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Suds King Moose Hill School Kindergarten student Everett Vago had a ball playing with “ocean suds” during the annual Beach Day at his school last week. See more photos page 9. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Council Won't Move Illegal Petition Articles to Ballot

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Only two of five warrant article petitions submitted for inclusion on the Town's fiscal year 2017 Warrant were deemed legal, despite the Town's offer to have the Town Attorney review any proposed articles, free of charge to the

petitioner.

Petitions that were not moved to the ballot are: two petitions Richard Bielinski of 789 Hall Road submitted related to the creation and dissolution of Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Districts, as well as one petition submitted by Deb Paul, publisher of the Londonderry Times, to ask the Londonderry

Town Council to open the Londonderry Town Charter for review. That review would be in compliance with State law and procedure, should the Town Council honor the will of the voters.

“You would not be voting for something that exists in law. There's no charter or statutory vehicle

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State Attorney General Seeks to Intervene in Pipeline Proceedings

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The New Hampshire Attorney General announced last week that his office has filed a motion to intervene in Tennessee Gas Pipeline proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Tennessee Gas, a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan, is seeking a certificate of public necessity and convenience to construct and operate a natural gas pipeline, of which approximately 70 miles would run through the Granite State.

“This project could potentially have significant impacts on the State and its citizens, including the hundreds of property owners whose lands will be affected. I will be par-

ticipating in the FERC process to protect the State of New Hampshire and its citizens through the proper enforcement of New Hampshire's consumer protection, anti-trust and environmental laws, as well as applicable federal laws,” Attorney General Joseph Foster said in a Jan. 15 press release.

If granted, “intervention” would give the Office of the Attorney General full party status in the FERC proceedings, which will enable the Office to closely monitor the project, participate in the review process and raise issues important to New Hampshire citizens, according to the press release.

Several other state agencies are also seeking

intervention in the FERC proceedings, including the Governor's Office of Energy and Planning, the Public Utilities Commission, the Department of Environmental Services, the Fish and Game Department, the Department of Resources and Economic Development, the Site Evaluation Committee and the Department of Transportation.

The filing of the motions to intervene followed the FERC's distribution of a notice of extension of their comment date for the NED project due to an “inadvertent error” between the dates of Dec. 24 and 27, and Dec. 31 and Jan. 3 that prevented those seeking to use eFiling and eComment on the Commis-

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School Board Cuts Budget by \$200,000, Sends it to Deliberative

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The School Board voted unanimously to move all eight proposed warrant articles to the District's fiscal year 2017 Warrant, including its amended \$70.7 million operating budget.

The Board's proposed budget represents a nearly \$200,000 reduction from the Superintendent's proposed budget and is \$154,070 below the default budget. The Board's proposed budget has an estimated tax impact of \$13.60 per thousand.

To achieve the Board's

requested \$200,000 cut, Superintendent Nate Greenberg and Business Administrator Peter Curro recommended eliminating from the budget Information Technology (IT) infrastructure at a cost of \$161,169, and IT equipment at a cost of \$49,250.

Greenberg said the District plans to reorganize IT staff, wait another year to fill the vacant IT director position and outsource major parts of the website to accommodate the reduction.

“I think we'll be in good shape,” he said, noting Assistant Superinten-

dent Scott Laliberte has been involved with the launch of the District's iReady program and other IT initiatives.

With substantial network and wireless upgrades proposed under Warrant Article 6, the Board also considered

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Council Approves Appointments to Boards, Committees

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The Town Council voted to approve appointments and resignations to various boards and committees at their meeting Monday.

At the recommendation of the Conservation Commission, the Council voted 4-1 to appoint Roger Fillio and reappoint Eugene Harrington to full-member positions; to reappoint Mike Speltz and appoint Julie Collins Christenson to open alternate positions; and to appoint Mike Byerly to a full-member position vacated by Commissioner Paul Nickerson, who recently resigned because he is moving out of town.

Councilor Tom Freda

voted against the appointments.

Longtime commission member Mike Considine announced he would not seek reappointment due to frustration with “the Town Council (not all members) and its dealing with the unmanaged target shooting,” saying the issue “has reached a tipping point.”

“Let me be clear here, I’m not talking about hunting nor the managed target shooting that takes place at the Londonderry Fish and Game Club,” he wrote in a letter to the Town. “I’m talking about the unmanaged target shooting on town-owned lands that takes place in and around the trails and in the vicinity of neighbor-

hoods, businesses and recreation fields. I can no longer in good conscience sit on a town-appointed Commission for a town that condones the unsafe use of our town-owned recreation lands. Thus, I will not re-apply for my position on the Conservation Commission. I have also resigned from my position on the Londonderry Trailways Board of Directors. I will no longer be maintaining the Musquash Conservation Area.”

Considine also stated in his letter “there appears to be a double standard in how reappointments and vacancies are filled,” pointing to the Council’s decision at its last meeting not to act on the reappointment of Con-

servation Commission members, just before voting to reappoint to the International Exchange Committee a person who no longer resides in Londonderry and who did not apply for the position.

In addition to the appointments to the Conservation Commission, the Council voted 5-0 to appoint Planning Board Member Al Sypek to the position from which Lynn Wiles recently resigned; and to appoint Leitha Reilly and Marty Srugis to the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission.

The Town plans to advertise for the open alternate position on the Planning Board.

The Council interviewed applicants James

Hooley and George Brooks for positions on the joint negotiation committee responsible for purchasing open space in Londonderry, but tabled a vote after Conservation Commissioner Marge Badois requested the Commission have an opportunity to interview the candidates at its next meeting.

In other business:

• The Council approved with 4-0-1 vote the expenditure of \$5,158 from the Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund for the installation of LED lights at South Fire Station (\$572); mechanical repairs in the garage of South Fire Station (\$1,621); snow and ice removal at the Senior Center (\$325); and winter maintenance at the Town Offices, Leach Library and Cable Access Center (\$2,640).

Councilor Jim Butler recused himself from the vote because a family member stood to gain financially from approval of the expenditure.

• The Council voted 5-0 to approve the withdrawal of \$39,092 from the Cable Equipment Capital Reserve for camera equipment and accessories for the Cable Division. The purchase was

put out to bid and Rule Broadcast Systems was the successful bidder.

• The Council voted 5-0 to expend \$163,700 of Capital Reserve Funds for Highway Trucks and Equipment to replace a one-ton truck as included in the Highway Department’s replacement schedule.

• The Council voted 5-0 to expend \$16,965 from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of a recording system to be used at Central Fire Station to record incoming and outgoing calls, as well as radio transmissions.

Fire Chief Darren O’Brien said the new system will enable Fire dispatch to record incoming and outgoing calls with Hampstead as well.

• The Council voted 5-0 to waive a first reading for a revision to the Municipal Traffic Safety Code relative to stopping, standing and parking during snow removal.

The addition details an increase in penalties for violations of the Code. The proposed changes are included in the Council’s full agenda packet, available on the Town’s website at www.londonderry.org.

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Site Evaluation Commission Hears Concerns on Northern Pass

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The New Hampshire Site Evaluation Commission (SEC) and Eversource held a public information session on the proposed Northern Pass transmission line project at Londonderry High School last week.

The transmission line would bring to the region 1,090 megawatts (MW) of energy from Hydro-Quebec's hydroelectric plants in Canada.

The public utility filed its application for the Northern Pass transmission line project with the SEC on Dec. 18, after which it was legally required to hold within three months public information sessions in each of the five counties affected.

Eversource officials said although impacts to Londonderry are limited, the Town was selected to host the information session for Rockingham County because the high school is easily accessible from throughout the County and could accommodate the crowd anticipated.

The SEC and Eversource held a session in Franklin before meeting with residents in Londonderry, and the remaining informational sessions were to be held in Laconia on Jan. 14, White-

field on Jan. 20 and Lincoln on Jan. 21.

Northern Pass would enter New Hampshire from Canada in Pittsburg, extending 192 miles to Deerfield, with more than 80 percent of the line to be built on existing transmission line corridors or underground along public roadways.

The remaining portion would be constructed on land the project has leased, according to Eversource.

The transmission line would enter Rockingham County in Deerfield, where it would connect with the New England Power Grid at the substation on Cate Road.

Of the approximately 100 people who attended the meeting in Londonderry, only a few were residents of the Town.

State Rep. Doug Thomas, R-Londonderry said that as a member of the House Committee on Science, Technology and Energy, he attended to gather more information about the project.

Thomas said he has only spoken to one resident with concerns about Northern Pass - an abutter to the Scobie Pond substation, at which Eversource plans to install a new capacitor bank to support the voltage on the system.

The abutter, who is horseshoed by Eversource's property, will have to negotiate the relocation of his driveway to accommodate the upgrade, according to Thomas.

Eversource representatives told the Town Council at its Sept. 14 meeting that extensive surveys conducted of the area show the expansion should not increase sound produced at the substation.

ISO New England has required the upgrade as part of Northern Pass.

In events anywhere in New England near the Scobie Pond substation, the capacitor bank would be used to support the system shortage, according to Project Manager Brian Bosse.

Residents who attended the informational session expressed greatest concern over protecting the State's natural and historic resources.

Eversource New Hampshire President Bill Quinlan said the company has focused on adjusting the route and modifying the design - reducing structure heights and corridor widths where possible - to avoid and reduce visual impacts.

Erick Berglund of Deerfield argued that while the cost of the transmission line infrastructure and construction won't be borne by

the State, "the real cost, what I object to and many other people, is the cost to the environment, conservation lands, historical and cultural assets to this state.

"Please don't use that statement (the cost of the transmission line won't be borne by the residents of New Hampshire) unless it's qualified to mean what I just said, we're talking just about the line," he said.

Berglund further called for greater consideration of an alternative route in the Interstate 93 right-of-way.

But Mark Hodgdon, a private attorney who has served as a consultant to the Department of Transportation, explained that burying the transmission line along I-93 would result in substantial environmental impacts.

In a letter to the Department of Energy, Northern Pass Transmission commented that construction of the project underground along the I-93 corridor, including through the White Mountains National Forest and Franconia Notch State Park, is a "completely infeasible" alternative due to the resulting impacts associated with the particular restrictions under federal and state law that would apply to construction along I-93.

"Among other things, the legal and practical challenges associated with such an undertaking are

insurmountable; the route entails unanalyzed, but potentially significant adverse environmental consequences in one of New Hampshire's most treasured locations; and the I-93 alternatives offer no offsetting environmental benefits that might make those alternatives worth the challenge of pursuing them," Northern Pass Transmission wrote.

In terms of benefits to the State as a result of Northern Pass, Quinlan said the transmission line project would bring \$30 million annually in new tax payments, a \$2.2 billion increase in New Hampshire Gross Domestic Product during construction and beyond, and 2,600 jobs during construction.

Bosse told the Council the project would increase Londonderry's tax base by \$11.8 million.

"We're hoping we come in and do our work but minimize impacts to the Town of Londonderry, so the Town can enjoy the projected tax revenue from these projects," he said.

Northern Pass is also expected to reduce carbon emissions by about 3.3 million tons per year and improve the North Country electric system capacity by up to 100 MW, removing constraints to existing renewable energy, such as wind, biomass and small hydro.

Noting the draft Envi-

ronmental Impact Study (EIS) completed by the Department of Energy estimated an \$18.3 million reduction in electric costs for residents of New Hampshire as a result of Northern Pass, Londonderry Conservation Commissioner Mike Speltz said the \$80 million annual reduction for New Hampshire business and residential customers Eversource quoted at the informational session is "a really nice mark-up.

"I suspect we need to take a hard look at these numbers," he said.

Speltz also noted Eversource and each of the agencies represented on the SEC Committee tasked with considering the Northern Pass transmission line "work in their own stove pipes," and urged the Committee to "look at this project in an integrated fashion.

"Find someone as a consultant independent of the applicant that can pull all these various facts together and make a decision answering, will this project result in a greater benefit or greater impacts to the State of New Hampshire," he said.

With Northern Pass anticipated to be in service by late spring 2019, Bosse said if the permitting process goes according to plan, construction could begin at Scobie Pond in 2017, with the upgraded facility to come into service in late 2018.

Time Change Noted for Chet Ham Service

Chester R. "Chet" Ham, 85, of Derry died Jan. 10, 2016 at Villa Crest Nursing Home in Manchester.

Calling hours are Saturday, Jan. 23, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Home and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. A celebration of

his life will be held Sunday, Jan. 24, at 1 p.m. at First Parish Church, 47 East Derry Road, East Derry. Burial will be in the spring in Glenwood Cemetery, Londonderry. In lieu of flowers or gifts, donations may be made to: Londonderry Child Passenger

Safety Program, 103 High Range Road, Londonderry, NH 03053 and/or First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Road, Derry, NH 03038.

A complete obituary appeared in the Jan. 14 edition of the Londonderry Times.

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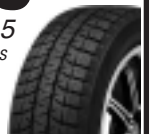


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Editorial

Same Old Problem

Would you go onto your neighbor's porch and take his Christmas lights? How about walking up his driveway to grab a nice wicker lawn chair from the yard? And would you pull up flowers from the display near your neighbor's mailbox?

We hope all of our readers would say no to these questions. They're common sense no-brainers.

Then why do some people think it's perfectly fine to tear down political candidate signs from a fellow resident's private property?

This year's Presidential primary is a particularly vicious one, following in the tradition of its recent predecessors in being mean-spirited, ugly and intensely negative and personal. But a person's wholehearted support for candidate X and equally wholehearted disdain for candidate Y does not convey the right to destroy or remove candidate Y's campaign signs from private property. And campaign sign removal pays no heed to party lines.

We think it's great when people have made an educated choice and have found a candidate to support. And proclaiming that support by putting up a lawn sign on private property is within our rights in this country.

In spite of disagreeing with a candidate's opinions, we don't have the

right to remove their lawn signs from private property - just as we do have the right to put up campaign signs for our candidate on our own property, and expect them to still be there in the morning.

There's a lot of talk about constitutional rights in the current election - some of it misguided or misinterpreted at times, but nonetheless calling attention to the hallowed document. And that brings us to that pesky little constitutional issue of free speech.

Then there's the idea of someone lurking around in darkness and trespassing on private property to rip up a sign and remove it. Trespass is against the law, as well as jeopardizing the culprit's safety if the homeowner happens to see or hear the intruder.

Taking a campaign sign on private property is a crime. Trespass, as we said. Criminal mischief and theft for two more potential charges.

So go ahead and choose a candidate - after all, the first-in-the-nation primary will soon be here. Paste on a bumper sticker, make a few supportive phone calls, send in a donation, and put up a lawn sign before you head to the polls Feb. 9.

Just keep your hands to yourself and your uninvited presence off your neighbors' private property.

Letters

Opiate Use

To the editor:

I read with relief that the town of Londonderry has taken on openly discussing the role of opiates in heroin addiction. I would also want to offer my sincere condolences to all the families who have lost their loved ones to addiction. Indeed, addiction is affecting all of us - professionals and community members alike. I do know many young families are expressing fears on how to continue living here.

I would like to discuss from a professional perspective some efforts that perhaps should be tabled for discussion at the state level. Recently, I learned that New Hampshire emergency services stopped carrying morphine syringes in favor of stronger opiates (at least the groups I interact with). One of them, Dilaudid, is seven times stronger than morphine and the other is even stronger. Indeed, in 2011, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) voted in favor of reducing the Dilaudid starting dose from 1 mg to 0.2 mg.

A colleague expressed, after a broken arm, that EMS gave her a 2 mg of Dilaudid starting dose, even though she had never taken an opiate. She had adverse reactions. When these kinds of issues happen, whom do we talk to?

I'd like to point out the New Hampshire guidance for EMS (Emergency Medical Services) does say to start at 0.5 mg. Starting at a 2 mg dose is, in literal terms giving 10 times the recommended starting dose. The 2 mg syringes almost create the impression it is OK to start at a 2 mg dose.

I am not convinced personnel can safely and accurately manage to administer a 0.2 mg dose from a 2 mg per mL syringe, especially while under pressure. The protocol

does not help our providers to administer safe doses to begin with. Of note, the presentation of this drug comes in smaller strengths.

As a pharmacist and a community member, I am afraid the issue of addiction has many root sources. Intervention timing can be helpful, though difficult during emergencies.

In addition, from my experience, I do know once the person gets a positive response to a certain dose, the emergency room doctor will continue with what worked for a particular patient. So in essence, we need to deal with this issue appropriately from the field to post-discharge before it's too late. Waiting until the person leaves the hospital or even a couple days in could mean the damage is already done.

Family can help, but the state can do more in preventing this epidemic. Overall, there needs to be dialogue between different professions and most importantly, mandatory education on opiate use and supply for all providers who prescribe, dispense and administer narcotics.

I applaud the efforts so far but there is still tremendous room for improvement. Our legislators can help with seeing through or sponsoring bills that also help with prevention versus reaction. After all, this is not only a public health issue but also the right thing to do for our community.

Ivy Andreica
Londonderry

Making an Impact

To the editor:

It's a brand new year - maybe time for a new adventure.

Have you ever thought about joining a Town committee? It's fun to contribute to a cause you care about, and many

boards meet just once a month. The Solid Waste and Environment Committee is looking for some new volunteers with different interests.

1. If you'd like to help develop projects that manage or reduce our solid waste or safeguard our local environment, our team meets monthly on the second Thursday night at 7 p.m. Feel free to check us out in the Sunnycrest meeting room at Town Hall, or send us an email.

2. Maybe you can only commit to something for a few months of the year. If so, our Beautify Londonderry program could use your help from now till May, organizing volunteers who spruce up and plant our school, town and other public spaces. We have projects to plan, people to call and landscaping decisions to make.

3. Lastly, are you a gardener? Beautify Londonderry offers opportunities to those who like to make things grow. We'll provide the plants and organics, and you can landscape a public spot in your neighborhood or elsewhere in Town in April or May.

Check out our Committee homepage on the Town website (www.londonderrytown.org) to learn more about us, and how to get in touch. The Beautify Londonderry committee will have a kickoff meeting on Monday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall in the Woodmont meeting room.

Paul Margolin
Londonderry Solid
Waste and Environment
Committee

Navy Boats in Peril

To the editor:

As a former Navy enlisted and Navy officer, I am disappointed with the capture of our two riverine boats and crews by the Iranians in the Persian Gulf.

I understand one of
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the boats had a navigation problem, either mechanical or human error, and it wandered into Iranian waters. But why couldn't the other boat tow it away from Iranian waters?

Furthermore, why wasn't a warship accompanying the two small boats as they traversed waters in close proximity to an unfriendly country. Why didn't the riverine boats communicate their problems to their commanding officer, who should have been monitoring their transit from Kuwait to Bahrain?

If they did communicate their situation, what were the instructions they received from higher command. It appears to me the personnel on the riverine boats and the command hierarchy view-

ed the movement of the boats as a routine operation, and they were caught off guard by the problems encountered, and they were not prepared to conduct contingency operations.

It reminds me of the capture of the USS Pueblo off North Korea many years ago. This incident could embolden the Iranians and other unfriendly countries to test our military prowess.

Donald A. Moskowitz
Londonderry

Target Shooting

To the editor:

Response to Londonderry Town Council target shooting ordinance (year in review):

The Londonderry town council believes it is not regulating the use of firearms. Instead, the Londonderry town council believes it is "posting the

property that it owns." According to "RSA 159:26 Firearms and Ammunition, Authority of the State," only the State has the authority to enact matters pertaining to, among other things "use, licensing, permitting and taxation."

RSA 644:13 section "a" notes the perimeter of 300 feet required for any shooting. The Londonderry town council has enacted a permit requirement, has instituted a tax (permit fee), has limited "use" (i.e. target shooting), and has revised the 300-foot rule to 600 feet. The RSAs noted make it clear that unless a city or town is specifically authorized by state law, they

may not enact any ordinance that regulates "the sale, purchase, ownership, use, possession, transportation, licensing, permitting, taxation, or other matter pertaining to firearms, firearms components, ammunition, or firearms supplies in the state."

It seems clear they have violated RSA 159:26 and have re-written RSA 644:13. If the town wishes to change or modify laws dealing with target shooting, or anything related to guns, they must follow the rule of law and take it up with the State Legislature. Only the State Legislature has authority to amend or re-write gun laws or hunting for that

matter (RSA 207:59), above the law. unless the Londonderry town council believes it is Eric Lynch
Londonderry

OBITUARY

Mary "Polly" Reed

Mary P. "Polly" Reed, 85, formerly of Londonderry, died Jan. 12, 2016 at the Villa Crest Nursing Home, Manchester.

She was born in Worcester, Mass., on Nov. 11, 1930, a daughter of the late Sydney and Adeline (Allan) Perley.

She was raised and educated in Ipswich, Mass. She was a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and worked as an occupational therapist with the Derry Visiting Nurses Association for many years.

Following a period of residence in Keene, she moved to Londonderry in 1960.

In the mid 1960s she restarted the Girl Scout program in Londonderry. She was a member of the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, where she was a member of the Lamplighters. She was a trustee for the Leach Library in Londonderry and a Supervisor of the Checklist in Londonderry for 25 years. She was also a member of the Trustees of the Trust Funds and served on the committee for Londonderry's Bicentennial in 1970.

She enjoyed animals and cooking.

She is survived by her two sons, James Marshall Reed II and Eric Fowler Reed, both of Londonderry; three daughters, Gretchen Reed of Manchester, Dorothy Guzowski and her husband, Edward, of Londonderry, and Rebecca Thurston and her husband, Scott, of Barrington; six grandchildren, James Guzowski and his fiancée, Kara Alexandre, Karlee Guzowski and her boyfriend, Junior Garcia, Emily Thurston, Patrick Thurston, Abigail Reed, and M. James Reed; one brother; two sisters; many nieces, nephews and cousins; and her dog, "Nana". She was expecting her first great-grandchild, Alexandre James, in two weeks. She was predeceased by her husband, James M. Reed, in 2010.

Following cremation, calling hours were Jan. 15 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Londonderry. Donations in her memory may be made to the New Hampshire Humane Society, PO Box 572, Laconia, NH 03246 or to the Alzheimer's Association, NH/MA Chapter, 480 Pleasant St., Watertown, Mass. 02472. To send a condolence or for more information, visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com. The family extends thanks to the Special Care Unit at Villa Crest.

Rockingham Vehicle Crash Knocks Out Power

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Residents and businesses lost power last week when a vehicle crashed into a telephone pole on Rockingham Road.

Police received multiple calls at 9:50 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 14 reporting the motor vehicle accident, which resulted in downed wires, according to Det. Chris Olson.

The road was closed until around 4 a.m. Jan. 15 while Eversource worked to address the live wires and restore power to affected residents and businesses.

Olson said the vehicle wasn't towed away until around 4 a.m. due to concern over the downed wires.

No injuries were reported.

Car Crash Damages Utility Pole, Closes Road

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Eversource reported that 1,352 residents and businesses lost power last week when a vehicle crashed into a telephone pole on Rockingham Road.

Police received multiple calls at 9:50 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 14 reporting the motor vehicle accident, which resulted in downed wires, according to Det. Chris Olson.

The first Eversource crew arrived at the scene at 10:13 p.m., according to Eversource spokesperson Martin Murray. A

total of four crews worked on repairs, including the replacement of the pole and its cross arm.

Power was restored to customers in stages and full restoration was complete at 1:40 a.m. Friday, Jan. 15.

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No injuries were reported.

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Governor Seeks Accelerated Timeline for Exit 4A

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An accelerated timeline for the construction of Exit 4A off Interstate 93 is among the recommendations highlighted in Gov. Maggie Hassan's proposed Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for 2017-2026.

"It's very welcomed news because it was originally slated to begin in 2024. We felt that was just unacceptable, especially when construction of the widening of Interstate 93 is to end in 2020. We didn't think it prudent to push out Exit 4A construction four years after

I-93 construction ends," Londonderry Town Manager Kevin Smith said.

Smith said he and other local officials "lobbied hard" to have Exit 4A construction moved up in the State's Transportation Plan to a more aggressive rate.

In her proposed transportation plan, Hassan recommends construction starting in 2019, with a total commitment of \$54.8 million for preliminary engineering, right-of-way work and construction.

The proposed date for completion of Exit 4A is 2022, two years before construction was original-

ly proposed to begin.

Both Derry and Londonderry have already pitched in \$1.7 million of their \$5 million maximum contributions to Exit 4A.

The Londonderry Town Council authorized the Town Manager to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Town of Derry and the Department of Transportation (DOT) to move forward with construction of the interchange at its Dec. 7 meeting; the Derry Town Council approved the MOA at its Dec. 1 meeting.

As part of the agreement, the Town is to share with Derry the cost to prepare the Environ-

mental Impact Statement (EIS) and supporting studies for Exit 4A, as well as a retainer for CLD Consulting Engineers Project team at a total cost of \$204,744.

The retainer funds were added to the MOA to allow Phase II services to begin as soon as the scope and costs are approved.

At their Dec. 21 meeting, the Londonderry Town Council voted to issue a 10-year bond in the amount of \$1.1 million for Exit 4A.

Hassan's transportation plan comes after the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT)

held 16 public hearings and four public work sessions across the state and submitted their own proposal to the Governor in December.

The GACIT's recommendations also included accelerating construction of Exit 4A in Londonderry and Derry to 2019, as well as increasing funding for red-listed bridges and bridge preservation; completing the widening of I-93; resurfacing an additional 200 miles of roads per year and replacing or rehabilitating an additional 23 red-listed bridges. The plan also focuses on preserving good roads now to avoid more expensive projects later, ac-

cording to a press release.

Additionally, the Governor's plan utilizes \$4 million in available Federal Transit Authority Funds for environmental and engineering assessment work for the Capital Corridor Rail project. "Commuter rail will improve access to the entire region and provide new transportation and housing opportunities that 21st century workers and families are looking for, spurring economic development and creating jobs," Hassan said.

The Governor's Plan, available online at <http://1.usa.gov/1lb7YVh>, is to be considered by the State Legislature.

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Almost 30 Accidents Result From Jan. 12 Snowstorm

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Londonderry Police and Fire responded to 29 car accidents during a snowstorm last week that created dangerous conditions for motorists.

Det. Chris Olson said no injuries were reported as a result of the incidents, which occurred between 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 12 and 7:30 a.m. on Jan. 13. One motorist was transported to the hospital.

On Jan. 13 at 12:48 a.m., Officer Tim Moran

called Police to report a large pick-up truck with a snowplow attached had crashed into his cruiser, spinning his car into a telephone pole.

Moran reported he was trapped in his vehicle, but then was able to get out of the vehicle by himself.

He was transported to a nearby hospital as a precaution, according to Olson.

"The snow plow actually cut into the side of the vehicle," Olson said. "It's unbelievable he didn't have any injuries."

Police are still investigating the cause of the crash.

Fire and Police also responded to a crash on Route 28, which was reported as a rollover with entrapment.

Olson said the woman driving veered her car into a ditch to avoid an accident in front of her; her car was upright when police arrived on the scene.

The woman was not injured and refused transport to the hospital, according to Fire Battalion Chief Fred Heinrich.

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Town Moves Warrant to Feb. 6 Deliberative Session

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The Town Council voted at its Monday meeting to move to Deliberative Session the Town's proposed operating budget and a number of additional warrant articles and citizen's petitions.

The Town's Deliberative Session is to be held Feb. 6 at 9 a.m. in the Londonderry High School cafeteria.

If the entire FY17 Warrant were to pass as proposed, the tax rate impact would be \$5.04 per thousand, which includes veterans' exemptions, according to Finance Director Doug Smith.

That's because all the warrant articles, with the exception of the operating budget and Article 14, are to be funded with Fund Balance, Smith said.

The Warrant as it has been moved to Deliberative Session is as follows:

Article 1 is election of Town officers.

Article 2 would raise and appropriate \$210,000 to be placed in the Town's Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund, with funds to come from the June 30 Fund Balance. The article has no tax rate impact. The Council voted 5-0 to move Article 2 to Deliberative Session and to recommend the Article.

Article 3 would raise and appropriate \$29,591,028 as the Town's operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other

appropriations voted separately. If the article is defeated, the default budget is \$29,594,363. If passed, the article will require the Town to raise \$17,924,670 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$4.87 based upon projected assessed values. The Council voted 5-0 to move Article 3 to Deliberative Session and to recommend the Article.

Article 4 would raise and appropriate \$494,678 to fund Police Outside Details, to come from the Police Outside Detail Special Revenue Fund. The services are funded through user fees and the Article would have no tax rate impact. The Council voted 5-0 to move Article 4 to Deliberative Session and to recommend the Article.

Article 5 would raise and appropriate \$6,307,524 to defray the cost of construction, payment of the interest on any debt incurred, management, maintenance, operation and repair of constructed sewer systems. The fund will not accumulate from year to year and will not be commingled with town tax revenues, and the fund will be deemed part of the municipality's general fund accumulated surplus, in accordance with RSA 149-I. The services are funded through user fees and have no tax rate impact. The Council voted 5-0 to move Article 5 to Deliberative Session and to recommend the Article.

Article 6 would raise

and appropriate \$38,000 to resurface the Town's basketball and tennis courts on Nelson Road, with funds to come from the June 30 unassigned fund balance. The Article would have no tax rate impact. The Council voted 5-0 to move Article 6 to Deliberative Session and to recommend the Article.

Article 7 would raise and appropriate \$650,000 to be placed in the Roadway Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, with funds to come from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance. The Article would have no tax rate impact. The Council voted 5-0 to move Article 7 to Deliberative Session and to recommend the Article.

Article 8 would raise and appropriate \$350,000 for improvements to the Londonderry Senior Center, with funds to come from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance. The Article has no tax rate impact. The Council voted 5-0 to move Article 8 to Deliberative Session and to recommend the Article.

Article 9 would raise and appropriate \$724,000 to be placed in the following capital reserve funds: Highway Trucks, \$50,000; Highway Heavy Equipment, \$30,000; Fire Equipment, \$149,000; Fire Trucks, \$380,000; Pillsbury Cemetery Expan-

sion, \$75,000; and GIS (Geographic Information System), \$40,000. The funds are to come from the June 30 Undesignated Fund Balance and the Article would have no tax rate impact. The Council voted 5-0 to move Article 9 to Deliberative Session and to recommend the Article.

Article 10 would raise and appropriate \$350,000 to expand the Route 102 sewer system from Home Depot to the intersection of Mammoth Road, with funds to come from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance. The Council voted 5-0 to move Article 10 to Deliberative Session and to recommend the Article.

Article 11 would place annually not more than \$100,000 from the Land Use Change Tax in the Conservation Fund, with the balance to be placed in the General Fund; currently, the first \$100,000 from the Land Use Change Tax and 40 percent of the remainder of the revenues received from the Land Use Change Tax are placed in the Conservation Fund. The change would be effective April 1, 2016. The Article has no tax rate impact. The Council voted 5-0 to move Article 11 to Deliberative Session and to recommend the Article.

Article 12 would auth-

orize the transfer of all supervision, management duties and responsibilities of the land surrounding the Town Common and fronting on Mammoth and Pillsbury roads, which is sometimes referred to as the "Town Forest," from the Conservation Commission to the Town Manager, with the advice and recommendations from the Historic District/Heritage Commission, Conservation Commission and Town Council. The Article has no tax rate impact. The Council voted 5-0 to move Article 12 to Deliberative Session and to recommend the Article with a 5-0 vote.

Article 13 would raise and appropriate \$50,000 to establish an addiction and counseling program for families in need, with the funds to come from the June 30 Fund Balance and to be placed in the general fund. The Council voted 5-0 to move Article 13 to Deliberative Session and to recommend the Article.

Article 14 is a citizen's petition to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to re-establish the Family Mediation Program for Londonderry families in need. The Town Council voted 5-0 to move Article 14 to Deliberative Session, but voted against the Article

0-5 vote (see story page 1). The petitioner, School Board member John Laferriere, told the Council he plans to propose defunding the article with an amendment at Deliberative Session.

Article 15 is a citizen's petition to recommend the Town Council propose an amendment to the Town Charter to set term limits on all non-land use boards, non binding on the Town Council. The Article has no tax rate impact. The Council voted 5-0 to move Article 15 to Deliberative Session, but voted against the Article 1-4 (see story page 1). Councilor Joe Green voted to recommend the Article.

Articles 16-21 would authorize the Town Council to call one special meeting, at its option, to address cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Londonderry and Londonderry Administrative Executive Association - Public Safety, should a collective bargaining agreement be reached between the Town and Londonderry Administrative Executive Association - Public Safety. The Town Council voted 5-0 to move the Articles to Deliberative Session and to recommend the Articles.

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Articles

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cle for this, it simply does not exist,” Attorney Mike Ramsdell said of Paul’s petition to open the Town Charter for review.

Ramsdell explained at the Council’s Jan. 18 public hearing on the Warrant that there are very specific processes for Charter revisions or Charter amendments.

“A Town Charter revision literally changes the form of government,” he said. “A Town Charter amendment is very specific and it can have more than one amendment, but each has to cover a finite single topic. Someone could ask for a Charter Commission to revise the Town Charter, or Charter amendments proposed, but there are very specific processes for that.”

After considering Paul’s first proposed article, “to see if the voters will recommend to the Town Council to propose an amendment to the Town Charter to set term-limits on appointments to all non-land use boards,” the Council voted 5-0 to move the question to the Warrant.

The Article is “unusual, but not unlawful,” according to Ramsdell, who is the Town’s attorney.

“All the petitioner is asking is for the voters to recommend the Council propose something. But even if the voters recommend it, the Council is not required to do it,” he said. “I would suggest the Charter provides a much more efficient way of doing this, like bringing it up in the public comment section of a Council meeting.”

Council members expressed frustration that petitioners didn’t ensure the language of their warrant articles was legally sound before getting their signatures and submitting them to the Clerk.

Ramsdell advised the Council that the conservative thing to do would be to move the illegal articles to the Warrant, but said he would defend in court that the articles are in fact illegal.

If the courts found the petitions were in fact legal, the Town would be in violation of regulations requiring them to move forward legal warrant article petitions.

The Council ultimately decided not to move the articles forward, with Councilor Tom Dolan arguing that moving the articles forward would cause anger and frustration with voters who supported the illegal articles, only to learn after the election that they couldn’t be

legally implemented.

Ramsdell said Paul did seek advice for the petition on recommending the Council propose an amendment to the Town Charter to establish term limits for volunteer boards, and he offered language in that case.

“The second one I never saw language (for) until the petition was already submitted,” he said.

Paul said it was recommended to her that if she wanted to propose term limits, the change would require opening the Town Charter.

“That’s why I asked at a Town Council meeting under public comment what they think about the proposal,” she said.

With regard to her petition to open the Charter, Paul said, “I was exercising everything it was recommended I do.”

After sending the petition to Town Manager Kevin Smith, Paul said several days went by and she assumed the language of her petition was sound.

“I take responsibility for that. I assumed it was OK, so I started getting signatures on it,” she said. “When I dropped off my petitions, the Clerk just took both of them. I don’t think you can collect signatures and not do something with it, but no

one seemed to know that process. I think we only have a few keepers of the information and they don’t want to share this information with everyone. I sincerely believe having these term limits will make us a better community.”

Ramsdell and Smith said Bielinski also submitted for review his warrant article petitions to dissolve all TIF Districts and revitalization districts and to require a ballot vote to establish any new TIFs, but he decided to move forward with gathering signatures despite Ramsdell’s advice that the articles are illegal.

In considering a warrant article petition submitted by School Board member John Laferriere to address the heroin and opioid crisis in Londonderry, the Council decided to move forward a revised version of his citizen’s petition, asking the voters if they want to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to establish an “addiction and counseling program for families in need,” rather than reestablishing the Family Remediation Program,” as Laferriere proposed.

The Council’s proposed article also eliminates a portion of Laferriere’s article that would establish a special revenue fund to allow and accept gifts, donations and grants to support the Family Mediation Program, which Smith said the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration said could not be legally accomplished through a warrant article.

The Council voted 5-0 to move the revised article and Laferriere’s article to the ballot, recommending the revised article with a 5-0 vote and voting against Laferriere’s article 0-5.

Laferriere said he would propose at Deliberative Session defunding his article. According to Laferriere, the

purpose of the article is to create a town-wide, comprehensive approach to addressing heroin and opioid abuse in the community, which Police Chief Bill Hart called “a crisis.”

“If there were this kind of program available for first-time offenders, I can tell you we would use it,” Hart said.

Also discussed during the Jan. 18 public hearing on the Town’s FY17 Warrant was Article 11, to place annually not more than \$100,000 from the Land Use Change Tax in the Conservation Fund, with the balance to be placed in the General Fund.

Noting 100 percent of the Land Use Change Tax was deposited into the Conservation Fund until 2013 to protect farm and forest open spaces, as well as water and wildlife resources, Conservation Commissioner Mike Speltz argued the purpose of the tax is to balance development with the protection of open space.

“The fact is that most of our open spaces are available for development,” he said. “The Land Use Change Tax is the best way we have to balance development with Londonderry’s rural look and feel, its quality of life. It could be argued we already have sufficient protected open space. This begs the question, ‘how much is enough?’”

Pointing to the Town’s 2010 Open Space Plan, which addresses the question by analyzing the soils, waters, habitats, wildlife and accessibility of the Town’s remaining open spaces - the resources that provide the clean air, water, habitat and recreational opportunities the Town hopes to preserve, Speltz argued that while the Town has made tremendous progress, it has additional work to do to ensure some of the unprotected open space residents enjoy remains open space.

But Councilor Tom Freda, who sponsored Article 11, argued that a vast amount of the Town’s open space is underutilized, and the voters should have the opportunity to weigh in on whether or not additional properties are purchased with the Land Use Change Tax, particularly as the development of Woodmont Commons is expected to bring to the Town a \$1 million windfall in fees.

“There’s nothing that would prevent the Conservation Commission from placing on the Warrant an article to purchase a certain piece of property,” he said, arguing it’s not appropriate to pour money into purchasing “lands that will continue to be underutilized.”

Conservation Commissioner Deb Lievens argued that a large portion of the Town’s open space is not utilized because its sole purpose is to keep the Town’s natural resources clean.

Additionally Lievens said the Town has been successful in preserving important pieces of land in town because the Commission had the funds available to make purchases quickly when an acquisition was time sensitive.

Budget Committee member James Hooley noted that if passed, the article would only capture about \$500,000 of the windfall from Woodmont Commons.

The Town’s undesignated fund balance is just over \$7 million, with about \$2.5 million to be taken out with passage of the proposed FY17 Warrant, according to Finance Director Doug Smith.

Freda said, “\$500,000 is a lot when the budget is tight.”

The Town will consider the entire FY17 Warrant as moved forward by the Council at the Town’s Deliberative Session on Feb. 6 at 9 a.m in the Londonderry High School cafeteria.

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LHS Café Packed to Hear Ted Cruz's '2018 State of Union'

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Ted Cruz supporters packed Londonderry High School's cafeteria, spilling into the school's front lobby, as they hustled to hear him speak.

"All across the State of New Hampshire and the country, people are waking up powerfully," he said. "The people in Washington ought to be a little concerned there's an overflow room."

Estimates put the

crowd Tuesday night, Jan. 12, at over 1,100 people, most of whom were eager to hear the Republican Presidential hopeful challenge the President and his colleagues on foreign policy, the economy, and issues like gun control and "Obamacare."

Skipping President Obama's State of the Union Address, Cruz gave his own address at the Jan. 12 rally – what he termed the State of the Union address he plans to deliver in 2018, after his

first year in office.

"In 2018, let me tell you how I hope the State of the Union goes. My fellow Americans, the state of the Union is strong. Just over a year ago, millions of men and women rose up and shot the Washington establishment. Rose up and said enough of politicians who don't tell us the truth. Enough of career politicians in both parties. Enough of people who campaign talking a good deal, but who haven't

walked the walk. And in the face of that grassroots revolution, boy, did things change in Washington," he said. "In the year 2017, Congress listened to the American people, and we repealed every word of Obamacare."

Cruz went on to describe several other highlights he foresees in his first year as President – Congress passing a simple, 10 percent flat tax and repealing the corporate income tax, the death tax, the payroll tax and Obamacare taxes; Americans filling out their taxes on a postcard; destroying "radical Islamic terrorism;" growing the economy and jobs; eliminating the Department of Education (DOE) and abolishing the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Cruz said at his 2018 State of the Union address, he would welcome Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as his guest, celebrating the opening of a new American Embassy in Jerusalem and the U.S. government's success in "ripping the Iranian nuclear deal to shreds" and dismantling the Iranian nuclear program.

Taking questions from the audience following his address, Cruz was amused by a poster pro-



Republican Presidential candidate Ted Cruz addresses the crowd gathered at Londonderry High School last week. Photo by Kaitlyn G. Woods

duced by a street artist in Los Angeles that a young supporter shared at the rally, arguing the party needs to lighten its tone at times to attract young voters.

"For those of you who can't see, it is my head, on a shirtless body. The body is ripped, there is a giant Eagle on my chest, there are two six-shooters on my abs, which are perfect eight-packs. Winston Churchill is on my right bicep, which is massive. And a cigarette is dangling out of my mouth. And above it, it says, 'Blacklisted and Loving it,'" he said, noting his campaign had nothing to do with the production or distribution of the image. "One of the problems,

people ask sometimes, 'how are Republicans going to connect with young people?' Well, would it kill us if Republicans told a joke? Actually, some of them I think it might. We've got to have some fun, for Pete's sake."

During the rally, Cruz emphasized his commitment to upholding the Constitution, promising to defend gun rights and the principle of federalism protected under the Tenth Amendment.

Cruz was in Hudson before the rally in Londonderry, one of several stops on a final push in the Granite State before the first-in-the-nation primary next month.



Beach Boys & Girls

As the cold weather of winter hits the area, students at Moose Hill Kindergarten had a chance to bask in the warmth of summer during the annual Beach Day at the school. Youngsters got to surf, explore sea shells, and enjoy summer crafts and games.

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Potter's Bowl Set for Jan. 30 at Pinkerton Academy

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The 11th annual Potter's Bowl, sponsored by Community Caregivers of Greater Derry, will take place Saturday, Jan. 30, at Pinkerton Academy's Freshman Cafeteria in Derry. The fundraiser event covers 6 percent of the Caregivers'

annual budget and could cover almost a month's expenses and salaries for the organization to coordinate their volunteer program and Loaner's Closet.

The Potter's Bowl is an artistic event full of fun and food to help support Community Caregivers, a Londonderry-based nonprofit dedicated to serving the elderly and disabled in

Derry, Londonderry, Windham, Sandown, Chester, Hampstead and Danville. There is no charge for its services, which are geared to helping people maintain their independence in their homes.

Community Caregivers Executive Director Cindee Tanuma explained that for a \$40 ticket, patrons are able to pick a handcrafted pot-

tery bowl donated by New Hampshire artists, and fill it with a selection of donated soups.

"We moved to the Pinkerton Academy Freshman Cafe for several reasons and we hope the attendees are as pleased as we are," she said. "It is beautiful, larger, state of the art, and has room for us to display the bowl selections,

auction and desserts. We can sell more tickets - 259, if we have enough bowls to support it. Also, Michael Gooden has incorporated (the Potter's Bowl) into the Pinkerton pottery curriculum and supplied a pottery demo by an exceptional student. And we are now able to have an event on a Saturday, which will allow some people to go that have

never gone before."

Among the potters donating bowls are: APV Pottery, Cedar Mountain Potters, Claytransformed, Exeter Fine Arts, Fire Pond Pottery, Glen MacInnis, Julie Flynn Waltrip, Lorraine Bauman Pottery, Muddy Paws Pottery, Museware Pottery, Nutfield Pottery, Pinkerton Academy Art Department, Red Door Pottery Studio, Rock Garden Pottery, Rock Pond Pottery, Rooted in Clay, Salmon Falls Stoneware, Two Rivers Ceramics Studio and Steve Cunliffe.

A pottery wheel demonstration takes place during the hour prior to the event.

In addition to soup, breads, and dessert, the event will again feature a 50/50 raffle as an added fundraiser for Caregivers. The Red Star Twirlers will be serving, and musical entertainment and a silent auction of items donated by New England artists are planned.

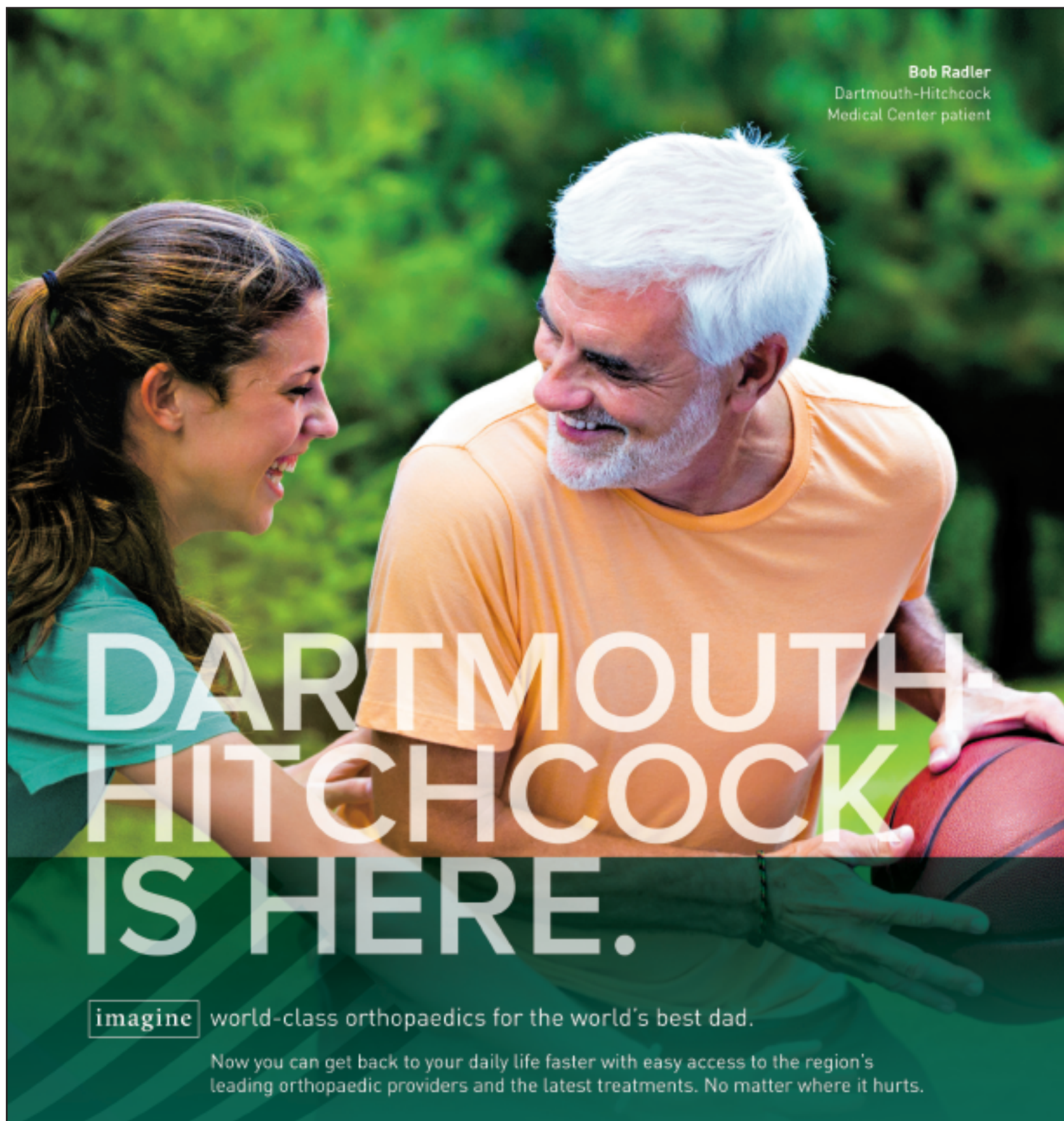
Tanuma said more than a dozen types of soup will be donated from local restaurants. Take-away soup sold in the last hour will cost \$5.

Among the soup donors are The Coach Stop Restaurant and Tavern with Manhattan Clam Chowder, The Kitchen at Windham Junction Country Store with Clam Chowder, Sabatino's North with Minestrone, Rig-a-Tony's with Italian Wedding Soup, Janie's Uncommon Cafe with Chicken Vegetable Rice, Amphora with Avgolemino, La Carreta with Chicken Tortilla, Panera Bread with Broccoli Cheddar, and Avandi's with Beef Barley.

In addition, Panera is donating all the bread for the event. Florists participating are: Countryside Florists, Bachmann Florist and Harrington Florist. Baked goods are contributed by: Carina's Cakes, Hannaford in Derry, Market Basket in Londonderry, Michelle's Gourmet Pastries in Manchester, The Red Arrow Diner in Londonderry, and Nomad Bakery in Derry.

To purchase tickets to the event, call Caregivers at 432-0877 or stop in the office at 1 B Commons Drive, Unit 10, Londonderry, during the business day.

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Lancer Gymnasts Finish Second to Pinkerton at Home Meet

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High girls' gymnastics team had its home meet against the D I defending champion Pinkerton Academy squad slated for Saturday, Jan. 16 circled prominently on its calendar, looking at that event as a potential barometer reading to see just where the Lady Lancers stand in the state picture this winter.

The LHS crew had a very good meet, tallying

an excellent team score of 131.8 to finish second - behind Pinkerton and its superb overall score of 135.75 - in the four-team event. Spaulding of Rochester ended up a distant third (101) and the Dover High Green Wave finished fourth (100).

"Overall, our girls did amazing," said LHS coach Heather Tuden. "Pinkerton is a very hard team to beat, and after three rotations we were only one point behind. It all came down to who stuck beam, and

Pinkerton had it that night. Each meet we have been improving our skills, and our girls are feeling more comfortable with their routines. In the end, it all comes down to states."

Along with the victory, Pinkerton also snagged a point in Ball Family Trophy competition between PA and LHS.

This was the first meet of the season that the LHS squad didn't win.

The Lady Lancers received a first-place performance from veteran

standout Jill McIntyre in the vaulting (score of 9.3), but the Pinkerton effort was spearheaded by junior Julianna Corsetto, who took firsts on the uneven bars (8.2), balance beam (9.3), and in the all-around (35.2).

Other notables on the vault for LHS were Maddie

Croteau, who collected a score of 9.1 out of a possible 9.6, and Maddie Baumann with an 8.9.

The high scorers on bars for the home squad included McIntyre with a 7.8, Baumann with a 7.7, and Mira Kutney with a tally of 7.1.

The top three Lancers

on the beam were Kutney with her 8.85 giving her third overall in the event, Courtney Baharian with an 8.45, and Baumann with an 8.2.

The Londonderry High gymnastics contingent's next home meet will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m.

LHS Ski Squads Take Third Place

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School's boys' and girls' ski teams both enjoyed solid third-place finishes out of seven teams in a giant slalom meet at Pat's Peak in Heniker Thursday, Jan. 14.

The Lady Lancers were paced by the impressive efforts of Evarts siblings Bryeton and Jaiden, who both finished among the top five athletes in their race. And the LHS males had Max Doliver finish among the top 10 in their event.

The LHS girls had

Bryeton Evarts snag second place overall with her time of 24.49 seconds, and Jaiden Evarts was an extremely close fourth with a time of 24.62.

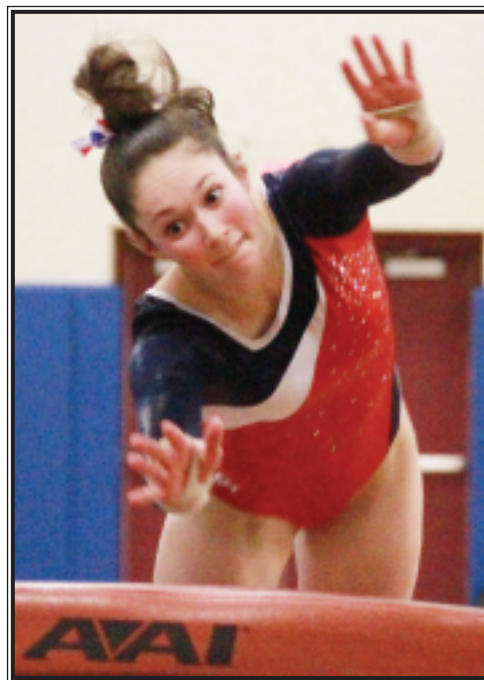
Bethany Costello, Jordan Deschamps, Caroline Kelly, and Gianna Dudley also contributed to the Lady Lancers' success.

In the boys' race, Max Doliver took ninth place out of 50 skiers with his time of 26.95. He was followed closely by teammates Jackson Lascars, Justin Jolicoeur, Oan McGrath, and Mike Payson, all of whom were separated by a mere 27th of a sec-

ond in the top 20.

That talented group was followed by teammates Drew Gruchot, Ethan Kusior, Austin Theriault, Sam Palumbo, and Kevin Brown.

The LHS ski teams' seasons continue this Thursday, Jan. 21 with a trip to Gunstock to face Concord, Spaulding, Merimack, and Exeter. On Thursday, Jan. 28, the Lancer contingents will be at Crotched Mountain to take on Concord, Nashua North, Nashua South, Portsmouth, Timberlane of Plaistow, and Bedford.



Lady Lancer Jill McIntyre took first place on vault against PA with a great score of 9.3. Photos by Chris Paul



LHS standout Mira Kutney placed third on the balance beam with her mark of 8.85.



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Lady Lancer Cagers Exhaust Exeter, Avenge Bedford Loss



Seasoned veteran Kelsey Coffey and her LHS hoop teammates upped their season record to 7-1.

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

A blowout win over the struggling Exeter High Lady Blue Hawks and a vengeance victory over the Bedford High Lady Bulldogs last week placed the Londonderry High girls' basketball squad's season record at 7-1.

The Lady Lancers had no trouble disposing of a struggling Exeter High crew on that opponent's own court Tuesday, Jan. 12, bouncing the host by a lopsided 65-22 tally.

The win got coach Nick Theos' LHS contingent to 6-1 on the season while Exeter slid to 2-4 with its fourth loss in its last five contests.

The locals led by a 28-8 score at halftime and were up 48-15 after three

periods had been completed.

Senior standout Kate Balcom very nearly tallied a rare triple-double for Londonderry, scoring 10 points, hauling down 10 rebounds, and collecting nine steals. Jackie Luckhardt netted nine 10 points and claimed six steals, and Anna Wilkinson came off the LHS bench to contribute seven points.

"It was a great game for me as a coach," said Theos. "Everyone played and played well. Thirteen out of the 14 girls scored, and they all played well. It was a good team win."

The Lady Lancers' offense was far less sharp when it traveled to Bedford Thursday night, Jan. 14, with the locals seeking a bit of revenge for their

only divisional loss of the season at LHS on Dec. 18. But vengeance was the Lady Lancers' in a 28-21 rematch success last week as the Lady Bulldogs absorbed their first divisional loss in moving to 7-1 like Londonderry.

When asked to repeat the game's final score, Theos said, "Yup, that is correct, 28-21. It was ugly at times, and we didn't shoot well. But we never stopped working and it paid off in the end."

The two teams' previous scoring lows in a game both came in their earlier meeting prior to Christmas.

In last week's rematch, Bedford grasped a 16-15 halftime lead but the Lady Lancers outscored their hosts 13-5 the rest of the way.

Luckhardt netted nine points and snagged five steals, Coffey had eight points, and freshman Delaney McGurn pitched in with four points in some big minutes for the victors. And there were others who also drew praise from their coach.

"Kat Wells played great defense, and Kate Balcom was everywhere with four steals and eight rebounds," said Theos.

"That's a really good team, and we held them to 21 points, and that's not easy," he added. "The girls worked for it and got the win. I'm so happy for them, but it would have been nice to hit a few shots though."

After having most of the week off, the LHS squad returns to action this Friday in Merrimack.

LHS Girl Swimmers Drive to Wins, Boys Snag a Split

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High girls' swim team swept both opponents it faced - including the rival Pinkerton Academy Lady Astros

- but the LHS boy swimmers had to be happy with a split when the locals took part in three-team meets at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester on Saturday, Jan. 16.

The Lady Lancers overpowered the Campbell High Lady Cougars of Litchfield (137-7) but downed host Pinkerton in more modest fashion (92-78) in the Ball Family Trophy meeting between the

local schools.

The LHS guys also trounced Campbell (93-31) but took a resounding loss (121-48) on the chin from the undefeated Pinkerton males.

Both Londonderry

contingents drew praise from Pinkerton head coach Ed Faszewski for their efforts that day.

"Londonderry came ready to swim and were well prepared to win some close races to help put the girls over the top in their meet," he said. "Depth is an area that we continue to work on in these dual meets and have had some first-time swimmers try some new events. (LHS) coach (Chrys) Ewen always has her athletes motivated to swim us tough, and that was apparent tonight."

GIRLS

The Lady Lancers won four events, but the depth that enabled them to take seconds, thirds, fourths, and beyond was impor-

tant in the defeat of Pinkerton on this evening.

Wins came from Anna Gruchot in the 200-meter individual medley (time of 2 minutes, 44.23 seconds), Emily Buttafuoco in the 100-meter freestyle (1:04.28), Maeve McPhail in the 100-meter breaststroke (1:31.17), and the 200-meter free relay quartet of Gruchot, Buttafuoco, Brittaney Brown, and Kayla Lovey (2:05.42).

BOYS

The Lancer guys' lone event win was delivered by the talented 200-meter freestyle relay crew of Mike Weisse, Nick Byrne, Matt Bompastore, and Kyle MacKenzie, which snagged first in a time of 1:53.42. But the locals scored plenty elsewhere.

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LHS Wrestling Crew Experiences Both Ups and Downs

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The defending Division I champion Londonderry High wrestling squad experienced distinct ups and downs last week, losing a dual meet with a tough opponent at LHS but then posting a winning record at Pinkerton Academy's annual Border Wars competition.

The home-standing Lancers didn't enjoy the kind of success they'd hoped for against the tough Concord High Crimson Tide at LHS Wednesday, Jan. 13, dropping a 42-22 decision to the Tide.

Londonderry received weight class wins from Ryan Cabezas at 126

pounds (a 3-2 decision), Tyler Byrd in the 132-pound bout (fall just 1:30 in), Andrew Chase at 138 pounds (16-11 decision), Craig Santos in the 145-pound bout (fall at 3:25), and Mahdi Achab at 170 pounds (10-1 major decision).

But the LHS contingent then bested two out of the three opponents it faced at the Pinkerton event last Saturday, Jan. 16.

The Lancers edged the Winchester (Mass.) crew by a 35-33 score in round one at the border wars, lost a tie-breaker with the host Pinkerton Astros in round two, and then

plowed past the Acton-Boxborough bunch from

the Bay State in a 48-14 blowout.

The Windham High School grapplers wound up winning the six-team dual tournament by defeating Pinkerton by a 39-33 tally.

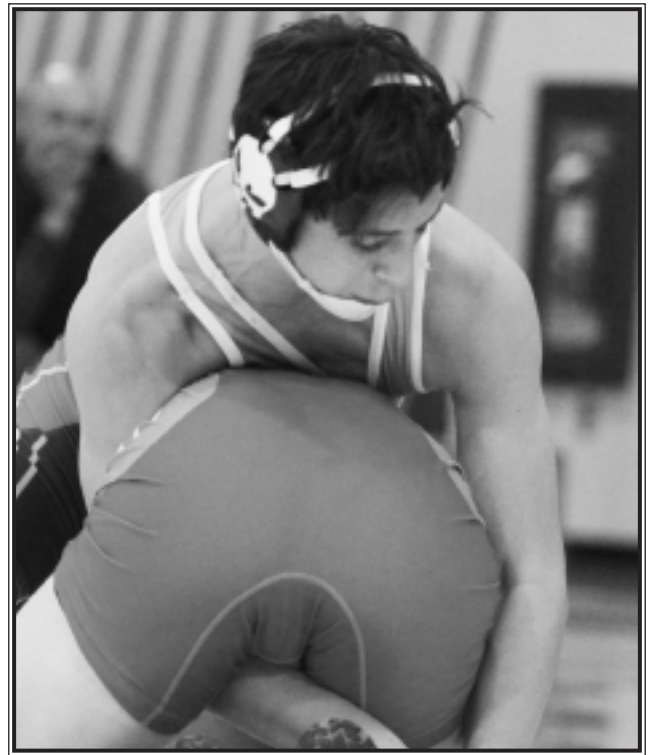
In its round one defeat of Winchester, Londonderry received bout victories from Tyler LeBlanc at 113 pounds (2-1 decision), Dave Donnelly at 120 pounds (6-2 decision), Cabezas (fall at 1:12), Byrd (fall at 1:11), Chase (technical fall, 19-2), Santos (fall at 1:35), Colin Reardon at 152 pounds (8-3 decision), and Achab (6-2 decision).

In the head-to-head battle with Pinkerton, the Lancers and Astros knotted themselves up at 39-

39, and the tie had to be broken based upon the total number of first points scored. Based on that measure, the hosts won.

Lancer wins were claimed by Donnelly (via forfeit), Cabezas (8-3 decision), Chase (fall at 3:45), Santos (fall at 3:09), Reardon (fall at 2:58), Achab (forfeit), and Ben Psaledas in the 182-pound bout (fall at 49 seconds).

In the third-round besting of Acton-Boxborough, Londonderry victories were claimed by Donnelly (fall at 5:03), Cabezas (fall at 38 seconds), Byrd (fall at 18 seconds), Chase (fall at 1:18), Santos (forfeit), Reardon (fall at 1:48), Achab (fall at 2:20), and Psaledas (fall at 2:34).



Lancer grappler Craig Santos had a good week last week, winning all of the bouts in which he was asked to compete. Photo by Chris Paul

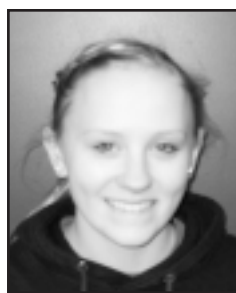
Athletes of the Week

For the Week of Jan. 10



**Derek Davies, Senior,
Boys' Track and Field**

This battle-tested veteran is currently ranked third in Division I in the 300-meter dash, and he recently qualified for the state meet in the 600-meter run as well.



**Jessica Brien,
Sophomore, Girls'
Track and Field**

This young standout proves that hard work pays off. Knowing she had to have a big meet recently, she went at her events in fiery fashion and also stepped up to run a relay.

LHS Boy Hoopsters Blemish Exeter's Mark

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High boys' basketball squad headed into a pretty lengthy competitive hiatus on a high note Tuesday night, Jan. 12, by handing the Exeter High Blue Hawks their first Division I defeat of the 2015-16 campaign.

The Lancers collected their third consecutive

divisional win in a 65-49 thumping of the visiting and 3-0 Exeter bunch. And the locals then stepped into a nine-day span without a game on their slate.

In upping their season record to 3-1, the hosts won every one of the quarters except for the fourth and grasped leads of 18-7 after one quarter, 35-19 at the half, and 48-29 going into period four.

The victorious locals had four players score in double digits, and that quartet was paced by Nate Gaw, Jake Coleman, and Cam Reddy with 15 apiece, and Matt Corey with 11 points. Gaw nailed a trio of three-point shots

in helping his side to the double-digit success.

Coach Nate Stanton's Lancers slide back into Division I play this Friday night, Jan. 22 with a real test when they play host to the 5-1 Merrimack High Tomahawks.

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Pinkerton and LHS Tracksters Battle it Out in Durham

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

There may have been a total of 16 teams competing in the New Hampshire Indoor Track and Field League meets at the University of New Hampshire this past Sunday afternoon, Jan. 17. But the two squads from Pinkerton Academy and the two from Londonderry High warranted and received the most attention for a number of good reasons.

The Astro and Lancer contingents were continuing their schools' rivalry with points in the winter Ball Family Trophy games up for grabs, not to mention the bragging rights that go along with defeating a rival and further improvement in their 2015-16 indoor league records. And the PA and LHS teams have also enjoyed strong campaigns so far this winter.

The distinct possibility of having each school

walk away from UNH's Sweet Oval with a victory that day wound up becoming reality after the Lady Lancer tracksters edged out Pinkerton by a 92-88 tally in their eight-team meet, and the defending Division I champion Pinkerton males tallied 73.50 points to outdistance second-place Londonderry (58) and the six other competing squads in their meet.

GIRLS

The victorious Lady

Lancers received wins from Yorgelis Ortiz in the 55-meter dash (7.40 seconds) and the high jump (5 feet, 2 inches), Gretchen McGrath in the 1,000-meter run (3 minutes, 08.30 seconds), Kalin Gregoire in the 1,500 meters (5:06.50), Andrea Wooldridge in the long jump (15'8 1/2"), and the 4x160 relay quartet of Jess Brien, Ellie Goodspeed, Kaitlyn Marchant, and McGrath.

The runner-up Lady

Astros' crew got victories from Britney Johnson in the 600-meter run (1:43.20) and the 3,000-meter run (10:44.50), and the 4x400 relay team of Nicole Alves, Johnson, Ariel Vaillancourt, and Madi Smith (4:27.80).

BOYS

The defending champion PA boys' squad exhibited its depth by bagging a whole bunch of top-six, point-scoring performances. But the Astros' lone first place of the

day was delivered by the 4x100 relay quartet of Nico Buccieri, Jadyn Ruimswijk, Kaycee Scheibert, and Evan Rodgers (1:16.10).

The second place Lancers got fine victories from Cam Dickson in the 1,500 (4:17.30), Trevor Guay in the 55-meter hurdles (8.20), Kyle Foden in the shot put (44'1"), and the 4x400 relay team of Dickson, Mark Gigliotti, Guay and Derek Davies (3:45.60).

Lancer Icemen Pound Pelham But Fall Short in Hanover

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A home win followed by a tough road loss left the Londonderry High hockey team contemplating its 4-3 Division I record rolling into this week.

The Lancers tallied a victory they were expect-

ed and needed to get in order to post a record above .500 when they pummeled the winless Pelham-Alvirne icemen by a 9-0 count at the Salem Icecenter on Wednesday, Jan. 13.

The victors potted one goal in the first period and four each in the sec-

ond and third en route to making their Division I record 4-2. It was their third consecutive divisional success.

Junior forward and alternate captain Troy Muldoon scored two goals, Mike MacKenzie contributed a goal and two assists, Colby Austin

and Danny Bears were each good for a goal and a helper, Patrick Maloney dealt out two assists, Bryan Murphy, Nick Donnelly, Jared Tuccolo, and Shane White each scored once, and Andrew Morrisette had a single assist.

LHS goalies Cody Baldwin and Cam Donovan each made five saves in combining on the shutout victory.

Then Saturday, Jan. 16, the Lancers had to make a lengthy bus trip out to Hanover to take on a Hanover High Marauders' squad that has experienced distinct ups and downs this winter, head-

ing into the Saturday night match with a modest 2-2-1 record.

Londonderry showed both intestinal fortitude and a flair for the dramatic in nearly rebounding fully from a 3-0 deficit. But in the end the locals fell short and suffered a 3-2 loss to the host.

The Marauders led by a 1-0 count after one period and 3-0 after two stanzas had been completed. But the Lancers battled hard and made their hosts sweat things out down the stretch in the third period.

"We scored with five minutes left, and then

again with about 50 seconds left. But we couldn't tie it," lamented LHS coach Dan Legro.

Maloney netted the first of the LHS goals, and veteran defenseman Colby Austin potted the second. The locals were out-shot by a 20-14 count.

The Lancers will aim to get a new winning streak rolling and boost their record further above .500 when they take on struggling Trinity of Manchester in their only game this week on Saturday, Jan. 23. Trinity began the week with a sub-.500 record of 2-4 and two consecutive losses.

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- PROVIDER ON CALL - MEDICATION MISTAKES THAT CAN KILL (PART TWO)

The previous article talked about the number of people that suffer due to medication mistakes. We reviewed five areas of concern when taking medications. This week we review the other five.

Insurance companies mandate that the use of generic drugs is preferable whenever they are available. The generic form of Lasix is furosemide, both used as a common diuretic. A patient may have a bottle of each, not know they are the same drug and take both of them thus doubling the dose. Make sure when your provider prescribes a new medication that you go over the details; whether there is a generic, what it is for, the dosage and how often to take it.

When you get something off of the grocery store shelf, you think it is safe. Even aspirin is something you have to watch out for since it thins the blood. If you are having a surgical procedure and have taken aspirin, it could lead to life threatening bleeding. Remind your provider, whenever they are writing you a new prescription, what other OTC or prescription medications you are taking.

Grapefruit is harmless, right? Perhaps not if you are taking anti-seizure drugs or statins used to lower cholesterol. A crucial enzyme is inhibited and does not allow it to break down and metabolize many drugs. Coffee does not allow the absorption of iron supplements and can show that anemia is still present. Not all food and drink interactions are mentioned on hand-outs. Ask your provider about taking medications with or without food or drink.

Medication dosages should be adjusted when kidney or liver functions show signs of failure. Loss of function impairs your body's ability to rid itself of toxins or foreign substances. Make sure you read the fine print and ask your provider if you need screening tests.

Even age can make a difference in the way a medication reacts in your body. Conditions such as dementia, dizziness and falling or high blood pressure can cause more of a reaction with medications that have these side

affects. Look up the "Beers List" (named after Dr. Mark Beers) which is a set of criteria for medications that may not be safe for patients over 65 and review it with your provider.

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PA Holds Ball Trophy Lead

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

As the Ball Family Trophy games continue between the Londonderry High School and Pinkerton Academy winter varsity sports teams, the academy has a slim lead of 4-3 at present.

Pinkerton won wrestling on Jan. 6, girls' gymnastics and boys' swimming Saturday, Jan. 16, and boys' track on Sunday, Jan. 17. Londonderry won ice hockey on Jan. 9, girls' swimming last Saturday, and girls' track the next day.

The schools' ski teams have yet to face one another, and basketball will come to the forefront of the Ball games on Feb. 1 when the boys' hoop teams meet in Derry, and then again on Feb. 6 when the girls' squads play at LHS.

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Wildcats Donate \$7,000 to School District for Scoreboard

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Wildcats President Ryan Oulette and Vice President Rick Lessard presented the School District with a check for \$7,000 to cover the cost of installing a new scoreboard at the high school track field.

The youth football and spirit organization representatives thanked all the District's employees "for their tremendous support over the years" at the School Board's Jan. 5 meeting.

"Without your help and the facilities and the fields, we would not be possible," Oulette said.

Facilities Director Chuck Zappala told the Board that Coca-Cola donated two scoreboards to the District last year for installation at the track field and the varsity football field, noting the company has donated about a dozen scoreboards to the District over the last 10 to 15 years.

"The scoreboards are worth about \$15,000, but it's on us to do the installation. And for equipment

this large, it took a lot of effort to put them up," he said. "We had to purchase steel I-beams, hire a crane and a welder. The Town helped with some of the excavations. We had about 30 yards of concrete we had to purchase. It got kind of expensive."

After speaking with Oulette last summer about the substantial expense of the installation, he went to the Wildcats Board to see if they could help with a donation.

"He came back and asked how much we need,

and tonight they're here to present a ceremonial check to reimburse for the installation of the scoreboard at the track field," Zappala said.

"It's just stupendous, and it's amazing, too, that Coca-Cola has been such a great corporate citizen through the years," Board Chairman Steve Young said. "It isn't the first time they've done this, and then to have a local feeder organization do that - I drive by the fields and when you guys are out on the fields, it's a great feeling."



Rick Lessard, left, and Ryan Ouellette, right, of the Londonderry Wildcats present a check to School District Facilities Director Chuck Zappala, center, for the installation of a scoreboard at the high school track field. Photo by Kaitlyn G. Woods

Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday, Jan. 11

8:30 a.m. Political sign stolen from front lawn on Royal Lane.

Tuesday, Jan. 12

11:07 a.m. Theft of razor blades at CVS Pharmacy, Mammoth Road, on Saturday.

1:43 p.m.

Caller on Wiley Hill Road reports he will be target shooting with exploding targets under the power lines.

11:50 p.m. Vehicle struck mailbox on Pillsbury Road about 15 minutes ago and continued on.

Wednesday, Jan. 13

12:48 a.m. Officer Timothy Moran advised he was hit by a vehicle and trapped in the cruiser at Stonehenge and Hardy roads. Londonderry Fire en route.

3:10 p.m. Sheri-Ann Boudreau, 40, Coburn

Woods, Nashua was arrested for Reckless Conduct: Place Another in Danger, Reckless Operation and Stop Sign/Yield Sign. Bail was set at \$2,500 personal recognizance, with Derry Circuit Court date of Feb. 23.

7:43 p.m. Vehicle into pole with wires down at Fieldstone Drive and Mammoth Road.

Thursday, Jan. 14

7:54 a.m. Londonderry Fire responding to Uni-Cast, Industrial Drive for a male hit with a piece of construction that fell off equipment.

6:41 p.m. Caller reported someone hit vehicle while parked at 603 Brewery, Liberty Drive.

10:56 p.m. Susanne Porter, 50, West Clarke Street, Manchester arrested for Criminal Mischief

(vandalism). Bail set at \$1,000 personal recognizance with Derry Circuit Court date of Feb. 2.

Friday, Jan. 15

2:22 a.m. Londonderry Fire requested for utility worker on Rockingham Road with leg injury.

Sunday, Jan. 17

10:51 p.m. Caller on Constitution Drive reports neighbors playing loud music and singing.

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sion's website to do so.

The FERC said interested parties could either file a motion to intervene to become involved in the Commission's review of the project or file comments with the Secretary of the Commission.

Town Manager Kevin Smith wrote in an email the Town received notice from the FERC announcing the filing extension and decided in consulta-

tion with the Town Attorney the better option was to file comment, "as it accomplishes our goal of making our opinion known to FERC while also not incurring potentially thousands of dollars in legal fees as a result of intervening."

In his letter to the FERC, Smith notes "of particular importance" is "the Town Council's stated opposition to the location of the proposed NED Kinder Morgan pipeline in the Town of Londonderry."

Included with the filing was the Council's resolution, adopted on July 20, which states the Council does not support the location of the pipeline in Londonderry because "the pipeline will create no direct benefit to the residents of Londonderry, and the disruption to the residents of Londonderry caused by the construction of the new pipeline may outweigh the benefits to the Town and its residents."

Earlier this month,

U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-NH also took a position against the Northeast Energy Direct (NED) pipeline project, saying she will maintain that position going forward unless and until important questions and concerns from New Hampshire residents are sufficiently and meaningfully addressed by the FERC

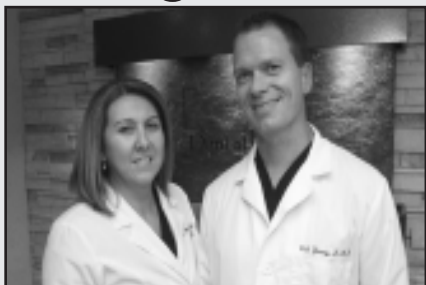
and the Department of Energy (DOE).

Ayotte said she joined members of the New Hampshire congressional delegation in repeatedly pushing federal regulators and Kinder Morgan to provide answers to the questions residents have raised - particularly with regard to the threshold need for this project, the

safety concerns involved, and potential interactions with other projects, as well as the potentially significant impact on local communities.

The Town has compiled a list of abutters to the proposed pipeline in Londonderry, which is available on the Town's website at www.londonderry.org.

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

Book Bingo

Children are invited to the Leach Library on Monday, Feb. 8, from 4 to 5 p.m. to play Sweetheart Book Bingo, a picture version of the classic game. All participants will win and have a chance to choose books from selection tables. Advance registration is required and begins at 9 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

LEEP

Londonderry children who turned 3 as of Sept. 1, 2015 may enroll in the Londonderry Early Education Program (LEEP) preschool offered by the Londonderry School District. Three-year-olds meet 8:45 to 11 a.m. two or four days per week; prekindergarten students meet noon to 2:30 p.m. three or four days per week. Tuition is: \$145 per month

for two days/week and \$195 per month for four days/week. Prekindergarten costs \$180 per month for three days/week and \$195 per month for four days/week. For details or to apply, call Kathy Kelley at 437-5855, ext. 7223. Applications are available at http://www.londonderry.org/documents/moose/leep_inclusion_app.pdf.

Kindergarten

Pre-Registration for the 2016-2017 school year is going on now for Moose Hill School Kindergarten. Anyone who has a child who will be 5 years old by Sept. 30, 2016 and who lives in Londonderry can enroll the child at Moose Hill School. Call Moose Hill at 437-5855, stop in between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. or email the director, Bonnie Breithaupt, at bbreithaupt@londonderry.org to request a registration packet. Include child's

name, birth date and Londonderry address when making a request. Registration packets are mailed in January.

Fluorescent Bulbs

Londonderry residents can recycle free all fluorescent bulbs (CFLs and tube types) at Benson Lumber & Hardware, 20 Orchard View Drive during normal operating hours, seven days a week.

Teacher Talent Show

The Londonderry High School's annual Teacher Talent Show takes place Thursday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. in the school's café. Tickets are \$5 in advance at the welcome center or \$6 at the door.

Adult Learner Tutors

A free volunteer tutor orientation workshop for Adult Learner Services of Greater Derry will be held at

Candidate Filing for Town, School Seats Open Through Jan. 29

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The candidate filing period for the Londonderry School District and Town elections opened Wednesday, Jan. 20, and closes at 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29.

Open positions for the School District election include one School Board member, one School District Clerk, one School District Moderator and one School District Treasurer.

The position on the School Board to expire in March is held by John Laferriere. Robert Saur holds the position of District Moderator; Mary Soares is District Clerk; and John Conley is School District Treasurer.

Each position is a three-year term.

Those who wish to be included on the ballot as a candidate for one of the open positions must file with School District Clerk Mary Soares by Friday, Jan. 29, at 5 p.m. To make arrangements with Soares, call 247-1679.

Open elected positions for the Town include two positions on the Town Council (both are three-year terms), two positions on the Budget Committee (both are three-year terms), Supervisor of the Checklist (six-year term), Town Moderator (three-year term) and three open positions for Trustee of the Leach Library (three-year term).

Town Council Chairman John Farrell and Councilor Tom Dolan hold the Council positions that are to expire

in March, and Chairman Ted Combes and member Mark Aronson hold the positions expiring on the Budget Committee.

The Town Moderator is Cindi Rice Conley and the seat open for Supervisor of the Checklist is held by Christine Tighe, who will not be running for election to the position.

Expiring Library Trustee positions are held by Robert Collins, Pauline Caron and John Curran.

Candidates may file in the Town Clerk's Office during business hours by 5 p.m. Jan. 29.

For more information, contact Town Clerk Sherry Farrell at 432-1100, Ext. 195, or by email at sfarrell@londonderry.org.

support are provided. For information or registration, call 432-1907, email als.greaterderry@yahoo.com, or visit: www.GreaterDerryLiteracy.org.

Lafa Baseball, Softball

Lafa (Londonderry Athletic Fields Association) is holding online registration for returning players at <http://lafa.info>. Lafa will hold late registration in the Londonderry Middle School lobby on Wednesday, Jan. 27, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., first come, first served. All go on a waiting list after Jan. 27. Players must be 4 years old by April 30, 2016 to participate in kickball and no older than 15 (17 for girls) by Jan. 1, 2016. A parent or legal guardian must register new applicants and bring a birth certificate.

Lady Lancer Basketball Clinic

The Lady Lancer Basketball Clinic, hosted by Coach Nick Theos and the defending state champion Lady

Lancer basketball team, takes place Jan. 23 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the Londonderry High School gym. Girls in grades 3 through 8 are invited to join the team for skills and drills focused on basketball fundamentals. Cost is \$25. Registration is at the door.

Bingo

American Legion Post 27 plays bingo with patients at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Manchester from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 25. The Londonderry High School Pay-it-Forward team will assist in running the event. The Legion will serve pizza and diet soda as well as providing \$150 in prize money.

New Legionnaires

American Legion Post 27 is seeking new Legionnaires who have the appropriate military service dates. The Post also welcomes men whose fathers or grandfathers were eligible for membership as well as women related to qualified members. The latter two groups can join the Sons of the American Legion and Auxiliary, respectively. For more information, visit www.alpost27.com or call 437-6613 or visit the Greeley Parmenter Harrington Facebook page.

Potter's Bowl

Community Caregivers of Greater Derry hosts its 11th annual Potter's Bowl fundraiser from 5 to 8 p.m.

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Marie's Corner

There are many great reasons to play board games with your children, and the winter months seem to be the perfect time

Reasons to play:

- Playing allows you to spend quality, uninterrupted time with your child or the entire family
- Children develop, & practice, important social skills, taking turns, losing gracefully, winning graciously
- Help develop fine motor skills & eye-hand coordination in small children
- Help develop cognitive skills, color & number recognition, counting, memory, planning, strategizing
- Children learn best when they are engaged & having fun

Board game suggestions:

- *Roll and Play:* Child rolls the large plush die, which has a different color on each side, then chooses the corresponding card & performs the action on the card. (ages 8 months & up)
- *Zingo:* Similar to BINGO, but involves picture recognition (ages 3 & up)
- *HiHo! Cherry-o:* Color recognition & eye-hand coordination (ages 3 and up)
- *Bug Trails:* Child builds a trail of bugs by joining their legs. Involves counting & a bit of strategy (ages 5 & up)
- *Blokus:* Strategy game for multiple players (ages 7 & up)

I am sure your family has favorite board games. Take them out and play. Enjoy your time together and don't forget the hot cocoa.

Be talking to you soon,
Marie

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Saturday, Jan. 30, at Pinkerton Academy's Freshman Cafeteria in Derry. For \$40, patrons select a handcrafted pottery bowl donated by New Hampshire artists and soups donated by local restaurants, with breads and desserts. Take-out soup from 7 to 8 p.m. is \$5. A pottery demonstration runs from 4 to 5 p.m. Music, a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction of items donated by area artists are featured. Get tickets at 432-0877 or at Caregivers, 1B Commons Drive, Unit 10, Londonderry. For details, visit: www.caregivers.org.

Supervisors of Checklist

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at Town Hall on Saturday, Jan. 30, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. to register voters and correct the checklist. Anyone who has not previously registered to vote may do so for the Presidential Primary on Feb. 9. Proof of citizenship, identity, and residency are needed to register, or affidavits may be signed. Jan. 30 is the last day for anyone not previously registered to do so before the February Presidential Primary. No party changes will be accepted.

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Emergency Response Team Practices Line Search

ALERT – A Londonderry Emergency Response Team – set up its command trailer at Orchard Christian Church on Pillsbury Road at 7 a.m. recently for a line search practice on the Adams Pond Trail. In the trailer: were Chris Oliverio, radio operator; Remi Fortin, map trainer and Steve Priest of Bedford CERT – Community Emergency Response Team, logger of map coordinates of the

search area.

Richard Semaski and John Archambault provided training before ALERT members went in the woods. They presented a short orienting class on the use of a compass with a map of the area. As the team was returning to base, they found the “victim” and performed medical recovery.

The team then loaded the “victim” in a Stokes basket and transported

the “victim” to the command base. A debriefing and discussion followed the exercise.

“The camaraderie with ALERT and Bedford CERT was awesome,” said Fortin. “We developed some wonderful new friends and an incredible working relationship.”

He noted that proper attire is a safety issue. “When you go out in the woods, you should plan on the worst possible

weather; dress in lots of layers,” he said. “If it turns out to warm up, you can unzip and/or remove outer layers so you keep comfortable and avoid sweating. You can stuff the extra clothes in your backpack or tie it to the outside of the backpack. Having a great, warm, wind and water resistant jacket is worth every penny in comfort and safety.”

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Magic, Juggling

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Child Find

Londonderry School District announces a free Community Child Find Program for all Town residents age 2-1/2 years old through 5 years 11 months old who are suspected of having vision or hearing problems or developmental concerns. Child Find will take place at the Londonderry Early Education Program (LEEP) at

Moose Hill School on Feb. 4 and April 7, 2016. Parents are encouraged to make an appointment if they have concerns. To do so or for more information, call Kathy Kelley at 437-5855, Ext. 7223 weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Appointments are required.

Mount Washington

On Thursday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. the Leach Library will host Will Broussard as he presents “Life and Work at the Mount Washington Observatory” in the library's lower level meeting room. Broussard is the outreach coordinator for the Mount Washington Observatory. In this free, hour-long mixed media presentation, Broussard will discuss the unique weather at the summit of the mountain as well as the weather observers who man the observatory year-

round. He will also explore how the mountain's weather works and what it can tell us about New England weather patterns. Light refreshments will be served.

Free Meals

The Derry Free Meals Network offers the following free meals to anyone in the community; Derry residency is not required: Jan. 21, 5 to 6:30 p.m., West Running Brook Middle School; Jan. 24, 9 to 10 a.m., breakfast, Church of the Transfiguration; Jan. 24, lunch, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., St. Jude Parish Community in Londonderry; and Jan. 29, 5 to 6:30 p.m., First Parish Church.

Fuel Assistance

Fuel assistance is available from Southern New Hampshire Services, which is taking applications through April 30 to help renters and homeowners in Rockingham County pay past or future energy bills. Fuel assistance pays for oil, propane, wood, pellets, kerosene, natural gas or electric heat costs, with payments going toward a past due balance or credit for future use. To qualify, one person can earn up to \$1,935/month, with a family of four earning up to \$3,986/month. Fuel assistance may also be applied to rent if heat is included in rent. To make an appointment, call the Derry office at 965-3029.

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adding to the operational budget the \$300,000 allocation for what are described as vital upgrades.

Thanking the Board for bringing forward a budget below the default, Middle School Case Manager Mary Soares said her concern with proposing the wireless infrastructure upgrades as a warrant article is that if the article doesn't pass, the District's hands are tied with regard to funding the project in FY17.

"We have a lot of great tools at the middle school. I work with students who use the iPads every day and we need to have the additional capability the new wiring will do for us. It's very frustrating when you have a classroom of 30 students who need to do something with their iPads and they can't," she said. "I would really love to see it happen next year."

But Curro recommended that the Board present the project to the taxpayers as a warrant article, explaining the addition would push the proposed budget over the default.

When a parent asked how the reorganization of IT staff and budget cuts to the Department will affect the District's ability to implement the network

infrastructure and wireless improvement and expansion, should Article 6 pass, Greenberg said the District "is very comfortable with existing IT staff's ability to assist with implementation of the warrant article to solve a number of our issues with connectivity in some of the schools."

"It's a decision we have to make regarding which way it will be best sold, in the absence of cutting the proposed budget we have by \$300,000 more to stay under default. If we put the \$300,000 in, my concern would be people would take a look at the two numbers and vote for the lower number, which would put us in the same position as we would be if the article fails," Curro said.

"I think this is integral to the education of the children, and it's the way the world is going, but with that being said, I agree with the Superintendent - if we increase the budget over default, a lot of people will go for the smaller number," board member Dan Lekas said, noting if the funding is added to the budget in deliberative session, there's no guarantee the money would be spent on the upgrades.

"I'm not naïve enough to think there aren't ways to strategize, but it's really unfortunate things can't be simple where we say

we need this for the kids, and this is why," board member Leitha Reilly said. "That we have to hedge bets here and strategize there, frankly I find it pathetic. It makes us no better than the politicians, but this is the system within which we operate."

In addition to reducing the general operating budget, Curro reported the District had to reduce the fund balance designated to offset the tax rate in the proposed FY17 budget from \$500,000 to \$200,000 due to unanticipated expenses related to Special Education tuition.

The tax rate impact for the general fund balance is an increase of \$.86 cents.

The FY17 Warrant the Board voted to move to the District's Feb. 5 Deliberative Session is as follows:

- Article 1: To choose to serve as School District Officers one School Board member (three-year term), one District Clerk, one District Treasurer and one District Moderator.

- Article 2: To raise and appropriate as an operating budget for the

FY2016-2017 school year, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the School Board's amended budget of \$70,778,003 (estimated tax impact is \$13.60) or the Default Budget of \$70,932,073 (estimated tax impact is \$13.65).

The School Board and Budget Committee recommend Article 2 with a 5-0 vote.

- Article 3: To accept and receive federal grants and other such funds to support the school lunch program and federal projects; further to raise and appropriate such funds in a special revenue fund - school lunch program, \$1,546,577; and federal projects, \$1,389,000; for an estimated total appropriation of \$2,935,577. The funds are self-supporting through local, state or federal revenue sources. There is no tax impact.

The School Board and Budget Committee recommend Article 3 with a 5-0 vote.

- Article 4 (Special Article): To raise and appropriate \$500,000 for the School Buildings Maintenance

Expendable Trust Fund, previously established and approved at the March 1995 School District Meeting. The funds would be used for major one-time capital costs for District facilities, including a digital camera upgrade for video security at a cost of \$30,000; an emergency generator at a cost of \$65,000; field improvements at a cost of \$160,000; and LED lighting retrofits at a cost of \$40,000. The tax impact is \$.14 cents.

The School Board and Budget Committee recommend Article 4 with a 5-0 vote.

- Article 5 (Special Article): To raise and appropriate \$100,000 for the School District Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, established in 2013 to provide funds to procure essential small equipment for classrooms, offices, technology and buildings and grounds. The sum is to come from the June 30, 2016 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2016. There is no tax impact.

The School Board and Budget Committee recommend Article 5 with a 5-0 vote.

- Article 6: To raise

and appropriate \$300,000 to fund the necessary costs to improve the School District's network infrastructure including wireless capabilities to address the curriculum and administrative needs of the School District. The appropriation would be non-lapsing until all necessary infrastructure improvements are completed or by June 2020, whichever is sooner. The estimated tax impact is \$.08 cents.

The School Board and Budget Committee recommend Article 6 with a 5-0 vote.

- Article 7: To amend the Londonderry School District Charter to remove the quorum requirement for amendments at the School District Meeting by amending relevant sections of the Charter.

The total local education tax rate if the Board's proposed FY17 Operating Budget and all Warrant Articles pass is \$13.82. For a \$300,000 home, that means a local education property tax bill of \$4,146.

Combined with the State education property tax rate of \$2.20, the total education property tax bill for a home valued at \$300,000 would be \$4,806.




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**TOWN OF LONDONDERRY
PLANNING BOARD**

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH to consider the following:

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing pursuant to RSA 231:158 to discuss removal of a tree in the public ROW of Adams Road, a state designated Scenic Road, associated with the construction of a new house at 43 Adams Road (Map 6 Lot 81-1, Zoned AR-I), Cross Apple Farm, LLC (Owner and Applicant).

B. Public Hearing to consider a request to rezone a portion of Tax Map 17 Lot 45 near Sanborn Road from Industrial I (Ind-I) to Multi-Family Residential (R-III) at 280 Rockingham Road, Evans Family Limited Partnership (Owner and Applicant).

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY AND THE LONDONDERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF DELIBERATIVE SESSIONS

The Town of Londonderry and the Londonderry School District will be conducting their Deliberative Sessions. The following are the details:

- The 2016 Deliberative Session of the Londonderry School District shall be held on Friday, February 5, 2016, beginning at 7:00PM in the Londonderry High School Cafeteria. All warrant articles shall be acted upon at that time for placement on the School District Official Ballot.
- The 2016 Deliberative Session of the Londonderry Budgetary Town Meeting shall be held on Saturday, February 6, 2016, beginning at 9:00AM at the Londonderry High School Cafeteria. All warrant articles shall be acted upon at that time for placement on the Town Meeting Official Ballot.

Voting for all town and school officials and all Official Ballot Warrant Articles shall take place on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, between 7:00AM and 8:00PM at the Londonderry High School Gymnasium.



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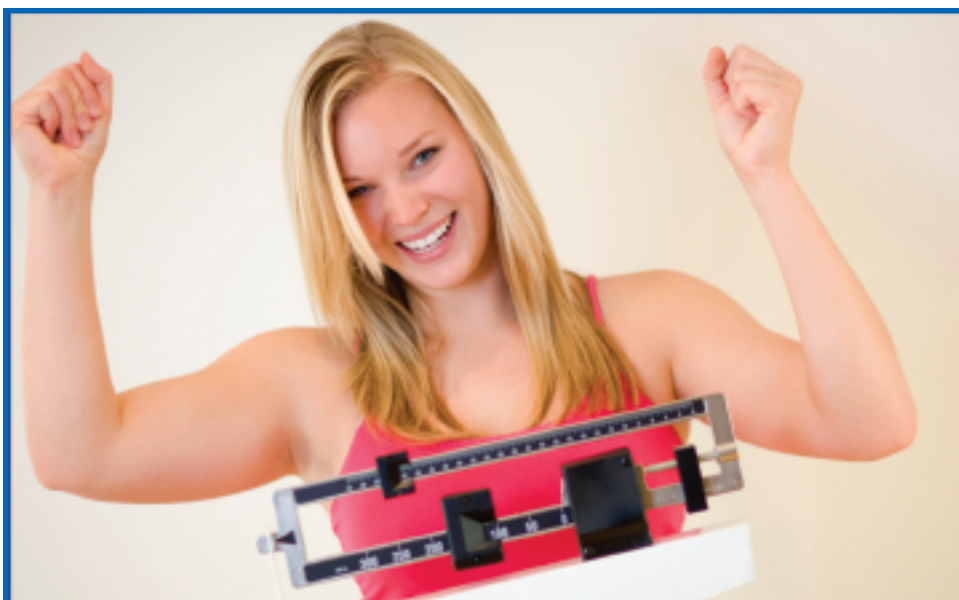
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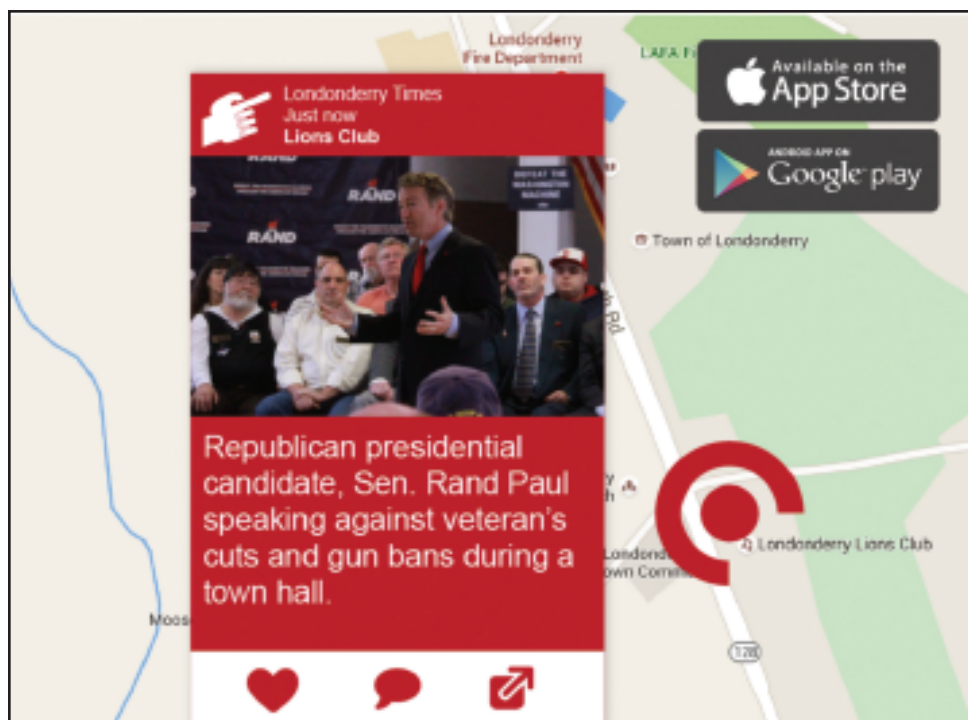
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