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**Key Kids Care** Key students at South Elementary School helped organize and deliver hundreds of food items for families in need during the upcoming holidays. All three elementary schools participated in the effort and food was sorted and passed out by the LHS Pay-it-Forward group as well as the Lions and American Legion. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Districts React to “Witches’ Brew” in Funding Changes

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

While some local school districts aren’t losing much as the Department of Education begins a reduction in the “stabilization grants” it offers to towns, others will see serious losses.

House bills 1 and 2, passed in 2015, call for a gradual phasing-out of the stabilization grant beginning in 2017 by 4 percent a year. The grants were introduced in 2012 as a result of the Claremont education funding decision. Stabilization grants are designed to help com-

munities, regardless of their size or budgets, provide an adequate education for their students.

The phasing-out will have a serious effect on communities already struggling to cope with the “Dover decision,” which removes the cap on ade-

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## Lancers Pass into Legend With Hall of Fame Induction

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Lancer Nation honors its own with the first-in-recent-years Hall of Fame Induction and dinner this Saturday.

After an effort to revive the tradition by members of the Athletic Leadership Council, the following people will be named to the Hall of Fame:

- Katie Sullivan, 1990. Sullivan was a successful student athlete, participating in soccer, field hockey, softball, and as a four-year varsity basketball player. Her basketball career culminated with the first girls basketball state championship in school history, defeating rival Nashua

High School. In addition to her athletic accomplishments, she was named the Prom Queen of 1989. After graduating from LHS, Sullivan attended Keene State College, earning her bachelor’s degree in physical education. Upon graduation from Keene State she took a job at Gilbert Hood Middle School in Derry, where she taught physical education, coached both girls soccer and basketball, and was the school athletic director.

Sullivan went on to earn her Master’s degree in counseling which led her back to Londonderry where she was hired as a school counselor at Matthew Thornton Elementary School. Finally, she

returned “home” to Londonderry High School, where she became Assistant Principal for House 4. Since then, she has made a significant impact on the school and community by starting the Pay it Forward Club, acting as the adviser to the senior tailgaters, and running the Freshmen Orientation and Step-Up Day programs. For her outstanding contributions as an educator at LHS she earned the yearbook dedication in 2011, won the Londonderry Lions Loyalty Day Award in 2013, was named as one of the top 20 Outstanding New Hampshire Women of the year for 2016, and finally was a finalist for the New Hamp-

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## Parents Unite for a Traffic Light Near North School

MELISSA BETH RUIZ  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry mom Tiffany Richardson is petitioning to have school zone and speed limit lights on each end of Route 28, in the interest of keeping North School students, parents, and staff safe from Mammoth Road traffic.

Richardson said she first got the idea to gather signatures in favor of the speed limit and school zone lights from a conversation she had with North School Principal Paul Dutton. This conversation was inspired by the many times she said she had been crossing that street

in the morning and afternoon and had been narrowly missed by oncoming vehicles.

According to Richardson, Dutton had told her they had tried to get the issue resolved, but it would never be made so due to lack of funds, and the area not being considered a school zone.

In an interview, Dutton noted that the traffic at the Mobil Gas Station triangle does not help, either. During peak hours, the traffic builds up, and cars will race out of the intersection to get out, he said. He also mentioned the growth in business in the north end of London-

derry further contributing to the problem, and that buses and parents were left waiting several minutes to safely make a left turn out of the school to travel home.

According to Richardson, cars coming off of Exit 5 heading to Manchester, tractor-trailers,

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# Class of 2017 Rings in Holiday with Craft Fair



The Londonderry High School Class of 2017 hosted its annual Holiday Craft Fair Saturday, Nov. 19, in the school cafeteria and foyer with a multitude of crafters showing their wares. From left, Maria Maynard shows off the arrangements she has been working on over the past month. Stella French decides on a raffle item. Kati Kraft and Sage Matzker make a gift ribbon out of recyclables. Grace Rich shows off her emoji hat.

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# Small Retailers Plan for More Modest Black Friday

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The area's smaller retailers will take a relaxed approach to the official opening of the holiday shopping season this coming Friday.

While shoppers probably won't camp on their doorsteps overnight, that's fine with these small businesses. They'll welcome shoppers in a way as unique as each of their products.

Lee Anderson, manag-

er of Monkey Sports, a retailer specializing in hockey and lacrosse equipment, said the shop on Manchester Road in Derry will open one hour earlier on Nov. 25.

"We will open at 9 a.m. and stay open till 9 p.m.," Anderson said.

While hockey and lacrosse equipment is more specialized than flat-screen TVs and Barbie dream houses, Anderson said, "We still do a lot of traffic on that day." And

there will be deals. He wasn't sure at press time what the specials would be, but said they would be up on the chain's Web site starting on Tuesday.

Jenna Despres, manager of Smash Music on Broadway, said the store, owned by Scott Graves, will open at noon instead of 3 p.m., its normal opening time for a Friday.

Graves "didn't do anything crazy" last year, his first year of ownership, and probably won't this

year, she said. "But we will have deals, and we'll have different deals for Black Friday and Small Business Saturday."

Despres said while their product is more specialized than I-pads and I-pods, shoppers still find them. It's not necessarily the musicians themselves over Thanksgiving weekend, but often family members wanting to give them gifts, she observed.

"The deals," she said, "absolutely bring in more

people."

But the hysteria isn't there, and that's fine with Despres. "I have never seen that with a music store, even with Guitar Center, and that's a big chain," she said. "Our people don't trample, and we don't want them getting trampled."

Dean Deluca, longtime manager of Benson's Ski and Snowboard, said Black Friday is "not a good day for us." The locally-owned shop can't compete with the big-box stores and malls. "People going to those," he said, "have a prescribed agenda. It's hard to compete."

But that doesn't mean Benson's isn't going to try, he added. This year, along with their regular sales and deals, they will be offering the Yeti brand of coolers, a high-end food receptacle that starts at \$250. The perks begin Friday, when anyone spending \$50 or more at Benson's gets a

free Yeti ballcap.

On Small Business Saturday and continuing through Cyber Monday, those purchasing a Yeti cooler will receive a free 32-ounce Yeti Rambler bottle or 4 lbs. of "Yeti ice" for the cooler, he said.

Will Stewart, director of the Greater Derry/Londonderry Chamber of Commerce, observed that Black Friday is "fairly low-key" among his smaller and locally-owned members. "The majority of our businesses are small, independent Mom and Pop stores," he said.

Many are hoping for foot traffic on Small Business Saturday, when the Derry Holiday Parade marches right past their storefronts and brings thousands of people to downtown, he said. Many of his downtown retailers are preparing coupons and other incentives, with a mind toward capitalizing on those happy holiday parade-goers.

## Traffic

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UPS, and FedEx trucks coming to and from the airport and surrounding businesses, and excess traffic trying to avoid Route 93 have no warning that there is a school zone ahead in their travels. Combined with speeding from the majority of these vehicles, and the volume of the traffic, this creates even more of a problem, Richardson said.

Richardson had presented the issue to the Traffic Safety Committee in Londonderry back in September of this year. She relayed her concerns, which parents, bus drivers, and North School faculty echoed, of the dangers of entering and leaving the school due to the

heavy and speeding traffic during peak transportation hours.

Richardson said that she came to the Committee with 252 signatures petitioning for the school zone and speed limit lights, with a strong case of looking out for the safety of students, parents and staff. But the response she received was less than urgent.

She said she was told at the meeting, "We're going to table this and revisit it in January," although the police department was willing to purchase two more speed monitor signs for the area when they went to auction.

But Richardson felt more action had to be taken.

After speaking with the New Hampshire De-

partment of Transportation, Richardson was encouraged to do whatever she could to get the Safety Committee to realize the magnitude of the issue, and that something needed to be done.

She started a petition on change.org to get school zone lights at the intersection of Sanborn Road and Route 28 in September, and at the time this article was written, that petition had 414 signatures.

"My goal by January is (to have) 1,000 signatures," said Richardson, although she would be happy with 500.

Although her son only has one more year at North

School, Richardson intends to keep her cause going for as long as it takes.

"I'm not going to stop even when he's a senior in high school," she said.

There are currently two "School Bus Turning" and school crossing signs just before either side of the turn onto Sanborn Road, and one School Zone sign with lights, prompting traffic along 28 South to reduce speed to 30mph during peak hours.

To help Richardson in her pursuit of safety for North School, visit [www.change.org](http://www.change.org) and search "Need School Zone Lights at Sanborn Rd & RT 28 - dangerous for North School"

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# Editorial

## The New Thanksgiving

Black Friday is Nov. 25, and with the over-commercialization of the annual event threatening to supplant the tradition of Thanksgiving for millions of workers and their families across America.

In advertising terms, Thanksgiving is no longer the traditional holiday when families take time off from work to be together, but merely the day before Black Friday. Ads promoting the nationwide shopping day appear weeks in advance, with jolly Santas and busy elves reminding consumers of the incredible deals available to them on a vast array of products.

The onslaught of advertising seems to suggest to consumers that they shouldn't waste precious moments with family and friends when they can be planning their shopping schedules.

And it doesn't stop with Friday as the advertising blitz continues through the weekend, with Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday also beaconing consumers.

Thanksgiving is becoming the forgotten holiday. Even before the last piece of Halloween candy is eaten, stores frantically transition to promoting the Christmas shopping season.

But while the campaign for Black Friday rolls ahead, some companies and individuals are taking a much different approach.

The firms are boycotting Black Friday and suggesting that both their employees and customers forgo shop-

ping so they can spend time with family members. The businesses are planning to close stores and give their employees paid time off for the holiday.

The effort is having an impact and causing some consumers to reconsider what they want to do during the holiday.

This radical approach could help return the nation to a simpler, yet profoundly more meaningful, period when family togetherness was fostered over intense shopping preparation.

It wasn't that long ago, before the age of cell phones and the internet, when families enjoyed the holiday watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and later football, on television, or preparing a 20-pound turkey for the traditional meal.

Instead of camping out in front of a store on the holiday, family members could spend moments in front of a fireplace, with a crackling blaze and the warm glow of the hearth becoming the focus of attention.

The joyful sounds of families gathered together on Thanksgiving, laughing as they recount humorous stories and enjoy one last slice of pumpkin pie could return to more households across the country.

And employees would have more time with their families and regain the chance to make memories that could last a lifetime.

Now that would be something to truly give thanks for.

# Letters

## Why Bad Things Happen to Good People

To the Editor:

By the time this letter is published, the fate of the Country will have been determined for the next four years. To say the least, this campaign did not bring out the best in us. I would hope moving forward we look at this as a learning experience. That candidates in the future focus more on policy, what they intend to accomplish in office, rather than focus on mudslinging. To date, there is still no clear indication of what or how the President Elect will attempt to govern.

Many people interviewed the following day claim the election outcome was the will of the people. However, as Trump had claimed many times, the election was in fact rigged. Once again, for the 5th time since its inception in the early 1800's, a Presidential candidate has won the popular vote but lost the election due to the Electoral College. Hillary Clinton actually won the popular vote by almost 200,000 votes but lost to the Electoral College. So in reality, my vote doesn't mean a lot. It is time for this relic of the electoral process to finally disappear.

Steven Zeichner  
Londonderry NH

## Electoral College

To the Editor:

Last week in the wake of the Election, I mentioned the Electoral College. Here is an explanation; as most people do not understand how it

works. Its origins date back to 1787 and was ratified, the 12th amendment, in 1804. Here's how it works:

The Constitution assigns each state a number of electors equal to the combined total of the state's Senate and House of Representatives delegations; at present, the number of electors totals 538. Examples are California with 55, Texas with 38. In all but two states it is a "winner take all system". Winners of the states Electoral votes are based on the Popular Vote (remember popular vote). An example would be if 49.9% of Texans vote Democrat and 50.1% voted Republican, all 38 Electoral votes would be for the Republican candidate and vice versa. What it means is if you are a Republican in a Democratic State, your vote becomes meaningless and same in the reverse. That is just a fact of the system. The system is set up on 270 votes needed to win. So why are so many millions including Senators upset and calling for Abolishment? My belief; based on the above. However, many know the Electoral College was created for 3 Reasons, spelled out in the Federalist papers.

First: To provide a mechanism of equality and fairness in the Presidential voting process for the then 13 colonies (now the United States).

Second: To prevent the rise of a Tyrant or Demagogue. Alexander Hamilton was explicit in that: The Electoral College was designed to prevent the rise of an unqualified demagogue. A political leader who seeks sup-

port by appealing to popular desires and prejudices rather than by using rational argument.

Third: Ensure "the office of president will never fall to the lot of any man who is not in an eminent degree endowed with the requisite qualifications."

The Constitution gave these Electoral Voters the right to individually vote; for whom they believe should be President. This vote will take place on Dec. 19th. They are NOT to be bound by any State or Party affiliation, and are required to Vote based on the above criteria, and on the candidates "Merit and Qualifications", to be President. Why? It was intended for them to be the "Last line of Defense" to avert a Disaster.

It may come as a sobering thought to some, the only thing which has been decided, as of now, is Hillary WON the election's Popular Vote, possibly by some 4 Million votes. Whether the Electoral College will sweep this aside and the very reasons they exist, remains to be seen. Remember this is the same Popular Vote used to garner the States Electoral Votes. Hard to reason out, to be sure.

Will they become "faithless" voters? (Only 5% needed). Will they deliver the Ultimate Betrayal? If you disagree, remember the first one to say: "The Electoral College is a Disaster for Democracy" was President elect Tweety himself.

Steve Homsey,  
Londonderry, NH

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# Enrollment for School District Continues to Increase

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry's five schools saw an increase of 49 students over last year at this time.

Superintendent Nate Greenberg gave an enrollment update in the Nov. 15 School Board meeting.

Greenberg told the board and television audience that the district has 4,442 students compared to 4,383 at this time last year. He said the rise is 65 percent elementary, 20 percent middle-school-

age and 15 percent high school. Of the 65 percent elementary increase, he said, 19 to 20 percent are first-graders.

"The pattern," Greenberg said, "is an influx in the elementary schools."

Moose Hill Kindergarten has 283 students compared with 239 last year, according to Greenberg.

Greenberg credited the growth to new development, particularly in the north of town, and also turnover in existing homes.

While several new de-

velopments in the north of town are influencing the growth, Greenberg said he also expects to see the population increases shift to the Matthew Thornton School area. "I see more of a turnover of existing homes in that area and the south," he predicted.

Greenberg said he expected the pattern to continue.

In August Greenberg wrote a letter to the Town Council opposing a zoning change to land on Rockingham Road being developed by Charles

Evans. Evans had requested that the town rezone a portion of the parcel from Industrial I to Residential III. The rezoning would have expanded the residentially-zoned portion of the property from 20.8 to 47.3 acres.

In a letter dated Aug. 3, 2016, Greenberg wrote, "The zoning change to R-III as identified in the impact analysis has the potential of generating a significant number of students in the North Elementary School enrollment area."

Based on projections by GIS Director John Vogl, Greenberg posited that if a multi-family market rate complex were built, it would generate 37 students for the elementary/middle school level and 15 high-schoolers. A multi-family workforce housing complex could generate as many as 51 students for elementary/middle and 27 for high school.

"Either of the above options," Greenberg wrote, "would have a significant negative impact to North

School." He pointed out that in addition to students coming from Mill Pond, Lorden Commons and Wallace Farms developments, the expanded student population would exceed "functional capacity" at North School by 71 students at market rate and 81 at workforce housing.

"From an educational capacity view alone, the School Board opposes the zoning change," Greenberg wrote.

The Council indefinitely tabled the request for rezoning.

# Futures Lab Prepares Students for Post-High-School

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry parent Anthony Cariello said his son has attended several events sponsored by the high school's Futures Lab. "He's excited about the State Police," Cariello said, "but he also attended the Career Breakfast focused on the military. So he's also thinking about enlisting or applying to one of the academies."

Suzanne Johnson and Donna Chisholm, who along with Karen Robinson are the facilitators of Londonderry High School's Futures Lab, appeared in the Nov. 15 School Board meeting to give the board and television audience an update on the program, which opened last year in a former office space off the front lobby. The

Futures Lab gives students the tools to determine where they should go after high school, and how to get there.

The free service offers students help with Naviance, the career and college software; informs them of Career Breakfasts and Career Snapshot events; helps them check the schedule for college representatives at LHS; shows them the way to job shadowing and internships, helps with college searches and financial aid information, allows them to practice for the PSAT and review their scores, and has a Job Board.

Chisholm told the board that the Futures Lab team introduced CCR goals to the freshmen at their Aug. 26 orientation. CCR stands for "College and Career Ready" and

encourages students to make a four-year plan, according to Chisholm. Students are required to complete two to four goals each year, tracking them on Naviance and with other tools. They will add goals each year, and students completing four years of reaching goals will have a CCR stamp on their transcript.

"Have any completed their goals?" board member Leitha Reilly asked.

Chisholm said about 60 freshmen have completed their goals, and were allowed to participate in a Halloween raffle.

Their first step is to follow the hallowed advice of "Know thyself," and they take a personal traits assessment on Naviance, she said.

Their career aspirations may change over

the four years at LHS, she said, adding, "But this gets the wheel turning."

Johnson said the students are encouraged to make early connections with their chosen profession, through internships and other means. The Futures Lab offers "Career Breakfasts" where representatives of different fields come in and speak, along with 45-minute "Career Snapshot" presentation.

Chisholm and Johnson presented a short film on the program. A senior girl said, "I came in when they first opened. I've already applied to colleges, and now I'm e-mailing the admissions reps."

A junior boy said he is interested in "the trades" and through Futures Lab, he's thinking about taking up welding.

Student Oliver Mack

said he wanted to be an attorney, and possibly a prosecutor. "Ms. Johnson knows a prosecutor and she gave me his number," Mack said.

And Guidance Counselor Valerie Nelson praised the program for giving children a way to focus. "We expect them to know what they're doing with the rest of their lives," Nelson said of teenagers. "But they often can't see past C Period – or lunch."

Since opening the center has held the Career Breakfasts, with up to 10 local professionals in a given field and up to 25 students; the shorter Career Snapshots with one speaker; Brown Bag work-

shops, Workforce Workshop Days highlighting how to get a job and how to be successful in the workforce; and sent five students to IRobot in Bedford, Mass. to job-shadow electrical engineers. Students also had a table at the middle-school Step Up Day and at the Hooksett High School Fair.

"This is only the tip of the iceberg," Chisholm said. "But if it is to grow, it will require a facilitator dedicated to running it."

"How is it staffed now?" Reilly asked.

Chisholm said, "When one of us is not teaching a class, we're in the Futures Lab."

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shire Assistant Principal of the Year in 2014.

• **Matt Charette, 2009.** Charette started the LHS Green Team, which was the beginning of the district-wide recycling program. He was awarded the Londonderry High School Eco-Sense award, and in the area of raising awareness of environmental issues he received the Green Pen Award for journalism. In addition, he took part in an internship with Stonyfield Farm and was part of the Academy of Finance program. In athletics, he was a leader in the two sports that he participated in. He was an ice hockey goaltender where he was the assistant captain and he was a top pole vaulter on the outdoor track and field team, where he was a co-captain during his senior year. He earned the coaches award in both sports.

When Jason Parent began his tenure as Principal at Londonderry High

School, Charette earned the very first Student Of the Month award. He also earned the prestigious Principal's Scholarship at the school Baccalaureate. He was accepted into the three-year Business Administration program at SNHU and upon graduation he moved to Oregon where he currently resides.

• **Sean Delisle, 1986.** While at LHS, Delisle was one of the top boys gymnasts in the state of New Hampshire. He was a member of undefeated teams during his sophomore, junior, and senior years, which at the time set a state record previously held by Salem High School. At the state meet during his senior year he won three of the six events and finished second in the other three events. Upon graduation from LHS he attended Division I Southern Illinois University, where he walked on to the gymnastics team and because of his outstanding performance earned a scholarship for his remaining time at the school. He was one of the

first Londonderry athletes to earn a Division I College Scholarship.

Currently he is the owner of Spectrum Gymnastics in Londonderry and has for many years generously provided the LHS girls team time to train. He was also the coach of the LHS girls team for the 2013-2014 season.

• **Stefanie Murphy, 2007.** Murphy was a three-sport athlete during her time at LHS, participating in volleyball, softball, and basketball. She was a three-year member of the varsity volleyball team and was named captain during her senior year, a four-year varsity softball player, also being named captain during her senior year, and a four-year basketball player who was named captain as a junior and senior. As a member of the varsity basketball team Murphy, who was arguably the best female basketball player in Londonderry High School history, was named both the Gatorade Player of the Year and Ms. New Hampshire basketball

during her junior and senior years. She holds the LHS record for career points and rebounds. After graduation she continued her basketball career, earning a scholarship to attend Boston College. At BC she was named the ACC rookie of the year and graduated in the Boston College top 5 in four different categories rebounds, scoring, field goals made, and games played. After graduating from BC she went on to play professionally in Hungary, France, Slovakia, and Romania, where she was the regular season and all-star game MVP

• **Michelle-Hart Miller, 1985.** At LHS Hart-Miller was a three-sport athlete, participating in cross-country, basketball, and track and field. She was named captain the basketball team during her senior year. As a member of the track team, in 1984, she finished 3rd in the New Hampshire High School heptathlon with a school record. After graduating from Londonderry High School she attended Northern Essex Community College, where she continued her basketball career and co-captained her team which went on to win the Massachusetts Community College Championship. She was also named to the Greater Boston Small College All League team, earning a scholarship for athletic achievement. She continued her education at UNH where she graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in athletic training, in 1992 earning the Jessup award for academic excellence in student athletic training. That same year she began her profession-

al career at LHS as a part-time athletic trainer, eventually becoming the first full-time trainer in school history in 1993. She went on to earn her certification in strength and conditioning in 1997. Under her leadership Londonderry High School has become one of the top strength and conditioning programs in New Hampshire. Many Londonderry athletes who went on to play at the college level credit Michelle's program for much of their success.

• **Chris Gingrow, 1993.** During his time at LHS, Gingrow played four years of varsity soccer, where as a freshman he was fortunate to play beside his older brother, Larry, also an LHS Hall of Fame member. Gingrow was a member of the Class L state championship team during his sophomore year and during his senior year was an LHS captain of the first team in NH Class L soccer league history to finish the regular season undefeated. He was a multi-year New Hampshire first team all-state selection, and was named to the Nashua Telegraph, Lawrence-Eagle Tribune, and Boston Globe all-star teams. Upon graduation he was privileged to represent Londonderry as a member of the New Hampshire Lions Cup All-Star team that played against the Vermont All-Star team.

Gingrow also played three years of baseball at LHS, including two years as a varsity starter. His baseball claim to fame was (and still is), in a game against Trinity, he got a base hit off of Chris Carpenter, who later went on to win 2 world series, a CY Young award, all while

playing 15 years of Major League Baseball.

During his senior year, Gingrow was also a member of the LHS indoor track team and was a part of the school record setting 4x160 meter relay team. Chris earned a full four-year athletic scholarship to play Division 2 soccer at Keene State College, where he was a four-year starter. Upon graduation from college, he coached the LHS freshman soccer team and currently is active as a coach for many teams in the community.

• **Paul Dutton, 1993.** Dutton participated on the cross-country, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field teams for all four years. Upon graduation from Londonderry High School he attended the University of New Hampshire, where he continued to participate in all three of his sports. At UNH he was named cross country and track captain during his senior year, where his indoor and outdoor track and field teams were America East Champs and his cross-country team finished as runners up to Boston University. He was named All-Conference in cross country in 1996, all New England in the outdoor track 10k in 1997, and named as an America East scholar athlete for all 12 seasons that he competed at UNH. He returned to teach and coach at Londonderry High School in 1998, where his teams won eight indoor track championships, and six outdoor titles to go along with many individual state champions. As a teacher he started and advised along with fellow

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# Board Hosts Students with Variety of Tech Skills

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School student Will Boyle had a ready quip when a School Board member told him and three classmates, "Now go home and do your homework."

"This is my homework," Boyle said with a grin.

Kim Carpinone, pupil services director and Karen Tavilla, a speech-language pathologist for the high school, spearheaded a presentation in the Nov. 15 School Board meeting on the use of technology in the classroom. Four students who work with Tavilla, including Boyle, got to show off their tech skills to a group of amazed adults and the folks at home.

"Kids have a lot to say," Tavilla told the board and television audience. "They're often at a loss for how to say it."

They want to be able to share their stories, and they are able to through a number of different computer applications, resources and Web sites, she said.

Junior Kaitlyn Quirk went first, sharing that she is doing an independent study program with a freshman girl in one of the special education programs. Quirk said they begin each session by crafting a sentence, such as "I walked on the track today." Quirk's student uses clip art pictures to select the words. When they have a sentence, they make a new Word document and build the sentence again with the day's date. "She learns how to recognize the year and month," Quirk said.

The software also allows her to put the sentence in random order for her student, who can unscramble it. They play it back, read it out loud and sound out the words, after which they go into a program called Book Creator and add a page to the November journal. "We pick a color for the page - it's usually yellow, that's her favorite," Quirk said with a smile. They enlarge the font, insert a graphic and add the sound of the student reading her sentence. "She loves hearing

herself read," Quirk said proudly.

They upload the journal page into I-books, and the student can share it with her family in the evening, Quirk said.

"This is the third journal this student has done with Kaitlyn," Tavilla said. "It is a beautiful relationship."

Boyle used the Storyboard program. An avid sports fan, he created a series of cartoon panels describing the four-game suspension of Patriots quarterback Tom Brady. He included a football field for the January 2015 AFC Championship Game, which the Patriots won; a man with several footballs for the May 2015 "Deflategate" scandal; a courtroom for the Supreme Court decision in April; and a picture of a quarterback with a cartoon bubble of "It's Not Fair" after the suspension. For Oct. 9, Brady Returns, he used a football field with fans and banners.

But Boyle wasn't done yet, showing the adults how he can customize a scene with morning,

evening, snow, rain, a crowd in the stands or no crowd in the stands.

Senior Brian Tausky said he likes the "Explain Everything" program because it really does explain everything. He has used it for English projects on "The Hunger Games" and "The Outsiders": and in health class for projects on his family history, healthy eating and the brain.

"It made me feel confident when I present in class," Tausky said.

Student Brianna Ho demonstrated the I-Movie app and how she used it to write a paper on malaria. She first went to the

library (virtually, on the LHS Web site) and entered a data base, where she found an article on malaria. She cut and pasted it onto a clipboard, then used a program to create a word bank of words in the article, so she could write her own paper. She eventually used her findings for a short film on the twin needs of curing malaria and clean water.

Board chair Nancy Hendricks said, "I have been on record a million times saying that the foundation of everything we do is reading and writing. Technology helps with this."

Hendricks added, "Be-

fore you had technology, how did students progress?"

They still learned, but it was slower and more labor-intensive, Tavilla said. She would create word banks for students, but it took time. "And I had to do it for them," she said, adding, "Brianna does it for herself."

Board member Leitha Reilly hailed the number of different programs the students could use, noting that one of her sons "is hung up on Storyboard because he doesn't like to draw. But you have the power to choose. You've all found the tech that works for you."

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# Funding

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adequate education funding.

## Londonderry

In the Nov. 15 Londonderry School Board meeting, Superintendent Nate Greenberg said that Londonderry is poised to lose more than \$1 million through the reduction.

The, Assistant Superintendent Scott Laliberte and Business Manager Peter Curro attended a meeting called by Franklin Mayor Ken Merrifield to discuss the impact of the cuts.

Manchester will also get hit, Greenberg said, along with a number of communities in the North Country who have seen property values decline, and also a drop in enrollment.

"It is a regular witches' brew," Greenberg told the board.

Board member Leitha Reilly asked Greenberg how Londonderry is impacted and he said, "Under House Bill 2 we get a little over \$1 million. Next year we will get 92

percent of that."

The immediate concern, Greenberg said, is to "put a halt to the decrease in stabilization money."

The current allotment for a so-called "adequate education" is \$3,400, which is inadequate according to Greenberg. "In the long run," he said, "the best choice would be to change the adequacy formula. But we don't have a magic wand."

And we still don't have an adequate definition of an adequate education, he said. "The definition is open. Is finishing eighth grade an 'adequate education'? Could we go without guidance counselors? Is that an 'adequate education'?"

Many attendees at the Franklin meeting thought the legislative course was the way to go, according to Greenberg, while others were considering a lawsuit. "Talking to legislators is probably the best course," he said.

Board member Leitha Reilly said, "I have seen the money reduced over the past few years. If the money is going away, is it

going somewhere else?"

"Maybe there isn't enough money," board member Steve Young posited.

## Chester

Chester Superintendent Dr. Darrell Lockwood said his district was receiving \$532,325 in stabilization in 2012. Under the 4 percent reduction they received \$21,223 less last year. While it's less than some towns have been hit with, Lockwood observed, "\$21,000 is still \$21,000. It is a reduction, and we will have to make it up through local taxes."

It's one of several losses the district will have to mitigate, Lockwood said, observing that they are also receiving less aid from the Federal government. He said he didn't yet know the impact of the Dover ruling on Chester.

## Hampstead

Dr. Roxanne Wilson, assistant superintendent of the Timberlane District

with jurisdiction over Hampstead, said in a phone interview Thursday that the effect on Hampstead will be relatively small. The amount they receive in "stabilization" is \$13,761. With a 4 percent reduction, next year's stabilization grant would be \$12,582. "We will lose about \$1,100," she said.

Wilson also said she didn't know how the Dover decision would affect Hampstead.

## Derry

The Town of Derry is just beginning to increase its commercial and industrial base, but the economic development improvements haven't come in time to mitigate the stabilization cuts. In a phone interview Sunday, Board Chair Dan McKenna said that Derry is poised to lose \$8.6 million over the next 25 years. The town currently gets \$8,658,713. "We will lose roughly \$360,000 a year until it's gone," McKenna said.

"That is a lot of money for Derry to lose," McKenna said.

McKenna and Derry Town Council Chair Brian Chirichiello attended the Franklin meeting, and McKenna volunteered to be part of a subgroup working with legislators to freeze the reduction until a long-term solution can be found. "We are going to get our state Senators and Representatives to help," he explained.

McKenna, an attorney, said the group chose legislation over litigation for a number of reasons. "Some people think a lawsuit is the right procedure," he said. But he and other attendees at the Franklin event feel that a lawsuit would pave the way for an unwanted constitutional amendment, and that all adequacy funding would be taken away. "That," he said, "would be a major risk."

Many of the towns such as Berlin, Claremont and Derry suffer because they have low equalized property values and are considered "property-poor," he said.

The Derry board and Fiscal Advisory Committee were scheduled to meet Monday night, after press time, to craft their 17-18 budget. McKenna said, "We will continue to look at the budget proposal and try to come up

with a budget that is fiscally responsible, while supplying the level of services we need to provide for our students."

## The "why" of it

In a phone interview Thursday, Greenberg explained that the DOE replaced the "disparity money" with the stabilization grants a few years ago. The disparity money, a result of the Claremont decision, was an effort to close the gap between property-poor towns and those with a more robust tax base, he said.

While Londonderry will suffer, Greenberg said he, his administration and the board have taken several cost-cutting measures in recent years, including tuition from towns like Hooksett, a \$1.1 million source of revenue in itself, and bringing more special ed students back into the district. Creating their own special ed programs instead of sending kids out of district has "saved millions," Greenberg said, while also reinstating the children in their own community.

But he's concerned about communities that don't have Londonderry's resources - or tax base, noting, "For towns like Claremont and Berlin, half of their budget comes from stabilization."

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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Ballerinas Go Unbeaten in Taking the LHS Dodgeball Crown

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After making it deep into 2015 tournament play last year but falling short of a title, the Ballerinas' team rededicated itself to the idea of rising to the top of the pile in winning the 2016 Londonderry High School Dodgeball Tournament. And win they did, in near-perfect fashion.

The team, which consisted of players Nick Daileanes, Brian Frechette, Jayden West, Cam Wheeler, Cam MacDonald, and Xander LaPlante with alternates Sarah DePasquale and Sarah Court, went undefeated in winning the 2016 LHS crown, capping off that success by besting the reigning 2015 champs, Ball of Duty, in the title match in the LHS gymnasium Thursday night, Nov. 17.

The Ballerinas had dropped the Ball of Duty contingent into the loser's bracket a few rounds earlier, but the defending tournament champs battled their way to a series rematch with the upstart Ballerinas by defeating the Barstool Sports contingent in the loser's bracket finals.

But when the Ballerinas and Ball of Duty faced off again in the championship round, Ball of Duty had the task of having to beat the undefeated Ballerinas in two best-of-five series' if they were to repeat as champs. However, the Ballerinas disposed of any



Ricky Perry does his best to dodge a ball being hurled at him during last week's final night of dodgeball competition.

thought of the need for a second series by besting Ball of Duty in three straight games in the first best-of-five tourney series.

The tournament - which raises money for Londonderry High's Little Acts of Kindness fund - began the previous Wednesday, Nov. 9, with 16 teams competing. It continued the following Wednesday afternoon when more teams were knocked out of title contention, and continued on to the finale the next evening.

The tournament was directed by LHS teacher and athletic council director Crystal Rich and her athlet-

ic council members. And as the tourney reached its conclusion on the evening of the 17th, Rich proclaimed the 2016 event a wonderful success, with at least \$1,000 raised for the fund, which was created 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 some similar difficulty.

"It's all in good fun, and we do good things with the money," she said.

While the tournament is all kinds of fun for the folks who play or watch it, there's

definitely a pretty competitive angle to it, with bragging rights at stake among the LHS student/athletes.

That was more than evident during the loser's bracket final, with The Ballerinas waiting and watching to see whether they'd be playing the defending champs from Ball of Duty or the tough Barstool Sports bunch.

Ball of Duty won games one and two in overtime, Barstool managed to remain alive by winning game three in overtime, and they evened the best-of-five series by winning game four to make the score 2-2.

However, Ball of Duty won deciding game five to bounce back into the title-round, but The Ballerinas were not to be bested in their drive for the 2016 crown.



Ball of Duty player Pete Navaro takes aim at his opponent during last week's dodgeball tournament.  
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# Standout Lancer Field Hockey Trio Garners All-State Recognition

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

There were many reasons for Londonderry High veteran field hockey coach Laura Federico to feel good about the work her Lady Lancers did during their 2016 season. And further good news came during the post-season recently when the coach learned that three of her players had collected all-state recognition from the Division I coaches.

Senior captains Sophia Poulin and Val Shay both received D-I First-Team All-State honors, and Poulin also learned that she has been selected to play for the New Hampshire all-star field hockey squad which will face off against a team of Vermont senior all-stars in the annual Twin-State match

next June.

Additionally, LHS junior stalwart Maeve McPhail claimed Second-Team All-State recognition.

"Sophia will be playing field hockey in college, but she's still deciding where she wants to go," said coach Federico. "She was my center-back this past season and a powerhouse on the field. She is patient with the ball and will not force it into areas of congestion. She just had tryouts for the Twin-State game and made the team. Sixty girls from across Divisions I, II, and III tried out for the team, and only 20 made it. This is a huge accomplishment for Sophia. I have only had two girls make it in my seven years of coaching."

Poulin's fellow senior



Sophia Poulin



Val Shay



Maeve McPhail

captain Shay, who is also a Londonderry High softball stalwart, won't be playing field hockey in college. But she leaves an impressive field hockey legacy behind her at LHS.

"She was my sweeper and a player who would do anything to stop the ball from going into the goal," said coach Federi-

co. "Val's determination and commitment were evident every day in practice and on the game field. She was an exceptional leader who pushed her teammates to excel."

Shay also leaves her sister Courtney back in the Lady Lancers' field hockey fold. The younger Shay enjoyed an impres-

sive freshman campaign on the squad this past season.

And as far as junior center-midfielder McPhail is concerned, Federico said "Maeve has plans to play in college. She is a skilled player who consistently works to improve, and her hard work and determination have paid off. Maeve will be a strong presence on the field next year and a great leader for the younger players."

The talented trio of all-staters all played vital

roles in the 10-4-1 Lady Lancers' fine 2016 campaign. Londonderry earned the fourth seed in the Division I tourney by going 10-3-1 during the regular season, but its title hopes were dashed by the arch-rival Pinkerton Academy Lady Astros early in tournament play.

McPhail is the only member of the highly-talented trio who will be expected to return to the Lady Lancers' fold in 2017, but LHS always manages to be competitive.

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# Lady Lancer Booters Have Junior, Freshman Claim All-State Honors

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Two talented players who are expected to be back in the Londonderry High girls' soccer squad's fold next fall and who helped to make the 2016 season a successful one both found out that they'd collected Division I all-state honors recently.

Junior defensive stand-out Halle Hamilton and freshman phenom Olivia Stowell both earned Honorable Mention recognition from the D-I coaches, and the honors were certainly well deserved.

Both young women played pivotal roles in helping the Lady Lancers post an 11-4-3 overall record during the late summer and fall campaign.

"Halle strikes the ball with either foot, she's strong in the air, a great passer, and a shut-down defender," said head coach Derek Dane. "She's a three-year varsity player, and she played right-back as a freshman and sophomore. Now she plays center-back for us, and she's a vocal and emotional leader and the backbone of the team."

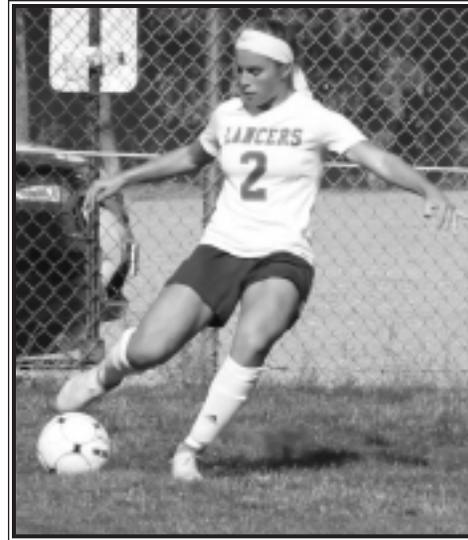
Of the impressive ninth grader Stowell the veteran coach said, "She has a fantastic touch and good field vision, an extraordinarily high soccer IQ, she's lightning-fast, and she loves taking people on and going to goal. She was the leading scorer on the team, finishing the season with 16 goals and nine assists."

The Lady Lancers had

something of a sluggish start, going 2-2 in their first two matches. But they then went on a four-game winning streak to rise up to 6-2 in tough Division I. But key injuries stung the squad significantly during a winless skid from Sept. 27 through Oct. 7, during which coach Dane's contingent lost one match and tied three.

But the Lady Lancers rebounded beautifully upon the returns of several important players, and the girls went a perfect 4-0 to end the regular season at a very strong 10-3-3.

That regular season mark got the Londonderry High crew the fifth seed in the D-I tournament, and the team absolutely hammered the



Halle Hamilton



Olivia Stowell

number 12 Spaulding High Lady Red Raiders by a 6-1 count in the tourney preliminary-round before having to face the fourth-ranked Exeter High Lady Blue Hawks on the seacoast a few days later.

And the LHS squad's title hopes dissolved that day under the weight of a 2-0 quarterfinal-round loss to the host.

The Lancers lose a slew of skilled seniors - 11 to be precise - to gradua-

tion this year. But strong sub-varsity athletes and, of course, the returns of Hamilton and Stowell give coach Dane plenty of reasons to continue to be the optimistic guy he always is.

# Londonderry Resident Ramshaw Named Fisher Cats' New President

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry resident and Pinkerton Academy graduate Mike Ramshaw reached an impressive height in his professional career recently when Manchester Fisher Cats' owner Art Solomon named him the new president of that Toronto Blue Jays' New Hampshire Double-A affiliate.

The Fisher Cats, who are gearing up to host the 2017 Eastern League All-Star Game in 2017, placed the local man in the president's chair to guide the staff of nearly 20 full-time



Mike Ramshaw

employees for their 14th season in the Granite State.

Ramshaw joined the Fisher Cats in the fall of 2006, spending his first season as the team's director of ticket sales before progressing up the ladder and

assuming his current position as the team's president.

The local man is an active member of the community and serves on the board of directors for the Partnership for a Drug Free NH. In the past, he has served as a committee chairman for Cub Scout Pack 901 and as the Family "Friends of Scouting" chair for the Boy Scouts of America, Daniel Webster Council.

Ramshaw's combination of business success and personal involvement in the community earned him recognition as a New

Hampshire 2013 '40 Under Forty' award recipient.

The new president is a granite state native who graduated from Pinkerton and later attended Hesser College in Manchester. He resides in Londonderry with his wife Tracey, their sons Gabriel and Colby, and daughters Abigail and Sophia.

"I'm grateful to Art and

his family for the opportunities provided to me throughout my career that have allowed me to assume this leadership position with the team," said Ramshaw. "I'm thrilled to be surrounded with a strong support staff and community partners who are dedicated to building lifetime memories for fans in the communities we

serve." Ramshaw replaces former Fisher Cats' president and general manager Rick Brenner, who left his position with the local minor league team in September to become the president of the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mi., after serving the Granite State baseball club for some 10 years.

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# Trio of LHS Lacrosse Standouts Sign College Letters-of-Intent

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Few things inspire more pride within the members of a high school athletic program than having the program's athletes move on to substantial and impressive athletic and academic collegiate careers.

And few ceremonies in a high school year create more awe and wide smiles than having college-bound athletes sign their letters-of-intent to attend and play their chosen sport at a school which looks like it has everything they want in a collegiate experience.

Well, last Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 16, members of the Londonderry High School family got the chance to experience some of that awe and smile away when a talented trio of the school's lacrosse players signed their letters to play that sport at colleges which are all kinds of excited to have them on board for the future.

Lady Lancer lax stalwarts Emily Holland and Sami Lecaroz and Lancer

standout sticker Sean Snyder all signed on the dotted line with family members, teammates, coaches, and members of both the LHS athletic department and administration in attendance and looking on proudly.

Snyder will be the one of the three sticking closest to Londonderry as he goes on to play his college lacrosse at Merrimack College in North Andover, Mass.

Holland will find herself near the outskirts of New York City after having chosen the University of New Haven in Connecticut as her college landing spot.

And LHS multi-sport standout Lecaroz - who was also a stalwart for coach Derek Dane's LHS girls' soccer squad over the last several years - will be going the furthest away having chosen Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Georgia. That school is a mere 20 miles northwest of Atlanta.

"Merrimack is exactly what I wanted," said Snyder of his Bay State college. "It's a medium-sized

school with a great lacrosse program and a civil engineering program."

Merrimack head men's lacrosse coach Mike Morgan, who has been in his job for a decade, has experience with Lancers as former LHS lax and ice hockey star Eric Coburn is presently a junior standout for the Warriors. Coburn, who helped the Merrimack crew to a superb 15-3 record this past spring, has conversed with Snyder and told him about what the Merrimack College lacrosse and academic experiences are like.

Holland will be joining a New Haven program which is guided by head coach Jen Fallon, who has been at her post for nine years. Fallon's Lady Chargers went a great 13-7 this past spring, and 10-3 in the Northeast-10 Conference. The LHS senior plans to study Medical Sciences and may perhaps go into oncology.

"I was actually thinking about going further away from home, but after a visit to a school that was further away which I wasn't happy with



Londonderry High lacrosse standouts, from left, Sean Snyder, Sami Lecaroz, and Emily Holland signed their college letters-of-intent during a ceremony at LHS Wednesday, Nov. 16. Photo by Chris Pantazis

I decided to take a close look at New Haven," said Holland. "And I fell in love with the school. The coach was nice and the players were like a family."

For Holland's LHS lacrosse teammate Lecaroz, heading south was something she very much wanted to do after seeing her sister Jackie thrive at the University of Alabama.

"I really wanted to go down south because I've been in New Hampshire all my life and I really

want to see other places," said Lecaroz, who plans to study public health in college.

The Kennesaw State lax folks saw the Lady Lancer playing in a tournament and reached out to her to see if she'd be interested in looking into attending the Georgia school.

Lecaroz ended up being one of seven female lacrosse players who have signed letters-of-intent this fall to attend the school, with five of them being Georgians and one hailing from Pennsylvania.

"I was able to visit the

school and meet the coach, and I liked what I saw," she said.

The Kennesaw State Owls' women's lacrosse squad didn't have an exceptional 2016 season this past spring, finishing with just a 5-12 record and a 3-5 mark in the Big South Conference. But bringing in talent like Sami Lecaroz and her fellow signees certainly shows that they're intent on loading up for a bright future.

And so LHS proudly moves toward sending three more sports stars off to collegiate athletics.

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# Lancers

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teacher Amity Ferraro the Future Educator Academy, was named 2007 Dollars for Scholars Teacher of the Year, and is now one of the state coordinators for the New Hampshire Future Educator Academy. He also was an advisor to many literary organizations at LHS. He was named Assistant Principal at LHS in 2008 and had the 2009 yearbook dedicated to him. He currently serves as the Principal of North School in Londonderry.

- Mike Beeman, supporter. Beeman was a supporter of Londonderry High School Athletics as proprietor of Total Sports in Londonderry from 1982 to 1996. During that time, he tried to give back to both local high schools (Londonderry High School and Pinkerton Academy) and worked with both schools' student athletes. His store sponsored yearbook advertisements, scuzzy sneaker contests, radio sponsors, games, teams and whatever it took to help the school. When the Londonderry and Pinkerton Academy football games were broadcast on a local radio station he was the color

commentator for the games. After selling his store in 1996, he started teaching and coaching at LHS. He coached both boys basketball and Track at Londonderry High School. After leaving the area he moved to Tifton, Ga., where he currently teaches and coaches. The trophy that goes to the winner of the Spring sports competition between Londonderry High School and Pinkerton Academy is named him. He was also named Derry Citizen of the Year in 1989 and was inducted in their Hall Of Fame the same year.

- Peter Willis, educator. Willis has been an educator at Londonderry High School since 1986, where he has been both an outstanding teacher and coach. He began his involvement in athletics as the finish line clerk at Londonderry High School track meets when the track opened in 1987 and still continues in this role to this day, helping to organize and run efficient home track meets. Peter began his Londonderry High School varsity coaching career in 1995 as the head coach for the girls varsity volleyball team, a position he held until his retirement from high school coaching in 2012.

His teams reached the final-four four times, winning the Division I State Championship in 2009 and as undefeated State Champions in 2010. He has been a member of the school district induction team since 2007 which provides support for teachers new to the district, a member of the Londonderry School District Academic Team since 2015, the Adviser for the Granite State Challenge/Quiz Bowl team since 2012, and a Semifinalist as the New Hampshire Teacher of the Year for the 2012-2013 school year.

- Ed Burgess, educator. Burgess has been an educator at LHS since 1985, where he has been both an outstanding teacher and coach. He began his coaching career at LHS in 1986 and became the girls cross country team Head Coach in 1987, a position he still currently holds. His team won the Division I Championship in 1994 and 2012, and was the runner up team seven other years. His teams finished as runner up at the New England Cross Country Championships twice and as the third place team three other times. The 1994 team was ranked third in the nation. HE was named the New Hampshire Cross

Country Coach of the Year in 2011 and has coach 15 different runners who were named All-New England. In addition to coaching girls cross country, he was an assistant indoor track and field coach for 10 years and has been an assistant outdoor track and field coach for the past 25 years. As an educator he developed the anatomy and physiology class and has taught it for the past 20 years. Additionally, he has taught in both the adult education and summer school programs, and has been the adviser for the Future Medical Leaders Club from the start.

- Suzanne Johnson, educator. Johnson has been an outstanding teacher and coach. She has been the girls varsity indoor track and field and outdoor track and field head coach. In addition she had been the assistant girls cross country coach, retiring from that position in 2010. A colleague wrote that "She (Suzanne) pushes and inspires her athletes. I have watched her mentor those tough kids who really need that extra TLC." Her 1998 outdoor team won

the Division I Championship. Additionally, she has coached many individual event State Champions, State Record holders, school record holders, and New Hampshire Heptathlon Champions. As a civics teacher Suzanne is innovative, creative and passionate about her craft. She goes above and beyond to provide her students and athletes with a great educational experience at Londonderry High School. Suzanne founded the Londonderry 5th grade cross country race 32 years ago and is still running it to this day. Suzanne co-founded the futures lab at LHS to provide career information and host career events for students to provide them with as much information as possible as they make college and career decisions.

- Arthur Tsetsilas, supporter. Tsetsilas's connection to Londonderry High School started in support of his two sons, Tim and Shawn, and their athletic pursuits beginning in 1983. He was a member of the Lancer Gridiron club from 1983 to 1990 and was the club president from 1988-1990. During his time as Presi-

dent of the Gridiron Club, he worked to build the original concession stand, and helped to get lights for the Londonderry High School Stadium. In addition, he organized and scheduled game personnel to work the chain crew and organized the 50/50 at football games. He was also instrumental in developing the football game day program which exists to this day. He had the idea for the LHS art department to run a contest, sponsored by the gridiron club, to design the program cover. In addition to his contribution to the LHS Gridiron Club he coached in many youth sports organizations between the years of 1974 and 1986. He also was a founding member of the Londonderry American Legion Post 27 baseball team. His legacy still continues as some of his grandchildren are students and athletes at Londonderry High School.

- Stephen Guerra Jr., 1991. Guerra was an outstanding member of the music department for all four years that he was in high school. He earned New Hampshire Jazz all-

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**Additionally:** We will run the full versions of any calendar items online free of charge at [www.nutpub.net](http://www.nutpub.net). Please send items to [calendar@nutpub.net](mailto:calendar@nutpub.net).

## Trash Pick-up

Trash and recycling pick-up for Londonderry will have a one-day delay this week. Thursday's pick-up will be on Friday and Friday's pick-up will be on Saturday. Trash should still be placed at the curb by 7 a.m.

## Wreath Sale, Craft Fair.

The Londonderry Grange will hold its annual Wreath Sale and Craft Fair Saturday, Nov. 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Grange Hall at 260 Mammoth Road. The event will include free hot chocolate and a free craft for children. Crafts for sale include a variety of tree ornaments, pottery, upcycled holiday décor, and room sprayers made from essential oils, hand knit items, custom glassware, dried flower art, crocheted afghans and prayer shawls, hand designed and quilted handbags. The Grange will also be selling wreaths (both decorated and undecorated in two sizes, 22" and 36") plus useful handcrafted fire starters. There will be a raffle for "pick your choice" themed gift baskets.

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## Christmas On the Commons

The Londonderry Rotary Club will sponsor the annual Christmas On the Commons tree-lighting event Sunday, Dec. 4, from 3 to 6 p.m. The event includes refreshments, including hot cider, cocoa, chili and ookies; tree lighting; a wreath stroll; and Mr. and Mrs. Claus arriving on a fire engine at 4 p.m. Photo ops are available with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Decorated trees are welcome from school, Scout and youth groups. For more information contact

Faye Sell at 434-4989.

## Winter Wonderland

Matthew Thornton School will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast and Secret Shop event Saturday, Dec. 3, from 8 a.m. to noon in the school gym. The pancake breakfast, including pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee or milk is \$4. A continental breakfast with muffin, juice, coffee and fruit is \$3. Personalized ornaments are \$3, pictures with Santa are \$3, and the Matthew Thornton chorus will perform. For more information contact Richard Gray [ricanefl@gmail.com](mailto:ricanefl@gmail.com) or call (407) 508-8944 or Tara Sessa at [thesessas@aol.com](mailto:thesessas@aol.com).

## Interfaith Choir

The Interfaith Choir would like to extend an invitation to any St. Luke's UMC child K-8 age to join other children in a choir to perform during Christmas concerts on Dec. 6 and 7. The children will perform a few songs on their own, then sing one number with the adult choir.

## 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



## Scouts and Christmas on the Common

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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 Crystal Rich at [crich@londonderry.org](mailto: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.

## 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 [dmckeen@londonderry.org](mailto:dmckeen@londonderry.org)

or Amanda Venezia at [avenizia@londonderry.org](mailto: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](mailto:info@londonderrywomensclub.org) or visit [londonderrywomensclub.org](http://londonderrywomensclub.org)

## 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](mailto:dharmon@londonderry.org)

## Pearl Harbor Anniversary

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

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## Around Town

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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 Sat-

urday, Nov. 26 at 9 a.m.

### Free Dental Services For Local 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 all veterans who have served the nation.

### 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.

### LEEP Preschool

The Londonderry School District's Londonderry Early Education Program (LEEP) inclusion preschool is

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# Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

### Tuesday - Nov. 15

**7:41 a.m.** Neighborhood disputes investigated on Fieldstone Drive.

**12:42 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated at Mohawk Drive at Londonderry BP.

**2:35 p.m.** Motor vehicle accident investigated at Nashua and High Range Road.

**7:41 p.m.** Criminal mischief investigated at Mohawk Drive.

### Wednesday - Nov. 16

**9:25 a.m.** Neighborhood investigated on Fieldstone Drive

**8:25 p.m.** Suspicious activity investigated and Warning Issued at Rockingham Road at Tedeschi Foods.

**9:03 p.m.** Disturbance investigated on Industrial Drive at Fedex building.

**10:15 p.m.** Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with transported to hospital from Griffin Road.

### Thursday - Nov. 17

**2:04 a.m.** Assault investi-

gated at Tarrytown Road at The Elliot Hospital.

**9:09 a.m.** Assault investigated on Boulder Drive. David Laroche of Londonderry was arrested on two counts of Domestic Violence - Assault and three counts of Criminal Mischief.

**10:24 a.m.** Trespassing investigated on Chase Road/

**12:52 p.m.** Keeping The Peace at Boulder Drive.

**3:46 p.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on West Road.

### Friday - Nov. 18

**7:25 a.m.** Suspicious activity reported on Kendall Pond Road.

**5:01 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Accident reported and Services Rendered at Nashua Road at Wendy's.

**8:12 p.m.** Suspicious activity investigated at Constitution Drive.

**10:38 p.m.** Criminal Mischief reported at Gilcrest Road and Pillsbury Road.

**10:46 p.m.** Criminal Mis-

chief investigated Sherwood Road.

### Saturday - Nov. 19

**7:11 a.m.** Sudden Death investigated at Eglin Blvd.

**8:11 a.m.** Criminal Mischief reported. No action required on Sherwood Road.

**6:39 p.m.** Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept Action on Fairway Road.

**9:21 p.m.** Suspicious activity investigated at Hardy Road.

### Sunday - Nov 20

**2:50 a.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated at Granite State Gun Shop on Rockingham Road.

Jonathan Urena Cherry, 23 of Manchester arrested on Conspiracy to Commit, Disobeying an Officer, Habitual Offender and Arrest on a Warrant.

**6:18 p.m.** Overdose investigated on Mammoth Road.

**3:19 p.m.** Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept with transport to hospital from Chase Road.

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# Derry's Holiday Parade is Saturday

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Thousands of spectators are expected to line the downtown streets of Derry for the 2016 Holiday Parade.

With a theme of "The Magic of the Holidays," the parade is set to kick off at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26 in downtown Derry.

Those attending will look on as more than 80 floats, marching bands and a number of clowns and other comical characters stream past, according to organizers.

One of the largest parades in Southern New Hampshire, 10,000 spectators are expected to attend the event.

For almost three decades, Derry residents have looked forward to the tradition of the parade of floats and march-

ing bands in downtown.

Organizers are hoping for better conditions this year after last year's parade was cancelled after 28 consecutive years because of rain.

Area business, community nonprofits and organizations can participate for free.

"While participation in the parade is free, organizing the parade is not," said Parade Committee Chair Steve Dente. "Indeed, even with volunteer labor, parade costs exceed \$10,000 each year. To make this community event even a reality, the Chamber's Parade Committee seeks financial support from the community."

Following the parade, the Parks and Recreation Department has scheduled a number of fun, holiday-themed activities for Veteran's Hall, 31 West

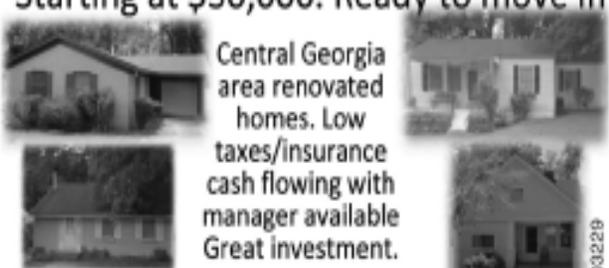
Broadway, for children and families.

Beginning at 2 p.m. and running until 5 p.m., there will be cookie decorating, face painting along with Santa's workshop that will allow participants to build their own toys, according to Parks and Recreation Department organizers. All of the activities are free.

And across the street at the Adams Memorial Opera House, children's visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus will be offered beginning at 3 p.m. The visits are free, with photos with Santa priced at \$5, according to organizers. The Adams Memorial Opera House is at 29 West Broadway.

Parade sponsorship opportunities and benefits can be found via [gdlchamber.org/parade](http://gdlchamber.org/parade).

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# Senior Center Hosts Annual Holiday Craft Fair



The annual Holiday Craft Fair took place on Saturday at the Londonderry Senior Center with dozens of crafters selling their goods throughout the day. Pictured from left, Sadie Desharnals, 3, checks out some colorful dream catchers, Melanie and Cassidy Methot make some tough decisions on which cookies to choose, Suzan O'Neil arranges her door hangers to attract shoppers, and Al Balasaro talks with Auntie Martha Raymond.

*Photos by Chris Paul*

## Lancers

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state in 1990 and 1991 getting top score on both the alto and tenor saxophone. He also earned New Hampshire All-State in classical on tenor sax during his senior year. He was awarded the outstanding soloist as part of the national award winning LHS Jazz Ensemble at Busch Gardens in 1991, and he was a member of the Concord Community Music School Jazz Ensemble in 1990 and 1991. Upon graduation from Londonderry High School, Guerra attended UNH majoring in Jazz Performance, then received his Masters Degree from the prestigious Eastman School of Music, and finally earned his Doctorate degree from the University of Miami,

where he is a jazz composition lecturer in the department of Studio Music and Jazz. As the former Director of Community Outreach for the University of Miami's Frost School of Music, Guerra created music education based programs that continue to serve over 600 at-risk youth throughout Miami-Dade County. As a composer and arranger, Guerra has been commissioned to write music for a variety of musicians, orchestras, and bands. He has served as a composer in residence across the U.S. through the Commission Project and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Guerra has performed alongside many jazz greats and most notably, he served as the musical director and staff

arranger for the Clark Terry Big Band from 2003 to 2014. The Stephen Guerra Big Band released a critically acclaimed album in 2009 entitled, Namesake. Guerra is the second member of his family to be inducted in the Londonderry High School Hall of Fame as his father, also named Stephen, was inducted in 1993 when he was the President of the Friends of Music.

• Robert Ross, supporter. Ross became an active member of Lancer Nation because of the involvement of his two children, Jennifer and Christopher. Chris was a member of the LHS football program and Jennifer was a member of the marching band and earned the position of Drum Major during her senior year. Ross served as President of the Friends of

Music from 1999-2000. During his tenure, the band travelled to the Orange Bowl in Miami, New York City, and The Boston Parade of Tall Ships. Additionally, during his tenure as the Friends of Music President, the band made applications to march in multiple events including the Presidential Inauguration parade in Washington DC. In the words of band director Andy Soucy, "During his time as the Friends of Music president he fostered a welcoming and inclusive group" which helped grow the organization. In addition to his work as the FOM president Ross was an excellent photographer who took many pictures of both the football team and the band and generously made them available to the parents and the stu-

dents. His band photos were published in Mike Riffey's 2007 book, "More Than a Parade," written about the Rose Bowl with LHS featured as the repre-

sentative high school marching band.

The dinner is this Saturday at 4:30 p.m. in the Londonderry High School cafeteria.



### TOWN OF LONDONDERRY PLANNING BOARD

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a Public Meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH to consider the following:

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