no formal vote was taken.

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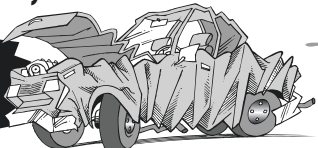
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Editorial

Free and Easy

We all take things for granted – it's human nature to do so. And unfortunately, one of the things people often take for granted is their newspaper.

Our readers have the expectation that they'll get the information they want and need in their free weekly newspaper whether they choose to look inside or not. If they want to know what happened at a town or school meeting, how the local teams did in every varsity sport, what club meetings and social gatherings are coming up, and what's for sale, they know they can open the paper and find out.

Easter egg hunt? We have the time and place. School play. It's here, often with photos. Senior gathering. Check. You can see your children photographed at sporting events or in school. You can find out your neighbors' opinions on the letters page. And you can check the police log to see what the ruckus was all about. And yet we hear all the time that people don't read newspapers anymore.

No one has the time or the interest, people say. Tell that to our readers who call to ask us to include a notice in the weekly calendar at the last minute, or to get out the information on a club that's forming. Tell that to someone who

would love to have something kept out of the police log. Those things matter because people do indeed read the newspaper.

We know what happens if we miss an item you wanted to read. And better yet, talk with someone who lives in a community without a local newspaper. Imagine how hard it would be to find out what is going on in town, and how the flavor of community life would be absent.

One of our readers recently wrote us asking for something to be included in the paper, and added, "Thank you for the Tri-Town Times. It is invaluable. I don't know how Chester, Hampstead and Sandown citizens could get along without it. I know I would not know what was happening in these towns if I could not receive the paper each week." We hope that in some way, that writer speaks for each of our readers in each of our towns at some time.

It may be exciting when a daily newspaper or a TV crew comes in for a quick look at a town event. But for consistent news reporting of events, week in and week out, your hometown newspaper fills the bill.

We won't go the way of the dinosaur. There's far too much going on to keep us busy for years to come.

Letters

Bad Weather Means Low Voter Turnout

To the editor,
In the March 22 issue of the Londonderry Times I read on the front page, Town Elections See Most Articles Passes (sic) By Voters" and "Londonderry Voters Pass All School District Articles". Does that surprise anyone given the fact that only 11 percent of voters turned out during a major snowstorm and decided the articles?

I'm not judging any of the articles on their merit or worthiness.

I'm just stating that I myself went back and forth on whether I would venture out with my small Ford Focus in the storm and decided it was too dangerous. The local news channels and government officials were telling people to stay off the roads unless it was absolutely necessary. I can only imagine elderly and less than able-bodied citizens making that decision.

But if there was an article that I wanted passed that directly impacted my special interest, I would have probably taken the risk. It would seem that special interests would have a definite edge on the articles which impact the entire town via higher taxes for its citizens (which are already high).

I think that during a major weather event, the town should reschedule elections if they want a fair representation of

what the people of Londonderry really want.

Lori Guyett
Londonderry

Trump the Terrible

To the editor,
President Trump's character flaws are overwhelming his administration and placing our country in jeopardy. Former CIA Director John Brennan referred to Trump as "unstable, inept, inexperienced, and also unethical". I add divisive, chaotic, and terrible judgement.

In the past 15 months the following White House personnel have left: Stephen Bannon, Chief Strategist; Mike Dubke, Communications Director; Michael Flynn, National Security Adviser; Sebastian Gorka, White House Adviser; Hope Hicks, Communications Director; K.T. McFarland, Deputy National Security Adviser; Omarosa Manigault Newman, Director of Communications for Public Liaison; Rob Porter, Staff Secretary; Dina Powell, Deputy National Security Adviser; Reince Priebus, Chief of Staff; Anthony Scaramucci, Communications Director; Keith Schiller, Director Oval Office Operations; Sean Spicer, Press Secretary; Katie Walsh, Deputy Chief of Staff; Ezra Cohen-Watnick, Senior Director Intelligence; Tera Dahl, Deputy Chief of Staff; Derek Harvey, Middle East Adviser; Rich Higgins, Director Strategic

Planning Office; Josh Raffel, Senior Communications Official; Michael Short, Senior Assistant Press Secretary; Gary Cohn, Economic Adviser. Kushner, Ivanka, and McMaster could be next. FBI Director Comey, Deputy FBI Director McCabe, and Secretary of State Tillerson were fired.

This turmoil is occurring during an investigation into Russian meddling in our election; Putin threatening us with nuclear weapons; China expanding its influence in the world; North Korea developing long range nuclear missile systems; Iran fomenting war in the Middle East; Muslim terrorists attacking the Western world; and domestic shooters killing Americans with assault weapons.

Marginalize Trump The Terrible!

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry

Second Amendment

To the editor,
The Parkland, Florida school shooting in which 17 kids were killed is abhorrent to the civilized world and an affront to humanity as are all mass killings. But will it change anything? Realistically, not much.

There will be new gun laws implemented, but nothing will stop someone hell-bent on killing with a gun short of confiscating all guns. If confiscation were attempted, does

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anyone believe bad guys will turn theirs in? They would be free to enter any place to do harm with no fear of armed confrontation.

God bless our police forces, but they only react to a shooting and seldom can prevent it. By the time a policeman could get to your home to confront an armed burglar, you may already be dead and the bad guy gone.

I don't advocate that everyone own a gun, but for those who understand that self-protection is a right of living, legal gun ownership may indeed provide a sense of security to stop a bad guy with a gun. The most commonly diagnosed illnesses

among mass killers are paranoid schizophrenia and severe depression.

However, there is no empirical means of effectively identifying potential mass killers. I know veterans who have PTSD and own guns and are permitted the right to carry a firearm. I trust them implicitly.

It's naive to think that only guns kill. Mass killers find ways to kill without firearms. In 1990 a rejected lover burned down the Happy Land Social Club in NY City killing 87. In 1995, 168 people were killed and over 600 injured by a truck bomb parked outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. In 2017, 11 were killed in N.Y. City by a rental truck plowing over pedestrians on a

Manhattan bike path. Ditto a truck killing 84 in France last year.

According to the FBI, five times as many people are killed each year by knives compared to so-called "assault rifles". In 2011 there were 323 murders committed with a rifle, but 496 committed with hammers and clubs. Do we ban cars/trucks, knives and hammers? There are 326 million people in the U.S. with 98 million owning guns. 67% state protection is the reason they own guns with 40% stating they also own guns for hunting and target shooting.

We live in a time of social division and social pressures manifesting violence in many forms including mass shootings. Is there an answer to stop the killings? I hate to say

it, but sadly, I think not. Most politicians don't want to alienate this voting bloc.

In summary, I would ask a basic question. If you were confronted by an armed intruder in your home and the intruder shot and killed your spouse, pointed the gun at you and your children, would you defend yourself and children if you had a firearm?

If YES, you support the 2nd Amendment.

If NO, well . . .

Bob Pitre
Londonderry

Disappointed in Our Senator

To the editor,
My wife and I are Auburn residents so therefore Sharon Carson

is our State Senator.

So, as constituents, we have reached out to Senator Carson on multiple occasions, both in person (she said she would get back to us but never did) and via e-mail, to send her our concerns about various bills and to ask her about her positions on these bills.

Sad to say and very disappointing, but we have not received any communication from our State Senator.

One bill in particular that we were concerned about is the Repeal of the Death Penalty in New Hampshire. We noted that the State Senate voted recently to abolish the death penalty by a vote of 14 to 10. Senator Carson was one of the 10 who voted to retain it. Now, we understand that it is her right to vote as she did. Yet, in sending her our thoughts about why she should consider its repeal, we heard nothing back.

From the local media, her justification for her vote was "we are very, very careful under the circumstances under which it's used . we just don't go

executing people left and right." Senator Carson later mentioned that when the death penalty is used that it "provides justice to those who have seen their lives shattered." We would disagree in that executing someone, it serves as an act of "vengeance," not justice.

The only person on N.H.'s "death row" is Michael Addison who was sentenced to death for the killing of police officer Michael Briggs. Despite what the NH's attorney general said concerning the passage of the repeal bill, Addison would still be eligible for the death penalty. His (Attorney General McDonald) advisory memo to the Senate said Addison's sentence would "probably not" remain in place if the death penalty is repealed. We do not agree with his "advisory" memo.

As previously stated, as we are her constituents, we are very disappointed that Senator Carson has not responded to our communications to her. We hope this changes soon.

Will & Wendy Thomas
Auburn

Beautify

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done by adding a number of shrubs, plants, and small trees to a designated area of the town forest. This will be accomplished by the donations of families, organizations, or businesses that would like to take part in beautifying the town forest. This is not only for this generation but also for many generations to come.

"This could be a way of bringing our community together for the common good and personal enjoyment for all," Meredith Allen said. Unfortunately, the town only has one growing season to get this project underway and needs to begin as soon as possible. The Allens are looking for donors, contributors, and sponsors who are willing to take on the responsibility of maintaining their own "adopted spot." It is

asked that no artificial plants be used- only living materials may be planted. There has been a list created that pre-determines the plants that are acceptable and able to survive. This does involve a commitment on the part of the sponsor, who should take the responsibility as if he/she were planting it in his or her own front yard. The designated area was chosen specifically, because of the amount of light and moisture the area receives. This area is in the middle-low lands and would be referred to as "The Gardens of the Wood." The Allens would like their participants in this project to tag their area with a small pre-determined format sign that would include their name, date of the planting, and the species of the plant.

Again, full maintenance of the area is expected by who ever chooses to contribute. At

the end of the growing season, a blessing of the forest may take place, if desired. The sponsors are also welcomed to a group picnic on the Town Common to celebrate. "We believe this project "Let's Beautify our Forest" as a community driven project, will be of historical significance to the town of Londonderry," Meredith Allen said. "We hope there will be a lot of interest to be a part of it. Our guidelines, list, and contact numbers are available if they wish to see more or be involved in it." Kent Allen also presented this opportunity to members of the Heritage

Commission at their meeting last Thursday, who felt this opportunity coincides with their mission to utilize the town forest.

Town Manager Kevin Smith also agreed to help get the word out about this project to the community on the town's website and social media platforms. Smith also said he would be able to help out in contacting local businesses that may be interested in adopting a spot in the town forest.

Anyone who is interested may contact Kent or Meredith Allen at (603) 432-8570 for more information.

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School Board Receives Middle School And High School Disciplinary Reports

LORI COSTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On March 20 meeting of the School Board, Assistant Principal for the high school Katie Sullivan gave the annual report for discipline dealt with at the high school level for 2017-2018. Sullivan reported to the board that semester one was a big success with 90% of the student body never receiving a disciplinary infraction. There have been 351 recorded incidents at the high school, but 20% of them were one time offenders and twelve students were responsible

for 31% of the infractions. Sullivan said the house offices work very hard to get to know each student and make changes as needed. "Our programs continue to excel and help out with students who are struggling academically, socially, or behaviorally," Sullivan added. She also gave credit for everyone involved in the high school advisory program, RTI (Response to Intervention) program, and adult education program. They help the staff to keep the disciplinary numbers down low.

Over the semester, the high school found itself in

the middle of new trends, such as vaping, identity theft, and new mental health issues. Sullivan said that these trends were new to the admin team and they are currently working hard with the staff, students, and parents to have conversations and spread awareness through social media, guidance newsletters, emails, and PTSO meetings. With the help and support of the parents, Sullivan and the admin team feel that these trends will decrease by the end of the school year. During the second semester, the admin team has

been involved in several interventions and they appear to be working. Sullivan also pointed out to the board that the action total on the report is higher than the incidents at the high school. "The admin team has made it a priority to add in more actions for each incident to help the students learn from their mistakes." There have also been positive highlights from semester one as well. Students continue to give back and get involved with the school. The high school also works alongside the middle school to ensure that transitions go smoothly and help students make healthy decisions to become college and career ready.

The middle school disciplinary report was also given to the School Board by middle school Assistant Principal Dave Sutherland. The first semester of this year, the middle school saw 138 students in the course of 382 administrative referrals, compared to 192

referrals last year. Although that number is higher than last year, the middle school still has 86% of students not having a single behavioral incident resulting in an administrative referral. According to Sutherland, this is 3% less than last year at this time. With this number consistent with last year's, it supports the idea that the increase in incidents is not solely a result of an increase in negative behavior, but is a result of improved reporting of these incidents when they occur. Sutherland said that this past semester there were 280 incidents being managed in the classroom where teachers were still able to teach around the behavior. Students were able to stay in the classroom, but the teacher processes decision making and turns it into a learning experience for the student.

The middle school has also created a target team that meets monthly to review behavior data

from past incidents. The target team also works closely with the RTI team, who works with students who have academic concerns while the target team works with students who have behavioral concerns. A recent concern was the amount of teacher reports for issues for poor decision making in the eighth grade hallways. This behavior was reported to the target team and resulted in bigger staff presence in the hallways. Another issue addressed was the increase of behavior in the seventh grade cafeteria during lunch. Sutherland made changes to the administration's schedules and put Principal Zacchilli in the cafeteria and found there was not one behavioral report as a result. The middle school also offers positive reinforcements whenever possible. This includes the 73 merits rewarded by staff members for students either going above and beyond or consistently making good decisions.

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Local Rotary's Join To Award Prizes in Essay Contest



Londonderry senior Erika Tillis was the first place winner of the Rotary Essay Contest.



Ashley Lynch, a sophomore at Londonderry High School was the second place winner on Saturday.



Londonderry senior Maxwell Tsekrekas received third place. Photos by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Saturday morning, March 24, at the Derry Town Council Chambers at the Municipal Center in Derry, Londonderry and Derry Rotary members invited students from area high schools to attend their annual Essay Contest.

Students from Pinker-

ton Academy, Londonderry High School and Windham High School were invited to the contest by the Londonderry, Derry and Derry Village Rotary Clubs to compete in the contest.

Unfortunately, only five students, all from Londonderry attended the contest.

The rules of the contest were simple, write an

essay that is between five and seven minutes long which incorporates the Rotary "Four-Way Test" and present it to a panel of three judges. The three judges, one representing each of the Rotaries, then decide on the top three winner. The prizes ranged from \$300 to \$100 and was awarded at the event.

The Four Way Test asks: Is it the Truth? Is it Fair to all concerned? Will it Build Good Will and Better Friendships? Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

The students who par-

ticipated were, Ashley Lynch, Erika Tillis, Jahlan Finney, Maxwell Tsekrekas and Abigail Whitcomb.

Maxwell Tsekrekas, was the first to speak, and wrote an essay on the importance of inclusion, focusing on his brothers disability and how including him in the main stream of society can only help him overcome his disability.

Second, Erika Tillis' essay focused on numbers, and the importance of separating from being classified into groups by numbers or by social sta-

tus and through the use of social media.

Abigail Whitcomb was third, and focused her talk on her partnership with her boyfriend who is stationed in the military and how their relationship makes her stronger.

Jahlan Finney spoke about how difficult change is, and how it's so much easier to stay the same in life. But without change, nothing gets accomplished.

Finally, the only under-

class person in the group, Ashley Lynch, talked about her trip the Museum of Natural History, and how, as a child from a single parent family, she has discovered the greatness of her mother's decisions and the connection to her siblings.

The winners were: Erika Tillis, first place for \$300. Second place went to Ashley Lynch, \$200. And in third place, Maxwell Tsekrekas received \$100.



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School Resource Officer Program Offers More Than Just Protection

KATIE O'DONNELL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

School violence has been at the forefront of the national conversation for over a month and while local students have been making their opinions heard, the school resource officers in Londonderry have been continuing to build strong relationships within the community. Families with school aged children may be familiar with the idea of resource officers, but not everyone in town may know about the program.

The Londonderry Police Department's school resource officer program exists to "to show a police presence, over there, at the school and to show students it's ok to interact with the police," said Detective Christopher Olson. There are three officers who specifically work at the schools to maintain the peace and to help the children feel like they can rely on the LPD to keep them safe.

Officer Adam Lane is the senior resource officer on the team, having done the program for seven years, according to Olson. He patrols the elementary schools and Moose Hill. Officer Emily

Dyer serves the middle school and Officer Christopher Wiggin covers the high school. Lane also aids the middle and high schools when necessary. Olson explained that three other officers are trained to be SROs in the event an officer "is moved to a different assignment."

The program is part of the LPD's community outreach efforts. Since the department started the program, Olson remarked that students have felt more comfortable with reporting things they see, like drug abuse and domestic violence at home. Building up trusting relationships with the students is paramount to making the SRO program successful. In the last month, Olson said, there has been an increase in the number of reports about potential threats kids see on social media.

"You couldn't have three better officers doing what they're doing," said Olson. "They are some of our most well-liked officers."

To become an SRO, there are two trainings officers must attend. Lane previously explained the process during a school board meeting last October. There is a National

Association of School Resource Officers that oversees the trainings and certifications officers need to effectively work within a school setting. Lane further explained that in Londonderry, the SROs assist with fire and lockdown drills, as well as speaking to students about substance abuse and traffic safety.

"It's really important for us to be good role models and to be that good example and let them know we're there," said Lane at the meeting.

During the planned walk out to honor the victims of the Parkland shooting, the officers worked with the LPD to "maintain safety and do it

from a distance," said Olson. He also said he would like to see another SRO at the high school, due to the population size, however, the budget currently restricts the district to one.

"It's a program we hope to continue growing," said Olson. "I wish we had more SROs."

The SROs typically sign up for the details that cover different school events and athletic games, although they are not required to. Olson said they do it because they like to stay involved with the school community.

"Our guys here are very engaging," said Olson. "We do a great job

with community policing."

There is no limit to how long an officer can serve as an SRO. It just takes time and money to undergo the training and obtain the certifications needed. Olson said he would be interested in the job if the opportunity presented itself.

SROs do more than just work events and walk around the schools. Olson explained that they are "valuable with investigations" and work alongside the Detective Ryan Buker, the department's juvenile detective. Buker himself was an SRO in Goffstown before joining the LPD. The SROs also don't get to have a day off when school is canceled,

or when the kids are on vacation. They do patrols with other officers around town. The other officers, in turn, come patrol the schools so they too can get to know the students and build relationships with them.

Olson said being part of the program "makes them better officers," because working with the kids offers "a whole new perspective."

"I guess it gives you a more positive outlook," said Olson with a chuckle.

The Londonderry Times reached out to Lane for an updated comment on the program, but did not receive a reply by the time this article went to print.

Lions Club Spring Concert Celebrates Final Performance of Long-Running Band

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Music is in the air over at the Londonderry Lions Club, as the organization is getting ready to put on its annual Spring Fling Dance on April 7, and on top of having a booming night filled with fun and jamming tunes, it will also give residents the chance to do some good for the community.

Taking place from 7 until 11 p.m. at the Lions Hall, Jerry Geulezian, one of the club's members and organizers of the event, noted that the event always proves to be a major success, selling out year after year.

The event will host plenty of refreshments and great music, not to mention raffle for the likes of gift cards and scratch tickets. But what

is so great about the night is that the proceeds end up going towards scholarships for Londonderry High School students. According to Geulezian, they have managed to give thousands of dollars to this cause in the past.

But the other major focus of the night will be on the entertainment: Bobby and the Sharp-tones. Focused around classic rock, the band will soon be splitting up partially this year, something which Geulezian wants attendees to keep in mind so that they can send them off in style.

"We're privileged to have their final show here", Geulezian noted.

Led by Bobby Fosmire, Bobby and the Sharp-

tones has been going strong for decades, with Fosmire having played on stage for over three decades now, and play everything from The Beatles to Bad Company.

"We've just got a great repertoire of songs we can play", Fosmire said.

Unfortunately, their bass player, Ken Zenbellow is planning on moving to New York to work as a professor at Berkeley College. Thus, with the band already winding down due to their age, they want to get in a couple last gigs before Zenbellow has to split.

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Leach Library's March Artist Paints from the Heart

KATIE O'DONNELL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Dennis Braje likes to paint his feelings. The art the self-proclaimed right-brained engineer brought to the Leach Library reflect his desire to make his audience feel the same emotions that inspired him to put paint to canvas. As the Londonderry Arts Counsel's artist in residence for March, he brought one of his greatest loves to offset the rows of books- the ocean.

"I have a deep feeling for water, a deep respect for it," said Braje.

A dedicated sailor most of this life, Braje said his desire to sail the seas began when he won a small boat at a fair. Over time he upgraded the boat and went on several adventures, some as far away as the Caribbean, Croatia and Thailand,

which he captured in one of his paintings. He likes it because "it's calm, but it's funny kind of rocks."

The paintings Braje brought to the library are seascapes and landscapes, but he also sculpts metals like brass, copper and steel. He said he's been getting into Chinese ink and brush techniques recently, but he is far from mastering it.

Braje said he started painting at 19-year old, when he was in engineering school. He was looking for something else to round out his education. It always amused him, he said, how someone who is supposed to be very left-brained (logical) has such a creative right-brained passion.

"That's a dichotomy," Braje said, "Sometimes I can let the left brain go and I can feel the sea and sometimes I can be

square and rectangular and put a ruler on it and it's nice."

Another way Braje combines the two sides of this brain is through teaching art to others. He became a Bob Ross Certified Instructor and now teaches the "wet-on-wet" technique, for which he gets recertified every year. And yes, he meant THAT Bob Ross.

"Mostly I like to teach," said Braje. "It's not only knowing how to paint, but knowing how to teach."

He recalled how he taught his seven-year-old granddaughter how to paint in two and half hours, since she couldn't sit for the whole three.

"Whenever I teach I paint the same painting they're painting," Braje explained. "God knows I've painted the same painting over and over,

but I paint along with them. There's a method that you can teach, and they can learn."

One thing Braje makes sure to tell his students is to paint what they feel, as much as what they see- to think about the emotion behind the work, like when they are painting clouds.

"They look at them, but they don't see it," said Braje. "And for me, that's what teaching is about, is actually seeing something for the first time after you've seen it for a million times."

That moment when his students finally connect with the canvas is always one of Braje's favorite parts. He said, "it's fun to see people grow."

Braje said he also dabbles in poetry "when I'm by myself on trips." He does it when "I'm in a mood and it just flows out." He understands that his talent for the arts and expressing his emotions comes from something greater than himself.

"I hope I'm not disappointing the giver of the talent," said Braje.

One person he knows he never disappoints with his work is his wife of 55-years, Judy.

"She puts up with me," Braje said with a smile. "She's very encouraging."

Braje met his wife when they were children in Chicago. The two grew up together as friends,



Dennis Braje poses with one of this favorite seascapes as March's artist in residence at the Leach Library. Photo courtesy of Katie O'Donnell

until one day they realized that the type of person they wanted to spend the rest of their lives with was each other.

"We just sort of became soulmates," Braje said with a loving smile.

As with all good love stories, opposites attracted, as Braje said his wife "is very left-brain" having worked at IBM as a programmer.

"She doesn't share the right-brain side as much

as I do," said Braje. "We're very fortunate... sometimes you're just lucky."

For Braje, painting the crashing sea or a calming sunrise over the waves represents him and "all my feelings going into it." What he hopes for at the end of the day is to share those feelings with the patrons who come and see his paintings.

"If I can make someone smile, great," he exclaimed.

Heritage

Continued from page 1

sion was for the construction of an 8,300 SF one story office building and associated site improvements on Two Kitty Hawk Landing. The owner and applicant is SWCE Holdings, LLC. The commission gave their approval for the plans with little discussion and welcomed the developers to Londonderry.

The most talked about item on the agenda went to the formal review of a minor site plan for changes to outdoor lighting to install LED accent lighting on the building façade at 27 Buttrick Road (Mr. Steer). Buttrick Ventures is the owner of the property and Barlo Signs was the applicant. To meet town regulations, Barlo Signs made sure that the lights on the Mr.

Steer building would not flash or change colors randomly. The lights themselves are visible but only when you are close to the property, so they are not blinding when you are driving down Route 102. A protective shield around the lights would also be installed. The only time the lights would change color would be four times a year (seasonally), but specific colors of those lights have not yet been decided. Some colors recommended were red (current color), blue, white, green, and yellow. The commission gave their stamp of approval to recommend to the planning board.

Finally, the formal review was discussed of the for a government land use for the installation of a three million-gallon water tank and associated site improvements to 14 Josephine Drive. The City

of Manchester/Manchester Water Works is both the owner and applicant. There is already a two million gallon water tank, but they are requesting permission to add another tank for three million gallons. They are scheduled to meet in front of the planning board on April 4. The Heritage Commission agreed that as long as the color of the tank is kept the same as the tank currently on the property, they were OK with giving their approval to the planning board.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Basketball All-Stater Anderson Moving on to Saint Paul's

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

About a week after getting the exciting news that Londonderry High School sophomore basketball star Jack Anderson had received New Hampshire Division I all-state recognition from that league's coaches, the LHS program received word that Anderson had in fact played his final game as a Lancer.

The skilled guard, who stepped into the glaring vacancy created by the serious pre-season injuries suffered by junior standout Ethan Garofalo just prior to the 2017-18 campaign and led his Lancers in scoring in pretty spectacular fashion, has decided that his academic and hoop futures lie at one of the top private institutions in the whole country at Saint Paul's School in Concord.

The well-mannered, ever-smiling, soft-spoken 10th grader exhibited great leadership abilities

during his sophomore season on the LHS varsity hoop squad, and his ability to lead garnered him the pretty rare honor of serving as a young captain on veteran coach Nate Stanton's Londonderry High hoop squad.

The 2017-18 campaign ended far sooner than Stanton and his sixth-seeded charges would have liked thanks to the upset-minded, 11th-ranked Dover High Green Wave in the first round of the NHIAA tourney.

However, in the tournament's wake, Anderson and senior point-guard Cole Britting were named D-I All-State Honorable Mention picks and coach Stanton won Division I Coach of the Year for the second time in the five years he has been at the LHS helm.

But it's pretty safe to say that Stanton would hand back that coaching award in order to have the stellar basketball weapon that is Jack

Anderson back in his starting lineup for the 2018-19 campaign later this calendar year.

"This is unfortunately the challenge that high school coaches are faced with more and more lately," said Stanton after news broke officially of Anderson's pending departure. "Jack and his family feel that this is a better opportunity for him, and I wish him all the best. As far as the loss goes, we have a solid program and we never base our success around just one guy. We have a lot of doors open with losing eight seniors, and the guys will work hard this off-season to prepare for next winter."

Londonderry has lost players to private schools in past years, and perhaps the most prominent one who jumps to mind at the present time is another amazing guard - Caleb Green - who moved on from a season in Lancer garb to major success at

Proctor Academy (Andover, NH) and then The College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass.

Former LHS star Green enjoyed a superb freshman campaign for the Holy Cross Crusaders during their rather sub-par 2017-18 season, starting all 31 of the 12-19 Crusaders' contests and averaging a team-high 33.2 minutes of court-time, 8.9 points per game, 90 assists (also tops on the team), and 25 steals.

Green led Holy Cross in scoring in four of its games, throwing down 22 points against Fairleigh-Dickinson and also excelling in the points category against Army (18), Rhode Island (14), and Manhattan College (11).

In making his move from Londonderry to Saint Paul's, Jack Anderson joins a hoop contingent which will need the kind of scoring and leadership that the skilled guard provided his Lancers this past winter.

First-year coach Max Gordon's Big Red squad went 2-20 in New England Private School Athletic Conference (NEPSAC)



Standout sophomore guard Jack Anderson has evidently played his final game in a Londonderry Lancer uniform. A week after being named a Division I All-Stater, the locals learned that Anderson will be transferring to Saint Paul's School in Concord in the fall. Photo by Chris Paul

Class A during its 2017-18 struggling season, and four of the top players from that

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Londonderry High Boys' Frosh Basketball Crew Showed Plenty

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

One of the proverbial "wild cards" high school sub-varsity sports teams face during their respective seasons is having one or more of their most productive players called up to the next level to help the varsity or junior varsity squad.

Of course, with sub-varsity teams the whole idea is to move players up to the next level so they can maximize their worth and their experience while contributing to more successes, so advancing athletes is the whole point. But the team which "loses" those players to the next level then needs to make the required adjustments and make things work within their own game-by-game

scheme.

The Londonderry High School freshman boys' basketball team had to make numerous personnel adjustments during its 2017-18 campaign, and the fact that it wound up at the .500 mark where its record was concerned - while also growing the playing experience and skills of its athletes and all the other great things sub-varsity teams can do - is nothing short of highly impressive.

Coach Shaun Yelle's LHS frosh hoop contingent won eight games and lost eight, and the Londonderry High mentor was quite pleased with much of the work his youthful charges put forth between November and March in games and practices.

"After losing six play-



The Londonderry High boys' freshman basketball squad battled and worked extremely hard, and accomplished a lot, during the 2017-18 season for coach Shaun Yelle. Courtesy photo

ers up to JV, the team put in a lot of hard work and effort to finish with a .500 record," said Yelle. "We beat a top-ranked Nashua South team during the regular season, although we ultimately lost to

Nashua South in the playoffs."

The talented and driven freshman hoop squad included guards Dom Viola, Sam Diccico, Zach Furlong, Zach Fawcett, and Marc Turcotte, for-

wards Erik Raza, Sean Dawson, Nick Poa, Brian Gould, Brandon Fish, and Logan Macintosh, and centers Marek Michino and Jacob Naar.

Talented ninth graders Jacob Ruppel, Jackson Cox, Lucas Seaman, Dean Haggett, Scott McEvoy, and Will Reyes all skipped the freshman level and helped the junior varsity Lancers to a superb, 13-5 season with their noteworthy hoop skills.

Zach Fawcett, who comes from a family which has produced talented Londonderry High School athletes in a number of sports over the years, averaged an impressive 15.6 points per game and exploded for a truly stellar 27-point effort against Timberlane of Plaistow during the regular season. His teammate Brandon Fish was good for a 24-point performance against South in

the aforementioned post-season defeat.

Londonderry High's varsity and junior varsity boys' hoop contingents combined for a pretty glittering 25 wins in 37 games, but Division I Coach of the Year Nate Stanton's varsity crew will be losing no less than eight players to graduation as well as sophomore star guard Jack Anderson (see related story) to a private school, so there will be many spots to fill on the LHS varsity for the 2018-19 season later this calendar year. But you can rest assured that some of the freshmen will be intent on grabbing varsity roster positions if possible in aiming to keep the fine Lancer hoop program a going concern into the near future. And the way things tend to go in that program, they will no doubt come through.

Talented Twirlers



The highly-skilled baton-twirling duo of Emily Cowlet, left, and Morgan Tori entertained basketball fans throughout the 2017-18 winter season this year. The two Lancer twirlers performed during the halftimes of a number of home girls' and boys' varsity games, and were truly impressive.

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Three Londonderry Skaters Excel at Synchro Competition

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry girls Lily Ciarametaro, Lena Cook, and Katelyn McCarthy all came home from the 24th Annual Connecticut Synchronized Skating Classic in mid-February with medals to show off.

The three locals, who compete on Synchro Stars Synchronized Skating Team squads, helped their respective contingents to medal performances - first through fourth places - at the major event. The annual competition was held in Wesleyan University's Spurrier-Snyder Rink in Middletown, Ct.

Ciarametaro, a fourth grader at Matthew Thornton Elementary, com-

petes at the 52 level. Cook, a seventh grader at St. Joseph's Regional Junior High in Manchester, is a team competitor at the Open Juvenile level. And Londonderry High School senior McCarthy skates at the Intermediate level.

Teams consisting of eight to 16 skaters compete at the annual Connecticut event, and the Synchro Stars were strong enough on that big day to bag medals at multiple levels.

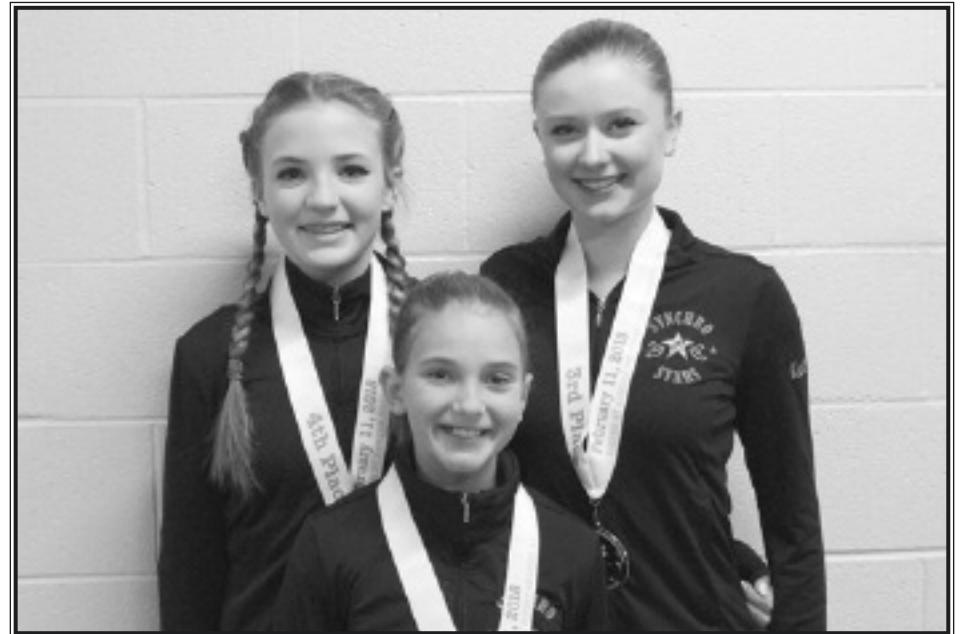
Following United States Figure Skating guidelines, the Synchro Stars organization fields multiple teams at different levels of competition. Skaters train from August to May, and synchronized skating offers an oppor-

tunity to use established figure skating skills in a team sport.

Synchro Stars' skaters represent a wide range of Granite State skating clubs including Gate City, the Great Bay Figure Skating Club, the Southern NH Skating Club, the Central NH Skating Academy, the Granite State Figure Skating Club, and The Ice Skating Club at Exeter, and they compete representing the Gate City Figure Skating Club.

Londonderry's Ciarametaro, Cook, and McCarthy and their fellow Synchro Stars practice at The Sullivan Arena on the campus of Saint Anselm College in Manchester and/or The Conway Arena in Nashua.

Synchronized skating



Londonderry residents, from left, Lena Cook, Lily Ciarametaro, and Katelyn McCarthy are members of Synchro Stars Synchronized Skating Team squads which excelled and earned medals at a major competition in Connecticut recently. Courtesy photo

is the fastest growing discipline in figure skating

and is under consideration for inclusion in future Winter Olympic games.

Lancer Junior Varsity Hockey Squad Did Lots With a Small Crew

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Anybody who has spent any time watching really competitive ice hockey knows that it's a grueling sport which requires great conditioning and plenty of intensity.

So the fact that the 2017-18 Londonderry High junior varsity ice hockey squad only had a total of 10 players - one goalie and nine skaters - much of the time and still

won three of its eight contests is pretty darn impressive.

Coach Jim Cotter's 3-5 Lancers' consistent roster consisted of seniors Owen Stowell (a forward) and Ben Henson (defense), juniors Cole Ferguson (forward), Derek Felix (forward) and Matt Naso (defense), sophomores Mike Ziv (goalie) and Sam Seibert (forward), and freshmen Ethan Cohen (defense), Evan Cotter (forward),

and Connor Paitton (forward).

When asked to look back on his hard-working crew's best group efforts of the winter, coach Cotter said, "Our top performances came against the Bedford High JV team. We won one and lost one, but both games were very well-played."

And in evaluating whether or not his Lancers lived up to the expectations he had for them, the LHS mentor

stated, "The team worked very hard for each other and their school. Even though we had a small roster, this team fought hard every game."

Cotter also served as an assistant coach under Lancer varsity mentor Peter Bedford during the big club's 2017-18 season, which was quite a roller-coaster ride.

Bedford's bunch finished its regular campaign with a 9-8-1 record and as the Division I sev-

enth tournament seed. The varsity Lancers then faced off against the second-ranked Hanover High Marauders on that tough opponent's home sheet in the D-I quarterfinals, and the Marauders ended Londonderry's campaign with a 5-2 defeat. Long-time Hanover coach Dick Dodds' Marauders would then go on to dispose of number six Bishop

Guertin and number four Bedford in winning the state title.

The LHS varsity is waving goodbye to some eight seniors who will collect their diplomas later this spring, so there will be roster spots for the 2017-18 junior varsity players to snag if they're up to the challenges later this calendar year.



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LHS Girls' JV Basketball Squad Made Big Strides and Won

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The ever-successful Londonderry High School girls' basketball program has gone without a freshman team for a number of years now. And the 2017-18 LHS girls' junior varsity hoop squad showed what one major result of that fact is.

Coach Jamie Doyle's Lady Lancer JV crew was

14 players strong, and 11 of them were freshmen experiencing their first high school hoop action. Several ninth graders - including Charlotte Sullivan, Ashley Rourke, and Mia Fantauzzi - bypassed sub-varsity hoops entirely and went directly to the varsity level.

Doyle's youthful junior varsity bunch got plenty done from December to

March, winning half of its 20 games and making it into the second round of the state tournament before being felled.

The 10th graders included forward Theresa Radzelovage and guards Ashley Doyle and Maura Buckley, and the freshmen were forwards Alexis Meola, Audrey Gagnon, Sarah Clegg, Katherine Marshall, Julia Soucy,

Alana Myron, and Kylee Crawford, and guards Lauren Rauseo, Shannon Rauseo, Emily Moran, and Hannah Desmarais.

The Lady Lancers went 10-10 overall on the season and were bested by top-seeded Manchester Memorial by just three points in that second round of the JV tournament.

Coach Doyle felt that his team's top performances of the season included impressive road wins at Merrimack High,

Trinity High of Manchester, and Spaulding High of Rochester.

"Obviously, with a very young team with only three sophomores and 11 freshmen our goal was just to be better by the end of the year," said the coach. "I believe, based on our performance at the end of the season and our performance in the JV tournament, we achieved the goal. I look forward to the 11 freshmen returning next year and taking that next step."

The extremely youthful Londonderry High varsity hoop crew of coach Nick Theos only loses one player - battle-tested, role-playing guard Michaela Downing - to graduation this year. So there may not be a whole lot of varsity roster spots up for grabs during the 2018-19 campaign later this calendar year. But you can rest assured that some of the 2017-18 LHS jayvees will be planning to do their utmost to make the move upward.



The Londonderry High girls' basketball program was extremely young this winter, but the Lady Lancers still managed to learn and win plenty. Coach Jamie Doyle's LHS junior varsity crew went 10-10 while grooming its players for future varsity exploits. Courtesy photo.

Professional Boxing Event is Coming to Derry Saturday, April 7

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Professional boxing is coming to The SportsZone in Derry on the night of Saturday, April 7 in the form of the "Fight Night at The Zone" presented by Granite Chin Promotions.

This evening of sporting entertainment will showcase many of New England's most promising professional boxers and will also include music, a karate exhibition, raffles, food, beer, wine, and more.

Dorchester, Mass., lightweight Gabriel Duluc - who sports an 11-3 record with two knockouts - headlines the eight-round main event against Dallas, Texas veteran Larry "Slomoshun" Smith.

Arguably the hottest prospect in the New England region, Universal Boxing Federation New England light-heavyweight champion Richard "Popeye The Sailor Man"

Rivera (6-0, five KOs) faces Randy "The Rattler" Campbell of Ohio in the six-round, co-featured event. Rivera, who may bring busloads of fans from his home base in Hartford, Ct., will not be defending his title belt.

Iraq War veteran Chris Traietti from Quincy, Mass., (25-4, 20 KOs) will tangle with Indiana veteran "Jammin'" James Morrow in an eight-round, non-title fight.

Another top Connecticut prospect, Danbury junior welterweight Omar Bordoy (4-0, one KO), will take on Carlos Galindo of Woburn, Mass. in a four-round match.

Other four-rounders on the undercard include Peabody, Mass., light-heavyweight Russell Kimber (1-0) against Neil Sullivan of Worcester; Irish welterweight Paddy McGee from Dorchester making his pro debut against Philadelphia Bardraiel Smith; Spring-

field, Mass., welterweight Anthony Velezquez (1-0, knockout) facing Philly's Shavante Dixon, and Granite Stater and junior middleweight Rickey Ford from Claremont (1-1-1) going against yet another Philadelphian, Demetrius Thomas.

Also fighting on the undercard in six-round bouts are Stoughton, Mass. welterweight Travis Demko (5-1, one KO) vs. Paul DeSouza, and New Jersey middleweight Chris "Sandman" Thomas (7-0-1, four KOs) against Carver, Mass. middleweight John Hantzopoulos.

All fights and fighters are subject to change and tickets, priced at \$60 (ringside), \$45, and \$30, are now on sale and available to purchase at www.ticketriver.com. Half-priced tickets are available for active members of the military, police, and fire departments. Doors open at 7.

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Londonderry Eagle Scout Helping Local Pets and Vets

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Wolfram Alpha defines Post Traumatic Stress Disorder as, "An anxiety disorder precipitated by an experience of intense fear while exposed to a traumatic, especially life-threatening event."

According to the National Institute of Health, it affects hundreds of thousands of service men and women in the United States. Of these hundreds of thousands, PTSD affects about 31 percent of Vietnam veterans, nearly 10 percent of Gulf War (Desert Storm) veterans, and 20 percent of Iraqi War veterans.

Tragically, many of those who have served do not receive adequate treatment, says the National Veterans Foundation, for reasons ranging from concerns over treatment offered to veterans through the US Department of Veterans Affairs, to the stigma against seeking mental health treatment. Though large strides are necessary to improve the quality of mental health care our veterans receive, the first steps toward improvement can be made by those with four paws.

The Eagle Scouts of Londonderry have been doing great things for the community at large for years, from completing the pathway to the LAFA fields, to fundraising for and installing the handicap swing at the Moose Hill Kindergarten playground, to posting the Smokey Bear fire risk sign in front of the Fire Station. It is a rite of passage into the Eagle Scouts to carry

out a project that benefits the community or a non-profit, and one Londonderry Scout sought out to benefit both.

Troop 109 Eagle Scout, Jake Calligandes, had begun his Eagle project in June of 2016 when he was a sophomore at LHS, slowing down only to focus on his studies and his work as a counselor at Camp Carpenter. According to his mother, Tammy Calligandes, Jake got his inspiration for his project when he read about a woman in Stratham who had created a nonprofit organization after her son tragically committed suicide after serving in the Middle East.

After reading about the program, Calligandes began researching to find similar programs closer to home. That was when he discovered the 4 Paws 4 Vets program.

4 Paws 4 Vets, a non-profit organization through the Manchester Animal Shelter, works to find veterans in need with loving companions, and cats and dogs with "forever" homes with veterans in need.

"It's expensive to adopt an animal," said Calligandes's mother, adding that the little things that a cat or a dog needs such as collars, bowls, etc add up on top of that. Calligandes realized this, and decided to put together 20 gift baskets, 10 with cat supplies and 10 with dog supplies, to give to veterans with the adoption of an animal to ensure that they would be supplied with anything a pet might need, so that the veteran would not have to pay any more out of pocket for their new companion.



Jake Calligandes pictured with Manager for Animal Care, Lisa Caputo at the Manchester Animal Shelter. Courtesy photo

After pricing out supplies on Amazon.com, Calligandes estimated that he would need \$150 per cat gift basket and \$250 per dog gift basket, bringing the total estimated cost to \$3,500 for the project. In addition to creating a "GoFundMe" fundraiser page to obtain the necessary monies to complete his project, Calligandes reached out to local pet supply vendors Bass Pro Shops and Blue Seal, along with online vendor, Chewy.com, to help reduce the total cost.

According to Calligandes's mother, Bass Pro Shop offered him 40% off on the items he would need for the project, Blue

Seal in Derry offered 25% off necessary items, with Blue Seal corporate providing food scoops and portable bowls, and Chewy.com donated roughly \$150 worth of products to complete a basket, with the rest of the needed items being purchased through the website. Thanks to the help from these partnerships, Calligandes was able to give \$572.03 of the \$2,159.29 ultimately raised back to the Manchester Animal Shelter, with the extra funds likely going to assist with adoption fees to help complete families across communities.

"Having a pet is impor-

tant for all of us, and especially for someone that has a medical need," said Lisa Caputo, Manager of Animal Care at the Manchester Animal Shelter. "It's someone to talk to, to keep company, and someone that loves you no matter what."

Caputo went on to explain that aside from offering companionship, cats and dogs help serve as motivators, as they give their new human caretakers a reason to go out for a walk, play, and provide care for something that depends on them, reinforcing positively and a feeling of purpose for veterans struggling with PTSD.

In addition to putting together the supplies needed to care for a veteran's new feline or canine companion, Calligandes had also designed his fundraising campaign to encourage donations to be made in memory or honor of a veteran who has served or is serving, and had dog tags made with the names of veterans who had donations made in their name to go along with the baskets adopting vets would be taking home.

Calligandes's mother stated that when he went

before the Eagle Scout Board to have his project valued, after tallying planning and execution hours at a hypothetical cost of \$20 per hour, along with valuing the materials purchased and donated to complete the project, Jake's project was valued at a total of \$4,255.55. While an impressive figure, Calligandes was certainly not in it for the numbers.

"For Jake, he's always been a lover of animals, and always been one who's admired the people who served," said Tammy Calligandes. "It was a natural thing for him to pick."

Caputo stated that in August of each year, the Friends of the Manchester Animal Shelter hold a "Cruisin 4 Critters" motorcycle ride to raise funds to benefit the 4 Paws 4 Vets program, with the 13th annual ride to take place on Saturday, August 11th from 9am to 5pm starting at the Manchester Animal Shelter, located at 490 Dunbarton Rd in Manchester, NH. For more information on the 4 Paws 4 Vets program and to donate to the Manchester Animal Shelter, visit www.manchesteranimalshelter.org.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

Cable Television License Renewal Public Hearing

The Londonderry Town Council, in its statutory capacity as cable television franchising authority, will hold a public hearing on April 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH concerning Comcast Cable ("Comcast" or the "Franchisee") 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 further information and/or access to the proposed renewal franchise available for public inspection and copying, please contact Drew Caron, Director of Cable and Technical Operations, Town of Londonderry, c/o Londonderry Town Hall. By order of the Londonderry Town Council.

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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 londonderrytimes@nutpub.net.

Sunrise Service

Please join us at the Orchard Christian Fellowship for a Sunrise Service, Sunday, April 1, at 6 a.m., on Pillsbury Road, near the entrance to Mack's Apple Orchard (behind the Londonderry United Methodist Church [LUMC]). Parking is available behind the LUMC. For more information go to www.orchardnh.org or call the office: (603)425-6231.

Easter Family Fun

At the Londonderry High School Gym, on Sat. March 31, from 9 a.m. - noon for ages 12 and under are admitted. Hosted by the class of 2020. Free of charge donation welcome. There will be crafts, raffles, face painting, and games. Visit with the Easter Bunny for \$3 bring your own camera. Easter egg hunt starts at 11:30 a.m., on the track field rain or shine, there is a separate patch for our little bunnies. Bring your own basket. Questions email hiafore@londonderry.org.

Immigration and the Granite State

On Tue., April 17, at 7 p.m. the Londonderry Historical Society will host the program "Immigration and the Granite State" at the Leach Library. This program focuses on those who came to New Hampshire during the Great Wave of immigration, between the mid 1800s and early 1900s, will include images and artifacts, and will be presented by an educator from the New Hampshire Historical Society. This event is free and open to the public. We invite you to come and learn about your ancestors! For more information, please visit our website at www.londonderryhistory.org.

Easter Festival

Free wholesome enjoyment for the whole family! Easter Celebration includes

resurrection message, kids crafts, songs, inspiring stories, take home projects and gifts. Family Festival includes free hot dogs and hamburgers, snacks, drinks, bounce houses, giant soccer, and dartboard! Event takes place April 1, at LifeWay Church 14 Crescent St. Derry from 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. For more information contact LifeWay Church at 845-6601 or visit us at www.lifewaychurch.net.

Lions Club Meeting

General Lions Club Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m., at Lions Hall, Mammoth Road. We are always welcoming new members to help support our community, so stop in to learn more.

Spring Fling Dance

On Sat., April 7, from 7 - 11 p.m., the Spring Fling Dance with Bobby and the Sharptones will be held. Proceeds to benefit High School scholarships, local sight and hearing, Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. Cost \$20/person, \$35 for a couple Reserve tables available For tickets and information call Jerry, 434-5307.

Spaghetti Dinner

On Fri., April 20, the Londonderry Lions Club will hold its 1st Spaghetti Dinner from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Lions Hall and will be serving Spaghetti, sauce, meatballs, Garden Salad, soda, water and plenty of dessert to choose from. This is event free and open to the public, donations will be accepted. All proceeds are to help with high school scholarships.

Spring Yard Sale

A Yard Sale will be held on Sat., May 12, Gates open at 7 a.m., donations will be accepted starting Sat., April 28, and can be left behind the Lions Hall under the pavilion.

Kids Fishing Derby

The Derry Lions are once again sponsoring the annual Derry Lions Kids Fishing Derby on Rollins Street at Hood Pond in Derry on May 5. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., with fishing commencing at 8 a.m. until noon. For newcomers to the area the pond is just past the town hall at the end of Manning Street. Kids up to and including age 15 can fish free. Donations are welcome to defray the cost to stock the pond with over 400 trout. Trophies are given for several categories of fish including largest and smallest. Each child receives a participant ribbon.

Father/Daughter Princess Party

Pathfinders 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 New Hampshire 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

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



Annual Egg Hunt

The Londonderry High School Class of 2020 will once again hold a Easter Family Fun day on Saturday, March 31 at the Londonderry High School Gym from 9 a.m. to noon. The event is geared to children ages 12 and under and admission is free of charge, but donations are welcome. There will be crafts, raffles, face painting, and games. Visit with the Easter Bunny for \$3. bring your own camera. An Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 11:30 a.m. on the track field rain or shine. There will be a separate area for small children. Bring your own basket. Questions hiafore@londonderry.org

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 Vector-borne 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 tick-borne 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

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Around Town

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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 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

im.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. 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; Dinner on April 8, at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration 1 Hood Road, Derry from 5 - 6:30 p.m., for information call 432-2130; Dinner on April 15, at St. Luke's, 63 East Broadway, Derry, from 5 - 6:30 p.m., for information call 432-3333; Dinner on April 21, at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road,

Derry, from 5 - 6:15 p.m., for information call 432-0004; Breakfast on April 22, at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration 1 Hood Road, Derry, from 9 - 10 a.m. for information 432-2130; Dinner on April 27, at First Parish, 47 East Derry Road, East Derry, from 5 - 6:30 p.m., for information call 434-0628. Lunch on April 29, at St. Jude's, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., for information call 432-3333. For more information on any of the meals or our services please visit: freemealsinderry.blogspot.com

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.

Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support Group

Hosted by David Hunter this group meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the: Bedford Presbyterian Church 4 Church Road Bedford. For more information call 660-3425 or email 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

Lamplighters

A womans group with the goal of helping less fortunate woman and people in NH meets every 4th Thursday of the month 7 p.m. at Londonderry Presbyterian Church at 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

Walk with Me

Are you losing or have lost someone? A child, a parent, a sibling or a friend? It can be a painful journey but you don't have to walk it alone anymore. Just come "Walk With Me". Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m., at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

Continuing Education Program

Programs are open to the public at no charge, except as otherwise indicated. Donations to the Etz Hayim Synagogue will allow us to continue to offer these and other programs, and are gratefully accepted. Thurs. Nights, at 7 p.m. Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Road, Derry. For more

information, please contact: Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol.com or 603 895-6120.

LEEP Applications

Are you considering preschool for your child? If your child turned 3 by September 1st and is a Londonderry resident, consider enrolling your child in the Londonderry Early Education Program (LEEP) preschool program. We are a developmentally appropriate preschool that is respectful of the talents and needs of individual children. Our teachers are all certified educators and the program is provided by the Londonderry School District. Programs for three-year old preschoolers meet from 8:45 - 11 a.m. either 2 or 4 days per week and our program for our prekindergarten students meet from 12 - 2:30 p.m. either 3 or 4 days per week. How do I apply? Applications are available online on the Moose Hill School website. We also have our LEEP Handbook available online on the Moose Hill School website if you'd like additional information on the program. For more information, contact Kathy Kelley at 437-5855 ext. 7223 Please email Kathy Kelley at kkelley@londonderry.org or Kim Speers at kspeers@londonderry.org.

Police Log

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Mischief (vandalism); and Criminal Trespass.

11:43 a.m. Report of wires down on Mammoth Road.

1:03 p.m. Peace restored at Disturbance on Boulder Drive.

2:12 p.m. Three officers keep the peace on Apollo Road.

4:31 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Pinyon Place.

4:39 p.m. Services rendered at assault on Chapel Drive.

6:14 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Wilshire Drive.

8:30 p.m. Seven officers respond to Airport Alert at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

9:28 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with

transport to hospital from Litchfield Road.

Friday – March 23

6:42 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Nashua Road.

8:23 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made at Hillsborough County House of Corrections. Justin Hart,

19, of Manchester charged with Theft of Motor Vehicle and two counts of Burglary.

11:57 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Wilson Road.

3:29 p.m. Citation issued for traffic offenses at Wallace Farm apartments on Bridle Path.

4:11 p.m. Three officers investigate a disturbance at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

5:35 p.m. Report of Missing Person investigated on Litchfield Road.

6:51 p.m. Arrest made during Domestic Disturbance on Calla Road. Bryce Nicholson, 18, of Londonderry charged with Domestic Violence; Criminal Threatening.

8:55 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Bayberry Lane.

Saturday – March 24

12:38 a.m. Tree officers investigate a motor vehicle accident on Jack's Bridge Road.

12:58 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Brewster Road.

3:24 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Perkins Road.

4:22 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Griffin Road.

6:12 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on St. Charles Street.

Sunday – March 25

2:43 p.m. Services Rendered for Motor Vehicle Complaint on Peabody Row.

3:08 p.m. Three Motor Vehicle involved in acci-

dent on Nashua Road.

3:39 p.m. Welfare Check by four officers results in transportation to hospital form Jack's Bridge Road at Harvey Industries.

4:37 p.m. Suspicious

Activity investigated on Sandstone Circle.

8:18 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with transport to hospital form Norwich Place.

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