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Buffet of Thanks Frank Torre, a Vietnam veteran that was in the navy, serves his grand daughter some bacon during the annual Veterans Breakfast at the Londonderry High School on Saturday. The event honored about 85 veterans and their families and was hosted by the school's Pay It Forward group. See more photos page 2. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Town Council Continues to Review the 2018 Budget

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Without a quorum, two Town Councilors discussed the 2018 working budget with department heads, but made no decisions in the Nov. 14 Council meeting.

Only John Farrell and Tom Freda were able to attend the meeting.

Town Manager Kevin Smith has recommended a town operating budget of \$31,066,194 for 2018, a .352 percent decrease from last year's approved 29,749,182. If approved, it would be a \$4.86 impact on the tax rate.

The budget proposes

use of the unassigned fund balance for partial funding of contributions to capital reserves, expendable maintenance and roadway maintenance trust funds, resulting in the reduced tax rate impact.

The total budget including police detail revolving fund, special revenue funds, capital reserve/maintenance trusts, special warrant articles, and veterans overlay, is \$42,034,843, a 44 percent decrease from last year's approved \$42,034,843. The total tax impact is \$4.32.

In addition to the operating budget, other requests include the Town-

Wide Communications Upgrade, \$4,200,000, .028 cents on the tax rate; the special revenue fund for police details, \$506,306, no tax impact; the Sewer Fund, \$5,296,992, no tax impact; Roadway Maintenance Trust Fund, \$650,000, \$487,500 offset by the UFB for a tax impact of .043 cents; Capital Reserve funding for Fire Department equipment, \$164,000, \$142,000 offset by UFB for .006 cent impact on tax rate; Capital Reserve funding for Geographic Information Systems, \$28,000, \$21,000 offset by UFB for tax impact of .002 cents; a

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Homecoming: Senior Center Expansion Project Completed

HUNTER MCGEE
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Glad to be back, local seniors are once again enjoying friendly conversations and raffles in the newly renovated and expanded Londonderry Senior Center.

With an approximately \$350,000 expansion project just completed, the center recently reopened at 535 Mammoth Road, senior affairs director Cathy Bash said Monday.

While work on the project began in early July, seniors went to the Lions Club to continue to participate in activities. Returning to the expanded center has been like a homecoming, Bash said.

"This is home, every-

body was like 'when are we going back,'" Bash said Monday as dozens of seniors sat at tables as a raffle was getting underway. "This is great; it's absolutely wonderful."

She praised the Lions Club for being gracious and allowing the seniors to participate in activities at the club's hall while work continued on the expansion project. Bash said it was important for seniors to continue with their regular activities as much as possible during construction.

Taking several months to complete, the project was begun to increase interior space at the aging and cramped facility. The project came in just under budget, said Steve Cotton,

administrative support coordinator.

"We are just wrapping up some minor punch list items," Cotton said last week.

Only a few more minor items needed to be completed, including adding some handles for a new restroom, Cotton said.

The contractor, Londonderry-based, Accurate Dimensions complet-

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Town Seeking Funding Solutions for Communications Upgrade

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A case of "sticker shock" means the Londonderry town administration and Fire Department will look at a better way to fund the expansion of communications for Police, Fire and

Public Works.

Fire Chief Darren O'Brien and Battalion Chief Mike McQuillen appeared in Monday night's budget workshop to discuss the expanded communications project. The Town Council did not have a quorum, with only Tom Freda and Chairman John Farrell

present, so they did not make any decisions, but did support an effort to whittle down the price of the upgrade.

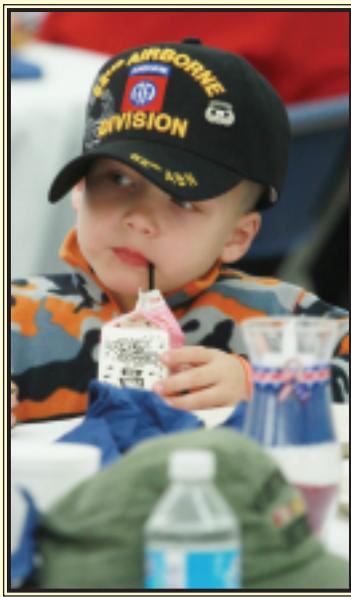
The upgrade is currently estimated at \$4.2 million, McQuillen told the Councilors and Budget Committee. The break-

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Veterans Honored During Annual Breakfast at LHS



The annual Veterans Breakfast at the Londonderry High School on Saturday, Nov. 12 was attended by about 85 veterans and their families and was hosted by the school's Pay It Forward group to thank local veterans for their service. During the breakfast members of the LHS band performed a number of patriotic songs and after the meal each veteran was presented with a gift basket that was donated from a local business. Pictured at right on bottom, Ret. Maj. John Fischer present the Pay It Forward group with a 9-11 photo album as thanks for the groups effort at the Sept. 11 service on the town common. Photo by Chris Paul

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Town's Veterans Tax Credit Still in Discussion Stage

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council heard from Town Manager Kevin Smith on the possible expansion of the Veterans Tax Credit.

Smith discussed the expansion in the Nov. 14 Budget Workshop held by the Town Council and Budget Committee. Because

there was no quorum, the Council could not make any decision.

Recent legislation has enabled towns to extend the tax credit to anyone who served, and not necessarily in an armed conflict. The extended veterans tax credit is optional.

According to the assessing page on the town Web site, Londonderry

currently offers \$500 in tax credits to any resident who has served not less than 90 days in any qualifying war or combat, and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from service, or their spouse or surviving spouse. Qualifying wars or conflicts include World War I, World War II, Korean Conflict, Vietnam

Conflict, Persian Gulf War or any other war or armed conflict since May 1975.

The deadline for application is April 15, 2017.

Smith's recommendation is to sit tight for now, research the issue and wait till the 2019 budget season before they act.

In other business, Farrell and Freda discussed the proposed renovation

and expansion of the Central Fire Station. While they were not able to take any action, their opinion was that the working number of \$350,000 was too high. Farrell observed that it would bring 9 cents to the tax rate. They asked Administrative Support Coordinator Steve Cotton to put out an RFQ for an engineering analysis.

Farrell said the project could be phased in, with an engineering study the first year and construction the second, and added that he liked an idea floated by fellow Councilor Tom Dolan to put both questions on the same warrant article. That way, he said, if the construction doesn't pass the voters, they don't have to waste money on the engineering study.

Budget

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sewer expansion of \$350,000, the total of which will be picked up by the UFB for no tax impact; Sidewalk work at a proposed \$250,000, also to be picked up by the UFB for no tax impact; an Air/Water Quality study estimated at \$85,000, but to be covered by the UFB with no tax impact; adding to the Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund, \$180,000, \$135,000 funded by the UFB, \$45,000 to be

raised by taxation at .012 cents; and Capital Reserve Funding for the Pillsbury Cemetery expansion, \$100,000, \$75,000 covered by UFB for a total of \$35,000 to be raised at .007 cents on the tax rate.

In addition, Police Chief Bill Hart is requesting two officers at \$198,545 for both, including salary and benefits. While the tax impact is .052 cents, the cost will be covered by a COPS grant.

The Public Works Department is requesting two truck drivers at

\$158,070, salaries and benefits, for a tax impact of .042 cents. Finance Director Doug Smith said that there was an initial request for an additional secretary for the DPW but that that position has been removed.

The Architectural and Engineering study for the upgrades to the Central Fire Department is estimated at \$350,000, with a tax impact of .092 cents.

All the additional requests, plus the Veterans Overlay Exemption, would result in an 11.30 percent

increase in the municipal tax rate.

While they could make no official decisions, Farrell and Freda made suggestions as to how to whittle away at that 11.30 percent.

Farrell balked at the \$350,000 for the architectural and engineering study for the Central Fire Station. "We could do it for half of that," he said.

Budget Committee member Christine Patton questioned the \$85,000 for the air and water quality study, noting that it had been \$35,000

in a previous iteration. "Can you find someone who will come in lower?" she asked.

Kevin Smith said it was a revision from the contractor who did the baseline study.

Administrative Support Coordinator Steve Cotton said that the last air and water quality study was done in 2003 and cost \$220,000 over a three-year period. "This time we are focusing on

wells, surface water and air quality," he said.

Farrell and Freda also asked the Town Manager and departments to sharpen their red pencils in regards to a possible senior transportation program and an upgraded communications system (see related stories).

"I want to be able to say we vetted this as far as we could," Farrell said.

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Editorial

Slow Turning Wheels

Despite passing in March, a citizen's petition for term limits is getting a lukewarm response from Londonderry councilors.

The petition was brought forward to present to voters in March. The advisory only petition recommended the Town Council propose an amendment to the Town Charter to set term limits on all non-land use boards. It was not binding on the Town Council.

The article had no tax rate impact. The Council voted not to recommend the article on a 1-4 vote, but the voters approved the item by approximately 60 percent.

While not a panacea, term limits can help ensure elected officials don't become entrenched and inflexible while serving in office. Term limits can also draw candidates who are interested in serving the people who elected them, and not just perpetuating their time in office.

Other reasons for adopting term limits are to bring a fresh perspective to governance and add members with new and unique talents.

After one or two terms of serving as an elected official, fatigue can set in, or, worse yet, apathy. Term limits

can also ensure an outside perspective is gained prior to possibly returning to board service later.

In a meeting last month, more than six months after voters gave their blessing to the item, the issue was raised to councilors during the public forum segment.

Only Councilor Tom Freda responded.

"I mean if the voters passed it, I guess we should look at it," Freda said.

So, Council Chairman John Farrell said the town attorney should review the petition and the discussion ended.

There was no explanation for why the town attorney needs to review the petition, and at what potential cost to the town, before the item is addressed.

Because it was only advisory, the point of the petition was to get councilors to at least discuss term limits, something that has yet to happen.

More than six months after town voters spoke, councilors had yet to even pay lip service to the item.

This is discouraging given the fact that voters in the town have spoken.

We think councilors should listen to the people and take another look at the item.

Letters

Veteran Thanks

To the editor:

I attended the great veterans high school breakfast once again.

In my gift basket was a certificate to LaCarreta restaurant from the Londonderry Times. Your support to veterans is most appreciated.

Being a Korea combat veteran and having gone some 58 years without recognition until I relocated in 2010 to Londonderry, I find it a bit overwhelming to be honored each year.

Thank you
Jerry Page
Londonderry

Support President Elect

To the editor:

We have to support Donald Trump so he can hopefully perform well as President. He won the election, and a large segment of the U.S. population has spoken. I agree with many of the policies he wants to implement, and I believe he will stop the nasty rhetoric that he used in the primaries and the general election. I am convinced his rhetoric was contrived to draw attention to himself and away from other candidates. Every time he said something controversial he received extensive and free media coverage and he was in the spotlight. He played the media very well.

The next step is for President-Elect Trump to fill Cabinet and advisory positions. Due to his lack of political, government and military experience the appointment of highly qualified people to key positions will be critical in determining the success of his Presidency. Early information on his possible appointees indicates he will surround himself with qualified and competent people. Rudy Giuliani, Newt Gingrich, Chris Christie, and others being

mentioned are potential viable candidates.

One person mentioned for the position of Secretary of Defense, former LT. GEN. Michael Flynn (Ret.), should not be considered for any position. Flynn might be a Jew Hater, or at the very least be biased against Jews. In a CNN report that Clinton's campaign blamed Russia for leaking DNC emails Flynn tweeted the following: "Not anymore, Jews. Not anymore." Flynn is a Trump advisor, and it is amazing to me that Trump has kept Flynn around. What is incredible is a bigot like Flynn could make it to the highest levels of our Army. I was enlisted and an officer in the Navy, and I never encountered a high-ranking officer with biased views like Flynn.

In addition to his personal bias against Jews, I don't see how Flynn as Secretary of Defense could interact with Israel. Israel is a key ally in the Middle East who we need to help us contain and thwart the radical Islamic terrorism prevalent in Middle East countries. If Israel goes down, Europe could be next, and then they will come at us.

Haters should not be included in the Trump administration. I look forward to a successful Trump Presidency that embodies the unbiased spirit of the American people.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry, NH

Thanks to Voters

To the editor:

I would like to express my great appreciation and thanks to the constituents whom I serve for your continued trust and support in my re-election as your state representative. I am honored to be your voice in our state house and encourage you to contact me with any questions or

concerns you have. I assure you I will persist in my efforts to work across the board with my fellow representatives to unite parties and find the best solutions for you and our state.

Respectfully,
Dr. David C. Lundgren
Londonderry

The New Washington

To the editor:

Along with the swearing in of Donald Trump in January, we will see both houses of Congress under Republican control. I'm pretty sure Republicans are celebrating. But before the celebration gets out of hand, there is one sobering truth. This Republican controlled administration better prove itself by providing affordable health-care, creating jobs, growing the economy, bringing our troops home, lowering my taxes, lowering the national debt, fixing our crumbling infrastructure, providing for alternative energy sources, addressing global warming, etc.

If they conduct business as usual, if the national debt goes up, if they "fix" healthcare and it doesn't get better, if people pay more for fuel, food, products, etc., if we are still at war, the fault will lie squarely on the shoulders of Donald Trump and the Republican Party. This is their chance to prove themselves, to do the right thing. There will be another election in four short years; people will reflect and it may not be pretty.

Steven Zeichner
Londonderry

Thanks to Voters

To the Editor:

I'm honored to be returning to the State House along with six other representatives from Lon-

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donderry. Congratulations to everyone who ran. My thanks go to all who supported me and especially to those who had my lawn signs on display. Most of all, I enjoyed the many conversations I had from knocking on over 950 doors. The experience taken from this will be of great benefit in the upcoming sessions. There is a lot to be done. The Opioid crisis still exists, well-paying business needs to return, economical energy needs addressing, and health-care and election laws need review. Local control of schools, common sense spending to keep taxes low and senior issues continues to be high on the list. I'd like to take this opportunity to also thank the town officials, police and volunteers for their efforts on Election Day. Despite having record voters, the traffic flow and polling organization was by far the best, according to many long-term residents. This was a huge accomplishment and "kudos" go out to each and every one taking part in the planning and implementation. I'm looking forward to representing Londonderry and thank you all again for your support.

Doug Thomas
New Hampshire
State Representative,
Londonderry

Congratulations in Order

To the editor:

First, to all those who were part of the Election planning process here in town; Job well done! Everyone I spoke with, including myself stated: This was the fastest they were in and out in a Presidential election.

Second, to our new Senator Hassan; Congratulations on a hard fought win. My hope is our dual Senators can bring some common sense to the Senate. No doubt, it will be sorely needed.

Third, to the residents of New Hampshire for voting Hillary Clinton as your choice for President (by popular vote). You saw thru the Con game, Bravo!

This brings me to what happened? As you know by now the 2 century old Electoral College reared its ugly head for the second time in 120 years. The first was to hand Bush the Presidency in favor or Gores win. The second was of course this past Nov. 8th to give the Presidency to Trump vs. Hillary winning the popular vote. Popular vote is synonymous with "We the people". In our undemocratic process of the Electoral College the phrase "We the people" and "Every vote counts" are pure Bologna. As Trump stated himself: "The Electoral College is a Disaster for Democracy". I agree. Of course, that was before the EC gave it to him. At last check there were 5 Million petitions to the EC voters to change

their vote on Dec.19th to the popular vote winner. Granted it's a long shot. No doubt, some reading will be angered by this. Before you get pen in hand, ask yourself: If it only happened twice in 120 years and both were in favor of the Democratic candidate, or if Trump runs for a second terms and receives the popular vote and is defeated by the EC, would you feel the same?

In closing, welcome to Trumpland (formally the United States of America), Maybe?

Steve Homsey
Londonderry, NH

Voting Thank You

To the editor:

We know we all just lived through a rancorous campaign, one that seemed to drag on endlessly.

I think hassels at the election polls would have been unbearable. Therefore I commend Town Moderator Bob Saur, Assistant Moderator Cindi Rice-Conley the Town Manager, Town Councilors, Town Clerk and staff, Supervisor of the Checklist and assistants, dedicated ballot clerks, Londonderry Police, Public Works Department personnel, the high school custodial staff, ALERT volunteers, community-minded students, and a host of others behind the scenes, for a well run operation at the polls.

Some may say running the polls is "their job". Yes, this is true, but han-

dling the Town's largest voter turnout efficiently does not just happen. I've been a ballot clerk and I know this was a tremendous effort. Planning began in June. Traffic re-routing was a completely innovative system and having three ballot clerks at each table was a planning phenomenon.

I trust these people to handle my vote with integrity and I am grateful to live in a Town where the process to cast my ballot did not add wear and tear on a wornout electorate.

Good job folks! During this season of gratitude let's all find ways to say thank you. Nobody ever hears that enough.

Pollyann Winslow
Londonderry

Need to Work Together

Letter to the Editor

So lots of people seem upset about the election results. I'd like to say that no matter what, no matter how you voted, you're still my family or friend. I'm not upset at you for choosing something different than me. That's just how I roll. I also think those out there who are unhappy to please be adults about the situation. Remember, you are examples to the children, and being violent, mean or rude is not setting a good example for anyone. We've had politicians before who not everyone wanted but that's just the way it is. That's what makes us all unique.

We are not robots, or

brought up to think as a collective. What we should do is work together regardless how we differ and get good works done for the people.

I may be a Republican, but I have Democrats who I consider my friends. I enjoy talking with them and working with them. I enjoy hearing opinions from all sides of any subject. My honest feeling is that there should be more

of this type of attitude in today's world among the politicians and others. Nothing gets accomplished in a timely manner when fights are started, or accomplished at all. And both sides are guilty of this. This country was a better country when we all were working together. It's time to be that way again.

Christine Patton
Londonderry

ENGAGEMENT Announcement

Sarah Bundzinski & Stephen Bruce



Londonderry residents, Mylene and Christopher Bundzinski, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Sarah Bundzinski, to Stephen Bruce, son of Barb Jenkins and Mike Sherman of Concord, NH and Sam and K Bruce of Allenstown, NH. Mr. Stephen Bruce, a graduate of University of New Hampshire with a dual

focus business degree from the Whittemore School of Business and Economics, is an outside sales representative with Sanford Temperature Control in Milford, NH. Ms. Sarah Bundzinski graduated from Londonderry High School in 2008 and went to Southern New Hampshire University for her Undergrad degree in Business Administration and her Master's degree in Project Management. She currently works as an Internal Auditor with Fidelity Investments in Merrimack, NH. Stephen and Sarah have a home together in Bow, NH. Planning for a 2017 wedding is currently underway.

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Senior Transportation Under Budget Microscope

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The wheels on the bus go round and round, but they don't necessarily need two buses.

In an effort not to duplicate services, two Londonderry Town Councilors recommended that the town either buy its own senior bus and drop the CART (Community Al-

liance for Regional Transportation) program, or keep CART and shelve the bus. The Councilors, John Farrell and Tom Freda, were the only members of that body able to attend a budget workshop this past Monday, so no action was taken.

Town Manager Kevin Smith spoke to efforts to obtain a bus along with Cathy Blash, the town's

Senior Affairs Director.

The possibility of a bus is being explored after local seniors expressed the need for some form of public transportation to get them around Londonderry.

Smith said the hope is to have a local dealership donate a bus but that no company has been approached. He told the Council that the town

would have to hold insurance coverage at an estimate \$200 year.

Smith said he had talked with Windham, which operates its own senior transportation service, and that Windham has three part-time drivers at \$8 per hour, who work a total of 18 hours a week for an annual cost of \$7,500.

The service would be

available for doctor's appointments scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., he said.

"Any money we apply to CART, which is currently \$26,000, we could apply to our own program instead," Smith told the Council.

"It's an either/or," Farrell said.

Later in the meeting, Smith said that the town bus could be used in addi-

tion to the CART service. He also pointed out that neither CART nor a town bus is suitable for the frailest seniors, who can't climb on a bus. Community Caregivers is the choice for this vulnerable segment, he said, because the Caregivers assist the seniors into the car.

"We can't spend \$26,000 on a duplicate service," Farrell said.

New Hampshire Weekly Fuel Update and Outlook

The average retail gasoline prices in New Hampshire have fallen 1.7 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.16/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 875 gas outlets in New Hampshire. This compares with the national average that has fallen 4.9 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.15/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in

gas prices in New Hampshire during the past week, prices yesterday were 5.8 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 1.3 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 8.8 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 1.4 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

According to GasBuddy historical data, gasoline prices on November

14 in New Hampshire have ranged widely over the last five years:

\$2.10/g in 2015, \$2.93/g in 2014, \$3.23/g in 2013, \$3.54/g in 2012 and \$3.39/g in 2011.

Areas nearby New Hampshire and their current gas price climate:

Burlington- \$2.30/g, down 2.0 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.32/g.

Boston- \$2.19/g, down 2.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.21/g.

Vermont- \$2.27/g, down 1.9 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.29/g.

"While it's less than a week after the biggest upset in U.S. election history energy industry experts are already speculating on what steps a Trump Administration might enact first; whether the earliest initiatives might eliminate regulations or perhaps look to increase

domestic oil and gas production," said Gregg Laskoski, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy. "The Keystone XL Pipeline, for instance, is expected to find itself in a more favorable environment for approval but it remains debatable whether such a development would directly benefit U.S. consumers," he noted.

"Over the next few

weeks expect prices at the pump to move lower based on market fundamentals, not politics," says Laskoski. "Inventories remain healthy and wholesale gasoline prices across the U.S. today, on average, are more than 10 cents per gallon lower than where they stood just a week ago."

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ed the work that included renovating the entire kitchen and adding a 10-foot by 20-foot section. The company also built an addition at the back of the building that dates to the 1930s. The new addition includes a new restroom, office for the director, storage room and three activity rooms, Cotton said

Walking through the new addition on Monday, Bash said the area is much more spacious and brighter, thanks to the addition of new lightning throughout the facility.

"This is all new, they had to dig it out and pour new foundations here," she said on the tour of the new area.

There's also a new mechanical room with new washers and dryers for cleaning items such as table clothes. Before the project was completed, Bash said she used to have to take the table clothes home to clean. In addition, a large storage area has been added and items such as Christmas decorations can now be stored in the room instead of an outdoor shed.

"So there's no more trudging through the snow and ice to the shed,"

she said.

Also with the new addition, Bash will have here own office and there's even a room set aside as a health clinic for blood pressure screenings and diabetic support meetings, she said.

A luncheon for Londonderry firefighters with about 100 people attending was held on Saturday, Nov. 12.

And now Bash is getting is already planning for the Senior Center's annual Christmas Luncheon, scheduled for Dec. 10.

"I have to work on entertainment for that today, I haven't gotten that far yet," she said.



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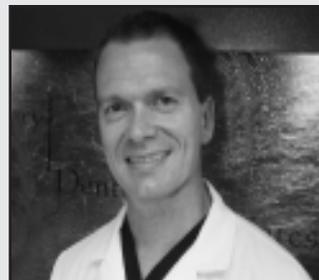
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State Warns Severe Drought To Continue Through Winter

HUNTER MCGEE
LONDONDERRY TIMES

As temperatures drop and winter approaches, area residents may not think of conserving water during the severe drought affecting much of the Granite State.

But water conservation is needed now before the ground freezes and through the winter, said James Martin, public information officer for the State Department of Environmental Services.

"Residents need to take into consideration that this is a long-term situation and they need to manage that in their everyday lives," Martin said in a recent phone interview. "They need to conserve water because once the ground freezes we aren't going to have any water recharging that groundwater."

The drought affecting Southeastern New Hampshire is historic and one of the worst in at least the past few decades, Martin said.

Conditions have deteriorated and sections of Rockingham and Hillsbor-

ough counties have moved from "severe" to the "extreme" drought category, he said.

Year to date, Rockingham County "is over a foot below its normal precipitation, and that's significant," Martin said.

In Londonderry, several homeowners have reported that their wells have run dry, said Marge Badois, chair of the Londonderry Conservation Commission.

"The concern lies with the unknown condition of the water beneath the surface that feeds the numerous wells in town," Badois said.

In an attempt to help address the drought, the town recently passed a water restriction ban.

Along with the ban, the town has taken additional steps by passing an ordinance that restricts the extraction of water from brooks and ponds for commercial purposes such as hydro-seeding, pool filling or dust control.

"Again the concern is that these water bodies not only support wildlife, but also feed the sub-surface water sources that

we depend upon for wells," Badois said.

Residents are being asked to continue using general water conservation, such as keeping showers short, not doing multiple loads of laundry at the same time and checking for leaking faucets and running toilets that could be wasting water.

Drought conditions aren't any better in Derry, where the water level is approximately a foot lower than normal in Beaver Lake, said Conservation Commission Chairman Neil Wetherbee.

"That's not something that you make up in a couple of rainstorms or whatever," Wetherbee said.

He added that as in Derry, many residents in the area and throughout the Granite State have wells and "the shallower your wells are, the more issues you'll have."

Wetherbee, who has a well, said he was recently able to find out the depth of his well by checking on the NHDES website. Along with the depth, other information on wells is also available on the site. He said information is

kept on the site for wells drilled after 1984.

Helping with the drought is the fact that October was a good month in terms of precipitation, Martin said.

"We got above normal precipitation for those 30 days in most of the state," said Martin, who cited recent groundwater measurements taken by the New Hampshire Geological Society.

For instance, he said Rockingham County received approximately 150 percent of normal precipitation.

But even with the additional precipitation, it will not be enough to move the state out of the

severe drought category, Martin said.

"Unfortunately we anticipate that there will be more homes where wells go dry throughout the winter," Martin said.

"So, residents need to take that into consideration and to continue to conserve throughout the entire winter."

He added that residents should conserve water not just for a few days in the winter, but from November through March and likely into April when thawing begins.

To help with water conservation in the winter, he said New Hampshire residents should investigate whether they

have any leaking fixtures, toilets, sinks, dishwashers. If so, any necessary repairs should be made, he said.

In addition, he said residents should use WaterSense labeled products that use considerably less water.

And Martin said NHDES is still offering a survey on its website residents can take if they have been economically impacted by the drought. There is also a separate survey available for businesses, public water systems, or agricultural water users.

For more information, visit the NHDES website at DES.NH.GOV.

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Londonderry Mulls Improvements To Ambulance Billing

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The town of Londonderry will examine the way it bills for ambulance services.

In a budget workshop Monday night, Finance Director Doug Smith reported on the town's rate of recovery for the services it provides. "In a nut-

shell," Smith said, "We can improve."

The plan for improvement includes better communication with both hospitals and insurance companies.

Smith said most hospitals are willing to give a "face sheet" on patients within 24 hours. In addition, he said, with any patient that has a New

Hampshire insurance carrier, the insurance company is required to make direct payment to the ambulance company.

"We need to be more aggressive in going after payment, and reducing the write-off," Smith said.

Fire Chief Darren O'Brien said in the past, the insurance companies

had the option of sending the payment to the individual or to the ambulance company. Now, he said, they are responsible for sending it directly to the ambulance company.

O'Brien said his department does receive the "face sheets" from hospitals, but that they do not necessarily include insur-

ance information.

Town Manager Kevin Smith observed that private ambulance companies, if not paid, report the individual to credit agencies.

"You need to tell them, 'You owe it to us under statute,'" Councilor Tom Freda said.

In other business, Council Chair John Farrell

thanked community members for the smoothness with which the Nov. 8 primary election was conducted. He thanked Town Manager Smith, the "100 plus" Londonderry High School students who helped, the custodial and cafeteria staffs at the school, the ALERT team, and police, fire and public works.

Salvation Army Asks Area Residents To Open Hearts, Wallets

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Greater Derry Salvation Army is looking for volunteer bell-ringers for its Red Kettle Campaign, which began last week.

Lt. Kathryn Mayes, director of the local branch, said in a phone interview Friday that new ringers or teams of ringers are needed to meet the agency's goal of \$200,000.

"Technically, we need to fill 44 slots a day," Mayes said, "That's 22 spots on each of two shifts."

Bell-ringers solicit donations outside the following: Market Basket in Londonderry, Salem and Plaistow; Salem at McKinnon's Market; the state Liquor Stores in Salem and Londonderry; The Rockingham Mall outside J.C. Penney's and Macy's; K-Mart; Shaw's in Salem and Londonderry; and Derry and Salem Wal-marts.

The Red Kettle Campaign is one of the oldest and most-beloved charitable endeavors in the country. According to a press release from the organization, a Salvation

Army captain in San Francisco, Joseph McFee, created the tradition in 1891. He had resolved to provide a Christmas dinner for the area's poor, but did not know how to fund it. "As he went about his daily tasks, the question stayed in his mind," according to the press release. He remembered his days as a sailor in Liverpool, England. In an area called Stage Landing,

where the boats came in, he saw a large pot into which charitable donations were thrown by passersby." He placed a similar pot at the foot of San Francisco's Market Street, and the Red Kettle was born.

"It takes 44 people a day to fill every spot," Mayes said. She started out strong last year, but by the end of the season, she only had 15 people.

"But we have a good group so far," Mayes added.

People can register as individuals or groups, and she expects some "repeat ringers," including the annual contingent from the Derry School District.

Her goal of \$200,000 is higher than last year's \$175,000, she said and for good reason: the needs are up. "We are not reaching the needs in a com-

plete sense," Mayes said.

For example, the organization's food pantry, begun two years ago, has seen a doubling in clients, Mayes said.

"We can't do more without more resources," Mayes said.

Those interested in volunteering should call her as soon as possible at 434-7790. A limited number of paid bell-ringing positions are also available.

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Matthew Thornton Thanks Family Members for Service



Matthew Thornton Elementary School took time on Thursday morning to pay tribute to veterans during a Veterans Day assembly where students with family members who have served in the Armed Forces were invited to the school to be thanked for their service. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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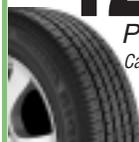
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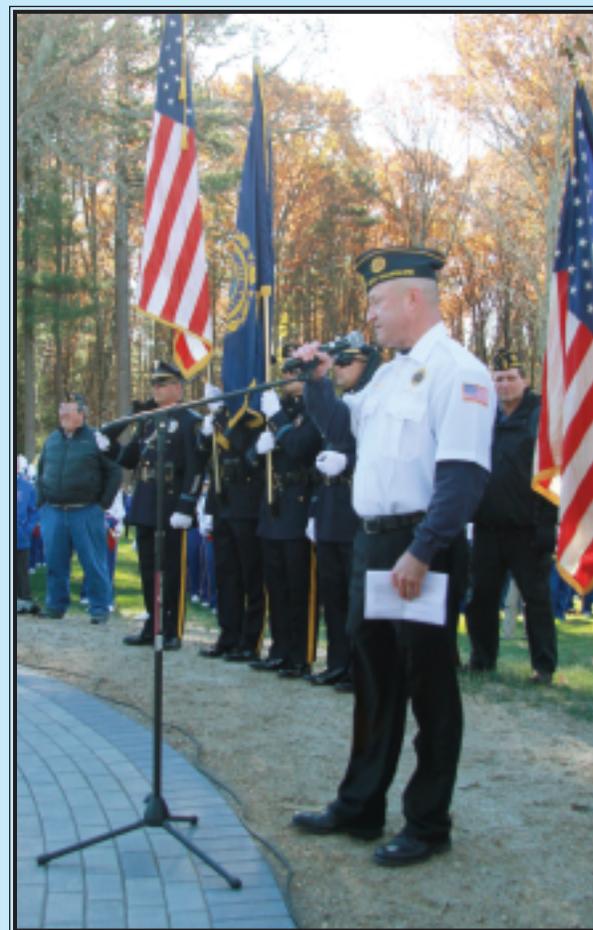
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LHS Lancers Iarrobino and Palumbo Claim Granite State Awards

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

This past June, Londonderry High School standout senior athletes Nalen Iarrobino and Olivia Palumbo participated in the 2016 Granite State Games, went off and enjoyed a great summer, and then moved on to making serious contributions to the considerable successes of the LHS boys' varsity soccer and varsity field hockey contingents respectively.

Then just recently, the Londonderry High stalwarts were notified by the directors of the Granite State Games that they had both been chosen to receive Future Leader Awards and Scholarships as athletic representatives from the coastal region of New Hampshire.

"It was a Londonderry sweep as one boy and one girl were chosen from each region," said Lorna Palumbo, president of the Lancer Field Hockey Booster Club and understandably proud mom of Olivia.

The Granite State

Games Future Leaders Scholarship, which awards eight, \$1,000 college scholarships to Granite State Games participants each year - with two per region - aims to identify young men and women who will be among tomorrow's leaders.

"GSG is proud to award these scholarships to eight student-athletes who demonstrate leadership through community service, academic excellence, and athletic achievement," said GSG chief executive director Patrick Mulcahy. "The Granite State Games celebrate our eight scholarship winners that each received a check for \$1,000. These eight outstanding young men and women were hand-selected by the GSG board that reviewed dozens of applications from extremely talented, smart, and qualified applicants from all over the state."

Winners were chosen based upon their grade point averages, extracurricular activities, course selections, letters of recommendation, athletic



Londonderry High boys' soccer standout Nalen Iarrobino was recently awarded Granite State honors.



LHS field hockey stalwart Olivia Palumbo recently learned that she had earned a Granite State award.

and academic achievements, community service, and leadership. The GSG recognizes athletes in basketball, field hockey, golf, soccer, softball,

track and field, and volleyball.

Iarrobino and Palumbo were both major contributors to the noteworthy successes of their

2016 Londonderry High teams this fall, with Iarrobino being a consistent offensive force for coach Todd Ellis' LHS boys' soccer team and Palumbo

excelling as a leader and standout forward on coach Laura Federico's Lady Lancer field hockey squad which enjoyed a strong 2016 season.



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Lancer Harrier Zaino Finishes Strong at New England Championships

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Running entirely on his own, with no team goal in mind, Londonderry High School cross-country standout Chris Zaino completed his schoolboy career in that sport with a superb performance at the New England High School Cross-Country Championships at Ponaganset High School in Foster, R.I., last Saturday, Nov. 12.

Zaino had an unexpectedly rough time during the Division I championship race in Derryfield Park in Manchester on Saturday, Oct. 29, rebounded beautifully with excellent work at the state Meet of Champions in Nashua the following

Saturday, and then did more great work at the New Englands to finish his high school career in truly superb shape.

The LHS star finished 24th overall - and fourth among Granite Staters - with his time of 16 minutes and 4.47 seconds at the regional championship.

He and his Lancer teammates did not qualify as a group to compete at New Englands, but Zaino did so at the Meet of Champs and so was the lone LHS Lancer to run at the regionals.

The talented Lancer veteran was expected to wind up among the top dozen finishers of the big Division I race on the last Saturday in October, but

when he did cross the finish line Zaino was an uncharacteristic 18th overall in 16 minutes and 58.4 seconds.

Zaino and his LHS boys' cross-country crew still managed to qualify for the state Meet of Champions in Mines Falls Park at Nashua High School South the following Saturday, and it was there that the skilled Londonderry High 12th grader showed his true colors in qualifying for the regionals.

Competing against the other top male high school cross-country runners from throughout the Granite State at the Meet of Champs, Zaino finished a glittering third overall in 15 minutes and 55.9 sec-

onds, more than a minute faster than his finishing time at the Division I championships. Patrick O'Brien of Oyster River High School in Durham won the boys' race in 15:03.4.

Londonderry finished eighth out of 19 teams at the MOC, but only the top six squads advanced to the New Englands. However, with the top 25 individuals also qualifying to advance from the New Hampshire meet, Zaino's excellent third place performance at the MOC's easily qualified him for that big regional competition. And the Lancer did himself and his program proud in his final high school race there in Rhode Island.



Londonderry High cross-country standout Chris Zaino ended his high school career in the sport with great work at the New Englands.

Londonderry High School's Annual Fall Dodgeball Tourney Gets Going

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Within the Londonderry High School community, this is an exciting time of the year. It's dodgeball time.

When the school's annual fall fundraising dodgeball tournament arrives, LHS students make up teams with friends and fellow athletes in hopes of having fun and winning bragging rights which allow them to proclaim themselves champions - while helping out a good cause - around LHS for a while.

The tournament raises funds for Little Acts of

Kindness, a Londonderry High School program established to help members of the LHS community in need. Funds from this program might be used to buy a backpack for a needy student or to help a family which has suffered a fire or something of the sort.

The 2016 tournament got rolling with opening-round play in the LHS gym on the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 9, with some 16 teams participating. Then this Wednesday, Nov. 16 from 3-5 and the next night from 6-8 more teams will be weeded out with the latter evening

ending with the title match. That play will take place after Londonderry Times press time.

The 2015 dodgeball champs are back, in name at least, with the Ball of Duty crew in search of a title repeat. Last November that championship crew - which included Pete Navarro, Nick Vanini, Nick Salcito, Merrill Neiman, and Sean Snyder - bagged the crown by beating the previously-unbeaten Jumpmen in electrifying final round, sudden-death action.

Late on that final night of play, the final squads left vying for the champi-

onship included Ball of Duty, The Jumpmen, The Baller-inas, the uniquely-named 100 Percent Testosterone crew, and a contingent called Pinkerton Academy.

With the 2016 Londonderry High School fall varsity athletic season not having produced any champions this autumn, there are Lancers who are all kinds of pleased to take part in additional

competitive action before the winter varsity sports campaign gets rolling officially in a few weeks.

Around the halls of Londonderry High in the days leading up to the opening-round play on Nov. 9, LHS student/athletes were hard to miss in mustard-colored t-shirts bearing the team name Mustard Bottle Boys and a rainbow of other, impossible-to-miss garb.

Over the years, teams have taken great pride in coming up with colorful and unique names for themselves as well, and they've done themselves proud again this fall. Among the squads competing in the games are groups named The Yolkers, Subscribe to Elsewhere, The Independent Women, The Handsome Idiots, and a crew called The Optical Dodgers.

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Lady Lancer Freshman Soccer Squad Stunned and Savored Great Season

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School girls' soccer program has been fortunate to have one of the finest varsity coaches in the state in Derek Dane and all kinds of superb talent with which he could work. And any opposing programs hoping for any sort of lull in the Lady Lancers' success in the coming years is going to need to alter its line of thinking and quick.

That latter statement is proven loud and clear by the fact that the sub-varsity squads feeding

Dane's LHS varsity team enjoyed some great accomplishments during the 2016 campaign this late summer and fall, with the freshman and junior varsity contingents combining to win the JV Tournament championship at the end of the campaign.

Coach Brian Trefry's freshman squad did one truly exceptional impression of a steamroller in absolutely overpowering the opposition at so many turns during the 2016 season, and the squad's leader ended up with a myriad of reasons to be proud of his talented and determined young

charges. "Our team was only behind in a game once this year, trailing a strong Bedford team 1-0 in the second half," said Trefry. "Teams often slip up in these scenarios, not knowing how to deal with adversity having not dealt with it all year. This was not the case with our team."

In that memorable match, LHS junior varsity booter Alyssa Anderson tied the game with eight minutes to go, and just a few minutes later freshman Melissa Marino scored the game-winner on a pass from Anderson.

"This was one of the best games I have ever been a part of," said the coach. "I was very proud of the girls and their perseverance. We were also lucky enough to team up with JV for the JV Division I tournament, where we went undefeated and won the finals in a penalty shootout in the pouring rain. That was a really fun day and a great way to cap off a perfect season."

All in all, the frosh contingent went a perfect 12-0 on the campaign, enjoying a jaw-dropping margin of 73 goals scored to just seven allowed in putting big exclamation points on

a truly stellar season. Coach Trefry's roster included defenders Rachel Stone, Alex Metro, and Olivia Galluzzo, midfielders Addy Bryant, Ciara Amarena, and Kelly Calawa, forwards Erica Pepin and Marino, versatile Gill Vilela and Abbie Ellis (both saw time at middle and on defense), and goalie Shannon Walen.

"We had a really successful season on many levels," said coach Trefry. "It's hard for a team to come in every day and give it their all without slipping up once. We had a tight-knit group that

worked really well together. We got better as the year went on, fixing up all the holes in our game play to a point where we were really firing on all cylinders. We had a ton of fun, developed our skills for the next level, and won games. I am very proud of our team."

With his strong 2016 varsity team losing no less than a daunting 11 players to graduation in the spring, coach Derek Dane can still lean back with the solid reassurance of knowing that he has loads of great talent on the way up to him.

Lancers' JV Field Hockey Crew Enjoyed a Superb Season

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Just about any time a score is maintained in a sporting event, the concepts of winning and losing are certain to hold a certain amount of significance for the participants.

But the key factors in sub-varsity sports lead away from wins and losses and are more focused upon developing players'

talents so they can hopefully help the varsity some day, deepening the athletes' involvement with and passion for their sport, and simply having fun.

Londonderry High junior varsity field hockey coach Brittany Skudder was both pleased and proud to be able to place thick, bright check marks next to each of those factors when her 2016 Lady

Lancer stickers finished their campaign this autumn.

Skudder's squad posted a very solid 5-2-5 record, but accomplished so much more in areas in which numbers played little or no part at all.

"This team developed so much as players and people during this year," said the coach. "Since it was such a small group, they formed a family from the beginning and they were able to help each other on and off the field. Through hard work and determination, these

girls progressed as players, and I cannot wait to see them play for varsity in the years to come."

The 10th-grader-heavy contingent consisted of some 11 sophomores and five freshmen, with the sophomores including Hannah Brown (a midfielder), Jillian Fitzgibbons (defender), Natalie Graceffa (goalie), Hayleigh Haynes (middie), Alyssa Jarvis (defense), Courtney Julian (forward), Sophia Karlson (forward), Stephanie Laconto (defense), Andrea McEvoy (defense), Megan

Packard (defense), and Sierra Sessa (defense).

The freshmen were Kaitlin Bedell (defense/midfield), Maura Buckley (forward), Lauren Doherty (forward), Kayla Miles (middie), and Heather Mohr (defense/midfield).

When asked to think back on her team's strongest, most complete and memorable team effort of the 2016 campaign, coach Skudder had little trouble doing so.

"Our best team performance was when we beat Timberlane, 3-1," said the coach. "Timberlane is always a strong team, so to beat them was a big win."

The 2016 Londonderry High varsity had an

extremely strong campaign for its veteran coach, Laura Federico, posting a 10-3-1 regular season record and rolling into the Division I tournament as a team to watch. But that skilled contingent will be losing no less than 10 players to graduation, including goalie Danielle Ziv and battle-tested veterans Alexa Mayo, Olivia Palumbo, Laura Batchelor, Allison Whitehead, Nicole Chames, Gabrielle L'Heureux, Val Shay, Sophia Poulin, and Paige Potvin. So there will unquestionably be roster spots open for a slew of the players who had strong campaigns on the JV level this year to vie for next summer.

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Local Crew Clubs Get By With a Little Help From Their Friends



Despite distinct challenges this late summer and fall, LHS crew continued.



The LHS crew program continues thanks to the Manchester Rowing Alliance.

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It wasn't widely-publicized or known, but several local high school crew clubs had all they could do to keep themselves afloat - in a number of ways - during their 2016 fall seasons in recent months.

Late in the summer and into the fall campaign, the Londonderry High School and Pinkerton Academy crew clubs were forced to find alternate places to train and compete when their home venue of Lake Massabesic in Manchester was so hampered by drought conditions that there just wasn't enough water to

keep them there.

Thanks to the dogged persistence of former Row America-Manchester director Brenda Balenger, the LHS Lancer and Pinkerton Astro teams were able to keep right on rowing by coming up with a fine spot on the Merrimack River.

But troubles with not having enough water upon which to compete was actually the second big challenge which Balenger and the two local teams had to deal from late June onward.

The Row America program had been started by millionaire businessman Howard Winklevoss of Connecticut, whose goal

was to start rowing programs across the United States to enable lots of folks - including high school students - to take part in the sport.

Everything was going extremely well through the autumn of 2014 - when the Pinkerton crew program got started up - into last fall when the Londonderry High one got rolling under the auspices of the Row America-Manchester organization and highly-committed director Balenger.

However, in late June of this year after plans for a proposed multi-million dollar rowing complex on Lake Massabesic fell through, Winklevoss

announced that he was no longer interested in running all of his Row America clubs, and a number of them - including the Manchester one - were shut down. Balenger was laid off this past July 18, and the LHS, PA, and Manchester Memorial High School programs which were benefiting from being able to use top-flight equipment found themselves without any.

Stunned but unwilling to let the high school kids down, Balenger strove to find any and all rowing equipment she could so the 2016-17 season could still take place. And take place it did.

"Clubs around New England found out we'd been dropped and they wanted to know how they could help," she said. "It was incredible, and it just shows you that the rowing community takes care of itself."

With Row America-Manchester out of the picture, Balenger - now a volunteer and no longer a paid program director - was able to lower the fees for crew club members at the schools, which brought out yet more kids as well as all kinds of volunteers during the fall

campaign.

And despite the later problems with the water shortage, the local clubs were able to participate in six regattas and continue to learn the ins and outs of their sport.

"People have really done everything to be able to keep us on the water," said Balenger.

The former director has now started the non-profit Manchester Rowing Alliance, which is hard at work making sure that the LHS and Pinkerton teams can flourish during their forthcoming spring season and hopefully well beyond that, bringing more kids into the sport.

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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.

LHS Craft Fair

The LHS Class of 2017 is holding their 4th Annual Craft and Vendor Fair on Sat. Nov 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is being held in the LHS cafe and lobby area. There are over 80 vendors attending this year selling a wide variety of items. Proceeds benefit the LHS senior class, Harbor Homes, and the local area food banks. Food will be served beginning at 11 a.m. The event also features a cookie walk, raffle, and a "Kid's Corner" where kids can create their own crafts. Please email hbouchard@londonderry.org for questions/concerns.

LHS HALL OF FAME

The induction ceremony and banquet for the 2016 Londonderry High School Hall of Fame will be held on Saturday, November 26 in the Londonderry High School cafeteria. The doors open at 4:30 p.m., with dinner starting at 5 and the induction ceremony to follow. Tickets are \$17.50 each and can be purchased in advance by calling the athletic office at 432-6941 extension 2307 or by e-mailing crich@londonderry.org. They can also be purchased at the door. The master of ceremonies for the event will be town manager and LHS Hall of Famer Kevin Smith.

Christmas Shopping

The annual holiday sale sponsored by the Friends of the Leach Library opens Nov. 21. Items for sale include sweet treats of fudge, peppermint bark, almond bark, pretzels and snowman soup, along with handmade poinsettias, and all-natural sweet potato dog treats. These items are \$3 each. Scandinavian "Good Luck" seed packets are available for \$1. Gifts are on sale in the library during open hours, and all proceeds benefit the library.

Guided Walk

A guided walk of the Little Cohas Reservoir will be held this Saturday, Nov. 19, at 10 a.m. The Londonderry Conservation Commission sponsors the walk. Children and dogs are welcome. Those interested should meet at the trailhead on Beckly Lane. For more information, contact mikebyerly89@gmail.com

Little Cohas Cleanup

Volunteers are needed this Saturday, Nov. 19 to help remove dozens of automobile tires from Little Cohas Reservoir. There is urgency to do this while water levels are low due to the drought. The cleanup will start at noon. Volunteers will gather on Beckly Lane and head in a short distance from there to the reservoir. Those interested in volunteering may contact Mike Byerly at mikebyerly89@gmail.com or 537-9551.

LMS Vendor Fair

Crafters and vendors are sought for a Healthy, Happy Holiday Cooking Demo and Crafts event to be held Thursday, Dec. 1, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the Londonderry Middle School cafeteria. Vendor set-up is 5:30 to 6 p.m. Vendor space is \$20, with a 6-foot table provided. For more information contact Danielle McKeen at dmcke@londonderry.org or Amanda Venezia at avenizia@londonderry.org.

Cookie Swap

The Londonderry Women's Club will hold its annual Cookie Swap Wednesday, Dec. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. in LaCarreta in Londonderry. Those wanting to learn more about the club are welcome to bring their favorite cookies to swap. RSVP is requested by Dec. 7. For more information, e-mail info@londonderrywomensclub.org or visit londonderrywomensclub.org

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Interfaith Thanksgiving

The congregations of Etz Hayim Synagogue and the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration will join together in a worship service of gratitude on Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 7:15 PM at the church, 1 Hood Road, Derry, NH. The traditional, annual, interfaith Thanksgiving service will be hosted this year at the church, led by Reverend Ray Bonin, Rabbi Peter Levy will give the sermon. The church will provide refreshments after the service. The public is welcome. Contact Laura Aronson at 432-1603 or laura@mlans.net

VFW Christmas

In conjunction with the local VFW Post #8214 Auxiliary, LHS Art students in Mimi Johnson and Suzanne Hjlem's classes made ceramic pocket charms and art cards to be sent by NH Operation Care For Our Troops at their November Nashua/National Guard Armory Christmas Stocking Overseas Troop Packing. LHS Faculty and the VFW Post Auxiliary members hail the extraordinary efforts of the LHS students. These donations will go directly to troops in Kuwait, Afghanistan, and Iraq. NHOTC does 4 overseas troop shipments yearly. For more info on this story please email dharmon@londonderry.org

Red Cross Blood Drive

The Community Service Committee of Saint Jude Parish sponsors their annual Give Thanks Fall American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday Nov. 17 from 1 to 7 p.m. at the St. Jude Parish Hall, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. Volunteers have made homemade goodies for donors. You can make an appointment online at www.redcross-blood.org or via phone: 1-800-RED-CROSS. By making



Birthright Anniversary

Birthright of Southern New Hampshire celebrated its 30th anniversary Saturday, Sept. 24 with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Thomas Church in Derry, followed by a reception at the St. Thomas Aquinas Center. Supporters were thanked for their time, funding and participation in Mother's Day flower sales, dinners and auctions, town fairs, bake sales and yard sales. Birthright helps women troubled by an unplanned pregnancy by providing someone to talk with, resource information, newborn items, pregnancy tests, friendship and emotional support, and has a 24-hour help line, 800-550-4900. All Birthright services are free and confidential.

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appointments you will ensure there is enough staff. You can also sign up for RapidPass on the Red Cross website above. For more information on this drive, you may contact Vinny Curro: vincurro@comcast.net or call 603-867-7472.

Anniversary of Pearl Harbor

December 7, Countdown to Pearl Harbor: The Twelve Days to the Attack, by Steve Twomey, learn the stories of surviving military personnel and civilians in Eyewitness to Infamy: Understand the impact that the Japanese Midget Submarines had on the surprise attack in The Lost Submarines of Pearl Harbor. These are just a few of the titles we have highlighted this month to pay homage to the survivors and the fallen of Pearl Harbor re-open at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

Movie Time

Come to the library on Thursday, December 8, from 3:15 - 5:15 p.m. for our Young Adult Movie Time program. All participants in grades 6 through 12 will enjoy the 2016 epic adventure movie The Jungle Book, along with popcorn and beverages. In addition, there will be a raffle for fun door prizes at this special event. No sign up is necessary.

Winter Fun Book Bingo

Come to the library on Monday, December 12 from 4 - 5 p.m. to play an exciting picture version of this popular game. All participants will have a chance to win books from our special selection table. Advance registration is required and begins at 9 a.m. on Monday, December 5. To register call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Visit with T-Rex

Take a trip back in time with T-Rex, star of the popular How Do Dinosaurs series by Jane Yolen on Monday, December 19 from 4 - 5 p.m. During this exciting program, participants will hear tales of dinosaurs big and small. We will try to excavate a dinosaur skeleton and identify different types of dinosaurs. All audience members will receive a pith helmet to help set the mood for dinosaur discovery, and one lucky participant will leave with a T-Rex pillow to snuggle. There will be plenty of time for a hug and picture with T-Rex. This fun-filled program is open to 90 participants of all ages. Advance registration is required and begins at 9 a.m. on Monday, December 12. To register call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Winter Session 1 Programs

Winter Session 1 will run December 7 through December 15 & January 11 through January 19, 2017. The Children's Room will be offering the following programs: Craft Time, Shake, Move & Read, and Toddler Time. These dates include a break for the winter holidays. Advance registration is required and began on Monday, November 28. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Toy Sale

St. Gianna's Closet is hosting its annual Used Toy Sale on December 3rd from 9 a.m. to Noon. It will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Church on Crystal Ave in Derry (across from Sal's Pizza). There is a large number of beautiful toys from puzzles and games to action figures, electronics, dollhouses, and ride-on toys. Everything is very cheap. All proceeds go to help the poor through different outreach programs in the community. Please come and get great toys for little cost! Cash and carry.

Holiday Closure

In celebration of Thanksgiving, the library will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23, and re-open on Saturday, Nov. 26 at 9 a.m.

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'Spies in Time'

On Thursday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m., the Leach Library will host Douglas Wheeler's free presentation, "Spies in Time." Wheeler is Professor Emeritus of History at the University of New Hampshire and an instructor at Granite State College. Utilizing his research, he will discuss how spying and intelligence activities have influenced the course of history, and will trace the history of espionage from the Dreyfus case in France to the Aldrich

Ames case in the United States by focusing on how human motives, traits, and ideas shape the search for secret information. This program is in the lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served.

Free Dental Services To Veterans

Londonderry dentists Dr. YiChen Wei and her husband, Dr. Mehdi Karimipour, are volunteering their dental services to local veterans for free on Saturday, Dec. 3 at their dental clinic, My Dentist in Londonderry. The free dental services are offered in appreciation of

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LEEP Preschool

The Londonderry School District's Londonderry Early Education Program (LEEP) inclusion preschool is accepting applications for the current school year. Londonderry children who turned 3 by Sept. 1 are eligible. Programs for 3-year-olds meet from 8:45 to 11 a.m. two or four days per week; prekindergarteners meet from noon to 2:30 p.m. three or four days per week. Tuition is \$145/month for the two-day/week preschool and \$195/month for four

days/week. Prekindergarten is \$180 for three days/month and \$195/month for four days/week. For details, call Kathy Kelley at 437-5855, ext. 7223 or kkelley@lonodnderry.org or Kim Speers at kspeers@londonderry.org. The LEEP handbook is online at moose.londonderry.org.

Artists Wanted

Londonderry Senior Citizens, Inc. (LSCI) will hold a Holiday Fair and Cookie Walk on Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Road. Space is available to local artisans.

Money raised will be used to purchase equipment and materials for the Senior Center. Vendor spaces are available at \$35. Crafters must provide their own table and chairs. LSCI will have food and drinks available for purchase and will sell raffle tickets for themed gift baskets and homemade cookies at the cookie walk. For details, call Bonnie Ritvo at 978-767-5057 or email: SeniorCenter@LondonderryNH.org.

Holiday Library Hours

The library will close at 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 24, and re-open at 9 a.m.

on Tuesday, December 27. The library will also close at 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 31, and re-open at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

Londonderry Athletics

Last call for LHS Winter Sports registration for those who have not yet signed up. Please visit the page at <http://lhs.londonderry.org/athletics> and scroll down to the "Register Now" button and click on it to begin the process. If you have any questions please call the athletic office at 432-6941 extension 2307.

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Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Tuesday - Nov. 8

1:10 a.m. Medical Emergency investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

8:23 a.m. Assault reported on I93 north of Exit 5.

8:33 a.m. Motor vehicle accident reported on Rockingham Road.

10:29 a.m. Motor vehicle accident reported on Nashua Road at Crossroads Mall.

10:48 a.m. Suspicious activity reported on Terracewood Road.

11:31 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Department on Calla Road.

4:37 p.m. Suspicious Activity reported on Nashua Road at the Crossroads Mall.

5:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigated at Gilcreast Road.

Wednesday - Nov. 9

2:49 a.m. Fireworks complaint on Granite Street.

3:26 a.m. Motor vehicle accident at Stonehenge Road and Mammoth Road intersection.

6:20 p.m. Motor vehicle accident on Nashua Road at Ford of Londonderry

6:38 p.m. Motor vehicle accident on Rockingham Road on Exit 5 Off Ramp.

Thursday - Nov. 10

5:15 p.m. Auto theft reported on Mammoth Road

6:14 p.m. Suspicious activity reported on Garden Lane at Market Basket.

8:37 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Department with transportation To hospital from Norwich Place.

9:29 p.m. Weapons offenses investigated on Autumn Lane.

Friday - Nov. 11

2:29 a.m. Criminal Mischief reported on High Range Road near power lines.

1:44 p.m. Suspicious activity results in transportation to hospital from Londonderry Police Department, Mammoth Road.

Saturday - Nov. 12

9:29 a.m. Criminal mischief reported on Anthony Drive

11:15 a.m. Criminal mischief investigated on Anthony Drive.

12 p.m. Unlawful activities investigated at Kendall Pond Road Conservation Area.

1:20 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport/Terminal

6:47 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Department on Winding Pond Road.

11:21 p.m. Weapons offenses investigated on Wilshire Drive

Sunday - Nov. 13

12:11 a.m. Disturbance reported and peace restored at Rolling Ridge Road.

7:51 a.m. Criminal Mischief reported on Stonehenge Road.

4:19 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Department at West Road on Continental Boulevard.

6 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at Orchard View Drive at Santander Bank

6:07 p.m. Suspicious activity reported on Pinyon Place.

6:34 p.m. Suspicious activity reported on Maplewood Drive.

8:37 pm. Motor vehicle stop results in arrest on Nashua Road near Derry town line. Tiffany Cote of Derry arrested for driving after revocation or suspension.

9:30 p.m. Transported overdose victim to hospital from Rockingham Road.

11:03 p.m. Motor vehicle stop results in arrest at Pillsbury Road and Gilcreast Road. Kurt E. Wageling, 17 Mayflower Drive, Londonderry arrested for possession of controlled/narcotic drugs, possession of drugs in a motor vehicle and carrying or selling weapons (switch blades, etc.)

Communications

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down is \$2.3 million for infrastructure, to benefit all three public service agencies, and another \$1.8 million to upgrade the dispatch consoles and provide communications equipment for personnel.

While Farrell allowed that the town could bond for the project, he added that Londonderry hasn't had a bond for more than \$2 million in 10 to 12 years. The last bond of that substance was the bond to build the Municipal Center and Police Station, he said.

Farrell observed, "There has to be someone who

wants to 'do business' with us" and bring the price down. But at the same time, he added, "We want you to have what you need."

It is a life safety issue, Farrell said, for both the department personnel and their constituents. "There must be a way," he said, "to make this happen. To find someone who will work with you."

Farrell observed that there are areas in town where police officers are engaged in a conflict and can't engage with their central command. Fire personnel have a similar situation, he said, while

McQuillen observed, "What the Highway Department is using is little better than strings and cups."

McQuillen said he could fill some of the gaps, temporarily, by using some of their current equipment on the proposed infrastructure.

But there is a time element, department personnel agreed, with Motorola dropping support services for their current equipment by 2020.

McQuillen agreed to investigate options such as phasing the program in and a lease-purchase agreement.

"I encourage you to be creative, so taxpayers will understand we are doing this in the most prudent way," Farrell said.

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ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS

The Londonderry Town Council will hold a public hearing pursuant to RSA 31:95-b, III relative to the acceptance of unanticipated revenue in excess of \$10,000. The Town has been awarded grant funds totaling \$250,000 for the purpose of adding two patrol officers to the Town's police department. The grant award covers a portion of the cost of adding these positions over a three year period and requires Town matching funds estimated at \$435,335 over that same period.

The public hearing will be held on Monday, December 5, 2016 at a meeting of the Council scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Moose Hill Conference Room, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH. Information on the grant is available in the Finance Office during regular business hours. The public is urged to attend.

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