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Very few residents attended the Town's Deliberative Session on Saturday, as 30 Warrant Articles were forwarded to the March ballot. Voting that occurred was mainly to restrict reconsideration on each of the articles.
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Voters Approves Articles for Balloting at Town Deliberative

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Deliberative Session was held on Saturday morning, Feb. 8, at the Londonderry High School Cafeteria to support an interactive public session to encourage informed voting on the Town Budget and related Warrant

Articles that have significant impact on town services and operations.

The Town began the 2020 Deliberative meeting with a recognition of residents, Robert Ramsay as the Town's Citizen of the Year and Paul Margolin as the Volunteer of the

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Federal Highway Administration Approves Exit 4A Plan for I-93

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Years after considerations to add a new Derry-Londonderry I93 exit by the State of NH and local residents, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has approved the Exit 4A project; that project can now officially begin the process and planning work in the Londonderry/Derry area.

On Feb. 7 the Final Environmental Impact Statements (FEIS) and Records of Decision (ROD) were approved and moved forward by the FHWA to the NH Department of Transportation. FHWA Environmental Pro-

gram Manager, Jamison Sikora, wrote a letter to New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NH DOT) stating that FHWA has now approved the Final Environmental Impact Study (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) work for the project. The letter noted, "This action represents design concept approval and environmental clearance for this project."

The project has been through a plethora of public hearings, permitting procedures and now the "deep dive" planning process is ready to go. In fact, this approval by FHWA signals the official

beginning of eminent domain acquisitions, contractor selections via a bidding process and actual project construction work; no doubt local residents will experience travel changes over the coming years including new traffic patterns, road-work delays and building tear downs.

NH officials signed off on the plan in September after years of various public hearings. At this time, the project is expected to cost \$56.8 million and both Derry and Londonderry have each committed to spend \$5 million to support the

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Town Manager Provides "State of Londonderry" Message

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On Feb. 8 at the Town Meeting Deliberative, Kevin Smith, Town Manager, presented his 8th State of the Town address. Smith said, "...our economy has been in a perpetual state of growth and expansion. Locally in 2019, Londonderry saw an increase in its town wide valuation for the 10th straight year. This was a result of both new valuations being added to the tax base as well as existing properties having increased in their value. Today homeowners in Londonderry have more equity in their houses than ever before. Despite recent construc-

tion of additional dwelling units in town, the housing stock continues to be very low and demand is at an all-time high, as Londonderry continues to be one of the most desirable communities to live and raise a family in New Hampshire."

Smith continued, "...Business also continues to boom. A number of new construction projects are underway or have been completed this past year." Smith also noted new commercial businesses that have been started near Londonderry's Exit 5 location and that certain existing businesses around town are expanding operations and facilities. He pointed

out that malls in town have been revitalized and that many construction projects are in the pipeline for development this year and next year.

Smith further affirmed, "Meanwhile at Town Hall, our financial position continues to be very strong. The audited numbers for fiscal year for 2019 indicate that we ended the year with a surplus of

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South School Key Program Shows Off Their Passion Projects



About a dozen fifth grade students involved in the South Elementary School Key Program gathered recently to share with staff, family and friends their "Passion Projects." Students were encouraged to gather information about something they were interested in, or felt passionate about and explain there researched information with those attending the event held at the South School Multipurpose room. Projects ranged from the Italian Renaissance, Greenhouse Effect on the Environment, Sasquatch, the Bermuda Triangle, Wild Horses, Global Warming, and Exotic Animals.

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School Deliberative Session Moves 14 Warrant Articles to Ballot

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On Friday Feb. 7, the Londonderry School District held its annual School Deliberative Town Meeting for residents in the community. The Deliberative is held to overview school budget and related warrant articles that have significant impact for the coming school year for students and their families, as well as tax impact for all local residents and businesses who are impacted by property taxes.

The School District presented a total of 14 Warrant Articles at this first meeting that included specific requests and budget impact for school services and operations for consideration by voters approval. The second session is the actual voting to be conducted by official ballot at the Town election on March 10 at Londonderry High School Gymnasium. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. on that day.

The deliberative is conducted by the School District and this session includes the School District officials, the School Board and the Town's Budget Committee. All 14 Articles were adopted without major changes at

the meeting.

The first article is for voters to choose 2 members for the School Board on election day. Article 2 is really the heart of the matter for most residents and the School district. Article 2 asks voters to raise and appropriate an operating or default budget for the coming 2020 - 2021 school year. Voters will get to choose either the Proposed school budget as amended, which is \$78,875,263 (with a tax impact estimated to be \$12.34) or the Default budget at \$78,474,263 (with a tax impact estimated to be \$12.25).

The Proposed budget is an increase of \$3,041,077 or 4.01 % over the previous year's budget. This budget includes monies for 2 Collective Bargaining agreements that were passed by voters last year, which is part of the increase. These are part of this 4.01% increase, as they are added with salary/benefit increase approved in last year's budget at a cost of \$1,886,525, which is more than half of the increase total.

Transportation, Regular instruction, Special Education costs are increased at \$645, 546 and Special Education Tuition

cost increase is at \$336,176, while there is cost increases at \$29,966 for Water/Sewer and Electrical Utility cost increases that is set to be \$68,300.

The Default Budget is an alternative choice that is a differential to the proposed budget at \$401,000 that does not include the increase in cost for Transportation and Utilities, but does include funding for Teachers, Allied Health Contracts (year 2) that was approved last year. The Default budget is a 3.48% increase over last years school budget.

The School District has taken the following measures to insure fiscal responsibility; Right sizing staff to match program expectations; Redeployment of existing staff prior to requesting new positions; Cost Avoidance programs in Buildings and Grounds (\$350,00). Pupil services (\$9,617,478); Tuition revenue where space is available without additional costs (\$1,642,000) from Hooksett at LHS, LEEP, and summer Programs); and Efficient allocation of equipment and technology.

Superintendent Scott Laliberte and School Board Chair Person, Nancy Hendriks, mes-

saged the community saying, "Overall our goal is to produce the best learning environment possible while maintaining fiscal responsibility." They further stated, "The total amount of the Article 2 Proposed Budget was arrived at after careful consideration of the expectations of our community for a programming that is focused upon College and Career readiness, and a wide variety of offerings of both academic and co-curricular/extra-curricular offerings."

The Article 2 budget discussion occupied the highest amount of meeting time at the deliberative session as the proposed budget was passed by a 4 to 1 vote by the school board while the Budget Committee approved this budget by a 4 to 3 yes vote recommendation. There was some discussion about if there were ways to further cut the budget yet maintain district goals that supported some differences in opinion about ways the

budget could be further cut as some argued that the budget is actually in need for more budget monies to support some of the programs, services and building facilities that are needed to optimize the district's programming.

None of the remainder of the articles had budget numbers included with the Article 2 Proposed and Default budget metrics. The remaining articles were all moved to ballot with little further discussion from attendees about the numbers as there was little opposition from the attendees, the Budget Committee or the School Board and District members. Articles 4 (Custodians) and 5 (Support Staffing) requested approvals for collective bargaining agreements. Article 6 is to approve federal funding for the district's lunch program. Article 7 was set up for approval of a school buildings maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. Article 8 is for a Capital Reserve Fund approval to

procure essential small equipment for classrooms, offices, technology, and buildings/grounds. Article 9 is also for approval of a Capital Reserve Fund - though this is for technology infrastructure. Article 10 is also for approval of a Capital Reserve Fund specifically for Vehicle and Machinery. Article 11 is to Amend the School District Charter to provide clarity and support going forward for the school district's operating and default budget legal language. Article 12 is for easement request support made about a small parcel of land located at the North Elementary School. Article 13 is a non-lapsing article to finish removing asbestos at a few small areas at some schools. Article 14 is to create a revolving non-lapsing fund for a self-supporting program that will make it easier to capture costs of self-supporting programs or activities.

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Editorial

Presidents Day Reminds Us of Our Democracy

From a young age, many Americans begin to associate Presidents Day as nothing more than the third day of a long weekend, since schools are often closed to observe the holiday. Though its significance is taught in said schools, it seems that so many still don't fully comprehend the meaning behind Presidents Day. Companies that use this day as an excuse to move excess inventory don't help preserve the significance of this day either.

Two of the United States' greatest national leaders were born in the month of February, and a big part of the national holiday is to celebrate these two figures. The main purpose of Presidents Day focuses on the lives of past Presidents of the United States of America, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. These two men have served as examples for future generations for hundreds of years, and their actions and messages must be preserved and followed to keep our nation strong.

These two Presidents in particular are celebrated together each year in the month of February, not just for their dates of birth, but also for their demonstration of strength during turbulent times in our nation's history. George Washington was a model for "Integrity, self-discipline, courage, absolute honesty, resolve, and decision, but also forbearance, decency, and respect for others." Not everyone agreed with Washington's viewpoints and qualities, but many honored, respected and trusted him

nonetheless. Furthermore, Washington had no need to tell his fellow new Americans how strong and capable of a leader he was his actions were the proof.

Abraham Lincoln was born into a poor family, but he fought and persevered, became a country lawyer and eventually President of the United States. He received little formal teaching, and instead educated himself and gained a command of the English language, developing a way with words that would humble speechwriters of today.

During a time when a large national party had intentions to reject the Irish Catholics and Germans pouring into the country, Lincoln voiced praise for immigrants. When Southern leaders threatened secession, he stood firm against the expansion of slavery.

It is sad that this holiday in honor of these two great men has been reduced to just another day off to go shopping. This isn't to say that there is anything wrong with enjoying oneself on a national holiday, but we at Nutfield Publishing believe that Presidents Day deserves recognition for keeping the virtues of two great leaders alive.

We should never forget that as a Nation we must be grateful to live in a Country that allows us freedom; a voice in our government and a choice of our leaders. Therefore, the next time you see or hear a Presidents Day advertisement for your local car dealership, keep in mind that the day means so much more than discounts and not needing to set the alarm.

Letters

Restricting Reconsideration at Deliberative

To the editor,
I spoke briefly to this during "Other Business" as our meeting closed. The history, as I recall it, is worth noting. When we had Town Meetings, as opposed to Deliberative Sessions, articles were discussed and then were voted on at that time. There was no subsequent ballot vote. One year a controversial article was discussed and voted on. As the meeting ran longer, and as most of the remaining articles were low impact, people left the meeting until only a few of us remained. One of the defeated minority from the earlier article called for a "Vote to Reconsider" and it passed.

The previously decided article was then reopened and the original vote was reversed by that 'minority' who had stayed as others had left. The following year the moderator, or maybe Town attorney, was asked how to prevent such a recurrence. The vote to "Restrict Reconsideration" was that mechanism. Ever since that time it has become routine to hold such a vote as soon as any article is moved to the ballot.

The potential problem is that when we have two or three articles that are addressing the same subject matter, as is often the case, the first article is debated, moved to the ballot and is immediately "locked". If something in the second article is then modified in a way that affects the first article, we have no way to address that issue. I believe we would be better served if we delayed restricting the first article till the second had also been moved to the ballot and then

restricted reconsideration of both, one after the other, as was done with the five Union contract articles this year.

As always, listen carefully and fully understand what your vote is saying.

David Ellis
Londonderry

Please Vote Yes On Warrant Article #28

To the editor,

The members of American Legion Post 27 would ask you to consider voting Yes on Warrant Article #28 to approve keno in Londonderry on March 10th. The game is currently approved in over 80 New Hampshire towns including Manchester, Derry as well as Hudson and only played at establishments with a license to serve alcohol. Keno is silently played in the bar area and is not a distraction to other customers. Today, residents wishing to play must travel outside of town which is an inconvenience to them and a loss of revenue for businesses. Proceeds from keno go towards funding full day kindergarten though there has been discussion in the legislature to change the formula. Last year keno failed to pass by less than 50 votes and was given a 5-0 'no' vote by the Budget Committee, who should not have voted on the warrant article as it has zero impact on the tax rate, and we feel that may have caused the article to fail. The money we earn from keno will allow us to further assist veterans as well as donate to the community. Please vote Yes on Warrant Article #28.

Sincerely,
Bob Stuart
Commander, American Legion Post 27

Running for Budget Committee

To the editor,

My name is Steve Breault, and I am running for a position on the budget committee. I have lived in Londonderry for over twelve years. I am currently the Chief Financial Officer for a company in NH. I am running for budget committee, because I can offer a different financial perspective when it comes to budgets. My work experience spans from working in the trades, to working for a large financial services corporation. I have worked in various departments, such as finance, IT, investments, taxes, government contracts, and accounting, acquiring an understanding of the operations and the demands placed on businesses. I have managed many large-scale projects and process improvements, requiring the collaboration of many stakeholders, and taught college courses, both of which outline the importance of education, teamwork, and building trust. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family, hiking, and taking an active role in various local organizations, such as Londonderry Rotary.

Thanks,
Steve Breault CPA
Londonderry Budget committee candidate

Opposed to Article #29

To the editor,

Well, this is a new one. I never heard of a "Carbon Cash Back program" until I read Warrant Article #29. I visited the website of the Carbon Cash Back Coalition to learn more about the program. I even read the proposed bill for the

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Letters

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New Hampshire legislature. Here's what I found:

Vendors of carbon based fuel at the first point of sale will be taxed a fee based on the amount of carbon per ton in the fuel. This fee is calculated by the administrator of the program, the Department of Environmental Services. This fee

affects fossil fuels sold or used within the state including aviation and marine fuel, and imported electricity. The vendors must submit annual compliance reports. A 10% penalty will be assessed if the vendor fails to timely pay his quarterly fee. The penalty accrues. Overdue fees and penalties shall bear interest. Fees collected will be distributed to all

adults legally domiciled in NH. There will be eligibility requirements for proof of domicile and annual registration forms shall be adopted.

A short video on the website states that we "don't know what will happen to carbon emissions" and that we "hope people will change their buying habits". If you "don't know" and "hope", where did the \$3456.00 rebate per family of 4 number mentioned in a recent Londonderry Times article come from? I put my information into their calculator to find out how much of a rebate I could expect. I did it twice and only changed my income by \$30,000. Seems that the more you make, the less you get. I would be gaining \$27 a month with my lower income and only \$10 a month with my higher income. That's nowhere near \$3456.00.

The website/video also states that Mexico's fee rate is approximately \$1 per ton of carbon and California's rate is \$13 per ton. Why, then would NH wish to charge \$20 per ton, increasing by \$10 each year? Seems way to steep to me.

NH is already in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. Why do we need another huge program with more administrative costs for the Department of Energy,

the vendors, and, yes, even the people of NH who have to fill out paperwork in hopes of getting a few dollars back from their increased cost of fuel?

Finally, I would like to introduce everyone to the president of the Copenhagen Consensus Center, Bjorn Lomborg. He has a great talk with Russ Roberts, a Fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution, on the website econtalk.org. Mr. Lomborg says that when it comes to dealing with climate change, instead of focusing on carbon emissions, our money would be better spent on Geo-engineering, green energy research and development, and adaptation techniques.

I just don't see how a Carbon Cash Back program will help NH. I plan on voting "No" on Warrant Article #29.

Helen Maynard
Londonderry

Why I'm Running for School Board

To the editor,
I wrote a letter announcing my candidacy for school board. Today, I'd like to share a little more about what drives me.

I am a married mother of two young children. My husband and I both hold college degrees and work

in stable jobs. In our parenting, we read to our children, help them with their homework and spelling. We take them to museums and promote critical thinking skills and social-emotional empathy. We aim to raise children who think of others and are well-rounded, nice people.

This is not enough. It is not enough for us, in a vacuum, to raise children who are primed to succeed. I want my children to grow up in a world where all children have these opportunities. All children have the chance to achieve their goals. Parenting takes a tremendous amount of cognitive effort. It is hard to get your children off to daycare or school in time for you to get to work, and come home to cook dinner, do homework, reading, spelling and math, as well as the nightly bath and the inevitable "I don't need to brush my teeth tonight, I brushed them yesterday". My husband and I have something else; we have consistent work schedules, ample paid time off and employers who value work-life balance. Many parents do not have these luxuries.

The mission of our school system, in part, is to "provide all students with the vision, skills, and knowledge necessary to maximize their individual

potential". How do we best do that? How do we prepare students to succeed in a future that we expect to be rapidly changing? We currently have a presidential candidate discussing the impacts of automation on the labor market and the economy. What skills will the employee of the future need to succeed in the workplace? There are many projections that, more than ever, workers will need human skills to succeed. These include problem solving, creativity, systems thinking, communication and negotiation. These softer skills can help students succeed in the educational system and beyond.

In current state, do the policies of the school board allow the school district to achieve its mission? Are those policies fair and equitable? Does the budget align with, and support the mission of the district to provide vision, skills and knowledge to all of our students? I don't have the answers to these questions, but want to work on behalf of all of our schoolchildren to ensure everyone has the tools they need to succeed today and tomorrow.

Thank you,
Amy Finamore
School Board
Candidate

OBITUARY

Marie C. Pollock



Marie C. Pollock, 77, of Londonderry, NH, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020 in the Community Hospice House in Merrimack, NH. She was born in Manchester, NH on Oct. 16, 1942, a daughter of the late Joseph and Cecile (Paquin) Rioux, and had been a resident of Derry and Londonderry for many years. Marie had been employed as an office manager for the Masonic Temple in Manchester. She was a member of the Londonderry Senior Center and was a communicant of St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry. Marie enjoyed motorcycling and RV-ing with her husband, as well as partaking in any adventures with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband Robert Pollock of Londonderry; two sons, Jim Pollock and his wife Pam, and Dan Pollock and his wife Chris; one daughter, Jolene Santoro; her grandchildren, Ashley, Bryanna, Diana, Brian, and Jessica; two brothers, Rolly Rioux, and Ray Rioux; and her sister, Dolores Gile. She was predeceased by her brother, Joe Rioux.

Calling hours were held on Saturday, Feb. 1 from 1 - 4 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. Funeral services followed at 4 p.m. in the funeral home. Following cremation, she was interred in the Holy Cross Cemetery in Londonderry. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Community Hospice House, Attn. Development Dept., Home Health and Hospice Care, 7 Executive Park Dr., Merrimack, NH 03054.

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Town Assessors Meet With Members of Senior Community

JOHN GOGLIA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 4, the Town of Londonderry Director of Assessing, Rick Brideau, and Assistant Assessor, Beth Hamilton, met with about two dozen residents of the Hickory Woods Over 55 Community for about an hour to explain the functions of the Assessing Department.

Brideau is a long-time resident of Londonderry and both have extensive experience in assessing. They provided a handout containing: a Mission Statement; list of responsibilities; 10 year summary of statistics; list of top 10 taxpayers and property exemption information. Basically they are tasked to locate and appraise all taxable property in accordance with New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Supreme Court Decisions and administrative procedures; to maintain current information and prepare and certify assessments in accordance with new Hampshire RSA's.

Their responsibilities include: estimating market value for all real estate in town; maintain property records; defend assessed values before the Board of Tax and Land Appeals, Superior Court and Supreme Court; oversee Tax Exemption and Tax Credit programs; review/update plans, subdivisions and tax maps; assist taxpayers with understanding assessment data; process recorded deeds; monitor sales and assign street numbers.

Their goal is to make every effort to estimate the market value in an equitable manner. The assessing function forms the basis of the distribution of the Town's annual property tax levy. The Town currently has 10,235 properties on its' tax roll. The department monitors all sales and analyzes the local real estate market, supply and demand, economic situations and other influences that effect property values.

Their statistics indicated a 7-fold increase in assessed value from 2018

to 2019 (\$89,618,593 to \$642,596,418) due mainly to an increase in new properties and the revaluation last year. Residential sales significantly outpaced commercial real estate shifting the tax burden more to the residential side. The top 10 taxpayers included mainly utility companies and several large landowners. The airport is not in the top 10, as they pay a set amount per agreement with the Town, but they pay for all police services assigned to the airport. In addition all rental cars at the airport are registered through the Town providing significant additional income.

The tax rate for 2019 was \$19.39 comprised of county tax of \$0.88, state education tax of \$1.91, municipal tax of 44.56 and Town school tax of \$12.04.

There was much information provided throughout the presentation. The audience asked many good and thoughtful questions. Some of the

information relayed was general and some was specific to over 55 communities. The audience was told that going forward high-density developments such as apartment complexes and senior communities would probably not have individual mailboxes but rather centralized mail stations per the U.S. Postal Service.

The Assessing Department attempts to have the 100% assessed value close to the market value, but when prices are increasing as rapidly and as significantly as in they have in recent years that is impossible. The tax is based on the square footage of a property plus other amenities. The town sometimes does not know about additions/amenities until after a property is sold, because owners don't always obtain permits for property improvements.

Clubhouses in senior communities specifically are exempt from taxes as that amenity is included in the purchase prices of

the individual properties when sold by the developer and reflected later in the increased sale prices of sold properties. Common land and private roads are also not taxed for the same reason but their values are also reflected in the sale prices when the individual properties are resold.

The base rate for tax purposes is the same for all properties of similar structure. There are outlier type structures that do not conform to any other types of structures and those assessments usually go through the abatement process. The abatement process is the only way to challenge your tax bill. You can find information on the Town website or by calling the Assessing Department.

The fact that Hickory Woods recently changed from a commercial zone to a residential zone has no impact on property taxes. Someone asked how much the expansion of commercial properties at the airport, the Woodmont Commons Develop-

ment and the multitude of senior communities have shifted the tax burden from commercial to residential. That answer was provided subsequent to the meeting and according to the assessor's research it showed that from 2018 to 2019 the percentage of residential assessed value compared to total town assessed value increased from 61.6% to 63.9%, the commercial/industrial assessed value decreased from 19.5% to 19.3% and utilities assessed value decreased from 18.9% to 16.9%.

Regarding a question about generators Brideau noted that whole house generators are assessed at \$5,000 each regardless of capacity.

All utility companies including sewer, gas, water, etc... pay taxes on their respective infrastructure lines. There are various property tax exemptions for veterans, the disabled and the elderly (based on income and assets) and this information is also available on the Town website.

Message

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about \$1.5 million and that included a little more than \$1 million in more revenue than anticipated with under expenditures of around \$500,000. We also added funds to our unassigned fund balance - bringing that total amount of that fund to \$5.6 million. The town's bond rating remains strong at AA+ and our town side tax rates saw a decrease in 2019 from \$4.99 to \$4.56."

Smith noted that the

town received positive news with regard to state managed infrastructure projects within the town. First with assistance from Gov. Sununu and the New Hampshire State Legislature, Londonderry received state funding that combined with certain other town revenues will enable the town to make improvements to the intersection at Stonehenge Road and route 28. The acceptance of state funding will need approval on warrant article 8 by voters in March. There was assistance from the state

and with Londonderry support that saw Londonderry phase 5 rail trail completion; the new section meanders through the picturesque area of the Little Cohas Brook. Smith also noted, that the Exit 4A project has now been approved by the Federal Highway Administration.

Smith reported, "...the bit of news that wasn't so great this past year was when most of us opened our tax bill in December and were ...surprised to see our property taxes increased

rather significantly over the previous year. This was in large part due to the town wide revaluation - which is required at least once every five years. This revaluation shifted the tax burden more towards the residential taxpayer and away from the commercial and industrial properties, as the value of residential properties increased at a much faster rate than the commercial and industrial properties. In addition to this, the state legislature also passed new laws

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Londonderry Arts Council Hosts the Sixth Annual Arts Cafe

LISA M. D'AMBROSIO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Arts Council welcomes area residents who appreciate Music and Art to attend the Sixth Annual Art's Cafe on Saturday Feb. 15 starting at 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Orchard Christian Fellowship, 136 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry. The Art's Cafe event is the perfect break from winter.

The Londonderry Arts Council invites the community to escape winters' icy grip and bring some warmth and entertainment to your Saturday. Plan for a day filled with fine art and crafts from local artists and artisans and acoustic music by local musicians. Guests can browse the artwork, listen to live music, have a coffee, indulge in a few light refreshments and get a chance to talk to the local artists and musicians in a cozy, relaxing environment. This free event is a great opportunity

to understand their passion and craft.

"What makes this particular event so special, is it's an intimate feel and very interactive, unlike the bigger events we host where it isn't always feasible to speak directly to the artist. The Art's Cafe event is a way to bring people together through the love of Art and Music," Arts Council Chairman, Larry Casey stated.

This year's Featured Artist include:

Tom Abruzese - Paintings on natural items; Darlene Grady - Acrylic;

John Paul Marmonti - Oil; Joy Raskin - Jewelry and flatware;

Maureen Rose - Photography; John Webster - Abstract Expressionism, Melted Wax & Pigments. The Last Duo will be this year's featured Musicians.

"I love that this event is right in the middle of the bitter winter, it gives the community an opportunity to get out of the

house, sip some coffee, look at some great local art, see old friends all while enjoying acoustics" Casey said. "The Orchard is a great venue to have this at, it's just the right size and very cozy and comfortable."

The Londonderry Arts Council promotes visual art and music in the Londonderry community through free events throughout the year. Including summer Concerts on the Common series, Art In Action event and an Open Mic night, called The Nutfield Sessions held once a month at O'Shea's Cafe & Tae. "We have been hosting open Mic for about 15 years and it's always a great time. A public and supportive environment to express your talent," said Casey.

The Council is also involved in renovations and improving the town's bandstand. They provide opportunities for artists and performers to direct-



Local musicians will entertain those attending this year's Arts Cafe at the Orchard Christian Fellowship on Saturday, Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ly connect with community members. The Art's Council believes that our cultural arts are essential for nurturing lifelong learning, building strong relationships and promoting civic responsibility, they envision a community in which everyone participates in and supports our cultural arts as a valued part of our everyday

lives. Visual artists, musicians, community theatre, dance studios, writers, film makers and thriving civic organizations, all offer the Londonderry region an abundance of culture resources to explore. The Art Council's ideal goal is to help connect the community with the cultural gifts that exist in their

very neighborhoods.

"The Art Cafe Event brings people together through music and through the arts and that's what it's all really about," expressed Casey.

For more information please visit londonderryartscouncil.org or check out their facebook page Londonderry Arts Council.

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that dictate how a town can tax the value of utility properties. As a result of this new legislation - Londonderry, which is a very utility rich town, saw a significant decrease in property revenue from utility companies. The new laws resulted in the Town having to assess their properties at a lower value than in previous years."

The Town Manager continued, "To be clear, even with the revaluation and changes in law, Lon-

donderry is seeing more tax revenue today from commercial and industrial properties than in any point in its history and given aforementioned projects, ...this trend should continue at least for the foreseeable future albeit somewhat muted. Londonderry also continues to see the most revenue ever generated from sources outside the property taxes such as motor vehicle registrations, as well as building and permit fees. Revenue from the state in the way of Highway grants, and Room and meals taxes have also been increasing

year over year."

So why then have Londonderry property taxes also been increasing. Smith's answer was based on what he stated last year. "...Despite higher than anticipated revenues and significant increases in town wide valuation year over year, we must reign in our appetite. ...our spending increases should be frugal in nature during these times, which will also allow us to con-

tinue to build up our undesignated fund balance, while simultaneously providing tax relief to the residents of our great community. I am pleased to say that on the town side of the ledger, I believe we're taking the steps to do just that."

Smith noted actions the town is taking to slow spending, capping hiring of town employees, increasing the unassigned fund balance and spread-

ing town spending, while setting up a mechanism where some town revenue will be given back to taxpayers over the next 5 years.

"It is my firm belief we'll be able to keep the tax rate steady moving forward while at the same

time not diminishing the great level of services citizens of our town have come to expect."

Smith wrapped up pointing out community events, activities and actions saying "Londonderry is a great place to live."

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Deliberative

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year. Also recognized for their work for the town were other town officials who have either retired or resigned from Town commissions.

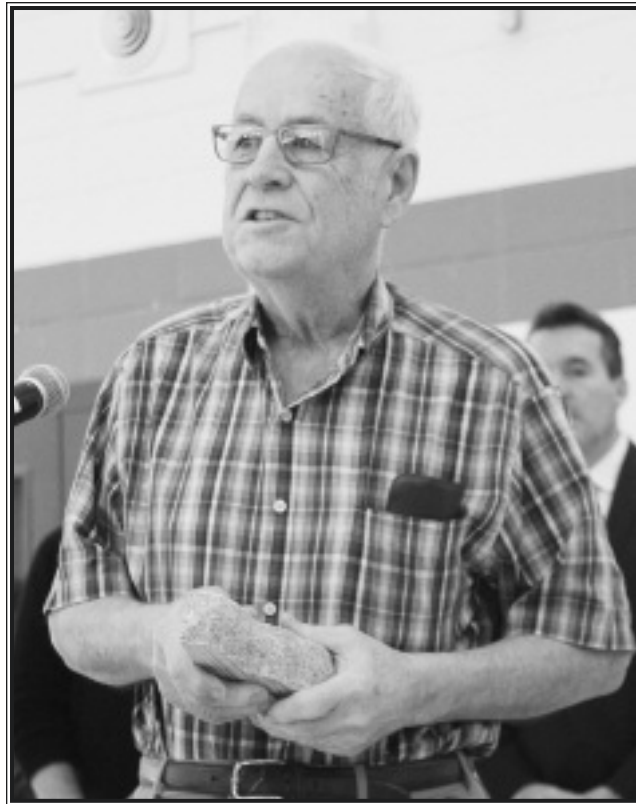
There was a very sparse amount of residents joining Town Officials at the meeting and the session was broadcast live on cable TV, with a recording that is now available for residents to view online. Overall there were 31 Warrant Articles presented at the deliberative session.

Article 1 is for choosing Town officers by voting in the March election, while Article 2 was an Amendment to the Town Charter regarding language that outlines how a default budget is specified and organized.

Article 3 was set up for the Town's 2021 Operating Budget that outlined a \$37,616,176 operating bud-



Paul Margolin was given the Volunteer of the Year award to begin the Town Deliberative for his work on the Solid Waste Committee. Photos by Chris Paul



Robert Ramsay was given the Citizen of the Year award at the Town Deliberative on Saturday morning for his work on the Safety Committee.

Articles 19, 21, 23, 25 and 27 were all requests for approval of Collective Bargaining Agreements that were negotiated between unions and town officials. These agreements were for town groups including Police employees, Executive employees, Town Administrators, Public Safety Officials and Municipal employees.

There was discussion among residents and town officials about having more resident input or oversight within the negotiation processes for these agreements, but in the end - all of these articles were approved and moved forward for ballot consideration at the March Town elections.

Articles 20, 22, 23, 25 and 28 were all related to the collective bargaining agreement articles and were to authorize the town to call special meetings in the event the collective bargaining agreements articles did not pass at the election in March. Articles 29 and 30 by Citizens Petition as Warrant articles for approval by voters.

Article 29 was aimed to establish Keno Gambling in the Town of Londonderry. Several residents came forward to discuss the issue of gambling for the town. Resident Deb Paul spoke out about the Keno article saying, "It's about choice - voters should be able to decide if they want to support Keno in Londonderry or not." Al Baldasaro who is one of Londonderry's GOP State Representatives came forward to present an argument for allowing Keno gambling in Town. Baldasaro noted

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get and a \$37,653,692 default budget. The operating budget would have a tax rate impact of \$4.328

and be added together with Veteran's Exceptions, a Tax overlay, and then be reduced by the

Town's Tax Payer Relief act resulting in a cumulative tax rate for this budget of \$4.56. Article 4 outlined a Supplemental Operating budget of \$153,000 that would include monies for Road Maintenance, Heat and Oil, Water services, Internet Services, and Electric Services that would have a tax impact of \$.032.

All of these articles and the remaining articles were moved forward to the ballot without changes.

Article 8, the article directing how state funds would be allocated for infrastructure projects drew some discussion, but was eventually moved to the ballot.

Ann Chiampa spoke as to why the language in the article doesn't refer to the Stonehenge Road/ Route 28 intention as to where the money will be spent.

Town Manager Kevin Smith responded that if the cost exceeds what the DOT is willing to pay for the project, or they decide not to do the project, the money would be locked into that project.

Chiampa suggested changing the language to what that project, which Smith responded, the money has already been earmarked for that project, and the state has been told that.

Resident Ray Breslin added that he thought that a project of this size should go before voters, which wasn't the case. He also felt that the project is taking state funds to fix a problem on a state road.

His questions were addressed by Smith, State Rep. Al Baldasaro and Councilor Tom Dolan assuring him that the funds would be used for what the article intended.

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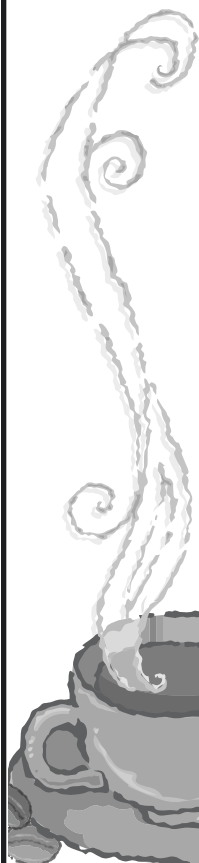
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that the Town's American Legion Post #27 and other businesses could benefit from passage of the Keno article. He suggests that Keno gambling would be a good way to raise funds as some of the revenues created will support NH public schools. Supporters say Keno gambling can become an attraction for people to go to local businesses or organizations to socialize and gamble over drinks and food, thus helping to grow business revenues.

Another town resident noted it is ironic that gambling is how New Hampshire avoids full funding for the state's educational institutions by means of a fair and responsible system of school funding. Another resident pointed out that there is funding available in the Keno gambling profits that would be used to help individuals with gambling addictions. However, adoption of gambling in Town could also be the beginning of new gambling addictions that might be created locally.

Article 30 is a citizen's petition written with lan-



Londonderry State Representative Al Baldasaro explains how the state money as given to Londonderry to resident Ray Breslin. Photo by Chris Paul

guage to support a carbon fee that would be leveraged to take action

on Climate Pollution. This article was met with discussion as the article

wording urges in writing that local, State and Federal representatives as well as the U.S. President take actions with carbon pricing legislation that would be used to help transition the country from fossil fuel energies to cleaner cost-effective energy sources. The idea is for polluters to pay for carbon pollution and much of that money would then be used to compensate citizens directly as polluters might pass on fee costs to consumers. The idea of this action is to provide motivation to move to cleaner energies.

Several residents who

are politically opposed to this measure lectured attendees about this plan saying that this legislation about climate pollution - that is now on more than dozens of town ballots across the state - would increase fuel prices in NH; however they did not point out the plan specifies payments sourced from the fees back to citizens to offset fossil fuel price increases. These politicians also offered no alternative solutions or science to support their statements that would address the current climate pollution situation.

Exit 4A

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project. The goal for the I93 4a project (#13065) is to reduce traffic congestion especially on Broadway in Derry, improve traffic safety, as well as to promote economic vitality for the towns of Derry and Londonderry.

The next step in the project plan is for the Issuance of Draft Request for Proposal (RFP) that is to take place on February 13th followed by Project Team Meetings.

The RFP process involves questions concerning the RFP that will be supported by NH DOT for RFP bidders during March with an issuance of a Final RFP on April 9. During the summer the

RFP process will move forward and contract assignments are slated to officially be awarded in October.

"This is momentous," said Kevin Smith, Londonderry Town Manager, at the Londonderry Town meeting on Saturday, Feb. 8. Smith told the local community, "Finally and most notably after 30 years in the making ... a final Record of Decision to the Federal Highway Administration has been completed and signed by the Town Councils of both Londonderry and Derry, and the State of New Hampshire - thus signaling the completion of environmental impact study necessary for work to begin on the long awaited Exit 4A."

The Town Manager pointed out, "Many town

and state administrators have come and gone since the Exit 4A Project was first introduced and while more than a few people remained skeptical when New Hampshire DOT began oversight of the project in 2014, we have seen the project through to fruition and can probably say that Exit 4A will become a reality on our watch."

The 4a highway exit off I93 will be located between Exits 4 and 5 and encompasses significant roadway infrastructure improvements for Derry. I93 traffic will be directed eastward into Derry via Folsom Road, which will be appreciably widened to handle the new large traffic patterns.

That means some of the homes and businesses along Folsom will be

acquired via eminent domain by the State of NH. This will include the current property and home bought by the Salvation Army of Greater Derry in late 2017. Other businesses, including those located in the small mall complex on Folsom, such as the Kelsen Brewing Company, will eventually have to relocate too.

The plan also calls for additional roadwork widening that will extend from Folsom Road via Tseneto Road to Route 102 near Pinkerton Academy.

In 2018, DOT officials told residents and Town officials they were looking to begin construction as early in Spring 2020, but the environmental study period approvals by the

Federal government took longer than anticipated, pushing the date out for the groundbreaking construction by at least a year.

NH DOT Spokesman and Project Manager, Keith Cota was not immediately available to respond to requests for comment.

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During the break between the girls and boys varsity basketball games between Londonderry High School and Pinkerton Academy at the annual Ball Family Trophy game, Special Forces teams from each school faced off. The Londonderry team was the winner of the contest 12-8. *Photos by Chris Paul*

“Box Tops 4 Education” Program Helps with Costs at Local Schools

JOHN GOGLIA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The “Box Tops 4 Education” program helps

school’s Parent Teachers Association (PTA’s) generate funds which helps to pay for student’s field

trips, playground equipment, various grade level enrichment programs, such as artists in resi-

dence, attending musical productions and guest speaker presentations. Also, the Carol Mack Scholarship for Londonderry High School seniors pursuing a degree in Education is funded through this effort.

So far this year North School has collected over \$900.00, Matthew Thornton School \$538.00 and South School about \$200.00 with much of the school year remaining. The schools have different incentives such as contests and prize awards for students to partner with their family and friends to submit as many box tops as possible. By way of example as a result of collecting box tops

worth a mere 10 cents each, North School has collected nearly \$31,000 from this program over the last 15 years.

It is extremely easy for anyone to contribute to this worthwhile program with very little effort. Just go to <https://www.boxtops4education.com> to learn how. If you don’t do the grocery shopping like me and don’t even know what a box top coupon looks like go to the website to find out. The website explains in a video how to download an app so you can scan your grocery receipt instead of clipping off the various box tops. If you prefer to clip the box tops you can mail or drop

them off at any of the grade schools in town or at Moose Hill School. Eventually the Box Tops 4 Education Program will become digital only. Traditional clip coupons are being replaced with Box Top labels, as participating brands are starting to change their packaging. Using the digital scan format instantly adds the cash to your designated school’s account.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Boys' Hoops Hand Rivals 11th Straight Loss

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Hoops squad finally ended their seven games losing streak on Saturday, when they competed in the annual Ball Family Trophy game against rival Pinkerton Academy.

Before that relieving win though, they faced a tough Merrimack High School Tomahawk team (then 7-2) across the river in their house on Tuesday, Feb. 4, where they suffered another close loss, 46-43.

Jackson Cox poured in 18 points while Cole Keegan had 11, and Alex Tsetsilas had five. Zach Fawcett, Luke Marsh, and Wil Reyes all had two points in that contest.

Head coach Nate Stanton was proud of how his squad battled after facing multiple loss's prior to this match-up. "I was proud of how we played together and how hard they worked. At the end of the game I wrote on the board "We are back" we need to continue to compete and we will have great success as we continue into February."

The Lancers did exactly that, when they hosted their rivals, Pinkerton Academy on Saturday, Feb. 8, and fought their way back from a first half deficit, with a 55-44 come-

back win.

It was a packed and energetic Londonderry High School gym, as fans and player were excited for the annual match-up.

The game started with some pretty sloppy play from both squads, as Pinkerton kept turning the ball over, and then the Luke Marsh of the Lancer's broke the scoring silence after over a minute of play when he muscled his way for two offensive rebounds and a lay up.

A Pinkerton steal and a Justin Dunne lay up finally put the Astros on the board, and then Jimmy Flynn got a steal but Lancer Alex Tsetsilas came from behind and blocked his lay up attempt to get the crowd in a frenzy. Londonderry was playing great defense, but then Astros Justin Dunne stepped up on defense and blocked a Mike Rosatano shot to end the first quarter to give Pinkerton a 14-7 lead.

Jackson Cox drilled a three for the Lancers to start the second, with Pinkerton answering when Jimmy Flynn heaved a full court pass to Declan Conroy for an easy lay up.

Pinkerton's defense then improved and they started to move the ball around a lot better on offense. It become a very

close game when Luke Marsh had an incredible ball fake on Justin Dunne that led to a score and only a 16-15 Astros lead with 3:48 left in the half. Marsh then found himself wide open a few possessions later as Londonderry now led 17-16, and then both teams traded buckets. Luke Marsh scored another lay up, but then Mejia Miguelangel nailed a three off a pass from Andy Macdonald to take a 22-19 lead. Mike Rosatano hit a three for the Lancer's, but Pinkerton ended the first half with a Declan Conroy three-pointer as Pinkerton took a 25-22 lead into haltime.

The second half is where Londonderry finally found their stride and took control of the game. Pinkerton's Mike Packowski drilled a three to start, but then the Lancer's scored four baskets in a row to take a 34-29 lead. Both teams traded turnovers, with Justin Dunne ending the sloppy play with a wide open one-handed slam to get his bench into the game, while Jimmy Flynn scored a lay up to cut their deficit to five with a minute remaining. Londonderry was able to maintain the lead as the quarter ended, in a 42-33 Lancer lead.

The game got very physical as the rivalry was very much alive

when both a Pinkerton and Londonderry player received technical fouls. The competitiveness was through the roof from both teams, as the players had to earn their points at the foul line when there was a foul on almost every shot attempt.

It was a 45-39 Lancer lead after Astros Jimmy Flynn assisted Andy Macdonald on an inside score, but then Zach Fawcett completely faked out Pinkerton's defense with a fake pass and an easy lay up which started the Lancers final push to seal the game.

Cole Keegan, who didn't see the court the entire first half, came off the bench and hit a Kobe Bryant type fade away three-pointer to give his Lancer's a 50-39 lead. Declan Conroy hit a late three for the Astro's to make it a 53-44 game, but Jackson Cox put the game out of reach with two free-throws as the Lancer's went on to win 55-44.

Senior Luke Marsh exploded for 22 points in this one, as Cole Keegan had nine and Alex Tsetsilas had seven. Jackson



Lancer senior forward, Luke Marsh, had an outstanding offensive day on Saturday, scoring 22 points in the game against Pinkerton Academy.

Photo by Chris Paul

Cox scored six, Mike School after the Londonderry Times went to print. Londonderry will then travel to Dover High School on Friday, Feb. 14, for a game against the Green Wave (5-8).

The Lancer's took the court again on Wednesday, Feb. 12, when they hosted Winnacunnet High

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Lancers Girls' Hoops Team Falls to Rival Pinkerton Astros

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School Girls' Basketball team dropped way below the 500 mark with three losses last week to finish the week at 5-8.

The Lady Lancers first travelled to Portsmouth High School on Monday, Feb. 3, and lost in a close battle. The game went down to the wire, but the Lancer's came up short as they lost 45-43.

The first half belonged to the Lancer's as they controlled the tempo and played great defense. In the third quarter Londonderry pushed their lead to double digits, and kept the momentum when Katie Sullivan took two charge calls on defense. Portsmouth's comeback started at the free throw line and they then took a five point lead with under

a minute to play. Colleen Furlong and Courtney Shay both nailed three-pointers to keep the squad in it, and also gave them the last possession.

Courtney Shay and Ashley Rourke led the way with eleven and ten points while Ashley Schmitt scored seven.

Despite the Lancer loss, head coach Nick Theos was proud of the way his squad fought. "I was very proud of the way my Turks played tonight, and if they fight like that the rest of the way we will win more games than we lose."

The Lady Lancers then took on undefeated Merrimack High School on Wednesday, Feb. 5, but couldn't bounce back from their Monday loss to suffer another defeat, this time 51-44.

The Lancer's played extremely hard as they started the game on a

good note when they nailed a few three pointers early in the first quarter. The girls were only up by two points heading into the second half, but they were able to carry their lead into the fourth quarter. With just four minutes left and a four point Londonderry lead Merrimack didn't back down as they outplayed the Lancer's in the remaining minutes. Their pressure on defense is what sealed the win for Merrimack as they made the Lancer's struggle and they took full advantage.

Courtney Shay did all she could on the offensive end, as she poured in 27 points, Ashley Schmitt had seven and Katie Sullivan scored six including taking two charges.

Theos didn't want the back-to-back loses to take away from all the hard work his squad has

been putting in. "That doesn't take away how proud I've been of this group the last two games, we don't have the wins, but we are playing the way we need to defensively and hustling everywhere. Eventually those good habits will pay off for us."

Londonderry then hosted their rival Pinkerton Astros (8-3) on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 8, as they battled it out but couldn't get the win as they lost 50-41.

The first quarter of this one started with Londonderry putting the pressure on defense and also both teams committing turnovers early.

Pinkerton took a 5-2 lead when Riccio assisted Allison Ingalls on a three pointer, but the Lancers responded when Courtney Shay found an open Ashley Rourke behind the three point



Lancer senior forward Courtney Shay had 14 points against Pinkerton 11 against Portsmouth and 27 against Merrimack last week. Despite that, the team went unls. Photo by Chris Paul



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Ball Family Honored at Annual Rivalry Basketball Game

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During halftime of the annual Ball Family Trophy basketball game between the boys of Londonderry High School and Pinkerton Academy on Saturday, Feb. 8, at Londonderry High School, the school took time to rededicate the award and the trophy case to Former Police Chief Fredrick Ball.

Members of the Ball family gathered at center court where they received a resounding amount of applause.

Fredrick Ball was born in Derry, and was a football and basketball player for Pinkerton Academy. He then moved over to Lancer territory and

became Londonderry's first Police Chief in 1961. The Ball Family is well known for their athletic abilities, as family members played in both Derry, and Londonderry. Many of the family members live on the same street in Londonderry, near the border of Derry.

Two of the most recent High School sports stars were Cody Ball, who helped both the Lancers and the St. A's Hawks win basketball championships. Jason Ball, another Londonderry High School graduate, helped the Lancers to a football state championship in 1997, played four years for the UNH Wildcats and played in the NFL for the San Diego Chargers.



Members of the Ball Family were honored at the annual Ball Family Trophy Game between basketball team from Londonderry and Pinkerton Academy. Photo by Chris Paul

Unfortunately for Londonderry, Pinkerton Academy beat the Lancer's in the annual Family Ball Trophy Competition by a tally of 9-2. The only wins

Londonderry earned were in Girls' Swimming and Boys' Basketball.

Ever since 1993 Pinkerton Academy and Londonderry High School's

Winter sports teams have been battling against each other to see who would be crowned the winner of the Family Ball Trophy rivalry.

The trophy was created and represents the competition of winter sports between the rival Londonderry High School and Pinkerton Academy.

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line to tie the game up.

PA's Allison Ingalls hit another three to take a 11-7 lead, but Lancer Colleen Furlong used her playmaking ability to find Olivia Chaui for a jumper to end the first quarter with a two point deficit as Pinkerton lead 11-9.

The second quarter started with the Astros and Lancers both diving on the court to gain possession, and then Samantha Franks set up Kristina Packowski for a jumper as Pinkerton then started to put the pressure on the Lancers. Pinkerton forced a turnover and Avah Ingalls then scored to give the Astro's a 15-9 lead with 5:55 left in the half.

Courtney Shay answered back for Londonderry with a three-point-er, but Smantha Franks

immediately hit a three of her own. Both squads were hustling on the boards, and trying to rebound each other. The Lancer's kept themselves in the game when Shay found Jordyn Furlong for a three-pointer to make it a 25-19 Pinkerton lead. The Lancer's then ended the first half with a Katie Sullivan layup to make the score 25-21 in Pinkerton's favor as the buzzer sounded off.

Pinkerton gained early momentum in the third quarter when Alyssa DiMauro hit a jumper to start and Londonderry had back-to-back turnovers. It was now a 31-20 Astros lead, but the Lancers cut it to a 32-26 game when Courtney Shay scored a lay up plus the foul. It was clear that Londonderry was frustrated on offense, but they didn't back down as Jordyn Furlong hit another

three to give her Lancer's life. Late into the third quarter Colleen Furlong finally got one of her three-point shots to go with this one being at a perfect time as she cut their deficit to just one basket. She didn't stop there as the next possession Colleen nailed another three before the buzzer to give her squad a 37-36 lead heading into the final quarter.

Allison Ingalls started the quarter with another three-pointer to take a 41-37 lead, and the atmosphere in the gym made it seem like a play-off game. Both teams fighting hard for the ball, and it was a scoreless couple minutes until Packowski found a wide open Allison Ingalls under the rim to break the silence. Pinkerton then took a 45-37 lead with 3:23 left on the clock, and then it became

crunch time for the Lancer's. There was a small moment of hope when Londonderry grabbed a steal with 1:53 left, but they weren't able to capitalize on it.

Jesse Ames sealed the game for the Astros with a pair of free-throws to take a 48-39 game.

Courtney Shay poured in 14 points while Jordyn Furlong had ten points off the bench. Colleen Furlong scored six, along with Olivia Chaui scoring four and Ashley Rourke had three.

Londonderry will try to turn things around on Tuesday, Feb. 11, when they play at Winnacunnet High School (1-12) after the Londonderry Times went to print. They will play again on Friday, Feb. 14, as they will host Dover High School (2-12).

Athletes of the Week

Week of Feb. 2



Damon MacLeod
Junior, Indoor Track

At the Division 1 Championship Damon ran a personal best in both the 55-meter dash and the 300-meter dash. Damon also anchored the 4x400 Relay team which ran its fastest time of the season.



Gia Komst
Senior, Indoor Track

Gia threw a personal best in the shot put to improve on her fourth place finish at the DI Championships. On her last throw of her high school career, she launched the shot and herself into third place.

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Lancer Wrestling Finding Their Stride Late in Season

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Wrestling squad traveled to Hudson for a Dual against Alvirne High School on Wednesday Feb. 5, and they were able to leave that neighboring town with a much-needed win with a score of 42-31.

The match started with a forfeit win for Londonderry at 138, 145 went to the Broncos, and then Johnny McKinnon (152 lbs) earned the Lancers first match with a quick 53-second pin over Grant Dickieson.

At 182 lbs, Josh Bean battled Christopher Penny for a 2:46 pin, and then the next three Lancer's won by forfeit. The match ended with a Brandon Drake (132 lbs) pin that he toughed out over Ayden Spencer in 5:16.

Over the weekend, the team traveled out-of-state

on Saturday, Feb. 8, where they competed in the Fairfield Duals, facing off against four schools from Connecticut. The LHS squad had a great deal of success there, as they earned three wins and only one loss. Their first match-up was against Bethel High School and they went on to win 48-34.

The Lancer's earned 12 points through forfeit wins, and then Brandon Drake (132 lbs) pinned Garret Foscatto when in 1:13. In the class of 145 lbs, Nendoe Gleekia earned a pin of his own over Carl Baia in 1:22. At 160 lbs, Dylan Barnes pinned Nico Velme in the third period, at 4:38. Lancer Josh Bean (182 lbs) got a pin of his own to finish the dual.

Londonderry then took that mats against Frank Bunnell High School and definitely overpowered them 60-11. The match started with a lightning fast Nicholas D'A-

lessandro 20 second pin over Tyler Swift. In the weight class of 126 lbs Andrew Quach pinned Kacper Kulak in 2:27, while Brandon Drake (132 lbs) pinned Isiah Rivera at 1:12. Lancer wrestler Jacob Joly (138 lbs) then got a pin over Rexhep Begolli, and Johnny McKinnon (152 lbs) pinned Patrick Chudecki in a quick bout.

Londonderry stayed hot, as Dylan Barnes, 160 lbs, added another six poits with a pin, while Nicholas Walter (170 lbs) made it look easy with a 20 second pin over Adrit Qendro. Moving into the heavier weights Josh Bean (195 lbs) bullied Brandon Toscano with a 19 second pin, then Samuel Choate (285 lbs) took down Tyree Hall in a 34 second pin.

Micheal Palma (106 lbs) ended the match with a 50 second pin over Kenny Crowe.

After getting two team wins with relative ease,

Londonderry was given a taste of their own medicine by Bristol Eastern High School as they beat the Lancer's 57-7. Londonderry got five points from Brandon Drake (132 lbs) with a 11-3 major decision win, and with a 3-1 decision win by Nicholas D'Alessandro at 113 lbs gave the team two more points.

The Lancers ended their day with a 43-27 win over the host, Fairfield High School. A

Brandon Drake (132 lbs) started their scoring

off with a 1:26 pin over Matt Tardella. In the class of 145 lbs Nendoe Gleekia pinned Cole Hubertus when the clock only struck 38 seconds, and then Dylan Barnes (160 lbs) was awarded four points for his 12-4 major decision win.

The Lancer's earned a lot of points through forfeits, but Michael Palma (106 lbs) was the last one to fight for his points as he pinned Michael Carlossa in 1:15.

With the season is

coming to an end, and the State Championship happen in under two weeks, the Lancer's had their last regular season dual on Wednesday, Feb, 12, against Nashua South High School after the Londonderry Times went to print.

The NHIAA Division I Championship is set for Saturday, Feb, 22 and will take place in Londonderry. The Meet of Champions will take place the following Saturday at Nashua South.

Lancer Track Teams Compete in Division I Championship

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The NHIAA Division I Indoor Track and Field Championship took place over the weekend at Dartmouth College on Sunday, Feb. 9, and Londonderry High School was well represented. Out of 16 schools at the state competition, the girls placed 13th with six points and the boy's placed 15th with eight points.

Girls

For the 600-meter run, Grace McDonough placed seventh (1:43.62), and in the 3,000-meter run Lancer Caitlin Boufford

came in ninth with a time of 11:32.20.

The 4x200-meter Relay had the Londonderry squad of Meghan Daileanes, Retta Hatin, Erica Waters, and Tara Wright place tenth with a time of 1:55.54.

The girls improved in the 4x400 relay when they took the number eight spot, with a time of 4:29.42 from the team of Caitlin Boufford, Abby Ellis, Grace McDonough, and Brynn Foster. The girls' squad of Cailin Borovicka, Cailey McDonough, Delaney Root, and Grace McDonough came in eighth in the 4x800 Relay with a time of

10:58.27.

In the shot put event, Gia Komst placed third out of the 12 competitors, with a score of 33'3.75".

Boys

In the 55-meter Dash, Damon MacLeod came in eighth with a time of 6.85.

In the 300-meter Dash MacLeod placed seventh with a time of 37.28.

For the 1,000-meter run, Matthew Griffin came in third (2:34.14), and then he placed tenth in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:39.34.

Moving onto the 3,000-meter Run, Lancer Ryan Young finished 10th with a final time of 9:31.14.

For the 4x400-meter Relay the team of Kerry Daley, William Bieler, Matthew Griffin, and Damon MacLeod placed seventh with a time of 3:40.62.

Then in the 4x800-meter Relay, Londonderry came in fifth with the team of Dylan Hotter, Ryan Fortin, Cole Borovicka, and Kerry Daley having a time of 8:44.08.

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Londonderry Gymnasts Take Second in Nashua Meet

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Gymnastics team has had a very impressive season this year. They have won all but two of the meets they have competed in, and last week they took second in a five-team event.

The talented Lancer gymnasts competed in a five-team meet down in Tyngsboro, Mass., hosted by Nashua on Wednesday, Feb. 5. They placed second with 128.65 points behind Pinkerton Academy's first place score of 136.05. Nashua South placed third (117.35), while Spaulding came in fourth (116.95), and

Nashua North finished fifth with a score of 104.55.

At that event, Lancer Ashley Griffin came in second on the vault (9.1), along with Ella Houghton placing fourth on the beam (8.75), and tied fourth on the floor with a score of 8.8.

Sophie Hagymas came in fourth in the bars with

a 7.3.

Head coach Heather Lennon knows the challenges when it comes to facing Pinkerton, but she likes how the Astros bring the best out of her girls. "Going up against Pinkerton is always difficult, but I felt it pushes our girls to perform their best which absolutely showed with getting our highest score

of the season at this last meet." It hasn't been a smooth season for them as they have battled injuries, but it has made them stronger. "We are still battling some injuries which we won't let affect us as states, but we need to see how the girls feel this week. We will be working hard this next week on perfecting our

routines as we head to states." Coach Lennon added.

The squad will compete in the NHIAA Division I State Championship on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 15, at Pinkerton Academy. The Astros have won this event three years in a row, but Londonderry were the State Champions in 2016.

Comeback Win Gives Lancers Hockey Playoff Hopes

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Hockey team's short, two-game winning streak came to an end on Wednesday, Feb. 5, when they played Exeter High School, but then quickly bounced back with a one-point victory on

Saturday against Nashua.

The Lancer's traveled to Exeter and battled the Blue Hawks, but lost 5-1. The Blue Hawks scored two goals in the first period, one in the second, and two more in the third period. The only Londonderry goal came in the final period and was scored by

Sam Neville, with an assist by Drew Nutter.

The Londonderry squad turned things around on Saturday, Feb. 8, when they took the ice against Nashua South-Pelham at Conway Arena and won a close 5-4 contest.

After one period of play they found them-

selves down 2-0, but the second period is where the Londonderry squad found its stride.

Brandon Savage got his Lancer's on the board first with a goal off an assist from Drew Nutter and Sam Neville. Senior Joseph Stowell was the next Lancer to score with

some help from Neville to tie the game at two goals a piece.

Londonderry managed another goal by Zachary Rheault with an assist from Austin Cardosi. Nicholas Pitarys scored one of his own with help from Samuel Seibert and Rheault to stretch the Lancer lead to two goals.

The outstanding period ended with one more Lancer goal by an unassisted Rheault to take a commanding three-goal lead.

The Nashua side made things interesting in the final period of play as they skated their way back into the game, scoring two goals, and cutting their deficit to just one.

There, the Londonderry defense was able to successfully defend their lead, which resulted in their 5-4 win. The Lancer's are now in the home stretch of the season with only six games left, as they will hope to keep their goal scoring alive.

The team's season record now stand at 4-5-1 with their comeback win.

They faced off against Exeter High School (8-2-2) on Monday, Feb. 10, on their home Tri-Town Arena Ice after the Londonderry Times went to print.

The team will then have a week to prepare for their next match up against Bishop Brady High School on Monday, Feb. 17.

Lancer Skiers Compete at Mount Sunapee

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The skier's of Londonderry High School took to the slopes on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at Mount Sunapee in Newbury N.H. for an eight-team meet. The boy's placed seventh in the Giant Slalom, and sixth in the Slalom race. The Lady Lancers placed fourth in the Giant Slalom, and came in fifth place in the Slalom race.

Girls

In the Slalom Race, Julia Deschamps led the way for her squad and placed 18th overall with a time of 1:30.81. Behind her was Juliette Louiselle who placed 20th overall (1:32.29), then there was Emma Donnelly who came in third, 28th overall (1:40.05), Rylee McGrath fourth and 32nd overall (1:42.13), and Alexandra Tufts placed fifth and 33rd overall with a time of 1:42.78. The last Lancer skier's to finish were Erika Barnes coming in sixth and 40th overall (1:59.50), Rease St. Gelais seventh and 42nd overall (2:02.18), Katie Chylinski eighth and 43rd overall (2:03.19),

Emily Smith ninth and 45th overall (2:12.61), and Elizabeth Fish placed tenth and 46th overall with a time of 2:17.48.

In the girls Giant Slalom, Juliette Louiselle was the first Lancer to finish and the 11th overall with a time of 1:24.13. Julia Deschamps placed second and 14th (1:25.76), Rylee McGrath third and 26th (1:33.60), Alexandra Tufts fourth and 28th (1:35.05), and Emma Donnelly came in fifth and 33rd with a time of 1:45.95. After that was Rease St. Gelais coming across the line in sixth and 35th (1:57.63), Erika Barnes seventh and 37th (2:03.50), Emily Smith eighth and 28th (2:05.27), Elizabeth Fish ninth and 39th (2:06.45), and Katie Chylinski placed tenth and 44th with a time of 3:28.49.

Boys

In the boys Slalom Race, Brandon Fish placed first for the Lancers, and 15th overall, at 1:27.38, Evan Dugas was the second fastest Lancer and 23rd overall (1:35.93). Dominic Viola paced third for LHS and 34th overall, with a time of 1:47.94. Alos on the

slopes were Ryan Griffin who placed fourth and 36th overall (1:52.75), and Tyler Kraics placed fifth and 46th overall with a time of 2:01.65.

For the boys Giant Slalom, Brandon Fish crossed the finish line first for Londonderry and 19th overall with a 1:23.12 time, while Evan Dugas was the second LHS finisher and 33rd overall with a 1:36.80 time. Following was Ryan Griffin in third and 35th

(1:37.28), Tyler Kraics fourth and 36th (1:37.70), and Dominic Viola placed fifth and 37th with a time of 1:39.04.

The Lancer skiers season came to a close on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Gunstock Mountain when they competed at the NHIAA Division I Championship after the Londonderry Times went to print. This event was originally scheduled for Tuesday, but was postponed.

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

Gorgeous Gardens of New England

Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m., the Leach Library will offer Ms. Joanne Pearson's presentation "Gorgeous Gardens of New England". Joanne Pearson is a landscape architect turned professional photographer. She lectures on photography and gardens, and seeks to inspire and engage through her presentations. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library. The event 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.

Library Movie

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, March 19 from 3:15 - 5 p.m. for our young adult movie Nancy Drew and the Hidden Staircase. Participants in grades 6 - 12 will enjoy the movie, along with popcorn and beverages. In addition, at this special event, there will be a raffle for fun door prizes. No registration is required.

Take and Make

Starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 2 and ending at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, participants in grades 6 - 12 are invited to pick up supplies to create their own Origami Animal bookmark. Craft supplies are located at the Leach Library circulation desk.

Flume and Isinglass Voting

Starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 2 and ending at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, participants in grades 6 - 12 are invited to the Leach Library to vote for their favorite Flume or Isinglass nominated title. Flume Award titles are books nominated by New Hampshire high school readers. Isinglass Award

titles are books nominated by New Hampshire middle school readers. Voting slips are located on the drum table in the young adult area. Participants may vote for more than one book. For each voting slip handed in, participants will be entered into a random drawing for a chance to win a Barnes & Noble gift certificate!

Dinosaurs Visit

How Do Dinosaurs Visit the Library? Come to the Leach Library on Monday, March 9 from 4 - 5 p.m. for a special visit with Dinosaur series. Hear stories about how Dinosaur does things, including visit the library, and learn to march like a dinosaur. There will be plenty of time for a hug and a picture with Dinosaur! At the end of the program, each participant will receive a special hugging pterodactyl! This program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. This program is being sponsored by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library. To register, stop by the Children's Room or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 2.

Craft Time

Come to the Leach Library on Wednesdays from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. to explore their creative side. Each week, participants will discover a different fun craft to make using a variety of materials. Advance registration is required. Meeting dates are: March 18, and 25, April 1, and 8.

Delve into Knowledge

Stop by the Leach Library 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 March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, and will be available until 5 p.m. on Saturday each week.

Spring Fling Book Bingo

Come to the Leach Library on Monday, March 23 from 4 - 5 p.m. and play a fun picture version of the popular game. All participants will win and have a chance to choose books from our special selection tables. 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 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 16.

Magnificent Monster Circus Puppet Show

Join CactusHead Puppets at the Leach Library on Monday, April 6 from 4 - 5 p.m. for their fun and interactive show, Magnificent Monster Circus. Meet Max, the Monsters' Caretaker, and many friendly monsters with their amazing tricks of daring-do! Step right up and enjoy the thrills of Clarissa the Crested Cannon, the chills of Eustace the Uni-Browed, make friends with the Fiery Fang Worm, and much more. This entertaining program is open to 90 participants of all ages, and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 30.

Karaoke Night

On Feb. 21 Karaoke with DJ Sharon will be held at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry by the American Legion. Starts at 7 pm. Non-members interested in joining Post 27 are welcome to attend.

VA BINGO

On Feb. 24 Post 27 will be playing bingo with

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

Exchange Students Program

Exchange students program of academic exchange "Pax" is currently seeking families to host for the 2020-2021 school year. There are students coming in from over 60 different countries both male and female ages 15-18 the students come with good English skills own spending money/medical insurance. Families would provide a bed for the student to sleep in, place to study, share meals together occasional rides to and from after school activities once the student make friends carpooling is wonderful. For more information on the program Contact linda_coffey@hotmail.com or go to pax.org.

Republican Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 20, 7 - 9 p.m. Help get your Republican candidates elected. Join us to discuss 2020 events, current issues, and more at Victory Baptist Church, 78 Litchfield Rd., Londonderry.

Guess It Jar

Starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1 and ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 29 participants in grades 6 - 12 are invited to guess how many polar bear erasers are in the jar located at the Leach Library circulation desk. The person with the closest match, over or under, will win a prize bag that includes a Barnes & Noble gift certificate! In the event of a tie, the winner will be chosen by random drawing.

Word Search and Word Scramble

February's adult display theme at Leach Library features wild animals. On the central display table in the adult room, you will find new books about wild animals available for checkout. Among these new titles will be The Hidden World of the Fox by Adele Brand and End of the Megafauna: The Fate of the World's Hugest, Fiercest, and Strangest Animals by R.D.E. MacPhee. As an added incentive, the library is offering two trivia games during the month: a wild animals word search

and a wild animals word scramble. At the end of the month, one word search winner and one word scramble 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. Participants can begin the trivia games as early as 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1, and turn them in to the Reference Desk no later than 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 29 for eligibility.

Spring Dance

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

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.

Teen Talk

An after-school group for teens ages 13-18 years old to talk, connect, relate and support each other on 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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Romping Reads

Open to participants of all ages. Each week, partic-

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ipants 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. 19, and 26, March 18, and 25, April 1, and 8.

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.

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. 13, 20, and 27, March 19, and

26, April 2, and 9.

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. 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

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Monday - Feb. 3
1:47 a.m. Three officers respond to motor vehicle accident on Perkins Road at Bartley Hill Road. Vehicle Towed.
9:21 a.m. Sex Offenses

investigated on Heritage Lane.
1:48 p.m. Arrest made for Auto Theft at Manchester Boston Regional Airport. Paul Mckinney, 35, of Manchester, charged with

two counts of Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle; and one count of Driving After Revoked/Suspended Licence.

6:21 p.m. Neighborhood
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Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support

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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

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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 spotlight shelf for patrons to create. A new craft may be picked up each week starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 19, and 26, March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, and will be available until 5 p.m. each Saturday.

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

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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

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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.

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Healing through grief and loss due to addiction. Londonderry Senior Center 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. We offer the group on the second and fourth Sundays at 6 - 7:30 p.m. Our mission is to promote healing in the grieving process for those who have lost a loved one through the unique circumstances and chaos of addiction; through education, encouraging support and compassion. Facilitated by: Jim Gamache, Julia Gamache, & Jerry Goncal, Journey-offhopenh@gmail.com

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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.

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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.

Police Log

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Disputes investigated on Grove Street.

6:30 p.m. Domestic Disturbance leads to Arrest on Hemlock Street.

7:14 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Norwich Place.

7:55 p.m. Peace Restored by three officers after Domestic Disturbance on High Range Road.

8:15 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Eastern Avenue. Justin Michaud, 33, of Manchester charged with two counts of Theft by Unauthorized Taking (two prior convictions).

8:40 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated by three officers on Old Nashua Road.

Tuesday - Feb. 4

12:16 p.m. Three officers assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with services on Pleasant Drive.

3:27 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Broadway, Everett, Mass. Dennis Denbow, 38, of Everett, Mass. charged with five counts of Stalking; two counts of Default of Breach of Bail Condi-

tions; two counts of Harassment.

8:48 p.m. Three officers assist Londonderry Fire Dept. with transported to hospital from Orchard View Drive at Lucciano's Café.

10:07 p.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity on at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Wednesday - Feb. 5

9:34 a.m. Services rendered at Neighborhood Disputes on Nutfield Drive.

10:46 a.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses at Londonderry North School.

11:46 a.m. Attempted Suicide investigated on Seminole Place.

12:07 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Coteville Road.

1:21 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on White Plains Avenue.

2:01 p.m. Sex Offenses reported on Mammoth Road.

2:38 p.m. Missing Person investigated on Sandstone Circle.

6:31 p.m. Four officers investigate a disturbance on Woodbine Drive.

9:25 p.m. Domestic Dis-

turbance investigated on Winding Pond Road.

11:12 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated at Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

Thursday - Feb. 6

12:32 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Sunset Drive.

8:25 p.m. Services rendered during a Disturbance at Route 102 Gas on Nashua Road.

Friday - Feb. 7

2:42 p.m. Assist Londonderry Fire Dept. with transport to hospital on Hunter Blvd.

3:26 p.m. Services rendered for Wires Down on Pillsbury Road.

5:15 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. Services on Old Derry Road.

5:52 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. on Anthony Drive.

6:03 p.m. Services rendered for Traffic Hazard on Trolley Car Lane.

6:07 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. on Main Street.

6:11 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. on Perkins Road at Bridle Path.

6:28 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. on Fieldstone Drive.

7:01 p.m. Services rendered for Wires Down on Old Derry Road.

7:46 p.m. Neighborhood Disputes investigated by three officers on Pinyon Place.

Saturday - Feb. 8

3:12 p.m. Traffic Hazard removed on Rockingham Road at N.H. Liquor Store.

3: 12 p.m. Traffic offenses investigated on Michels Way, at T J Maxx.

3:14 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at T J Maxx on Michels Way.

4:40 p.m. Arrest made during Domestic Disturbance on Winterwood

Drive. Victoria Lapusata, 25, of Londonderry charged with Domestic Violence (Simple Assault, Physical Contact); and Domestic Violence (Criminal Threat, Fear Of Bodily Injury).

4:45 p.m. Arrest made during Domestic Disturbance on Orchard View Drive at Workout Club And Wellness Center. Ari Batalogianis, 31, of Londonderry charged with Domestic Violence (Simple Assault, Physical Contact).

Sunday - Feb. 9

3:02 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with transport to hospital on South Parish Drive.

1:31 p.m. Services rendered for Soliciting on Fieldstone Drive.

1:48 p.m. Services rendered for Soliciting on Barksdale Avenue.

4:37 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

7:02 p.m. Report of Disorderly Conduct leads to Arrest at Shell Food Mart on Nashua Road. Three officers assist in charging Andrew McGratty, 27, of Derry with Possession of a Controlled Drug (Schedule 1-4); and arrested for a Bench Warrant.

7:13 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with transport to hospital on Whittemore Road.

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