Not Quite White  Snow arriving Thursday night, Dec. 22, gave the area a chance at a white Christmas, but temperatures didn’t help keep the snow around long. This scene at Moose Hill Orchards was very short lived. A light dusting also hit the area Christmas morning.  

Dispatch Study Committee to Review What They’ve Seen

The Public Safety Dispatch Services Study Committee will reconvene Jan. 9 to look at the data it has compiled so far.

The group, formed in August to explore dispatch options for the town’s police and fire departments, has visited the Londonderry Police Station, Londonderry Fire Station and the Derry Fire Station.

The genesis for the group was a proposal from Town Manager David Caron last spring, suggesting that the town contract its fire dispatch service with the Derry Fire Department. When residents protested the move in a July Town Council meeting, a resolution was written to form the committee, a charter was drawn up, and 10 members and two alternates were elected.

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Dog Park Committee Plans Survey of Town Residents

The Dog Park Study Committee will release a second survey of town residents in early 2012, following a fall survey of Londonderry dog owners.

Cynthia Labrecque, vice-chair and communications director for the committee, said the second survey will be directed at finding out what all residents want and don’t want - in a dog park, and the committee will then try to address their concerns.

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Town Manager Stands By Use of Cable Franchise Fees

While a local resident and former Town Treasurer believes the town is at fault for taking a portion of the franchise fee for Londonderry Cable Access, Town Manager David Caron said his research has shown no improprieties.

Resident Richard Bielinski has cited RSA 31:95-c, regarding special revenue funds, as his proof that the town is illegally taking part of the cable fee. But Caron, representing the Town Council, cites the same RSA as evidence that the town is within its rights to use some of the money for the general fund.

The RSA states that towns may, pursuant to RSA 31:95-d, vote to restrict revenues or any portion of revenues from a specific source to expenditures for specific purposes. The RSA goes on to say, “Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund separate from the general fund.” Bielinski is technically right, Caron said - if the legislative body had voted to establish the fund. But the town never formally voted on the fund - it was established by the auditors, he said, for accounting purposes.

The allocation of Comcast cable franchise fees in Londonderry has changed over the years, according to Caron. The town gets back 5 percent of its residents' cable payments as a “franchise fee.” Until the year 2000, Londonderry Cable Access received 3 percent of the franchise fee and the town’s general fund received 2 percent. In 2000, the town treasurers received 2 percent.
Signatures Sought by Falvey on Woodmont Viewpoint

Kathleen D. Bailey
Londonderry Times

Londonderry residents with concerns about the Woodmont Commons proposal will soon have names, faces - and a summary of their views - to have names, faces - and a proposal will soon "manifesto" of concerns about Woodmont. His intent is to show the number of people concerned about the project.

Woodmont, still awaiting approval of its application, is the town's first Planned Use Development (PUD). It intends to cover approximately 600 acres, including the former Woodmont Orchards property, off Pillsbury and Gilcreast roads, and is the first project under the town's new PUD ordinance.

The document, titled "We the People: On Woodmont," is not a petition, Falvey emphasized. It's an expression of citizens, signed and delivered to the chairman of the Town Council, he said.

The document states it was prepared by Falvey after 15 months of input on his email chain. Among its statements is "The Woodmont developers want to sell Londonderry on a high density, high profit (for them) massive subdivision of 1300 dwellings on 650 acres....The developers have paid lip service to concerns of the residents in town and are in the process of ramrodding their project down the throats of our Planning Board under the newly codified Plan Unit Development ordinance. This citizen document opposes that process and recommends that deliberations be deliberate and complete before a Master Plan, which contains zoning changes, is considered."

The "manifesto" also states "this document supports open public discussions of zoning changes before specific plans are considered."

The discussions for forming the PUD took place in public at both the Planning Board and the Town Council before those bodies gave their approval.

Falvey said the document isn't just a "Not In My Backyard" issue, but one that affects the entire community.

Falvey has made the document available online for people to sign, and he will also be out on Saturday in two locations: the Town Common and the front of Leach Library. The Leach Library site will offer drive-through signing, and the Town Common will be more of a stop-and-chat event, he said. In addition, supporters of the document will be at the Millennium Mile on Sunday, Jan. 1.

Kathy Getchell is one of the signers. "It is going to change what Londonderry is all about," she said of the proposed development. "The developers are coming from an environmental view where they don't like urban sprawl." But that leaves the development with tight living areas, and that's not what Getchell wants for Londonderry.

"We are rural," she said of the town. "We came here because of the rural nature of the community."

Falvey said he and the other residents are not necessarily opposed to Woodmont. "It's not that we think it shouldn't be developed, it's how it's being developed," Falvey said.

In his document, Falvey says the developers' idea of a "walkable community" will not work for Londonderry. Can you wear people off cars? Only if you live in a large metropolitan community, Falvey said.

"This does not work in an area that does not have mass transportation and a large number of people," he said.

Falvey said he is also concerned about changes to the town’s 1-acre zoning. The PUD allows six dwellings per acre and the density would change Londonderry, he said.

He said he is also concerned about police and fire. The Londonderry Fire Department has never had to deal with five-story buildings or alleys. For police services, Falvey said the "village" concept would attract younger people, and there might be a club and bar scene.

Riding in Style
Second-grader Gabrielle Tirgali, left, is helped out of a police cruiser by Sgt. Mike McCutcheon, and fourth-grader Emily Savage jumps out of a fire engine last Friday. The girls were winners of the South School raffle from the Breakfast With Santa event at the school earlier in the month. The prizes were rides to school in a police car and a fire truck.

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Teen Back in School After Alleged Facebook Threatening

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A local teenager has returned to Londonderry High School after being arrested and charged with criminal threatening, but may face a year in jail.

Ian Benesty, 17, of 20 Welch Road has been charged with allegedly threatening to kill a fellow student, a 15-year-old girl, through comments made on the Facebook social networking site.

Londonderry Police Lt. Kevin Cavallaro said the incident took place Dec. 5, and the girl and her father came to the police station to file a complaint on Dec. 12. Benesty turned himself in to police Tuesday, Dec. 20. Benesty allegedly described himself as a "monster" on Facebook. He told the girl, "You're dead" and made other threatening comments, including killing the girl or hurting a member of her family.

Benesty was released on $2,000 personal recognizance bail. He will be tried Jan. 9 in 10th Circuit Court in Derry.

Criminal threatening, a misdemeanor, is punishable by a year in jail. Cavallaro said Benesty was involved in another Facebook complaint in October, though there were no threats involved and he was not charged with anything.

Cavallaro said incidents involving young people on Facebook, texting or other electronic means are on the rise. "We are receiving more complaints," he said, adding that the New Hampshire bullying laws make it easier for people to identify a problem and seek help.

In some cases, the problems can be worked out by both sets of parents brought in. Cavallaro said, "If we get the parents involved, that usually puts an end to it."

But Benesty's case involved serious threats "and warranted an arrest," he said.

Cavallaro credited the girl's father with doing the right thing by accompanying her to the station.

"There was some pretty disturbing stuff on Facebook," Cavallaro said. He said he didn't know if the material was still on the site.

The bullying laws are helping. Cavallaro said, "in this case it went beyond bullying. It upped the ante."

Cavallaro said he didn't know if Benesty was merely boasting, or seriously about his alleged threat. "We don't have the luxury of making that decision," he said.

Londonderry High School Principal Jason Parent confirmed that both students are still enrolled at LHS. The staff is keeping the two children apart, he said.

"We contacted all the parties and looked at the schedules, at any possible interactions," Parent said. "We have tried to minimize any interaction or contact."

There is always at least one administrator in the foyer, the center of activity during the change of classes, he said.

Parent said his administration will not take action on the case beyond keeping the children separate. Because the alleged threats were not made in school, the case is a police matter and not a school matter. He said both youths are still attending school and he has no plans to suspend or expel Benesty.

There are times a situation will "spill over" into the school and be not just a police matter, Parent said. "That's when it impacts the educational process," he said.

While he declined to further comment on the two students, Parent said, "Our young people are not always thinking." He added, "The things I do see, on Facebook and other forums, show that they're not thinking about what they're saying."

When the staff knows of a relational problem, they act on it, Parent said. "We are constantly working on what causes conflict among students," he said.

While the lower grades have anti-bullying assemblies and other proactive promotions, older teens don't always respond well to information presented in that format, Parent said. Instead, his staff is "constantly talking" about cyber-bullying, correct Internet use and respect.

In addition, he said, Assistant Superintendent Andrew Corey has given staff trainings, and the school networks with other high schools to see what's working for them.

"But some of our young people," Parent said, "are learning the hard way."

Like Cavallaro, Parent believes the anti-bullying laws have helped. "People are more willing to come forward," he said. "And it provides teeth - there can be police consequences as well as school." There is a fine line, Parent warned, saying, "You have to determine what is bullying and harassment, as opposed to inappropriate language and immaturity."

Have an Announcement? This service is provided free of charge to Londonderry residents who wish to announce the birth of their child or grandchild, marriage engagement, wedding or milestone event such as a Silver Wedding Anniversary. This is a great way to share your news with your local community. The Londonderry Times also accepts obituary notices. Please contact us at 537-2760 or e-mail to londonderrytimes@nutpub.net.
Editorial

Heading into 2012

New Year’s Day is traditionally the time for reflecting on the year just ending, and resolving to do things differently in the days ahead. It’s been a year of significant change in Londonderry. The school district quorum was found in court to be illegal, and 2012 will mark the first time voters can have their say - and perhaps effect change - without having to meet a quorum that is beyond the town’s grasp.

On the Town side, residents will have their first Deliberative Session, rather than a post-election Budgetary Town Meeting. That makes having their first Deliberative Session, beyond the town’s grasp.

And the Town’s first Planned Use Development - Woodmont Commons - is moving, however slowly, through the planning process. When it is built, it promises to change the way Londonderry looks.

So it’s a particularly apt time to add civic involvement to your list of resolutions.

How about deciding to run for office? Volunteers are needed to help our towns operate. And while it takes no effort at all to complain about what goes on at town hall, it can be much more rewarding to participate in the process - and to be in the right place at the right time to effect change. Get ready: the filing period arrives in mid January.

If putting your name on the ballot is a little too stressful, volunteer posts on boards, commissions, and committees in town often go begging. Whether you want to start slowly as an alternate or jump right in as a full member, you have a variety of interest areas, from conservation to housing - in which to offer your time for the betterment of your community.

We all know the difficulties the economic downturn continues to cause, and the difficulty most residents have in paying their taxes. The answer is not to move away - you’ll find similar problems wherever you go - but to advocate for responsible spending.

Budget hearings and deliberative sessions are coming up in January and February. Here’s an important resolution - make a point of attending those events and speaking your mind, politely and reasonably, with facts as well as courtesy.

At the very least, let your elected officials know what you think.

Good luck with your resolutions, and from all of us at Nutfield Publishing to all of you, our best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.
Article to Study District Voting Goes to Ballot

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A petitioned warrant article with the required 25 signatures has been submitted to Town Clerk Meg Seymour and will be on the March ballot.

The article is being sponsored by town resident Lisa Drabik and asks, “Shall the town establish a redistricting commission to divide the town into two or more districts for the purpose of electing representatives to the General Court?”

Drabik wrote in a press release that the state is currently undergoing the process of redistricting, as mandated by the state constitution. Under the RSA (statute) authorizing the process, RSA 662-A:3, Londonderry voters may determine “whether we want to retain our current structure.” Currently, the entire community elects nine representatives to the General Court.

If approved, the article would allow Londonderry to establish a commission to study the possibility of dividing the town into voting wards or districts. Town Manager David Caron said the members would be appointed by the Town Council.

“It’s a neighborhood issue - it would allow us better representation,” Drabik said.

Drabik moved to Londonderry from the West, her last home being in Salt Lake City, Utah. When she arrived in Londonderry, she was surprised that the entire town voted at one polling place, and surprised that residents voted “at large.”

While Drabik said it wasn’t necessary to set up a separate polling place for each ward, the town could print different ballots for each ward or district. “It would be the same number of ballots we have now,” she pointed out.

Londonderry belongs to District 75 and has nine representatives to the General Court. The town shares seats with Auburn, Drabik said, and that could still be voted on at large.

Jerry Connor, a member of Drabik’s group, said it’s a matter of accountability. “We need to know who our representative is, and to have them nearby,” he said.

“If I have a concern, I want to know I can go to one person, not all nine,” Drabik added.

“We are just asking to have it put on the ballot, and see if the town wants to do it, to form a commission,” Connor said.

This is Drabik’s second foray into public policy, she said. She was involved with the “marriage question” a few years ago.

For more information, e-mail Drabik at: letlondonderryvote.com.
North Students Find Creativity Pays at Business Fair

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
Londonderry Times

Wearing a bright red elf hat, Parker MacIntyre hunched over a cash box at the Fifth Grade Business Fair at North Elementary School. Beside him on the table were the remains of the baked goods he sold - a handful of "Nutter Butter" reindeers with pretzel antlers. The banana bread, pumpkin bread and sugar cookies were all gone, he said, adding, "I sold out.

"I think I did well. I made a lot of money - I mean, profit," he corrected himself.

The fifth-graders at North School stuck their toes in the waters of commerce on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at the annual Business Fair. Singles, couples and groups developed a product, researched it, and sold it in a one-day event. The mini-marketplace put students in motion to earn real money and they get to keep it, Gustavson said. One year they got together as a group and donated their money to a fund for a student with medical needs, but that is their decision, he said.

He’s never had to veto an idea, Gustavson said, and that’s because they talk about them. “We talk about what’s a good idea, what’s not acceptable,” he said. "If someone is selling a similar item, we talk about how to make it different - we’re not in competition with each other."

The ideas can be really creative. Gustavson added. Last year he liked the duct-tape wallets marketed by a couple of girls. This year the school wristbands stood out. They sold well and "promoted school spirit," he said.

Many of the items in Gustavson’s classroom were edible, from cupcakes to cookies to Parker’s reindeers. Madeline Fielder and Olivia Sullivan made cupcakes. "We like to watch 'Cake Boss,' Madeline said, "and we thought people would like them because they’re cute.” They decorated their cupcakes with icing and gumdrops and sold cocoa to go along with them.

The girls worked well together. “We’ve been friends since kindergarten,” Madeline said. Their biggest challenge? Figuring out how to keep the cocoa hot. They finally settled on an insulated carafe, they said.

What did they learn? Starting a business is difficult, Madeline said. "You need to make sure your product is presentable - and that you have enough," she said.

Joel Feldmann had the basics for his business - a Slushie machine - at home. He teamed up with pal Chandler Masson, and they offered the North School community their choice of syrups over ice. The hard part was the preparation, Joel said, explaining, "It was the thinking about it, the preparing, getting stuff." But it wasn’t as hard as he thought it would be, Chandler said.

Their hard work was rewarded by seeing their classmates and schoolmates patronize their stand - and by earning money. Joel said, "We made over $100.” He said with a smile. "Joel said he was planning to buy yo-yos with his share, while Chandler said he’d probably save his.

Jack Kelley and David Kichler created and sold the wristbands, marketed as "Bands On Hands." The red vinyl wristbands bore the North School name. Jack was happy to give his friend credit for the idea. David said, "I wanted to do something nobody else would do.”

He and his father came up with the idea. They had 100 wristbands printed, and got another 100 free, he said.

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Chandler Masson, left, waits patiently as Joel Feldmann makes his Slushie. The boys were partners in a Slushie stand at the annual Fifth Grade Business Fair at Londonderry North School.

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Boy Scouts’ Annual Tree Burn is Jan. 7 at Mack’s Pond

Londonderry and area residents will once again have the opportunity to dispose of their live Christmas trees while enjoying a free winter festival on the grounds of Mack’s Moose Hill Orchards.

The event is the annual Tree Burn sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 521, and it’s planned for Saturday, Jan. 7.

Kimberly Herrera, community chairperson for the troop, explained that the “burn” started as an Eagle project several years ago. The premise is simple: people with leftover trees take the tree from them, and they either drive off or drives off, takes the tree from them.

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The Macks offer the use of one of their “apple huts” from the pick-your-own operation, and they also take care of the fire permit, Herrera said, adding, “They have been very generous.”

This year the Mack’s Apples Farm Stand will be open for post-holiday shopping up by the Deliberative Session Feb. 6.

Families will have the chance to warm themselves by the fire again this year as the Boy Scouts will be collecting Christmas trees to burn at Moose Hill Orchards starting at 9 a.m. on Jan. 7.
Indian Pathfinders Focuses on Fathers and Daughters

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Every meeting of the Indian Pathfinders begins with a pledge, a recited good deed and a dollar donation. “I did my good deed,” host John Tringali said with a smile. “I helped my dad put up a birdhouse they built together at a recent meeting of the Dakota Tribe, Indian Pathfinders. Photo by Kathleen D. Bailey

John Tringali helps his daughter Sofia with a detail of the birdhouse they built together at a recent meeting of the Dakota Tribe, Indian Pathfinders.

As he helped settle the girls around Tringali’s dining-room table, Jeff Avitabile said the program is a spin-off of a national YMCA program, “Indian Princesses.” While the Princesses are a national group, the Pathfinders are mostly from Southern New Hampshire, he said. It has smaller units known as “tribes” that are part of a larger unit, the Nation. They have meetings on both levels, and it’s all facilitated by the dads.

Avitabile, the contact person for the Dakota Tribe, is a Pathfinder veteran. His older daughter, Rebecca, was in the Shoshone tribe with him and participated through most of high school. It’s different from Brownies and Girl Scouts, he said - “Those are more mother-daughter things.” Most fathers end up having a passive involvement in their daughters’ activities, watching their school plays or dance recitals.

The girls earn various recognitions, similar to badges, as they acquire skills, Avitabile said. Gabrielle Tringali showed off hers, which were fastened to a blue lanyard around a larger medal, “Always A Pathfinder.”

“My son is jealous,” Avitabile said. “He’s 5, and he’s too young for Cub Scouts or anything like that.”

The activities are a mix of the sedate and the active, Avitabile said. Later this month, the girls and fathers will go snow tubing at McIntyre Ski Area. They camp at least three times a year, and a meeting at Tringali’s house is likely to end with a touch football game in the backyard. There are father-daughter dances, rock climbing and a float in the annual Londonderry Old Home Day Parade.

The program gives the girls “a lot of confidence,” Avitabile said. And for the fathers, it gives that essential one-on-one. ‘I have four children,’ he said, ‘so this is my time to spend with Faith alone.’

The organizational structure is also fun, bringing the men back to their own childhoods. They have a ‘longhouse’ meeting once a month with the chiefs of all the tribes, Avitabile said. The War Chief is in charge of recruitment, the Wampum Bearer handles the finances, the Sand Painter produces a newsletter and acts as recording secretary, and the Medicine Man keeps track of awards, he said.

‘And the Tepee Master stores all our stuff in his garage,’ he added.

The craft of choice on a recent Saturday was pre-cut birdhouses. ‘You can assemble them here and finish them at home,’ Tringali said.

Avitabile and his daughter Faith put the pieces in order. Then he read the instructions out loud, and Father handed him pieces. But the lumber of the screwdriver was too strong for these girls, and they ended up doing as much work as their fathers.

Dan Kocak has been a Pathfinder dad for about a year. “It appealed to me because I could spend more time with my daughter - sometimes it’s difficult to find things to do,” he said as he held the birdhouse and Taryn tightened a screw. They’ve gone on campouts, a whale watch and a canoe trip, he said. Though a lot of the activities are new to the girls, the group also opens up the dads’ worlds - “I had never been canoeing,” Kocak said. “It gets her to do more things, gets me to do more things.”

As the winter afternoon waned, the fathers and girls chatted comfortably over their birdhouses. The dads imparted spoken wisdom, including one who reminded his daughter, ‘Lefty-loosey, righty-tighty.’ And they gave life lessons that were not as evident.

“This screwdriver hates me,” Gabrielle Tringali complained at one point. “No it doesn’t,” her father said. “You just need patience.”

For more information, contact Avitabile at: JAvitabile@bittware.com.
Former Londonderry Resident Publishes Third Book

Kathleen D. Bailey
Londonderry Times

A music professor and former Londonderry resident has published his third book.

Timothy A. Johnson, son of David S. Johnson of Londonderry, just published "John Adams's 'Nixon In China': Musical Analysis, Historical and Political Perspectives" with Ashgate Publishing. He is an associate professor of music theory and chairman of graduate studies in music at Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY, and credits his early experiences in the Londonderry and Pinkerton Academy school systems with fostering his career path and passion.

Johnson, the son of David Johnson and the late Pauline Johnson, spent his early years in Londonderry schools. Though he had a listening interest in music as early as the age of 5, his interest intensified when he began playing the trumpet in sixth grade under the tutelage of Andy Soucy, then the middle school band teacher.

Soucy passed his love of music on to the young Johnson, who said, "Andy was very influential. He encouraged me to continue in band in high school - I was thinking of not going on." But he did go on, and as Londonderry had no high school at the time, Johnson joined the bands at Pinkerton Academy in Derry. All of them - the marching band, jazz band and concert band. In his senior year of high school, he was Band President, he said.

He also continued in private trumpet lessons with Soucy. And he learned to play the trombone, guitar and piano along the way, though he emphasized, "I am not a pianist."

Johnson made the New Hampshire Youth Orchestra as a trumpet player in his junior year, and began to consider a career in music. He enrolled in the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, where his first major was music education. In his sophomore year he became fascinated with music theory and composition.

He received a Bachelor of Music from UMass-Lowell in 1983, a master's in music from the University of Connecticut in 1987, and a doctorate from the University of Buffalo in 1991.

Johnson said he became fascinated with contemporary composer John Adams while studying for his master's degree. His doctoral dissertation was on Adams' music, and he's been "studying him on and off for 20 years."

"Nixon In China" is one of the few contemporary operas that gets performed on a regular basis, Johnson said. President Richard Nixon made his groundbreaking trip to the People's Republic of China in 1972 and the opera was written 14 years later, he said. While most operas are based on mythological, Shakespeare or other fictional events, "Nixon In China" was based on a real "slice of life" that fascinated him.

"Also," he said, "I have to keep coming back to the music." His book presents a detailed analysis of the music, tied to historical and political contexts.

Johnson is also the author of "Foundations of Diatonic Theory: A Mathematically Based Approach to Music Fundamentals" and "Baseball and the Music of Charles Ives: A Proving Ground." The latter won the Sporting News-Society of Baseball Research Baseball Research Award. He spent a week researching Ives and baseball at the Baseball Museum in Cooperstown, N.Y. Johnson is married to Anne Marie Johnson. His brother Corey Johnson lives in Londonderry and his brother Nyles Johnson in Hooksett.

Cold Weather Fun

Members of Londonderry Boy Scout Troop 426 recently attended Junior Leader Training weekend at Hidden Valley Camp in Gilman. When the temperature dropped to 12 degrees, the scouts were prepared, as they slept outdoors, cooked outdoors, hiked, practiced what to do in emergencies and built a rope bridge across the water. Anyone interested in scouting can contact Mike Gleason at: m.gleason426@comcast.net. The troop is pictured building the bridge.  

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A beloved children’s toy was the impetus for several Londonderry elementary students to win awards, meet new friends and learn more about technology.

The Piratechs, a LEGO League team from the Londonderry elementary schools, won the Core Values trophy for the FIRST LEGO League Regional Competition and the Project Presentation Award at the state tournament Dec. 3.

Gillian Lynch, 10, said this is her second year with LEGO League. “It’s a lot of fun. You get to program a robot,” Gillian said.

The students in the group are all “into” math, science and technology, so it’s fun rather than work, first-year member Elizabeth Iaconis, 11, said. The program involves programming a robot, made out of the familiar LEGO plastic blocks, and having it perform certain tasks, called “missions,” Gillian said. For example, one of their missions with this year’s competition was to program their robot to carry in groceries and dump them on a table.

There were many other scenarios to carry out, team member Adrianna Blanchard, 10, said.

Elizabeth amplified this: “We had it catch things, dump things, hit things.”

Another component of the LEGO League competition was a research project. This year’s topic was food-borne illnesses, and the team gave credit to its Londonderry heritage by studying apples.

Parent Katie Wolff said, “The challenge this year was called Food Factor.” Her team’s solutions were to improve and raise awareness about hand washing.

“They created a prototype called the ‘Funitizer’ to encourage hand washing in an entertaining manner,” she said, explaining that they chose to present their research in the form of a talk show.

They created a “hand sanitizer” game, with every fifth person who sanitized receiving a treat. “It encourages people to sanitize,” Gillian said.

And they invented a card game about safety, “Sick Day Sabotage,” Gillian said. The game teaches players about the dangers of food-borne illnesses, and is being piloted as an educational tool in the fifth grade at Matthew Thornton School.

The group faced external challenges that had nothing to do with the competition. One of their issues with this year’s event was the power outage resulting from the October snowstorm, Elizabeth said. It was frustrating, she said – “We were so close to the competition.” They couldn’t do any prep that week, she said.

“It was also nerve-wracking to walk into the competition and see the other teams, Elizabeth added. But she soon realized, “These people are really nice.”

Adrianna enjoyed her first year, saying, “It’s fun and we get to do creative things.”

“Being together is also fun,” Elizabeth added.

Will they participate in FIRST Robotics, the high school level of the competition? “Definitely,” the girls chorused.

The nine children on the team include one from South School, one from Londonderry Middle School, and seven from Matthew Thornton. Coaches are Kim Fusaris and Paul Couto. Wolff said the regional competition was at Merrimack High School with 17 teams and the State Championship at Manchester Central High School, with 50 teams.
Fire Captain Doug Cardwell said the method of informing fire personnel of a call has changed over the years. In the ‘50s and ‘60s, the Londonderry Fire Department used what were called “red phones.” When an incident occurred, the phones rang in different members’ houses. The first member to receive a “red phone” call went to the Fire Station and sounded the alarm.

In a matter of minutes, Cardwell said, members of the team dropped what they were doing at home, at work or out in the fields.

In the beginning, there were volunteers, “red phones” and limited equipment. Cardwell and Lt. Mike McQuillen, another longtime Londonderry firefighter, got together recently to look at how the department has evolved, from mid-20th century to recently to look at how the department has evolved, from mid-20th century to recently.

In the ‘50s and ‘60s, the Fire Department started hiring full-timers - one for each station, Cardwell said. “They would be in the station, take a call, go on the call, and assume the volunteers were following behind,” he said. “The initial first responder’s job was to get the truck to the scene.” Truck singular, not plural. In those days, North Station handled the dispatch services for police, fire and public works, Cardwell said, adding that when the Central Fire Station opened, the police department took over its own dispatching.

But the department had only “a couple of hundred” calls a year, Cardwell said. The “red phones” lasted until the 1970s, when the department bought radios and improved its communication system. One paid, full-time firefighter was available all the time, working 24-hour shifts, he said. The first full-time chief, David Hicks, came on staff in the 1960s.

The department eventually added three full-timers to the North Station, while keeping one in the South Station. After the Central Station was built, staffing expanded to 12 full-timers, three shifts, and four people on each shift, plus one chief, one deputy and one captain. The department also had 35 call firefighters, who were fully utilized because, Cardwell said, “Our job at that time was to fight fires.” They responded to an occasional car accident, but the custom at the time was for friends and neighbors to drive people to the hospital. Londonderry contracted with Derry for ambulance service for the more severe cases.

When Central Fire Station opened in 1976, it cost “peanuts” to build, Cardwell said. Two years later, through a warrant article, the assets of the Fire Department were turned over to the town, he said.

When Central Fire Station was built, the department was still dispatching for Public Works, Cardwell said. Equipment was limited: two pumpers at each station, and a forestry unit and tanker housed at Central.

The 1980s saw more calls for medical emergencies, and a new standard of care, he said.

In 1990, the department bought its first rescue truck. “That gave us the equipment to deal with vehicle extrication,” Cardwell said.

As the town grew, attracting commuters and the urban-weary, calls jumped to 1,000 a year, Cardwell said. But there were still only two responders on every shift. Longtime residents began working out of town, and the number of call firefighters dropped to 10, where it stands today.

When Cardwell joined the department in 1985, the responders went to 500 to 600 calls a year. There was one person in South Station, one in North, and three at Central, and they worked 24-hour shifts. Today there are 10 people on duty every shift, “we staff our own ambulance,” and they respond to 4,000 calls a year, he said.

McQuillen joined the department in 1993, and also remembers a smaller town. The expansion of the airport terminal in 1994 was a factor in the town’s and the department’s growth, he said. Cardwell added that the retail boom on Route 102 also meant more business - and more calls.

Larger industries came in, such as Stonyfield Farm and Coca-Cola, McQuillen said, and the firefighters soon found themselves fighting more than fires, with chemicals and industrial accidents added to their responsibilities.

For McQuillen, the “Fire Department” of the future is really an All-Hazards Department. “Fire Department” is a misnomer, he said, as it does much more than fight fires.

“The rescue truck,” Cardwell said, “evolved out of the all-hazard approach. We handle any emergency outside of law enforcement.”
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the Council passed a resolution dedicating all 5 percent to the Cable Access fund, Caron said. In FY 2010-11, that Council, through the annual budget process, redirected $40,000 of each year’s cable franchise fee to the general fund. And in FY 2011-12, the council authorized $104,000 of the franchise fee to be returned to the general fund. It was a lump sum, not a percentage, Caron said. The budget the town approved last year, FY 2012-13, dedicated $105,000 from the franchise fee to go into the general fund. After the budget passed, that year’s Council passed a resolution authorizing 1.5 percent of the cable franchise fee revenue to go into the general fund, with 3.5 percent into the cable access fund. The resolution is #2011-05. The apportionment has been challenged by residents, including Bielinski. But Caron said the apportionment is legal. In researching the town’s cable history, he said, he learned that the town never established a special revenue fund for the cable division. It was established by the auditors, he said.

In 1983, Article 7 on the warrant asked voters to see if the town would vote to establish a cable advisory board to receive franchise fees from the operation of the cable station, and, with the approval of the then-Board of Selectmen, to expend said fees, up to $4,000. The rest of the franchise fees were placed in the general fund, to defray town expenses.

A different article, also on the 1983 warrant, authorized selectmen to accept a portion of the franchise fee for the purpose of local original programming on cable televi-
sion, to be expended only with the approval of the cable advisory board. But the community never established a special revenue fund, he added; those were not authorized for towns until 1989.

The town auditors at the time established the special revenue fund for cable, he said. But it was never voted in by the people.

Section III of RSA 31:95-C states that any surplus in any fund created under Paragraphs I and II, including any capital improvement funds, shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus, nor expended for any purpose or transferred to any appropriation, until the legislative body has voted to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose or source of the revenue. “Any of the unused fund balance can’t be used for any other purpose - the town has to vote,” Bielinski said. The law, he said, “s òys you can’t split it up.”

Bielinski said every year the voters vote to place a portion of the franchise fees in the cable fund, “but their vote isn’t being taken seriously. “What if the roof goes bad?” he asked. “The expense should come from the cable special revenue fund. If you keep robbing it…”

Caron said Bielinski’s interpretation of the RSA is that, “Once you set up a special revenue fund, all the revenues should go into that fund.” But the RSA says that towns may put a percentage or none at all, he said.

“There is flexibility there,” Caron said.
Coming into the 2011-12 season, Londonderry High School’s veteran girls’ basketball coach John Fagula stated plainly that he anticipated that his young team would look really good at some points, and really not at others.

In light of that, it seems reasonable to say that the Lady Lancers’ 59-36 home loss to the tough Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals at LHS on Tuesday, Dec. 20, definitely came on a ‘Not Night.’

Both teams rolled into that contest sporting identical, perfect records of 3-0. And the Londonderry bunch had gotten to that point with decisive wins over Keene, Concord, and Salem.

But the youthful Lady Lancers stepped into the Guertin game knowing that the Lady Cards are one of the top-rated teams in Division I, and that beating BG would be anything but easy.

In fact, beating the Cards that night proved not to be possible for Fagula’s forces, who were obviously nervous and tentative early on as they faced the serious challenge.

“They beat us to every loose ball and physically dominated us. And that’s something that hadn’t happened to us yet this season,” said Fagula. “Basically, they did to us what we’ve been doing to the teams we’ve beaten.”

One of the most frustrating aspects of the eye-opening defeat was that the hosts sank only three of the 20 lay-ups they got. In other words, they got many good scoring opportunities and numerous second and third shot attempts, but couldn’t sink many of the simple scoring attempts.

There were 15 points scored in the first period, and 12 of them belonged to Guertin. And at halftime, the Cardinals grasped a commanding 25-9 advantage.

As one would expect from a Fagula-led team, the Lady Lancers kept working throughout the remainder of the game. But they never really made a concerted comeback run, and BG won by more than 20 points.

LHS standout Aliza Simpson netted 13 points to lead her squad, but she fouled out of the game with more than four minutes remaining in the final quarter.

Guertin’s superb junior forward Meghan Green paced all scorers with 22 points.

Lady Lancers Rout by Guertin During Home Opener

Impressive freshman forward Casey Evans-Driscoll and her Lady Lancer teammates had a tough night at home against the Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals of Nashua last week.
**LHS Wrestlers Just Edged by the Salem Blue Devils, 33-27**

No matter how well an athletic team competes and performs, frustration will inevitably creep into the picture in one or more forms along the way.

And one definite case in point is the Londonderry High School wrestling squad’s much-anticipated, head-to-head battle with the Salem High Blue Devil grapplers at LHS last Wednesday, Dec. 21.

Coach Jim Marron’s wrestlers performed well and, in the opinion of some folks, including Salem High coach Wes Decker, outdid the Blue Devils that evening. But the final score showed the visiting side snagging a 33-27 win, and the Lancers having to deal with a pretty heavy dose of frustration as a result.

Three weight class forfeits certainly hurt the Lancers - who have won tournament championships in both Hudson and Bow in the last month - in their effort to best the tough Blue Devils. However, Londonderry did get one forfeit win back from its guest.

The Lancers collected weight class victories in the 106, 120, 132, 145, 152, and 170-pound weight classes.

Mitch Rose claimed the lone LHS forfeit victory at 106, while defending state champion Dan Roder snagged a slim decision at 120 pounds, Kyle Bird claimed a pin in the 132-pound division bout, Jon Young registered a major decision at 145 pounds, Xander Coburn notched a pin early in his 152-pound battle, and John DiSessa won a tight decision at 170 pounds.

The Lancers had to hand over forfeits in the 113-pound, 220-pound, and heavyweight classes.

The Lancer team are keeping themselves sharp and competitively-oriented during the holiday break by competing at a Lowell (Mass.) holiday tournament this week.

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**Millenium Mile Race Number 13 is Slated for New Year’s Day**

After drawing a record number of participants with 1,115 runners last year, the unique Millenium Mile Road Race takes the starting gun for the 13th time this New Year’s Day at 2 p.m. in Londonderry.

The event, which is directed by co-founder and former Londonderry High star athlete John Mortimer, is a point-to-point, down-hill road race for all ages and abilities. Proceeds from this popular annual event go to the Jack and June Mortimer Memorial Scholarship, which was created in honor of John Mortimer’s mom and dad.

That scholarship has gone to defray the college tuition costs of a number of deserving high school seniors from the area over the last handful of years, including ones from Londonderry High and Pinkerton Academy.

Twenty-three-year-old Brian Gagnon from Hanover won the 2010 race in a time of 3 minutes and 54 seconds. The first female finisher was Claudia Camargo-Nero from Hopewell Junction, N.J. (4:32).

Prizes go to the leaders at the quarter-mile, half-mile, and three-quarter-mile marks, age group winners, and to youngsters as well.

Registration information can be obtained on-line at milleniummile.org.
Boy Hoopsters Get Gouged By Guertin, 72-42

Despite a dozen points from senior Ben Flan- ders and freshman Robert Wilson, the London- derry High boys’ basketball squad didn’t have an enjoyable night in Nashua against the Bishop Guertin Cardinals in their first three games of the 2011-12 campaign recently, coach Peter Bed- ford’s Lancers found themselves with a glaring chance to get themselves on track and rid them- selves of some of that frustration against the struggling Nashua High North Titans at the Con- way Arena in the Gate City last Wednesday night, Dec. 21. And that’s precisely what Londonderry did, handing its host an 8-2 defeat to move to 1-3 on the young season.

Ryan Griffin and Mike Bears each potted two goals for the victors, and each also dealt out one assist. Senior forward Steve Devereaux pushed his personal point-scoring streak to four games with a goal and a helper, and Brian Greene, Tommy Par- illa, and Sam MacNicoll added single tallies for LHS as well.

David Donovan contributed two assists for the locals, and single help- ers also came from Brett Evangelista, John Dunn, John Gomes, Greene, and MacNicoll.

“They beat a team they’re supposed to beat, and they beat that team soundly. So that’s good,” said coach Bedford. “And their positional play was certainly better.”

“The Lancers bagged three unanswered goals in the first period to sprint out to a pleasing lead, and they potted five more markers in the sec- ond stanza while allowing the Titans two. Londonderry sophomore goaltender Mitch Schirch made a dozen saves between the pipes for the winning side, which is playing in the annual Capital City Hock-

Lancer Icemen Take Out Some Frustrations On North, 8-2

Enough was clearly enough for the Lon- donderry High ice hockey team. After suffering frus- trating losses to the Pink- erton Academy Astros, the Manchester Memorial Crusaders, and the Saint Thomas Aquinas Saints in their first three games of the 2011-12 campaign with a hard-fought win, opened their 2011-12 cam- paign last weekend, to say the least.

The locals were out- scored by a 14-10 margin in the fourth period and lost.

"But we took better care of the ball and played much better in transition in the second half."

Senior captain Sam MacNicoll and the Londonderry High hockey team netted their first victory of the 2011-12 season last week, wallop- ing the Nashua North Titans in the Gate City.
Londonderry High Swimmers Keep Doing Plenty of Winning

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It’s still early in the season, and the Londonderry High School swim teams have already done a bunch of winning.

And the success continued in the days prior to Christmas for coach Chrys Ewen’s two crews, with both the girls’ and boys’ contingents posting perfect 4-0 records at home on Tuesday, Dec. 20, and the boys finishing 3-4 and the previously-undefeated girls ending up 3-1 three evenings later in their home pool.

BOYS

The talented Lancer boys rolled over Keene (score of 129-12), and Monadnock (score of 123-31), Goffstown (116-53), and Dover Green Wave (92-77), with both the girls’ and previously-undefeated Goffstown (116-53), and Dover Green Wave (92-77), with both the girls’ and previously-undefeated girls ending up 3-1 overall in the days prior to Christmas.

The Lady Lancers kept their season record unblemished last Tuesday with team wins over Campbell of Litchfield (138-38), Keene (127-26), and Monadnock (107-57). Event victories were claimed by Ana Milosavljevic in the 200 IM (2:25.03) and the 100 free (56.83), Shelby McKeeney in the 100-yard backstroke (1:07.61), Allison McCarthy in the 100 free relay (1:43.55), and Chen in the 200 free relay (2:14.97), and in the 200 free relay by the team of McKeeney, McCarthy, Alyssa Boccia, and Milosavljevic.

But the LHS team’s undefeated record was finally blemished in the Dec. 23 competition, with Dover edging the host team by an 89-81 score. However, the Lady Lancers defeated Alvirne (100-70), Campbell (137-7), and Somersworth (138-6) to go 3-1 overall on the night.

Milosavljevic and McCarthy were the stalwarts for the LHS bunch at this event, with the former winning the 100 free (55.74) and the 100-yard breaststroke (1:15.31) and the latter bagging the 200 free (2:13.97) and the 500 free (5:35.88).

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NIGHTMARES

Nightmares are disturbing dreams associated with anxiety, fear or terror. Nightmares are common. They begin in childhood and tend to decrease after about age 10. However, some people have them as teens or adults, or throughout their lives. Until age 11, girls and boys have nightmares in equal numbers. At age 11, nightmares become more prevalent in girls than boys. Nightmares seem real, often becoming more disturbing as the dream unfolds.

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Hair Donors Prepare for Pantene Assembly at LHS

Taylor Hicks likes her hair so much she’s giving it away. Again.

Hicks, a senior at Londonderry High School, is one of the 205 members of the LHS community who will have their hair cut Jan. 6 at the annual Pantene Beautiful Lengths school assembly. She and the others will donate their hair for wigs for cancer patients.

Hicks, a Pep Rally aide, is also helping to coordinate the program. She donated for the first time during her sophomore year, and “lost” three inches. She was nervous the first time, she said, adding, “My hair was really long, and I’d never had short hair.” But two friends had lost their mothers to cancer, and that was the turning point for Hicks.

Hunter Wertz, another Pep Rally aide and hair donor, said the aides have been working with adviser Steve Juster since September. They processed the entry forms and sent them home with girls to have parents sign them. “We home with girls to have theirs done on their own and that makes her happy. They bring in parents and grandparents to occupy prime seating, and then the general student body comes in to the gym. Juster gives an introduction, telling a few stories.

When the cutters begin to clip, the room goes silent, Wertz said. “All you hear are gasps,” she said. Each shorn girl holds up her bag of hair, to applause, and then the girls go to another area to applause, and then the girls go to another area where 30 volunteer stylists, all professionals, shape their newly-short locks any way they want.

“It’s amazing,” Wertz said. “Everybody loves it.” While Wertz has worked on the program for several years, she has yet to donate. “I’m still thinking about it,” she admitted. “I’m nervous - I don’t think my hair is long enough.” But she lost a grandmother to cancer, she added, and that may influence her decision.

Hicks said her donation as a sophomore was an emotional moment. She was crying before she even went under the scissors, when Juster was still in to trim her hair. “I think about it all the time, Hicks said. “I know some people get letters from the people who received their hair. I always wonder who it was, what their reaction was, and I think about how happy they must have been.”

The Pantene Beautiful Lengths assembly will be held Friday, Jan. 6, beginning at 9 a.m. in the LHS gym. For more information, call Juster at the school at 432-6941.

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Twenty-four hours before Santa started his journey, the students at South Londonderry School reached out to students in another country and culture with the familiar greetings of the holidays.

Last Friday morning, South School students gathered at an assembly sent an Internet greeting to students at three schools in Iceland. They held signs depicting the flag of Iceland and a satellite map, along with “Merry Christmas,” “Happy Hanukkah” and “Happy New Year” greetings in Icelandic.

South School Principal Linda Boyd said teacher delegations from the three Icelandic schools had visited South School in 2007, October 2010 and June 2011.

Friday morning, Dec. 23, brought South School students together at an all-school assembly. The holiday spirit was in the air, as faculty and administration donned festive attire. At far left, Principal Linda Boyd and Assistant Principal Chris Hunt are decked out as elves as they address the students, and at center, the school mascot, Hawk, awards certificates of achievement. Above, the Londonderry Middle School Select Chorus performed holiday music for the South students.  

*Photos by Chris Paul*

Students display greetings of the season in Icelandic at a South School assembly.

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**Holiday Greetings Sent to Icelandic Students**

Kathleen D. Bailey  
Londonderry Times  

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Etz Hayim Synagogue Hosts Hanukkah Celebration

E tz Hayim Synagogue in Derry was bustling as the congregation prepared to celebrate the first night of Hanukkah with the lighting of the menorahs, a potluck dinner, children’s party and latke contest.

Rabbi Bryna Milkow, celebrating her first Hanukkah at Etz Hayim, was thrilled at the activity and the attendance at the Tuesday, Dec. 20, celebration.

Music played in the background but could barely be heard over the uproar created by the many excited children. The table holding the synagogue’s menorah was surrounded by many family menorahs in a variety of colors and shapes. After Milkow lit the synagogue’s menorah’s helper candle - or shamus - families would light the helper candles on their own menorahs to welcome the holiday.

Hanukkah is first and foremost a family celebration, Milkow said. The Jewish holiday is celebrated for eight days and nights and begins on the 25th of the Jewish month of Kislev, which usually falls in December of the secular calendar.

In Hebrew, the word “hanukkah” means “dedication,” a word that reminds Jews that the holiday commemorates the re-dedication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem following the Jewish victory over the Syrian-Greeks in 165 B.C.E.

Milkow said, “Tonight we will light the first candle and then add one each night for eight nights. This is a family holiday that families celebrate in their homes for the eight days and with gift giving. It is a particularly special holiday for children.”

Milkow said Hanukkah is a joyous festival that celebrates two miracles. The first was the Jewish military victory and the second was the miracle of a single day’s supply of purified oil lasting for eight days.

The menorah, which holds nine candles - for the eight nights of Hanukkah and the helper candle - is symbolic of the miracle of the oil. After the Jewish victory, the Jews were purifying the Holy Temple but found only one flask of the oil used in the eternal lamp, enough to last only a single day. The holiday celebrates the miracle that kept the lamp lit for eight days until more oil was found.

The Etz Hayim party was organized by Jennifer Cerino. It featured crafts galore for the children, including cookie decorating and face painting. But possibly the most popular was the traditional dreidel game.

In addition, the holiday features foods fried in oil, again to mark the ancient miracle. Last week’s celebration included latkes (potato pancakes) and Sufganiyot, a type of jelly doughnut.

“The parents organized and are putting this party on,” Milkow said. “They came in and decorated the tables and got things organized. This is a wonderful celebration.”

Rabbi Bryna Milkow of Etz Hayim Synagogue in Derry says the traditional Hanukkah prayers as she lights the helper candle in the synagogue’s menorah on Tuesday, Dec. 20. Families then used that candle to light their menorahs as they celebrated the first night of the Jewish holiday. Photo by Penny Williams
Pricing

Donations of children’s clean, wearable clothing of all sizes may be brought to 5 Isabella Drive. In addition, baby equipment, sheets, blankets, backpacks, and kids’ shoes are also accepted. This is the St. Gianna’s ministry with their children during the first Christmas and they would welcome the opportunity to provide clothing for mothers who are homeless. For more information, call Liz with questions at 437-6678.

Chinese Movie Night

A free Chinese movie night, with films subtitled in English/Chinese, is cosponsored by the Derry Chinese School and the Derry Public Library on the second Thursday of each month from 6 to 8:15 p.m. at the Derry Public Library. Facilitator is Michael McCormack. Movie date is Jan. 12.

Historical Society

The Londonderry Historical Society meets the third Tuesday of each month downstairs at the Leach Library. For more information, visit www.Londonderryhistory.com.

MOMS Club of South Londonderry

The MOMS Club of Londonderry is a support group for mothers who are home with their children during the day. The group meets several times a week for play dates and other outings with the children. For information, visit www.momscluboflondonderry.org.

Helping Out

The Londonderry MOMS Club once again adopted two families for the holidays through The Upper Room, A Family Resource Center in Derry. Shown delivering the gifts are volunteer Abby Harrington, left, and Brenda Guggisberg from The Upper Room. Courtesy photo

Submissions: Our Around Town Section is reserved for public service announcements as well as non-profit events and activities. If you have an Around Town submission, it should be emailed to Londonderrytimes@brattleboro.net. Make sure you put “Around Town submission” in the subject line. Due to space limitations, we are unable to publish every submission we receive, subsequent-ly, your entry may be edited for length (maximum of 85 words). The editor determines what is published. Due to the high volume of submissions, the editor is unable to respond to every email received.

Clothing Ministry

The Londonderry School District announces its free Community Child Find Program for all residents age 2 1/2 through 5 years 11 months who are suspected of having vision or hearing problems or developmental concerns. Child Find takes place at the Londonderry Early Education Program (LEEP) at Moose Hill School, 150 Pillsbury Road on Feb. 9 and April 5. Parents of preschoolers are encouraged to make an appointment if they have concerns. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Kathy Kelley at 437-0855. Ext. 7223 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Feed the Hungry

Cyr Lumber & Home Center is asking help this holiday season. Bring five-canned goods to its Windham Showroom, and Cyr will donate them to the local food bank. In return, Cyr Lumber will offer 10 percent off up to $100 on purchases made by Dec. 31. For more information, call 899-5000.

Night Out

Orch OldDaniel Fellowship is hosting a “Night Out” for parents of special needs children the second Friday of each month from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Londonderry United Methodist Church.

RE/MAX Food Drive

RE/MAX 1st Choice is sponsoring its 17th annual Food Drive, now through the end of the year. Residents are invited to stop by the company’s Crossroads Mall offices Mondays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with non-perishable food items. Donated items will be delivered to the Food Bank hosted by St. Jude’s Church. For further information, contact Mark Oswald at 425-2400, ext. 114 or email: markoswald@remax.net.

Job Seekers Support

Residents struggling with issues of unemployment, which brings on financial insecurity, strained relationships with family and friends, as well as discouragement and depression, are invited to attend the Job Seekers group, sponsored by Orchard Christian Fellowship and meeting Mondays at 9 a.m. upstairs in the office of Dr. Philip Stebbins at 184 Mammoth Road Suite 4, Londonderry. For more information, call 425-6231.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare is a weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced, and is a place to hear information about ways to heal from the hurt of divorce. DivorceCare meets every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Road. For details, call Orchard Christian Fellowship at 425-6231.

Bereavement Support

An ongoing Bereavement Support Group meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Elliot Medical Center, Londonderry. The group offers a safe place to express feelings, learn coping skills, and gain a sense of value and purpose. The group is free. To register or for more information, call social worker Barbara Pines at 552-1533.

Indoor Football

The New England Indoor Football League (NEIFL) is accepting team and individual applications for the 2012 winter season. The league is designed to help high school football players improve skills to prepare for football at higher levels. It is a full contact 8 vs. 8 league, with games on a 50-yard football field and staffed by professional and certified referees, field officials and medical professionals. The season runs from Jan. 7 to March 17, with all games played Saturdays at the New Hampshire Sportsplex in Bedford. For more information, call 490-4689 or email: tonyd@comcast.net.
at St. Luke's United Methodist Church on Route 102 (Broadway) in Derry from September through April. Prior experience in a choir is not necessary. Performances are twice a year: two concerts each in December and April. Call 432-4786 for more information, or just come to a rehearsal.

**Kindergarten Registration**

Registration is ongoing at Moose Hill Kindergarten. Children who will be 5 by Sept. 30, 2012 are eligible. Two sessions are offered - 8:45 to 11:20 a.m. and 12:30 to 3:05 p.m. The session is determined by the child's address. The school cannot change sessions for day care locations. Enrollment may be done in person weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the school, by calling the school at 432-5855, or e-mailing kindergarden director Bonnie Breithaupt at bbreithaupt@londonderry.org. When registering a child, parents or guardians should include the child’s name, birth date and Londonderry address.

**Adult Program**

A Midwinter Program of Songs and Stories with Kate Chadbourne takes place Thursday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Leach Library’s lower level meeting room. This is a program of traditional Irish tunes and tales by Chadbourne, a singer, storyteller, and poet whose performances combine traditional tales with music for voice, harp, flutes and piano. She will present songs on harp and piano, and tunes on Irish flute and whistles, and will sing in both Irish and English. The free event is being sponsored by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library. Light refreshments will be served.

**Contra Dance**

A New England Contra Dance takes place Jan. 13 from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Mayflower Grange (Londonderry Senior Center), 353 Mammoth Road. Families are welcome, and a partner is not needed. Admission is $8 for adults, $5 for seniors, and $3 for ages 12 and under. For more information, call 529-1586 or email: weareampt@gisnet.net.

**Baseball & Softball**

LAPA (Londonderry Athletics and Field Association) baseball and softball registration takes place from 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 7 and 14 at the Londonderry Middle School cafeteria. Children must be 5 years old by April 30, 2012 to be eligible and cannot be older than 15 years old (17 years old for applicants, and all new applicants must register with this form. Additional information is available for more details. Visit: www.lapa.info.

**Children's Bingo**

Leach Library is open on Martin Luther King Day, and the Children's Room will be hosting two sessions of “Children’s Bingo.” Come to the library on Monday, Jan. 16, from 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m. to play a fun picture version of the popular game. Every child who participates will win and be able to choose books from the special selection table. Each session is open to 50 participants. Advance registration is required and begins Monday, Jan. 9 at 9 a.m. To register, call 432-1127, or come by the Children's Room.

**Teacher Talent Show**

The third annual Londonderry High School Teacher Talent Show takes place Thursday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m. in the high school café. Tickets are $5 in advance, $6 at the door. Snow date is Thursday, Feb. 2.

**Holiday Closure**

The Leach Library will be closed on Monday, Jan. 2.

**Electronics Recycling**

The Matthew Thornton Wellness Committee sponsors an Electronics Recycling Fundraiser on Saturday, Jan. 7, from 9 a.m. to noon at Matthew Thornton School. Snow date is Jan. 21. Items accepted by Recycling USA for a small fee are: game systems, laptops, CPUs, servers, CD Rom and DVD drives, speakers, mice, keyboards, cables and wires, copiers and printers, phones, Walkmans, computer batteries, DVD players, stereos, VCRs, dehumidifiers, TVs, monitors, video and audio equipment, iPods and accessories, and air conditioners.

**Supervisors of Checklist**

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk’s Office on Tuesday, Jan. 3, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. to correct the checklist and register voters, which requires proof of citizenship, such as a passport or a birth certificate, a photo ID, and proof of residency. Affidavits are available in case of missing documents. No party affiliation changes will be accepted. This is the last day to register to vote before the Presidential Primary on Jan. 10.
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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Tuesday, Dec. 20
7:26 a.m. Ian Benesty, 17, Shed broken.
Vehicle gone.
12:18 p.m. Report of shots
Trace Court date of Jan. 9.

Derry turned himself in on
20 Welch Road, London-

zance bail, with Derry Dis-
$2,000 personal recogni-
tion). He was released on

Wednesday, Dec. 21
7:03 p.m. Theft of Husb-


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Dog Park

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Derry dogs can visit;” and
the concerns they’ve
asked responders why
the officers.

did not display it to any of

But whatever the
results, she and the com-
mittee are determined
that if there is a park, it
will not be supported by
taxes.

In addition to La-
recque and Curran, com-
mittee members include
Dottie Grover, chairman;
Deanna Mele, Cindy Eta-
ton, John Beaulieu, Linda
Bates, Dan McLeod, and
Planning Board represen-
tive Scott Benson.

The next meeting is
tentatively scheduled for
Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m.
in the Londonderry Cable
Access Center.

For more information,
e-mail: Londonderrydog-
park@yahoo.com or visit
the Facebook page, Lon-
donderrydogpark.

LONDDORDERY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Londonderry School District School Board/SAU 12 School Board will conduct a public hearing on the proposed FY2012-2013 School District Operating Budget and all other warrant articles at the Londonderry School District, School Board Room, 268C Mammo-
thing Road, Londonderry, New Hampshire on Wednesday, January
11, 2012 at 7:00PM. The public is invited to attend.

TOWN OF LONDDORDERY
PLANNING BOARD

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on
Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Moose Hill
Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH to
consider the following:

CONTINUED PLANS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

7:00 Administrative Board Work
A. The Planning Board will discuss the Sub-Committee review of
proposals and the selection of consultant teams to interview
for 3rd party Planning and Engineering Review Services per
RSA 766:4b for the proposed Woodmont Commons Planned
Unit Development (PUD) Master Plan as part of a quality-
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