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Ice Trainer

Lancer varsity hockey player Jake Holdsworth volunteered his time on Sunday to give disabled children a chance to enjoy something he takes for granted. He is pictured with Matt Davidopolis who is part of the New England Bombers, a group created by local sports enthusiast Daniele Crutcher Melly Brown and John Minahan See story on page 9.

Town Attorney Gives Opinion On Apple Tree Removal on Gilcreast

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council Chair, John Farrell, delivered some very disappointing news to many local residents who had recently voiced their concerns about the apple trees that were removed

last month along Gilcreast Road as a developer makes room for 28 new houses on the Woodmont land near Cortland Street.

During the public comment period of the Town Council meeting on Monday, Jan. 20, Farrell read excerpts from a letter sent to the town from

their legal council on the matter.

The letter from Michael Ramsdell was received by the town earlier that day, and was almost four pages long, and Farrell chose a portion to share with the public.

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Town Council Chair Paints Grim Tax Picture to School Board

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At their Jan. 9 School board meeting, Town Council Chairman, John Farrell, came forward to discuss the towns revenues and property taxes with the board members. Farrell overviewed, “Being able to sustain the same expenditures as we’re doing today, we will not have the revenue to cover that unless we go directly to the homeowner.”

Farrell said, “I want to make you aware ...that over \$100 million is collected through town offices each year - so we run a lot of analysis on ... where the money comes from. Our pipeline on the commercial side of the

(Town’s) business is drying up. We are looking at a 3 - 5-year window where we are not going to generate the same amount of revenue, we have been able to generate over the last 8 to 10 years.

“One thing that happened is the legislation around utilities has changed,” said Farrell. The state has changed the way we can tax the infrastructure of utilities. So far, we have identified about \$1 million in revenue we are going to lose, and we lost millions of dollars in valuation we can tax. We are going through abatement processes and we’re going to probably wind up in court.”

“So what do you do?”

The Council Chairman continued, “We are doing several things... The good part is that over the past 10 years if you had a tax bill of \$9500 in 2010 - it has only fluctuated between \$8900 and \$9500. I pulled this all from the tax collector. This year we’re back at the \$9500 mark and we don’t see that going backwards again due to the revenue dropping off.”

“... 68% of the revenue we get from property taxes comes from residential and that burden is going to continue to shift (from commercial to residential taxing). ...so, we created a resolution we call the taxpayer relief act. ... starting this year,

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Town Council Forwards Thirty Articles to Warrant

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council held a Public Hearing on Monday night, Jan. 20 for 2020 Warrant articles that will be presented at the Town Deliberative Session on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 9 a.m. Those articles will then be voted on at the town election on Tuesday, March 10, at the Londonderry High School Gymnasium.

Most of the articles were forwarded to the Warrant without much discussion, and all articles were recommended by the four councilors

present that night, with the exception of the two Petition Articles. Vice Chair Joe Green was the only one not in attendance.

Only articles 7, 12, 14 and 16 had minor changes. The articles discussed and forwarded to the Warrant are:

Article 2: The Fiscal Year 2021 Town Operating Budget: This article requires the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts totaling

\$37,616,176. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$37,653,692, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous actions of the Town.

The Town Council voted 4-0 to recommend.

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Conservation Commission Reviews ATV Issues on Conservation, Power Line Land

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The Londonderry Conservation Commission met on Jan. 15 and reviewed current

business topics issues. One of the issues the commission is working on concerns the growing problem with ATVs using the Hickory Hill or the Musquash areas along

with accessing nearby Eversource power line land areas.

At the meeting, Marge Badois, Chairperson for the commission told the members, "Regarding Hickory Hill and Eversource, I had a conversation with them, and they said their holdup (about the Hickory Hill area) has to do with the ATV problem. They said they have requests from certain entities to cross the power line areas, so Eversource is holding a meeting of those involved with this issue in January. At that meeting they said they will discuss what to do about these requests."

Badois continued, "I emailed them back telling them about what we've done to work on the ATV problems here in town. Eversource is concerned about ATV use within the power lines and I told them it's becoming a growing statewide problem. To solve this problem, we need to have a group effort between NH Fish and Game, Conservation Commissions and the Power Companies to find a solution for this problem that nearly every town in NH is dealing with right now."

Over the past year ATV use violations have been ramping up in Londonderry. While many

ATV users are doing so responsibly, some are accessing land areas illegally and are also causing conservation problems. "ATVs in the Musquash has been a growing problem," Badois said.

Chairman Badois reports, "There has been an increase in ATV activity in conservation lands and there is a large population of turtles in some areas, and we are working with New Hampshire Fish and Game to enhance nesting areas."

Over the past year, ATVs have been causing big headaches for the conservation group, as turtles typically nest in sandy areas. ATVs are "doing doughnuts" in some of those spots.

Last summer, Londonderry Police Chief Hart named, Glenn Aprile, a retired Londonderry Police Sgt., the first Conservation Ranger in NH. In that role Aprile will also be adding assistance to the commission's goals for conservation areas. Aprile will be helping the town keep an eye on thousands of acres of protected, conservation land owned or managed by the town. Historically it has been difficult for Conservation Commission members, as volunteers, to monitor ATV and Snowmobile violations. So now

there is hope that Aprile can help to keep this problems from growing at conservation sites. Aprile has a department ATV and truck, as a part of his ranger work, to use for patrolling land areas in town. He hopes to slow down ATV damage that is tearing up conservation lands and enforce safety violations that might make it unsafe for people to be in the conservation areas.

At their meeting, the commission also discussed that there were big stone boulders set in certain places that made some access areas that were not supposed to be used by ATVs less available. Commission members also discussed that it was not only ATVs, but also motorcycles were also using conservation sites in violation of laws and are also causing harm. It is hoped that a ranger on duty will be able to help slow this problem down.

Eversource has provided a statement about this problem on their properties saying, "Laws in New Hampshire generally provide that no person may operate an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or snowmobile on private property for recreational purposes without the written permission of the

landowner." Eversource manages almost a thousand miles of transmission rights-of-way throughout New Hampshire. The overwhelming majority of these rights-of-way are established through easement rights purchased from owners of the underlying land or granted by towns with designated land support for such vehicles.

Eversource states, "Our general policy in New Hampshire is not to grant permission for use of ATVs on transmission rights-of-way on land Eversource owns. However, where Eversource owns only an easement and is not the underlying landowner, it may enter into agreements or relationships with the landowner who may allow use by organized ATV clubs, or trails designated as ATV trails by the New Hampshire Bureau of Trails."

As part of New Hampshire's statewide snowmobile trail system, Eversource has entered into an agreement with the New Hampshire Bureau of Trails to generally allow snowmobile use in many areas where Eversource is the landowner. Use of the property by persons on snowmobiles is only granted under the terms of this agreement and renewed on an annual basis. Snowmobilers should check out permissions for areas first by calling Eversource before using trails on their property that may not be sanctioned for certain vehicle usage.



Londonderry High School senior Mikki Keller is working on her senior project by helping rescue animals. Keller has two dogs of her own that are rescues and has been collecting donations through a craft fair and by placing Christmas tree in the different offices to help with her cause. She collected \$341, a large bag of toys, 25 towels and more treats and all were recently delivered to the Derry Humane Society.

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NHDES Work Plan Updates Program for Londonderry Well Water Contamination

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Water is a life force and clean potable water is a necessity, and though water supplies should be sacred and well protected - this is not always the case as contamination accidents, irresponsible manufacturing, mining, fracking, oil or other environmental issues are affecting water quality. And in Londonderry and in southern NH today, we are seeing our wells becoming contaminated by a company based out of Merrimack.

Golder, is a large global environment, engineering, mining, oil, gas and manufacturing consulting and services organization that has an office in Manchester. This company is fronting communications and testing support operations as a consulting partner regarding the water contamination problems created by Saint-Gobain

Performance Plastics (SGPP). SGPP has been producing products that have released PFOA chemicals that have made their way into local water resources here in NH. These are contaminants that can make well water - and thus our drinking water - unsafe and these contaminants have now been found in Londonderry.

PFOAs are also a recognized problem for aquatic life including fish, shellfish and aquatic birds and now that could also be affecting food supplies from certain areas throughout the State. The State has called for more studies and guidelines about this aspect of the problem. There have been protests and claims that Saint Gobain has contaminated the Merrimack River - though that claim has not been fully verified with scientific testing.

Over the past several weeks, updates from Golder have been posted

to support the SGPP program plan about current water problems in Londonderry. Recently a NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Addendum 2 plan was posted that can now be accessed on the town's web site. This document is currently the most updated document titled - "Work Plan for Sampling of Water Supply Wells and Provision of Alternate Water." Specifically, this report lists the logistics of the current testing plan and outlines provisions for acquiring bottled water through this program where appropriate.

See this at www.londonderrynh.org/home/news/water-quality-study

Residents may want to check this plan if they have not already done so to see if their property is listed for testing. If your property is not listed, that does not mean there is not a problem nor does it mean there is a problem.

This Work Plan addendum 2 has contact names in place of those involved with the program for residents to follow up with to insure their water is safe and that residents are not paying high costs for water testing - though there may not be any legal recourse if you are not on the list yet as the program is still a work in progress.

However, there may still be still good reason to verify the quality of your well water even if your property is not on the list; it is generally a best practice that if you are using well water to test the quality of it every couple of years -though PFOA testing can be a bit pricey and has not been really necessary until this water contamination problem surfaced.

There are a number of well-documented health effects associated with exposure to PFOAs. This includes high cholesterol, thyroid disease and weight gain. PFOA also has been shown to be associated with reproductive effects, such as decreased fertility and pregnancy-induced hypertension. The International Agency for Research on Cancer has also classified PFOAs as possibly carcinogenic.

As you may know, this situation is not only about water contamination problems in Londonderry. This contamination - that has been traced back to Saint Gobain - is affecting quite a few towns in Southern NH. It is affecting residential and commercial wells and this problem is now such that many schools and child care centers are also being tested - including 23 schools in Bedford, Litch-

field, Manchester, and Merrimack.

As of Jan. 16, New Hampshire's strict standards for toxic chemical PFOAs are still on hold due to a court injunction. Companies that produce products that contain PFOA chemicals have sued the state of NH regarding the state's new strict limits for these chemicals in our water supply. These companies are requesting, through the lawsuit, for the state to lower their water quality standards so these companies can continue to make these products with PFOA chemicals in them and/or not have to suffer lawsuits for water contamination problems. These companies claim NH limits for PFOAs are set too strict to be relevant for health issues.

The Town of Merrimack this fall asked the state to shut down SGPP as Town officials and their testing partners said test-

ing shows there is a growing concentration of PFOA that is continuing to contaminate the water supply. When this was discussed at the Merrimack Town Council, testing came back from SGPP ... "Showing the groundwater testing wells, showing the roof drains, showing the dip pans inside Saint-Gobain all have PFOA in them still," said Tom Koenig, Chairman of the Merrimack Town Council. A test sample taken last spring showed there were more than 69,000 parts per trillion of PFOA in a groundwater monitoring well and that's much higher than the 12 parts per trillion recommended by the state. Clean PFOA free drinking water is what people should have and it is outrageous what has happened to water resources in our town as a result of SGPP operations that now appears to be flowing via water tables towards Londonderry.



Derry Garden Club, sponsors of Smokey Bear, Woodsy Owl poster contest, met to decide the best 5 area student posters to send on for judging on the state level. Helping to decide were Wanda Desaulniers, Club President Sylvia Roberts and Diana Hill-Lowenthal. Winning posters will be announced in March and the young artists will meet the Governor to receive their awards.

Deliberative Session Date

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Editorial

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Letters

Response to Letter

To the editor,

In reply to Mr. Pitre's letter of January 16, I would like to note that Democrats did not lament his passing. No, it was that the threat was not eminent, and that there was sufficient time to consult with Congress as required by law. Further it was not just Democrats who objected. Mike Lee (R-Utah) complained that the subsequent briefing was the worst he had ever witnessed and there was bipartisan support of cancelling the war powers act.

Further as Mr. Pitre said in his letter, the General had been a threat for 20 years. Administrations of both parties had determined that the geo-political risk was too high. That risk is still there. As a result of the attack, Iraq has asked us to leave. We have stationed an addition 1500 troops to the area for increased security, and there is still the threat of reprisal from Iranian client groups.

All that said, I would like to suggest that we, both Democrats and Republicans stop trying to paint anyone who disagrees with us as evil. To try to work for better ways to deal with the important issues that face us nationally and locally. Too often compromise is seen as a last resort, to be used only, if you can't get everything you want. I would like to suggest that compromise is a last resort only if you can't get a win-win solution. There is a whole science of conflict management that addresses how to work for an outcome that satisfied both parties. The first step is to take the personalities out of the discussion. It is in all

our interests to find a way to disengage from endless wars and bring our troop home. The ultimate answer may be something that neither party has conceived of yet but which can only be found by satisfying the concerns of all parties in the region.

Jim Green
Londonderry

Revenues not keeping up with spending?

To the editor,

Who knew??? (Sarcasm) This is not surprising considering Londonderry is an Uber liberal community. What are we even getting for that last increase? I saw nothing at the last voting session that was of any benefit to most. This last increase was so large; I thought they would leave us alone for a while.

Is this gross incompetence or was it intentional along the lines of over spend and ask for forgiveness later because our hands are tied?

I think the taxpayers of Londonderry are owed a letter explaining how this happened, who is responsible and how this is going to fixed without raising more taxes.

We also need a big turnover in the town and school offices.

Time to clean house.
Regards,
Joanne Beausoleil
Londonderry

Town Officials present to Senior Communities.

To the editor,

Regarding the article written by John Goglia in January 16th edition of Londonderry Times. I would suggest that the Londonderry Town

Manger (Kevin Smith) and Council Chairman (John Farrell) consider a couple of issues relating to the property tax rate paid by residents of the Town's Senior Communities.

Specifically, how does the Town justify charging such residents the same rate as everyone else across Londonderry when there are services provided by the Town to which these residents are denied access? I am referring initially to the fact that 72% of Town Revenues, derived from property taxes, go directly to supporting the Town's Schools, a service that senior community residents are prohibited, BY LAW, from utilizing.

It might be argued by the Town that many families across Londonderry do not have children in the school system either. However that equation is fallacious as such families are not specifically "prohibited by law" from housing school age children as over 55 community residents are. Perhaps an illustration would be appropriate. If a resident of an over 55 community were to suffer a family tragedy that necessitated them taking a school age grandchild into their home, they would be required to give up their residence, sell their home and move elsewhere to school the child, in spite of the fact that their taxes have been going directly to supporting Londonderry's school children for as long as they have been Londonderry residents. How does that seem fair, is it even legal? Forced to pay for a service but denied access to the exact same service with no associated relief?

As a senior community resident for almost 20

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ZBA Continues Drive-Thru Variance for Nutfield Country Store

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Neil Dunn, Chairman of the Londonderry Zoning Board Adjustment (ZBA), began the Jan. 15 zoning board

meeting with an announcement that the case requesting four variances from the owners of the Nutfield Country Store would be continued. One of those requests is to

allow a Drive-Thru window in a C4 district. That hearing is to be rescheduled for the Feb. 19.

Dunn noted the reason for the continuance was that Shasta Realty LLC, the owner and applicant is also presenting their development plans to the Londonderry Conservation Commission for review as variances requested concern building a structure with a retaining wall that is greater than three feet and that is to be built within a Londonderry Conservation Overlay District (COD) area which is prohibited. The Conservation Commission dates for this review are tentatively scheduled for their Jan. 28 meeting and/or on Feb. 11.

Several abutters and local residents turned out to express opinions about this variance and the ZBA members noted

abutters will not be issued private notice via mail or email about this continuance date as this action works within the current legal process for the town's ZBA. Anyone with concerns may come to the ZBA's February 19th meeting or send any concerns in writing to the ZBA Chairman to express their opinions about these requests.

The development plan update for the Nutfield Country Store also calls for a reduction of a side perimeter landscape buffer from 30 feet to 7.1 feet and a reduction of the front perimeter landscape buffer from 30 feet to 14.1 feet. In addition, the plan concerns this owner's property of a section located in a residential district zoning area that calls for a reduction of a side buffer from 50 feet to 7.1 feet while also reducing a front buffer area

from 50 feet to 14.1 feet.

At a later portion of the meeting, the ZBA officially voted to approve a continuance for this case. Chairman Dunn noted that the current process to notify abutters of a continuance meeting date is unclear for residents as there is not currently a practical process in the legal process to alert abutters to new dates of a meeting that would be continued. It was suggested this situation might be brought before the Town Council for review to see if a more practical methodology might be updated for a continuance.

The ZBA moved on to a different case for a variance request application to allow 0 feet of green perimeter where 15 feet is required at the Advance Machine Technologies location on 33 Londonderry Road, that is owned by 33 Londonderry, LLC. This variance application was continued from the December 18, 2019 meeting for further ZBA consideration and input. There were prior zoning changes and variances that were made and granted in 2017 and at that December meeting.

This variance request has been impacted due to the complexity of the work being done on Route 93 that borders

this property. Michael Malinowski and Robert Cook, business principal, offered discussion to the ZBA regarding the requests. The ZBA voted to grant a request for variance with conditions that have been indicated in appropriate ZBA documentation. It was noted that a previously made related variance request had been denied from the ZBA meeting that had been held in December.

A final case that came before the ZBA members was an application request for a variance to allow a six feet fence in a front setback where only four feet is allowed at a property located at 15 Ash Street that is a residential property and owned by Thomas and Megan Daley. The Daley's went over the 5 key points of their application that are pertinent for the law to support their variance request.

There was further discussion to ensure that this setback would not cause problems for neighbors and abutters and the Daley's had support for the variance as expressed in a letter read by the ZBA. This variance was granted with a condition that the fence should only encroach 25 feet to the Beacon street setback.

OBITUARY

Richard W. Murphy



Richard W. Murphy, 61, of Londonderry, NH, died Wednesday Jan. 15, 2020, in his home surrounded by his loving family, after a long-fought battle with cancer. He was born in Salem, MA on Oct. 16, 1958, the son of Jaqueline (Bulyga) Graham and the late William Murphy.

Moving to Nashua at a young age and completing his education in the Nashua School system he expanded his knowledge base of construction eventually becoming the co-founder of M and M Masonry with his partner Bruce Marinell. Evidence of their endeavors remains today in many commercial buildings throughout the state. Upon changing careers, he then spent the next 25 years as a Feeder supervisor for UPS, from which he retired last year.

Dick was a skilled "jack of all trades" and was always willing to lend a helping hand to friends and family. He was generous with his time, skill and equipment, all of which helped a young neighborhood grow and prosper.

This generous spirit continued throughout his life and, as his family grew, he donated his time by becoming involved in Londonderry athletics while coaching baseball, softball and basketball for recreational as well as travel leagues. He was a member of the inaugural coaching staff for Londonderry hockey as it became a varsity sport at LHS. When not on the bench he was the ultimate fan and never missed cheering on his children while teaching them the value of being on a team.

Dick's interests included spending time with family and friends, enjoying the ocean, driving his Mustang, surf casting with friends and spending quality time with his beloved "Murf".

He was a special man and will be missed by many.

He is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Ellen Murphy; son, Bryan Murphy and girlfriend Kortney Holston; daughter, Stefanie Murphy and boyfriend James Thorpe; mother, Jacqueline Graham; two sisters, Wendy Murphy and Melanie Murphy; brother, John Murphy and wife Catherine; several nieces and nephews and his beloved companion, Murf.

Calling hours were held on Monday, Jan. 20, in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Funeral services were held on Tuesday in St. Philip's Greek Orthodox Church, 500 W. Hollis St., Nashua, NH. The burial will be held in the spring in Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Rd., Londonderry. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Phillip Greek Orthodox Church at <http://stphilipnh.org/donate/> or to Dana-Farber/New Hampshire Oncology-Hematology, 40 Buttrick Rd. suite B, Londonderry. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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years now, I have and will continue to support providing the best future for our young through education but there should be some measure of recognition that seniors are indeed making a significant contribution to Londonderry's youth, perhaps by some appropriate discount rate to their taxes.

Secondly, Mr Goglia's article notes that by the

end of this year there will be over 1000 senior residences across Londonderry, many with at least 2 occupants. That's quite an impressive group who could vote for/against any given Council Member. What was the average vote margin by which council members won/lost in the last election? Remember, too, that senior do tend to vote.

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Town Warrants

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2021 Supplemental Operating Budget:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$153,005 for the purpose of covering the costs of providing the same level of services as FY 2020, and increase the under-budgeted utility services: Road Maintenance - \$100,000; Heat and Oil - \$ 17,455; Water Services - \$ 6,000; Internet Services - \$ 10,200; and Electric Services - \$ 19,350.

The approval of this article will then be included in future default level budgets.

The Town Council voted 4-0 to recommend.

Article 4: To Establish Police Outside Detail Revolving Fund: To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of Police Department Special Details and to raise and appropriate the balance of the funds in the current Police Outside Detail Special Revenue Fund in the amount of \$103,476 for deposit into said revolving fund after the funds are placed in the Town's general fund if Article 5 passes. All revenues received for police special details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered

part of the Town's general fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all money in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. If Article 5 passes and this Article fails, Article 5 will be null and void and the Police Outside Detail Special Revenue Fund will continue to operate as originally established. (Majority Vote required).

The Town Council voted 4-0 to recommend.

Article 5: To Dissolve Police Outside Detail Special Revenue Fund: Is to see if the Town will rescind 100% of revenues from Police Department Special Details to expenditures for the purpose of covering police outside detail expenses. These funds will be placed in the town's general fund in accordance with RSA 31:95-d and then deposited into a newly created Police Outside Detail Revolving Fund under Article 4. If this Article fails, Article 4 is null and void. If this Article passes and Article 4 fails, this Article will be null and void and the Police Outside Detail Special Revenue Fund will continue to operate as originally established (2/3 vote required).

The Town Council

voted 4-0 to recommend.

Article 6: Police Outside Detail Special Revenue Fund: Is to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$532,668 for the purpose of covering Police Outside Details with said funds to come from the Police Outside Detail Special Revenue Fund. This Article is null and void if Articles 4 and 5 passes.

The Town Council voted 4-0 to recommend.

Article 7: To Accept and Expend State Shared Revenue: This asks voters to accept and appropriate the sum of \$265,553 from the State of New Hampshire in additional municipal aid.

The Town Council voted 4-0 to recommend.

Article 8: Roadway Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650,000 to be placed in the Roadway Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.

The Town Council voted 4-0 to recommend.

Article 9: Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,000 to be placed in the Town's Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund.

The Town Council voted 4-0 to recommend.

Article 10: Geographic Information Systems Capital Reserve Fund: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$28,000

to be placed in the geographic information systems capital reserve fund.

The Town Council voted 4-0 to recommend.

Article No. 11: Pillsbury Cemetery Expansion Capital Reserve Fund: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$75,000 to be placed in the Pillsbury Cemetery Expansion capital reserve fund.

The Council voted 4-0 to recommend it.

Article No. 12: Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to be placed in the Cemetery capital reserve fund for the repairs and maintenance of all Town-owned cemeteries and further to authorize the use of \$20,000 from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation.

The Town Council voted 4-0 to recommend.

Article 13: Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to be placed in the Fire Equipment capital reserve fund and further to authorize the use of \$50,000 from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation.

The Town Council voted 4-0 to recommend.

Article 14: Cable Equipment Capital Reserve Fund: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$32,500 to be placed in the Cable Equipment capital reserve fund. Funding will come from the annual distribution of Public Educational and Government Access programming from the current Franchise Agreement.

The Town Council voted 4-0 to recommend.

Article 15: Establish Recreation Department Capital Reserve Fund: To see if the Town will vote to

establish a new Recreation Department Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding the purchase, lease, repair, and maintenance of existing and new equipment and vehicles as necessary to carry out the core mission of the Recreation Department, and to appoint the Town Council as agents to expend funds from the Recreation Department Capital Reserve Fund. Further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be placed in the Recreation Department Capital Reserve Fund and further to authorize the use of \$15,000 from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation.

The Town Council voted 4-0 to recommend.

Article 16: Dpw Equipment/Vehicle Leases: To see if the town will vote to authorize the town manager to enter into up to a 10-year lease agreement in the amount of \$425,000 for the purpose of leasing two six-Wheel Trucks and a One-Ton Pickup Truck, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,115 for the first year's payment for that purpose.

The Town Council voted 4-0 to recommend.

Article 17: Town Hall Parking Lot Paving: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$265,000 for the purpose of paving the Town Hall Parking Lot and further to authorize the use of \$265,000 from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation.

The Town Council voted 4-0 to recommend.

Article 18: To Ratify a New Collective Bargaining Agreement Between AFSCME 1801 and the Town of Londonderry To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement

reached between the Town of Londonderry and the AFSCME 1801 Municipal Employees, which calls for the following additional appropriations for salaries and benefits over what was required under the current, expiring agreement with the employees of the Union: Year Estimated Cost Estimated Tax Impact FY 2021 \$42,255 \$0.009 FY 2022 \$67,495 \$0.015 FY 2023 \$75,890 \$0.017 FY 2024 \$71,194 \$0.016 FY 2025 \$67,906 \$0.015 And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,255 for FY 2021 expenses, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels paid under any existing agreements.

The Town Council voted 4-0 to recommend.

Article 19: Authorization For Special Meeting On Cost Items: Shall the Town, if Article 18 is defeated, authorize the Town Council to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 18 cost items only.

The Town Council voted 4-0 to recommend.

Article No. 20: To Ratify a New Collective Bargaining Agreement between AFSCME Londonderry Administrative Employees Association - Public Safety and the Town of Londonderry: To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Londonderry and the Londonderry Administrative Employees Association - Public Safety, which calls for the following additional appropriations for salaries and benefits over what was required under the current, expiring agreement with the employees of the

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School Budget Dates

The School Districts Public Hearing on the Operating Budget will be on Thursday, Jan 16 at 7 p.m.
The School Deliberative Session is on Feb. 7 at LHS at 7.m.

Town Warrants

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Union: Year Estimated Cost Estimated Tax Impact FY 2021 \$72,076 \$0.015 FY 2022 \$112,139 \$0.024 FY 2023 \$114,312 \$0.024 FY 2024 \$86,790 \$0.018 FY 2025 \$58,831 \$0.012 And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$72,076 for FY 2021 expenses, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels paid under any existing agreements.

The Town Council voted 4-0 to recommend.

Article 21: Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items: Shall the Town, if Article 20 is defeated, authorize the Town Council to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 20 cost items only.

The Town Council voted 4-0 to recommend.

Article 22: To Ratify a New Collective Bargaining Agreement Between AFSCME Londonderry Administrative Employees Association - Town Administrative Personnel and the Town of Londonderry: To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached

between the Town of Londonderry and the Londonderry Administrative Employees Association - Town Administrative Personnel, which calls for the following additional appropriations for salaries and benefits over what was required under the current, expiring agreement with the employees of the Union: Year Estimated Cost Estimated Tax Impact FY 2021 \$68,137 \$0.014 FY 2022 \$56,043 \$0.012 FY 2023 \$39,030 \$0.008 FY 2024 \$45,764 \$0.010 FY 2025 \$41,094 \$0.009 And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$68,137 for FY 2021 expenses, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels paid under any existing agreements.

The Town Council voted 4-0 to recommend.

Article 23: Authorization For Special Meeting On Cost Items: If Article 22 is defeated, this authorizes the Town Council to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 22 cost items only.

The Town Council voted 4-0 to recommend.

Article 24: Ratify a New Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Londonderry Executive Employees Association (Leea) and the Town of Londonderry: To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in

the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Londonderry and the Londonderry Executive Employees Association (LEEA), which calls for the following additional appropriations for salaries and benefits over what was required under the current, expiring agreement with the employees of the Union: Year Estimated Cost Estimated Tax Impact FY 2021 \$58,644 \$0.012 FY 2022 \$26,138 \$0.006 FY 2023 \$20,567 \$0.004 FY 2024 \$ 9,338 \$0.002 FY 2025 \$ 9,494 \$0.002 And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$58,644 for FY 2021 expenses, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels paid under any existing agreements.

The Town Council voted 4-0 to recommend.

Article 25: Authorization For Special Meeting On Cost Items: Shall the Town, if Article 24 is defeated, authorize the Town Council to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 24 cost items only.

The Town Council voted 4-0 to recommend.

Article 26: To Ratify a New Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Londonderry Police Employees Association and the Town of Londonderry: To see if the Town will vote to

approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Londonderry and the Londonderry Police Employees Association, which calls for the following additional appropriations for salaries and benefits over what was required under the current, expiring agreement with the employees of the Union: Year Estimated Cost Estimated Tax Impact FY 2021 \$218,491 \$0.046 FY 2022 \$158,761 \$0.034 FY 2023 \$175,142 \$0.037 And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$218,491 for FY 2021 expenses, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at the current staffing levels paid under any existing agreements.

The Town Council voted 4-0 to recommend.

Article 27: Authorization For Special Meeting on Cost Items: Shall the Town, if Article 26 is defeated, authorize the Town Council to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 26 cost items only.

The Town Council voted 4-0 to recommend.

The next two articles appearing on the Warrant are by Citizens Petition and the Town Council only forwarded them to the Warrant giving no rec-

ommendations.

Article 28: Approve Keno Games: A Citizens Petition asking voters of the Town of Londonderry vote to allow the operation of Keno Games within the Town.

Article 29: Resolution To Take Action On Climate Pollution: A Citizens Petition asking voters of the Town of Londonderry vote to direct the Londonderry Town Council to transmit by written notice within 30 days of passage of this warrant article to Londonderry's State Legislators, Governor Sununu, New Hampshire's Congressional Delegation, and President Donald Trump, that the Town of Londonderry calls upon its elected State and Federal representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation in the form of a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach and a Carbon Cash-Back program to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction.

Article 30: Transaction Of Other Business] To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. No business enacted under this article shall have any binding effect upon the Town.

The Budget Committee was present at the meeting, but did not vote on their recommendations.

OBITUARY

Jeffrey M. Cotton



Jeffrey M. Cotton, 69, of Litchfield, NH, died Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020 at Southern NH Medical Center, Nashua, NH. He was born in Bridgeport, CT on Jan. 29, 1950, a son of Jack and Janice (White) Cotton. Jeff was a passionate sports fan, especially for the Yankees.

His competitive, sarcastic, honest personality always made him the life of the party. He was a hard-working, self-made entrepreneur who took pride in all aspects of his work. But, taking care of those he loved was his greatest accomplishment. Jeff was a proud and loving grandfather and cherished the time spent with his grandchildren being their Tampa.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 46 years, Joan (Bucking) Cotton of Litchfield; three daughters, Jennifer Bonfond of Readfield, ME, Meghan Dalesandro and her husband Brian of Bedford, NH and Alexandria Cotton of Goffstown, NH; four grandchildren, Jack, Carly, Grant and Leah as well as his sister, Janice Cotton of FL. Jeffrey is predeceased by his brother, Jack Cotton.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, Jan. 24, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 15 Birch St. Derry, NH. Funeral services will follow at 11:30 a.m. in the funeral home. The burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Derry Rd., Hudson, NH. In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity of your preference. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

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Local Hero Helps to Save Telephone Worker's Life

MARTHA SMITH
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Our winter has been fairly mild so far this year. The biggest snow storm of the season hit us in early December. During that storm a local business owner, Patrick Iarrobino, co-owner of 603 Performance and Maintenance at 527 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, helped to save the life of a telephone worker, who was stuck in the snow.

On Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 3, Iarrobino noticed a Consolidated Communications box truck stuck in a ditch near his place of business. Iarrobino had been out plowing some neighborhood driveways and was stopping back at his office to get something.

Iarrobino stopped to help the driver of the truck, Glen Dore, who was attempting to shovel his way out of the ditch. Iarrobino said, "I stopped and offered to pull the truck out of the ditch with

my own truck." Iarrobino guessed the worker to be in his mid-to-late 50's and he appeared to be quite tired. While speaking to the driver, according to Iarrobino, "He stopped responding to the conversation and fell to the ground."

Iarrobino checked to see if the driver was alright and when he did not respond, Iarrobino quickly called 911. The dispatcher on duty instructed him on how to begin chest compressions until the fire department arrived. Iarrobino said, "The dispatcher on duty that day was very helpful."

Dore had fallen into the snow, so Iarrobino had to drag him out of the snow bank so he could lay him on his back to continue the chest compressions. Luckily for Dore, Iarrobino had previously taken a CPR class. He also said, "My mother is a nurse and my father is a paramedic. I was pre-med student early in my college career."



Patrick Iarrobino, left with the man he saved, Glen Dore, and Dore's wife Rebecca.

Three fire engines quickly arrived on the scene, along with an ambulance and a couple of police cruisers. Iarrobino continued the chest compressions until the EMT's took over at the scene of the accident. He mentioned, "They had to defib him several times."

Fortunately, the driver of the truck began breathing again once the EMT's worked on him at the

scene. He was transported to Elliot Hospital in Manchester. Once arriving at the hospital a spokeswoman for Elliot Hospital, Anne-Marie Haferman, said, "the driver was in stable condition in the ICU."

Londonderry Fire Battalion Chief, Kevin Zins, indicated that if it weren't for Iarrobino's swift actions in helping Dore, he likely would have died.

Chief Zins said, "If he was just there by himself, nobody would have seen him go down. Nobody would have called 911."

Iarrobino said, "I was in the right place at the right time, and I just did what I would hope someone would do for me. The gentleman in trouble was about the same age as my own Dad and I did what I felt I had to do. People just need to help each other out."

On Wednesday, the day after the accident, Dore's supervisor from Consolidated Communications stopped by Iarrobino's shop to thank him for his life-saving intervention.

Dore is in his early 60's had suffered a severe heart attack that day. He received the necessary care at the hospital, where they placed a stent in one of Dore's coronary arteries. If it had not been for the heroic actions of Patrick Iarrobino doctor's said Dore would not have survived. Dore and his

wife, Rebecca, visited Iarrobino at his place of work recently to thank him for his efforts. The Dore's are extremely grateful to Iarrobino and will never forget the actions he took that day. He is a real hero to that family. Rebecca Dore, Dore's wife, said, "Glen is home from the hospital now and recovering at home." She mentioned that, "He is planning to return to work once he gets an OK from his doctors."

This seems like a true holiday miracle for the Dore family. Londonderry Fire Chief, Darren O'Brien, and Londonderry Police Chief, William Hart, Jr., thanked Iarrobino for his heroic action in saving Dore's life. Iarrobino was honored for his life saving actions recently by the Londonderry Police Department and given a certificate and plaque.

Our community is thankful to have such a good Samaritan and hero in our midst."

Taxes

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we will be returning \$200,000 a year - each year for the next five years to the taxpayers out of the undesignated fund balance - working around that million-dollar number. The exception to that would be if we fall below the legal limits of the undesignated fund balance, but that's our plan."

Farrell continued, "...we will not apply for any new positions in the budget for the next three years through 2023 and

we will drop all CIP (Capital Improvement Program) requests through 2024."

It was pointed out that folks in town are seeing a lot of building development going on though Farrell says it takes about three - five years for that revenue to hit the town's books.

The councilor next put some numbers together for the school board - pointing out that data from the year 2001 school report had placed district attendance at 5654 with a budget of \$43,200,000.

To show the budget number movement, he used last year's default budget, which was \$73,800,000 - saying the school budget had gone up about \$30 million since 2001.

Farrell said, "The good news is we covered it. We stayed relatively flat. Looking forward if your school budget passes this year, you'll jump \$6.6 million... that's 22% of that \$30 million and 9% in that yearly period."

He pointed out the town is going to continue to fall short on the revenue side - so if budgets

increase, then the share paid by residential property taxpayers is going to have to increase.

On a more positive note, the councilor pointed out the town raises \$1.2 million with rental cars that go through the airport because the state legislation now requires those cars to be registered in Londonderry.

Farrell continued, "We are trying to figure out ways of coming up with other pieces of revenue. ... we are going through negotiations right now with an electric aggregator. So, what that means is for the 9000 households

here in town, we could have one aggregator negotiate for all 9000 households. So if you have Eversource today and you have Direct Energy and you come out of contract - the new company we're working with gets a better rate because we are shopping in 9000 homes - so, we can actually put some more money back in your pocket by lowering your electric utilities."

School District Business Administrator, Peter Curro addressed the Farrell's budget discussion and pointed out that the spending in the London-

derry school district used to be way below average in the state and now it is at about the average cost in the state.

The Londonderry Times has requested statements and data information from the Town Assessor about the current status of abatement filings in Londonderry by commercial and residential taxpayers to gather information about why the tax burden is shifting significantly to residential property owner.

At this time officials have not followed up on the phone call and email requests.

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Local Volunteers Help Children Fulfill Dreams on the Ice



Dozens of volunteers gave their time on Sunday morning, Jan. 19, to give disabled children a chance to enjoy something most take for granted. The event was organized by the New England Bombers, a group created by local sports enthusiast Daniele Crutcher of Londonderry, pictured above, with Melly Brown and John Minahan of Derry. Photos by Chris Paul



CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Three local residents are giving disabled children from all over New England a chance to do something they never thought would be possible. Ice skate and play hockey.

Londonderry graduate Daniele Crutcher, and Derry residents, Melly Brown, and Johnny Minahan recently started the New England Bombers organization, and gave about 40 children with physical disabilities the opportunity to take to the ice on Sunday, Jan. 20 in Tewksbury Mass., at the Brake Away Ice Center. This was made possible

with the help of a number of volunteers. Those volunteers also included members of the Londonderry High School varsity and junior varsity hockey teams.

The Bombers, were established last year, and are affiliated with the American Special Hockey Association.

The new group draws special needs hockey enthusiasts from many New England states, but mostly from New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

They are devoted to helping children and young adults with intellectual and physical disabilities have a chance to get a feel for being out on the ice and to play hockey.

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The goal of the N.E. Bombers is to give all children and young adults a chance to play ice hockey at their own pace and level of ability in a safe environment. They work with each individual closely to find the best way to get them onto the ice safely and comfortably.

The hope is that this will give participants a chance make new friendships and work together as a team. The organization also hopes they will learn how to skate, sled, slide or roll on the ice, learn sportsmanship skills, how to score goals, how to hold a stick and how to play hockey.

At the event, over 40 sleds and gate training devices were assembled in the training room of the ice rink, where children were preparing to take to the ice.

Volunteers carried the devices out to the rink, where children were secured, one-by-one, and volunteers pushed them around the slippery surface for about an hour. Some had sticks fastened to the devices, while others

were able to hold sticks for an opportunity to score a goal.

After the Bombers second event, Crutcher was very excited, "We were extremely happy with how to the event turned out. Our event doubled in size and we were able to get all 40+ kids on the ice at the same time. Seeing all the smiles; not just from the athletes, but the parents and family members, made the whole

event worthwhile. Being able to get all of our athletes on the ice is uplifting to them and to the sport of hockey. We are trying our best to prove that hockey really is for everyone. Also, our event would not have run as smoothly without our great sponsors and amazing volunteers."

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Apple Trees

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He read the Summary of Opinion, "You requested that I review relevant documents and meeting minutes regarding the recent removal of apple trees on Gilcreast Road and opine whether the decision to allow such removal and replacing removed apple trees with crabapple trees was reached improperly. In short, no laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances were violated during the process that resulted in the decision to remove certain apple trees and to replace them with crabapple trees. The developer filed a proper subdivision application, Town Staff made a discretionary recommendation to the Planning Board, and the Planning Board did not exceed its authority in approving the subdivision in accordance with the Woodmont PUD Master Plan.

Moreover, the issues currently under consideration are untimely. The issues either were not raised before the Planning Board while the subdivision plan was pending for approval or were raised and decided by the Planning Board as part of the approval."

Farrell further read, "The Planning Board's approval could have been challenged only within thirty days of its decision. Since no challenge was timely raised, the issues were waived."

Farrell then asked council liaison to the Planning Board, Ted Combs his recollection of the decision made in Planning, and there was some confusion as to the timeline of that decision.

Farrell finished by saying that the conclusion is that there really isn't a case, and there was no legal malice.

Farrell went on to state that the council has



Two rows of apple trees were left during recent construction along Gilcreast Road despite an agreement made to leave three. Photo by Chris Paul

very little authority over the Planning Board and their decisions, "We only

have the authority to appoint. We don't have the authority to tell the Planning Board what to do."

He suggested the town planning staff watch the construction site closely, and make sure they're following what is on their site plan.

Budget Committee chair, Tim Siekmann, asked, "Who watching the Woodmont Orchard project, to make sure they're adhering to the rules that we agreed to."

Town Manager Kevin Smith responded by say, "Everything done with Woodmont has to be according to the approved PUD, but also has to be done in accordance with the approved site plan."

Resident Ray Breslin approached the council, and wasn't happy with the lawyers opinion. He

felt that this was an agreement with the people of Londonderry and the Woodmont developer, and it wasn't being followed properly. He was also greatly concerned with the topsoil being removed from the site and transferred down the road.

He was assured that there is a state requirement to mitigate that soil, and as long as it stay on the Woodmont property that are within their rights.

Breslin was not convinced that the soil was being tested, and suggested these things be watched more carefully. He finished by saying, "We're talking about public safety here."

Farrell finished by reiterating that the Town Council has no authority over the Planning Board, only to appoint.

Earlier in the meeting, Farrell read a letter by resident Jack Falvey, who spoke to the Town Council last month on the matter.

It read, "I would like to once again thank the Town Council for looking in to this matter. There is little doubt that this is a legal switch of a hard won PUD element. Abutters notification should be on record and I would respectfully like to request a copy of that notification."

The ethics of this switch should be objected to. I would hope the Town Council would go on record as being opposed to the the destruction of the third row of trees as an ethical issue and would vote that request in open session. I would like to request that vote.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancer Girls' Hoop Squad Hands Trinity Another Loss

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After suffering three straight losses, one of which by the defending champion Bishop Guertin Cardinals, the Londonderry High School Girls Hoops squad got back on track with a home win against the winless Trinity Lady Pioneers.

Before that win, the Lady Lancers Girls' Varsity Basketball hosted Nashua North High School on Tuesday night, Jan. 14 and suffered a 43-30 loss to the Titans.

Ashley Rourke led the squad in scoring with 12 points, while Courtney Shay and Colleen Furlong both dropped eight points and Katie Sullivan had two.

It was a close score throughout the whole game and the Lancer's were only down by five heading into the fourth quarter. Head coach Nick Theos commented on the final quarter, "We had some good looks, but just couldn't convert."

He knew his team had a disadvantage on the glass, but was proud of the work they put in. "They (Titans) had a definite size advantage on the rebound, but I felt we did as good a job as we could on the defensive end with their size." Theos added.

After the loss Theos

kept things positive. "We played hard and gave effort, sometimes the ball doesn't fall and you need to win on defense. The good news is we still have plenty of basketball left to get things straightened out." Theos believes the work they put into the gym each week will eventually reward them "As long as we support each other and believe in each other all the hard work will pay off." Theos wrapped up saying.

The Lancer's righted their ship on Friday, Jan. 17, when they hosted Trinity (0-6) and got back into the win column with a dominant 70-57 win.

The game started with a smooth mid-range jumper from Ashley Schmitt and she got Courtney Shay into the scoring mood. Shay scored on a beautiful spin move for an easy lay in, then she followed that up as she backed her defender down in the paint of another easy lay-up. Colleen Furlong then drilled a shot from behind the arc, which put her quad up 10-3 with 3:30 left in the first quarter. Londonderry was played stellar defense and made Trinity rush every time they had possession of the ball, which led to careless turnovers and Londonderry stealing the ball several times. The

Lancer's had full control at the end of the first quarter cruising to a 21-5 lead.

In the second, they Lady Lancers didn't slow down at all, Courtney Shay nailed a three-pointer off a feed from Schmitt to start things off. Londonderry continued their full-court press and tight defense, which gave Trinity all sorts of trouble. Colleen Furlong was getting the job done on both sides of the court as she had a huge block and then nailed a three on the fast break to put her Lancer's up 38-14. They ended the first half with a great pass from Olivia Chau to Rourke for another three-pointer which gave them a 20 point lead heading into halftime.

Trinity showed some life in the second half, with a steal and score to start the quarter, but Shay responded with another three-pointer.

The game then turned into a quick back and forth scoring battle for both teams. Trinity played a much more aggressive defense and looked more confident on offense as they maintained the momentum for the first two minutes of the half.

Londonderry's offense sparked again when Schmitt assisted Rourke on a mid-range bucket

and then Colleen Furlong turned defense into offense again when she heaved a pass from beyond half-court to Chau for an inside score.

The third quarter ended with an amazing assist from Colleen Furlong to Shay for a lay-up to what looked like they sealed the deal as they were up 56-41.

The fourth quarter started off with a huge roar from the Lancer's bench when Colleen Furlong got fancy with a no-look pass on a fast break to Shay for an easy lay-up to make the lead 61-45 with four minutes left in regulation.

Under the radar at that point, Trinity snuck back into the game, as they were only down by

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Londonderry junior forward Sarah Clegg goes up for a jumper against a Trinity defender on Friday night at home. Photo by Chris Paul

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Lancer Wrestlers Suffer Loss to PA But Bounce Back Big

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Varsity Wrestling squad traveled to the Hackler Gymnasium at Pinkerton Academy on Tuesday, Jan. 15 and took on their rival in a dual meet in a contest that would go toward the annual Ball Family Trophy total.

The Lancer squad did their best to spoil Pinkerton's senior night, but the Astros went on to win with a dominant score of 53-26. It would start as an up hill battle for LHS as they gave up the first three matches to forfeit. Sterling McLaughlin (182 lbs), William Brown (195 lbs), and Ben Colson (220 lbs) were all unopposed, staking Pinkerton to a fast 18-0 lead. After a PA win at 285 the Lancers got on the board with Michael Palma (106 lbs) getting a forfeit making it a 24-6. The next match, at 113 lbs, quickly went the Lancer's way when Nicholas D'Alessandro beat PA's Casey Phelan in a 7-2 decision and it was now a 24-9 Pinkerton lead.

The next two Lancers were taken down by pins and then Brandon Drake gave his squad some life with a 3:58 technical fall win over Nathan Lindquist. Johnny McKinnon (152 lbs) showed his dominance with a 21 second pin over the Astros Trevor Raspuzzi putting the score at 47-20 in favor of Pinkerton. Nicholas Walter earned Londonderry's last points of the evening with a 29 second pin over Cameron Sylvester.

Head coach Jason Cucolo knows his team has a long road to go, and that success will come with patience. "We keep working harder and improving. We have a very young team and this apart of the process, we have to take these lumps in order to get better," said Cucolo.

The Lancer crew did a great job erasing the memory about the Pinkerton match when they competed in the John Marshall Hall of Fame Duals on Saturday, Jan. 18, at Merrimack High School. The Lancer's had a clean four-match sweep on the day as they dominated teams from Bow, Marshwood, Portsmouth and Winnisquam.

In the first match, against Bow High School, LHS had a rather easy 42-33 victory. Jacob Joly (138 lbs) started things off with a pin over Nicolas Bowes in 2:41, along with Nendoe Gleekia (145) took down Anthony Diphilippo in just 57 seconds. In the class of 160 lbs Dylan Barnes pinned Eli Diphilippo when the clock ticked 1:26, and then Josh Bean (182 lbs) was able to pin Ethan Krueger in 1:21.

The Lancers then took on Marshwood High School, beating them 42-27. After losses at 126, 132, 138 and 145 LHS got wins by Johnny McKin-

non, Dylan Barnes, Nathan Duddy and Josh Bean. Michael Palma, Nicholas D'Alessandro and Jordan Marion also added to the win tally.

The Lancer's didn't stop there as they dominated Portsmouth High School with a score of 72-0. Jordan Marion (120 lbs) got things going with a 4:59 pin over Mark Gokhban. Next in the class of 126 lbs Andrew Quach pinned Scarlett Clark in a fast 30 seconds while Jacob Joly (138 lbs) got a pin over Alex Meyer when the clock showed 1:48. Moving up a few pounds Nendoe Gleekia (145 lbs) pinned John Shortill in 2:06, along with Dylan Barnes (160 lbs) pinned Charlie Turner in 1:15. Samuel Choate then ended things with a 2:02 pin over Joe Gobbi. Londonderry's day concluded with a 63-18 win over Winnisquam Regional High School as the pins kept coming for the



Lancer Nicholas D'Alessandro beat Pinkerton's Casey Phelan in a 7-2 decision at the Dual meet between the schools last week. Photo by Chris Paul

Lancer's.

Logan Can (132 lbs) started with a pin over Burton Swanson when the clock ticked 4:14. In the class of 145 lbs Nendoe Gleekia earned a pin Caellan Roberts in a fast 41 seconds. Johnny McKinnon (152 lbs) followed

that with a 32 second pin of his own over Keon Miller. Next in the 160 lbs weight class Dylan Barnes stayed in his groove as he pinned Connor Corey in just less than two minutes with a 1:51 pin. Next was Nathan Duddy (170 lbs) earning a 7-3 decision win

over Devin Flores. Josh Bean (182 lbs) got a pin against Brandon Marceau in 3:17 and then Samuel Choate (285 lbs) finished the day with a 3:45 pin over Evan Hanks. Londonderry will wrestle again on Saturday the 25th in the Concord Super Quad.

Girls Hoops

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seven with just over a minute left. Lancer's Rourke sealed the win with a pair of free throws, which led to the win.

Courtney Shay had another good night as she poured in 23 points along with Ashley Rourke having 18, Colleen Furlong 11, and Jordan Furlong scored eight points.

Theos was very

pleased with their performance with the much-needed victory. "We needed a win tonight, for moral, for confidence and to just get back on track. The girls played hard and got the win, now we need to build off this performance," Theos said.

Londonderry will try to build on the win when they host Alvirne (2-5) on Tuesday, Jan. 21, after the Londonderry Times went to press. They will travel to Bedford (5-2) on Friday night, Jan. 24, where they will try to hand the Bulldogs a defeat.



Colleen Furlong tries to get over two Trinity defender at Friday night's game. Photo by Chris Paul

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Lancer's Boys' Hoops Falls to 2-3 After Rough Loss to Spaulding

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Basketball team is still trying to work out the kinks and hope to find out what they're capable of despite suffering a rough 41-25 loss to Spaulding High School on Wednesday Jan. 15.

Cole Keegan was their leading scorer in the team's only game last week with 10 points.

According to head

coach Nate Stanton injuries and sickness have been holding the Lancers back. "Injuries are killing us, Mike Rosatano, Zach Fawcett, and Jeff Weidenfeld were all out due to injuries or the flu," said Stanton. "We didn't play as a team and were reminded the importance of playing as one unity and for each other."

Londonderry had 23 turnovers that night and struggled on defense. "We need to go back to what

makes us a great team, that is playing defense, doing all the little things, working together and being unselfish." Stanton added.

It hasn't been the easiest road so far for the squad, but Stanton is hopeful his boys can overcome their struggles. Stanton finished up by saying, "These guys have been going through adversity early and I'm looking forward to them overcoming it, and peak-

ing at the right time. We have had some great practices and I am excited to get back at it this week."

The Londonderry boys' hope to turn things around this week when they travel to Alvirne High School (1-5) on Tuesday, Jan. 21, after the Londonderry Times went to print.

They will host the Bedford Bulldogs on Friday night, Jan. 24, who hold the same 2-3 record.



Senior Forward Cole Keegan lead the team in scoring last week with 10 points. Photo by Chris Paul

Lancer's Gymnasts Continue to Excel

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Gymnastics team can add another first place title to their season record after they outdis-

tanced four other teams at their latest meet on Thursday, Jan. 16. The Lady Lancers traveled to Salem last week and competed against Windham, Timberlane, Hollis-Brookline, and Milford High

Schools at A2 Gym & Cheer.

The Londonderry gymnasts finished that event with a season high 126.25 points, while Windham came in second with 113.3 points. Timberlane followed in third with 109.35, Hollis-Brookline 105.6, and Milford finished with 88.05 points.

Ashley Griffin tied for first with an 8.3 on the vault, while Marlie Fitzgerald placed third with a score of 8.15 and.

On bars Sophie Hagymas placed first with a 7.5, Makenna Lord placed second with a score of 7.1 and Ella Houghton came in third with a 6.8.

Lancer Ella Houghton took first place on beam with an 8.3, Marissa McKay came in second with a 8.15 and Ashley Griffin came in third with a 7.95.

In the floor event, Ella Houghton had a second place finish with her 8.85 score, while Peyton Beirne came in third with an 8.65.

In All Around, Griffin placed second (30.55) and Ava Ruppel came in third with a score of 29.3.

Lancer coach Heather Lennon couldn't be prouder of how the girls keep on improving this season. "This was our best score of the season and the girls did an amazing job with having two meets in one week. We are still trying to figure out our best line up with only two meets left in the senior prior to states." Lennon said after the meet.

The local gymnasts will now have over a week to prepare for the team's first home meet of the season when they host several teams on Tuesday, Jan. 28. Londonderry will compete against Bedford, Campbell, Conant, Dover, Keene, Nashua North & South, Somersworth, Timberlane Regional, Trinity, and Windham High Schools at 6 p.m. at the Londonderry High School gymnasium.



Ella Houghton came in first place on beam with a score of 8.3. Courtesy photo

Athletes of the Week

Week of Jan. 12

Evan Dugas

Junior, Boys Ski Team

Evan consistently pushes himself to improve his already good standings. He is a positive and helpful attitude are just a few of the attributes that make him a great influence on our team.



Juliette Louiselle

Junior, Girls Ski Team

Juliette has worked hard in the off season and it has resulted great times in the gates. This results in her moving up in the run order to consistently take the top slot for our team this year.



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Lancer Boy Swimmers Beat Three, Girls Get Two Wins

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Over the weekend Londonderry High School Swim teams competed in a multiple team meet at the University of Southern New Hampshire on Saturday, Jan. 18. The teams competed

against Pinkerton Academy, Campbell High School and Portsmouth High Schools. The Lancer's boys' team beat Portsmouth 72-62, Pinkerton 80-70, and Campbell 92-30. The girls' squad beat Portsmouth 114-52, and Campbell 126-33, but lost to Pinkerton 86-82.

In the 200-meter Medley Relay the team of Elizabeth Allen, Lillian Law, Maggie Edwards, and Julia Ethier placed first with a time of 2:21.34. The boys' team of Kevin Moscat, Christopher Byrne, Brandon White, and Connor McKinnon finished second with a final time of 2:10.21.

For the 200-meter Freestyle Julia Either placed third (2:40.27), Lillian Law fourth (2:46.62), and Megan St. Germain finished fifth with a final time of 2:46.86. For the boys Lancer Theodore McKnight came in first (2:34.72), and Connor McKinnon placed fourth with a swim time of 2:42.35.

In the 200-meter Individual Medley, Maggie Edwards placed first (2:35.66), Riley Walter

third (2:54.24), and Christopher Byrne finished first with a time of 2:32.88 for the boys.

In the 50-meter Freestyle, Lancer's Lexi Apholz finished fourth (32.33), Elise Beauchemin placed fifth (35.02) and Brandon White finished first with a final time of 25.64. For the 100-meter Butterfly, Lancer Elizabeth Allen placed first (1:21.07), Megan St. Germain fourth (1:28.75), and Joanna Davis placed fifth with a swim time of 1:39.52. For the boys, Brandon White earned himself another first place finish with a time of 1:04.99.

Moving to the 100-meter Freestyle Julia Ethier came in second (1:08.21) and Lexi Apholz finished third with a 1:13.46 time. As for the

boys Connor McKinnon finished fourth (1:11.87), and Stephen Bompastore finished fifth with a swim time of 1:12.32.

In the 400-meter Freestyle, Lady Lancer's Avery Crimmins placed fifth (5:48.50), Isabella McKnight sixth (5:48.59), and Joanna Davis finished seventh with a final time of 6:12.91. For the boys Theodore McKnight placed third (5:36.09) and Dylan Anderson finished fifth with a time of 5:42.84.

The team of Julia Ethier, Lexi Apholz, Elizabeth Allen, and Maggie Edwards finished first in the 200-meter Freestyle Relay with a time of 2:04.98. The boys the squad of Dylan Anderson, Stephen Bompastore, Theodore McKnight, and Connor McKinnon placed second with a swim time

of 2:06.16.

Wrapping up with the 400-meter Freestyle Relay the girls squad of Avery Crimmins, Elise Beauchemin, Lillian Law, and Isabella McKnight placed third with a final time of 5:09.81. The boys' team of Kevin Moscat, Theodore McKnight, Christopher Byrne, and Brandon White placed first with a final time of 4:22.47.

With the boys win over Pinkerton, and the girls' loss to Pinkerton one point was given to each school in the overall score of the annual Ball Family Trophy Competition between the two schools.

The Lancer swimmers will compete again on Friday night, Jan. 24 at the Workout Club in Londonderry starting at 5 p.m.

Londonderry High Ski Teams Take Fourth Place at Crotched Mountain Event

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry's Ski teams took a trip to an extremely cold Crotched Mountain on Friday, Jan. 17, and competed against Pinkerton Academy, Bishop Guertin, and Goffstown High School in a Slalom event. The Pinkerton girls' team dominated their side of the mountain and took home first place with 382 points while Goffstown placed second (381), Bishop Guertin finished third with 371 points, and Londonderry came in

fourth with 364 points. As for the LHS boys', they finished fourth with 355 points, Pinkerton came in second with 367 points while Goffstown finished third (364), and Bishop Guertin finished first with a score of 394.

For the Lancer boys' team, Brandon Fish came in first for the Lancer's and tenth overall with a time of 1:51.14. Evan Douglas came in second and 15th overall (2:03.37), Ryan Griffin third and 21st overall (2:08.92), and Dominic Viola finished fourth and 22nd overall

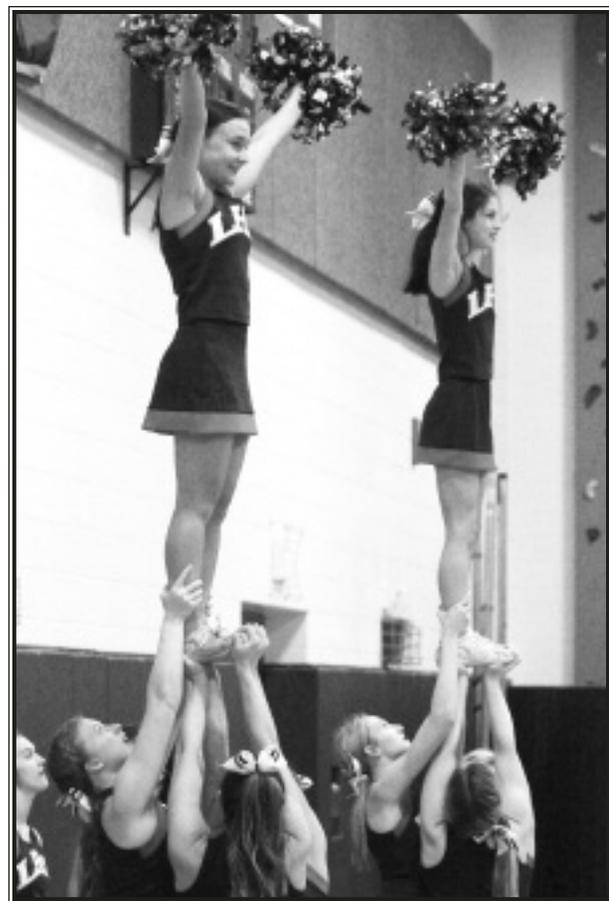
with a ski time of 2:15.04. The last LHS racer to finish was Tyler Kracis who came in sixth and 26th overall with a final time of 2:33.67.

For the Lancer girls, Julia Deschamps led the way for her team and came in 14th overall (1:57.77), Rylee McGrath second and 17th overall with a time of 2:02.55. Lancer's Emma Donnelly came in third and 23rd overall (2:14.08), Alex Tufts took fourth and 25th overall (2:15.72), and Katie Chylinski finished fifth and 26th overall with

a final time of 2:25.76.

The last few Londonderry Skier's to cross the line were Erika Barnes sixth and 28th overall (2:31.43), Rease St. Gelais seventh and 30th (2:44.27), Emily Smith eighth and 30th overall (2:46.17), and Juliette Louisell finished ninth and 31st overall with a ski time of 3:26.67.

The Lancers will once again take to the slopes again at Crotched Mountain on Friday, Jan. 24 for their next event of the winter season.



The Lancer Winter Cheerleading squad was on hand at the Londonderry Girls' Basketball teams convinsing win over Trinity High School on Friday night at the LHS gym, *Photo by Chris Paul*

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Scoring Troubles Continue for Lancer's Hockey Team

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Varsity Hockey team is still seeking an answer for their troubles on the offensive

side of the ice, as they suffered another loss on Wednesday night Jan. 15, to Salem High School by a score of 5-1.

Over the past four games Londonderry has only scored four goals, and

are having trouble on the defensive end as well since they have given up 16 goals over those four games as well.

In the loss to the Blue Devils, the only Lancer goal was scored by fresh-

man Kyle McPhail in the first period.

Londonderry was scheduled to play Bishop Brady High School on Saturday, Jan. 18, at Tri-Town Ice Arena, but that game was postponed to a later

date.

The Lancer squad will be facing off against their rivals from Derry on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at the Ice Den in Hooksett after the Londonderry Times went to print. The game

against the Astros will count toward the annual Ball Family Trophy contest between the two schools.

On Saturday, Jan. 25, the Lancers will face a winless Manchester Central-West squad on the road.

Old Home Days Committee Attracts New Faces for 2020

GRACE MORIARTY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Old Home Day in August has been a Londonderry celebration for 120 years and the town's family friendly event is one of the oldest consecutive celebrations in New Hampshire. Old Home Day typically attracts over 10,000 people; the 2020 Old Home Day will take place on Aug. 12-16.

Londonderry is one of several communities that have loyally observed Old Home Day on the third weekend in August. NH Governor Frank Rollins initiated this State sanctioned event in 1899, as an effort to create community awareness and help solve the decline of NH's small farming towns. The Governor's idea was for these towns to celebrate their heritage by inviting former residents, friends and family back to the Granite State and to their rural communities for a big party.

The most recent Londonderry Old Home Day Committee meeting took place on Thursday, Jan. 16, and the Londonderry Town Hall was filled with residents interested in joining a new era of festival planning.

This meeting was a kickoff to reorganize the Old Home Day Committee to bring in new energy with a fresh group of volunteers to organize the gathering.

Lisa Drabik, Assistant Town Manager, told the meeting attendees that she appreciated seeing all the new faces and new "blood" who are interested to step up for Old Home Day planning efforts.

It was decided by town officials that the Committee would be reorganized after the former committee Chairman, Kathy Wagner, stepped down after many years of involvement. Wagner left her lead position under a bit of controversy saying she

did not want to be further scrutinized about budgets and meeting policies. Other committee members, who had put in much hard work to make the event successful, had discussed the event would benefit from new volunteers to join the committee.

Town Manager Kevin Smith said, "Some of these people (previous committee members) are looking to step back and to turn it (the event planning) over to a new group of individuals." He said that for decades there had been a very small number of committed volunteers putting together this five-day summer event.

Smith also reported that the former Chair, Wagner — along with other committee members — will remain involved to help ensure a smooth transition for the event planning and to leverage the committees'

years of efforts, experience and organizational operations. Smith said it is a good idea at this point to bring in new ideas and volunteers to organize the event.

Old Home Day is typically comprised of quite a few different activities — spread over five days, including a parade, Senior Night, Town Common booths and games, Kidz Night, fireworks, and more. Some of these events may need updated efforts; for example, the committee has previously discussed that the fireworks display from last year was not fully optimized.

Smith said new ideas are always welcome but added there is likely to be no big changes for this coming year. Smith added that while he didn't foresee major changes, there may be tweaks made to the process and planning efforts that are needed for the event. It was dis-

cussed that volunteers typically manage or direct specific areas they are interested in working on and they will have dynamic input to help direct those areas.

The history of planning and support for this event has evolved over the last several decades. The Chamber of Commerce handled oversight for Old Home Day for many years until 2001, when the Town Council created the Old Home Day committee. It was chartered as a group of volunteers to represent the town and guided to determine its own rules and order of business. The committee remained a volunteer effort but has always had town oversight regarding financial issue including operational costs, money collected for booths, sponsorships and other related items.

Assistant Town Manager Drabik told the Jan

16th meeting volunteers that the committee's goal is to transition to a whole new group of volunteers going forward. She advised that the committee to remain connected with past volunteer efforts and former members to leverage their institutional knowledge of how things were done. Drabik said, "We are going to need a ton of help especially with the parade."

Drabik invited meeting attendees to sign up for various sub-committees related to event actions that would be interesting for them and that a list would be put together to overview needed activities. The town website will continue to act as the official Old Home Day site. Town Manager Smith told the attendees that the town will continue committee oversight for the finances for Old Home Day through the town's finance department.



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Spring Dance

The Londonderry Lions will be having a Spring Dance on April 25, featuring Bobby and the Sharptones, from 7 - 11 p.m. For ticket purchases or info contact Jerry at (603) 434-5307 or your favorite lion.

Democrats Meeting

There will be a regular monthly meeting of Londonderry Democrats at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Rockingham Regional Democratic Office located at 2 Litchfield Rd., Londonderry. We frequently have representatives from Presidential campaigns available to discuss issues and answer questions. Each monthly meeting includes a social hour with refreshments and lively conversation. Anyone interested in learning more about Londonderry Democrats is encouraged to attend.

Library Hours

The Leach Library Hours for the month of February will be Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The library will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17, for Presidents' Day.

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in Derry hosts a free resource for parents, grandparents and caregivers raising teens. Discuss your concerns and learn new parenting strategies. New topics are introduced weekly. Drop-ins welcome. For more information, call 437-8477 ext. 29. Topics Jan. 23: Consequences and Boundaries.

Family Mediation Services

On Jan. 23, the Upper Room in Derry offers mediation services to help families better communicate with each other. For more information, call 437-8477 ext. 14

Teen Talk

An after-school group for teens ages 13-18 years old to talk, connect, relate and support each other on Tuesdays from 3 - 4 p.m., at the Upper Room in Derry. Drop-ins are welcome! For more information, call 437-8477 ext. 29

On My Own - Basic Sewing

On Wednesdays Feb. 5, 9 and 19, from 2:30 - 4 p.m., at the Upper Room in Derry learn basic sewing survival skills including mending rips, hemming pants and sewing on a button. This three-week series meets after school and is walking distance to Pinkerton Academy. Open to teens ages 13-18. Easily reserve spots by emailing skoza@urteachers.org or call 437-8477 ext. 27.

Quit Vaping & Health Workshop

Time to quit Vaping and Your Health Workshop for Teens; 1st Tuesday of the Month Feb. 4, from 3 - 4:30 p.m., at the Upper Room in Derry. Teens will learn the risks of vaping and how it affects brain development, behavior and health as well as how to break the habit and replace it with healthier options call 437-8477 ext. 15.

Teen Information for Parenting Success

This series is open up to age 23, on Wednesdays from 5 - 7 p.m., at the Upper Room in Derry get in-school support, workshops, baby/toddler supplies, resources and a place to talk, share and learn call 437-8477 ext. 12.

Work Ready NH Course

Eight-week course begins Jan. 29, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 - 7 p.m., at the Upper Room in Derry. This free eight-week program will help any worker over age 18 entering, or re-entering the workforce, update their employment skills and talents. Attendees will achieve both a National Career readiness and a Work Ready NH certificate. On-site registration will take place Jan. 22 at 3:30 p.m. Call Chloe 603-437-8477 ext. 18 or Donna 603-206-8180 for more information.

Living with Bears

On Thursday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m., Mr. Andrew Timmins will present "Living with Bears" at the Leach Library. Mr. Timmins is a wildlife biologist for New Hampshire Fish and Game, where he also serves as a Bear Project Leader. Join Mr. Timmins as he teaches attendees about bear biology and management in New Hampshire. His focus will be on the challenges of bear management, with particular attention paid to the issue of bear cultural carrying capacity and bear/human conflict avoidance and management. This program is free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. It will be held in the library's lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served.

Let's Build a Snowman

Come to the Leach Library on Monday, Feb. 3 from 4 - 5 p.m. to hear about a winter favorite - snowmen.

We'll see what snowmen do at night when everyone is asleep and sing songs about snowmen. To end the program, we will build a paper snowman together. Each participant will leave with an adorable plush snowman. This engaging 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.

Reptiles Rock

Join Rainforest Reptiles at the Leach Library on Tuesday, Feb. 18 from 4 - 5 p.m. to learn about a variety of reptiles during their Reptiles Rock program. Hear information about several reptiles from tropical environments and what makes them unique. Animal visitors may include a boa constrictor, an American alligator, and a tegu lizard (live animals). This exciting 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 Monday, Feb. 10.

Select This Year's Great Stone Face Award Winner

The New Hampshire Great Stone Face Award nominees are books selected by librarians for children in grades 4-6. Beginning in Feb. and ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 4, for every book read from the list of nominated titles, participants receive one raffle ticket. All the raffle tickets will be entered into a random drawing for a chance to win a great prize. Voting on your favorite book from the list starts on Monday, April 6 at 9 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 11. The raffle is open to all participants in grades 4-6. Stop by the Leach Library Children's Room desk to pick up a list of the nominated books and help us choose this year's winner.

Romping Reads

Open to participants of all ages. Each week, participants will have a romping good time with songs, interactive stories, and a game. Move and groove with friends old and new on Wednesdays from 4:15 - 4:45 p.m. Meeting dates are: Feb. 5, 12, 19, and 26.

Toddler Time

Open to children ages 2 & 3. Children attend with their parents and enjoy a

fun half-hour of thematic stories, games, songs, and a simple craft. Meets on Thursdays, 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. Meeting dates are: Feb. 6, 13, 20, and 27.

February Vacation Scavenger Hunt

Starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 24 and ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 29, during February Vacation, the Leach Library Children's Room will be offering an in-library scavenger hunt. Stop by the Children's Room desk for a list of items to find around the building. Turn in the completed hunt for a raffle ticket and a chance to win a fun prize.

Vacation Craft

Starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 24 and ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 29, during February Vacation, participants will have a chance to create their own cute snowman. Stop by the Leach Library Children's Room desk to pick up the supplies and create your own work of art in the library or in the comfort of your own home.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on: Feb. 5 from 6 - 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 29 from 10 a.m. - noon; Feb. 5 is the last day to register to vote prior to NH Presidential Primary Day (Feb. 11); and Feb. 29 is the last day to register to vote prior to the Town Election Day (March 10). To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency, Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers), Proof of age, or Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, domicile and citizenship. Any question contact Kristin Grages Supervisors of the Checklist Town of Londonderry 432-1100, ext 198.

Lights, Camera, Civics!

On Jan. 26, the New Hampshire Institute for Civics Education ("NHICE") will screen To Kill a Mockingbird as part of a multi-year statewide program

designed to foster conversations with the public on law, justice, and civics. The screening and post-movie discussion will take place at Pinkerton Academy's Stockbridge Theatre, Derry, from 1 - 5 p.m. (program will begin promptly at 1 p.m.; please arrive by 12:30 p.m. to sign in). Light snacks will be provided for noshing outside the theatre. The community discussion accompanying the film showing will be led by Heidi Parenti, Pinkerton Academy English teacher; Dina Michael Chaitowitz, Esq. (NHICE trustee and former federal prosecutor), and a Pinkerton Academy high school student. This program was made possible with support from New Hampshire Humanities, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities. The event is free and open to the public but pre-registration is required. To register, please contact Dina Michael Chaitowitz at dinacivics@gmail.com or at 603-235-0258.

VA BINGO

Post 27 will be playing bingo with patients at the VA Hospital in Manchester on Jan. 27 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. We'll be serving pizza and diet soda as well as providing prize money. For more information about go to our website www.alpost27.com, call us at 437-6613, visit our Greeley Parmenter Harrington Facebook page or follow us on Twitter @ALPost27.

Crossword & Tic Tac Toe

On the central display table of the Leach Library in the adult room there will be new books about ice sports available for checkout. As an added incentive, the library is offering two trivia games during the month: an ice sports crossword puzzle and an ice sports tic tac toe. At the end of the month, one crossword puzzle winner and one tic tac toe winner with all the correct answers will be chosen from a random drawing. Each winner will receive a \$10 gift card for the 99 Restaurant. Turn them in to the Reference Desk no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 31 for eligibility.

Guess It Jar

Beginning at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 2 and ending at 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 31. Stop by the Leach Library's Children's Room desk to see the jar. The closest guess,

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over or under, will win a really cool prize.

Create a Craft

At the start of each week, the Leach library will provide supplies for a new, creative craft and place them in the box on the spot-

light shelf for patrons to create. A new craft may be picked up each week starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 27, Feb. 5, 12, 19, and 26, and will be available until 5 p.m. each Saturday.

Delve into Knowledge

Exciting weekly trivia challenge. Stop by the Leach Library's Children's Room desk to answer our

special trivia challenge question. If you are not sure of the answer, use one of our books or the Internet to help you. All answers will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a cool prize. A new trivia challenge will be available each week starting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday Jan. 21, and Monday Jan. 27, and will be available until 5 p.m. each Saturday.

A Long Winter Nap

Come to the Leach Library on Monday, Jan. 27 from 4-5 p.m. to learn about how some animals spend their cold winter months. Listen to stories about hibernation and find out which animals sleep for the winter months and which go someplace warmer. In addition, we'll learn a song

about hibernation and help a bear find his cozy cave in time for the winter. At the end of the program, each participant will receive a cute and cuddly stuffed bear. 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 Tuesday, Jan. 21.

TIPS

The Upper Room holds TIPS (Teen Information for Parenting Success) a Support Program for young parents up to age 23. Every Wednesday from 5-7 p.m., at 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. Get in-school support, workshops, baby/toddler supplies, resources and a place

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- Monday - Jan. 13**
- 12:37 a.m.** Services rendered for Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.
- 6:09 a.m.** Services rendered for Animal Control on High Range Road at Red Deer Road.
- 9:35 a.m.** Criminal Mischief investigated on Michels Way at T J Maxx.
- 9:57 a.m.** Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on Lexington Avenue.
- 3:20 p.m.** Assault investigated on Nelson Road at Lafa Complex.
- 4:27 p.m.** Domestic Disturbance investigated on Fieldstone Drive.
- 4:54 p.m.** Sex Offenses reported on Capitol Hill Drive.
- 9:18 p.m.** Peace restored

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Evolve!

A group for young woman ages 13 to 18 to talk about today's challenges meets every Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This

is a free weekly group. To register, Call 437-8477 to register ext. 16.

Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support

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 Rd., Bedford. For more information call 660-3425 or email dhunter31@gmail.com

Lamplighters

A womans group with the goal of helping less fortunate woman and people in New Hampshire meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at Londonderry Presbyterian Church at 128 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry. If you have any

questions please call 781-866-9976.

Child Find Program

Free Community Child Find Program for all Londonderry residents ages two 1/2 - five years, 11 months (5.11) Of Age, who are suspected of having vision or hearing problems or developmental concerns. Child Find will be held at the Londonderry early education program (L.E.E.P.) Moose Hill School - 150 Pillsbury Rd., on Feb. 6, and April 2. We encourage parents of preschoolers to set up an appointment if they have any concerns. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call: Kathy Kelley 437-5855, Ext. 7223, between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No Child Will Be Seen

Without An Appointment. For children birth to 2.5 years old, please contact Beth Warner at The Moore Center 603-206-2732 or Lynne Thomas at Easter Seals 603.666.5982 Ext. 34. Both providers are connected with family centered early supports & services.

Bingo

The Londonderry Senior Center at 535 Mammoth Road in Londonderry, has Bingo every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. all seniors over 55 are welcome, come and enjoy the fun. Cash prizes, small fee per card. If you want

more information call Senior Center at 432-8554.

Walking Together

A support group for widows and widowers meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Manse at Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry. When we meet, we walk together our journey of grief. No need to do it alone. If you have any questions, please call 781-866-9976.

Women's Writing Group

Derry Women's Creative writing group meets

the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at the Derry public Library at 6:30 p.m.

UR Parents

A weekly Resource group for parents, grandparents and caregivers raising teens meets every Thursday, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd., Derry. This is a free weekly group. Drop ins welcome.'

Journey of Hope

Healing through grief and loss due to addiction. Londonderry Senior Center 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. We offer the group

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after Domestic Disturbance on Copperfield Lane.

Tuesday - Jan. 14

12:53 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Jefferson Drive.

10:53 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Nashua Road at Prosciutto's

1:29 p.m. Services rendered after report of Missing Person on Kitt Lane.

4:49 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Winthrop Road.

9:23 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Beech Street. Ana Colina, 40, of Nashua charged with Identity Fraud.

10:16 p.m. Peace restored after Disturbance on Midridge Circle.

Wednesday - Jan. 15

1:11 a.m. Welfare Check by four officers leads to arrest on Old Nashua Road. Kevin Todd, 25, of Londonderry charged with Domestic Violence - Simple Assault.

3:08 p.m. Attempted suicide transported to hospital from Fieldstone Drive.

6:48 p.m. Three officers investigate suspicious activity at Burger King on Nashua Road

11:31 p.m. Follow-up by five officers results in transport to hospital from Mountain Home Road.

11:03 p.m. Sex Offenses investigated on Pillsbury Road

Thursday - Jan. 16

10:38 a.m. Services rendered for domestic disturbance on Bartley Hill Road

11:56 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated at Construction Site on Sanborn Road.

2:48 p.m. Peace restored after a domestic disturbance on Conifer Place.

3:14 p.m. Services rendered for Sex Offenses on Vista Ridge Drive

6:28 p.m. Sudden Death investigated by four officers on Constitution Drive.

Friday - Jan. 17

11:31 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Hovey Road.

11:42 a.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated at North School on Sanborn Road.

1:20 p.m. Services rendered for drug offenses on Orchard View Drive at Dollar Tree.

4:12 p.m. Services rendered for Sex Offenses on Morway Drive.

6:31 p.m. Three officers render services for Overdose on Kendall Pond Road.

8:25 p.m. Missing Person investigated on Hemlock Street.

11:50 p.m. Attempted Suicide transported to hospital from Seminole Place.

Saturday - Jan. 18

1:27 a.m. Peace restored after Domestic Disturbance on Boulder Drive.

7:49 a.m. Structure Fire reported on High Range Road at Quentin Drive.

8:31 a.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Capitol Hill Drive.

11:51 a.m. Three officers investigate report of missing person on Larch Lane.

12:44 p.m. Missing person investigated on Sandstone Circle.

4:34 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Broadway, Derry. Lyne Caron, 36, of Derry arrested for a Bench Warrant; and two counts of Sexual Assault - Sexual Contact.

Sunday - Jan. 19

12:36 p.m. Welfare Check results in transportation to hospital on Falcon Road.

2:18 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Nashua Road at Crossroads Mall.

4:08 p.m. Warrant Served and Arrest made on Fieldstone Drive. Michael Gianini, 18, of Londonderry charged with Indecent Exposure/Gross Lewdness; Stalking - Placing Individual In Fear; and two counts of Stalking - Reasonable Person To Fear.

8:26 p.m. Attempted Suicide transported to hospital from Boyd Road.

OBITUARY

Ernest J. McKinley



Ernest J. "Ernie/EJ" McKinley, passed away at the Community Hospice House in Merrimack, NH on Sunday, Jan. 19, after being diagnosed with a Glioblastoma, brain tumor, just one year prior. The beloved husband of Robin (Lundergan) McKinley, he was just fifty-one years of age.

Born in Everett, Ernie was raised and educated in the South End of Woburn, graduating from Woburn High School along with the Class of 1987.

While growing up Ernie was quite active in the athletics. He enjoyed the Pop Warner leagues in baseball & football in the city. Once he learned about boxing, that's where his focus was throughout high school. His father was a boxer as well when he was younger & became Ernie's coach. He trained him well & Ernie won the junior Olympics for boxing!

Fishing and hunting with his Dad, began when he was ten years old & has continued right up to last fall. It was a special time for them to spend together, catch up with each other in life & continue to strengthen the bond they had as father & son. It was more to spend time in the woods for Ernie & to please his wife he never killed anything, even when he had the chance!

Ernie's relationship with both his parents was very special, always remaining very watchful & in contact with them, stopping by weekly, Ernie was always checking in on his mother whom he truly cherished & adored.

In 2001 EJ was introduced to his future wife at a New Year's Eve party, by his good friend. They both "just knew right away" & were inseparable ever since. It was like meeting someone for the first time that you felt like you always knew. I loved many things about him but what I loved the most was his Irish wit, he made me laugh almost every day when he was well. They were married in 2003 & made their home in Londonderry. Ernie was the proud father of three boys! He & his wife enjoyed bike riding on the Rail Trail in Londonderry, walking their little dog Maxwell on the trails at Mack's Apple Orchard & spending time at the beach house in Hampton Beach, where many wonderful memories were made & shared. Patriots would be cheered on with all his friends at the Irish American Club in Woburn as one of his favorite activities as well!

Ernie had worked at Data Connections in Reading for over 20 years before starting his own successful business in Networking & Telecommunications for the last decade.

Ernie loved his wife, his children and family unconditionally. At just the mention of someone needing help he was there and could fix just about anything, thanks to his father teaching him how to do everything from rebuilding car engines to repairing anything that could break in a house. His generosity, thoughtfulness & extremely kind ways, as a son, husband, father, brother, & friend has left some truly remarkable memories. A life well lived, but much too short.

Devoted son of Ernest J. & Jeanne M. (Flynn) McKinley. The beloved husband of Robin M. (Lundergan) McKinley, Cherished father of Donald C. Kornse, age 24 of Londonderry, Brendan P. McKinley, age 14 & Aidan J. McKinley, age 13 both of Londonderry. Loving brother of Jeanne Popoloski, her husband Thomas and Michelle E. Murphy, her husband William of Woburn. Adored son-in-law of Gloria & Gordon Brown. Also Ernie is survived by his many loving, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins & friends.

A Funeral will be held from the Lynch-Cantillon Funeral Home, 263 Main St., Woburn on Saturday, Jan. 25 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Charles Church, 280 Main St., Woburn at 10 a.m. Interment in Woodbrook Cemetery, Woburn. Relatives & friends are respectfully invited to Calling hours, in the Funeral Home, Friday evening 4 - 8 p.m. Remembrances may be made in honor of Ernie to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN.



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