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Madison Sousa, a Londonderry High senior, has her hair donation clipped by friend Nicole Chames while Ainsley Gay looks on from her lap. About 185 people donated to the Pantene Beautiful Lengths last week at the annual event. Photo by Chris Paul

Angels Donate at 11th Annual Pantene Beautiful Lengths

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

All gave some, one gave all. Maddison Sousa, Londonderry High School senior, was among 185 “Angels” to give her hair to patients who had lost their hair battling cancer. While her fellow Angels all lovingly gave at least eight inches of their locks, Sousa decided to give her all.

This year marked the 11th annual Pantene Beautiful Lengths campaign, and on Friday morning, Jan. 6, hundreds of students gathered in the Londonderry High School Gym to witness the Angels give their hair for a good cause. The hair would be sent to “Hair-U-Wear”, a wig company that uses only real hair to match color and length perfectly for their recipients.

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Stonehenge Apartment Complex Plans Postponed

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After considerable public input, the Londonderry Planning Board has postponed to Feb. 1 further discussion on a controversial multi-family development proposed for the juncture of Stonehenge and Hardy roads.

The board had already deferred the discussion from its Dec. 7 meeting, in order to have developers First Londonderry Association answer concerns about traffic and aesthetics. After a public hearing and concerns by the board itself, members in the Jan. 4 meeting continued the hearing to February 1.

The property is Tax Map 12, Lots 120 and 121, and is located at 30 Stonehenge Road and 113 Hardy Road. The land is zoned AR-I and the plan is to build a workforce housing rental project of 12 24-unit buildings, with 288 rental units.

Residents have expressed concern about adding traffic to an already-dangerous intersection at Stonehenge and Route 28. They have also expressed concern about the visual effect of the building in an agricultural-residential area, particularly as seen from Faye Drive.

In the Jan. 4 meeting, Jeff Merritt, an engineer with Keach Nordstrom,

addressed the following concerns from the Dec. 7 meeting:

- Offsite improvements to the intersection of Stonehenge and 28. A right-turn lane on to 28 appeared to be the best option, he said.

- A playground for the complex’s children. The applicants have playgrounds at their other properties and there is “not a lot of use,” according to Trottier. A playground also opens the applicants to liability. He said the preferred option here was a wooded trail of 3,000 feet.

- Height. A “balloon test” Dec. 31 was done in the area of the proposed

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Council Mulls Options for Communications Infrastructure

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The Londonderry Town Council will mull several options for replacing the town’s aging communications infrastructure, with an eye toward recommending a funding mechanism in this Monday’s budget hearing.

In the Jan. 9 meeting the Council heard from Finance Director Doug Smith on several ways to pay for the upgrade. They also heard from Londonderry Fire Battalion Chief Mike McQuillen and Lt. Jeremy Mague, who are heading up the project for Fire, Police and Public Works.

While the original estimate for the project came in at a white-knuckling

\$4.2 million, McQuillen and Fire Chief Darren O’Brien said they had pared the cost down to \$3.3 million.

Town Manager Kevin Smith said that McQuillen recommended purchasing the \$2.8 million worth of infrastructure this year and deferring the “subscribers,” the personal and vehicle radio equipment, to a later date.

Doug Smith presented four options, two for working with the Motorola Corp. and two for working with First Niagara, the town’s current communications provider.

The options are as follows, with each including a \$1 million appropriation from the Unassigned Fund

Balance:

- Option 2A, Motorola. \$1 million bond issue at 2.5 percent for 10 years, plus \$824,730 capital lease for five, seven or 10 years. Average annual tax impact, bond, 0.03 cents; lease, five years, 0.046 cents; seven years, 0.034 cents; 10 years, 0.025 cents.

- Option 2B, Motorola. \$824,730 bond issue at 2.5

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Development Goes Under Residents' Microscope

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Town Council Chair John Farrell turned and looked at the crowd in the Moose Hill meeting room. "How many of you are here for the Stonehenge/Hardy project?" he asked. About half the hands went up.

"How many are here for the other issue?" The other half went up, and Farrell thanked them for their patience.

In its Jan. 4 meeting, the Planning Board spent 2 1/2 hours on issues swirling around The Residences at MacGregor Cut, a proposed apartment complex at Stonehenge and Hardy. (See related story.) It was a long night for the board: after deferring a decision on The Residences to Feb. 1, they swung right into a hearing on Lorden Commons, with another group of residents anxious to do right for their town. Lorden Commons was postponed to the Feb. 8 meeting.

Lorden Commons, the town's first "conservation" subdivision, is Tax Map 16, Lot 38, and located at 17 Old Derry Road. It is being developed by Chinburg Properties and

Lorden Commons LLC. The area is zoned AR-1.

The project is being developed in four phases, with Phase I approved in January 2013 and its 50 house lots almost complete. Plans are for 83 additional lots, Phases 2, 3 and 4 will fill out the remaining 174 of the 229 acres, with 18 homes in Phase II, 40 in Phase III and 25 in Phase IV. The plan calls for 145 acres of open space, according to engineer Jason Lopez of Keach Nordstrom, and lots will be 1/2 acre. Phases II and III may be done in close proximity or with time between depending on the economy, according to Lopez.

The development team has met with Londonderry Conservation, the state Division of Historic Resources, New Hampshire Fish and Game and the EPA, Lopez said. The property contains rare snakes and both spotted and Blandings turtles, and the developers are working with Fish and Game to minimize any impact, he said.

At the request of the Conservation Commission, after a meeting Sept. 13, the developers modi-

fied the effect on the wetlands buffer from 18,000 square feet to 11,620 square feet, a 35 percent reduction, Lopez said.

"We need a conditional use permit because we will still be constructing within the buffer zone," he told the board.

Lopez also met with the Heritage Commission July 28, and at their request, the antique stones from the original stone walls will be reused around the property, flanking the entrance and an internal intersection.

The complex is downstream from a Superfund site and that is concerning, Lopez said. But consultant Jack McKenna has told the developers there's not enough contaminant remaining to cause an issue. There is also a concern about the local aquifer producing enough water for 83 wells, he said.

There are plans to put monitoring wells on the property, obtain baseline information and then make adjustments, Lopez said.

"No water equals no project," he said. "We are looking to find a solution."

Board member Mary Wing Soares asked if the current wells at Lorden

Commons are tested regularly, and Lopez said no. "The only testing was the original testing when the wells were drilled."

Member Ted Combes observed that some of the property has a slight elevation, and asked if that would affect the wells.

"It is full of ledge," Lopez responded. "It depends on the cracks."

The utilities will be underground and the complex will have its own sewer company, Lopez told the board.

There is a sight distance issue at Clover and Old Derry Road, Lopez said, with a banking covered in young white pines obstructing the view. "We are going to rework that area," he said.

Both Londonderry Police and Public Works have expressed concern about traffic queuing at Old Derry and Auburn roads, he said, and delays at the intersection. "Today it's okay," he said, "but we're looking out 10 years." But the delays will exist whether or not the project is built, he added.

Options include a right-turn lane from Auburn to Old Derry, or the developers putting money in an account for future improvements, he said. Other improvements could include a roundabout or straightening the road.

A small finger of Lorden Commons' land extends to meet the Rail Trail, Lopez said. The surrounding land is known as Peat Bog and is the most sensitive part

of the wetlands. After discussions with Fish and Game and the EPA, it was determined, "They are not keen on having an additional wetland impact in order to gain access to the Rail Trail."

There will be blasting, Lopez confirmed, in the next three phases. The Department of Environmental Services will require a groundwater monitoring plan, and both the town and the blasting company's insurance firm require pre-and post-blasting surveys, he said.

In response to an earlier question about a bus shelter for schoolchildren, Lopez said he had talked with Peter Curro, business manager for SAU 12. "Mr. Curro said with enrollment varying, the location of the bus stop can move," Lopez said, so the developers are not planning a shelter for the near future.

Residents of the neighborhood and of Phase I of the development had several concerns, many of which centered around water. Bill Gardocki owns two homes on nearby Sheridan Drive. He said public water is 50 years from the development, and expressed concern about homes on the cul-de-sacs with eight wells within 30 yards of each other. "We have seen a decline in our water," Gardocki said. He asked Lopez if the developers could use public water instead of building more wells, and offered his

property for access.

Lopez said that had been considered, but that Manchester Water Works would not cross private land. The main would have to go down Old Derry Road and would require 10-inch to 12-inch pipes. "That would require a full reconstruction of Old Derry Road," he told Gardocki and the board.

Megan Ivy and her family reside in Phase I of the project, and she said she has had water problems from the beginning. "We moved in in May of 2014, and by August 2015 our well was entirely dry," she said. "We are on our second well." She gets four gallons per minute, with the state recommending five gallons per minute, she said.

And Ivy is not thrilled about what comes out of the faucet. She has to make extensive use of water softener and nitrate, and even then, she said, "I don't want my children drinking it."

There is not enough water on some days to flush the toilet, let alone water her lawn, Ivy said.

Charles Armstrong is also one of the "first wave" of Lorden Common settlers. "Some houses have wells 30 feet from their property line," he said. "It's well upon well."

His water is brown, he said. "We look at it, we don't drink it."

Armstrong also worries about the grade of

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Londonderry Citizens Exercise Their Rights to Petition

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The Londonderry town warrant in March could see up to 10 citizens petitioned warrant articles, as residents exercise their right to request items not necessarily endorsed by the Town Council.

The Council reviewed several of the proposed articles in its Jan. 9 meeting. Seven articles had been received by press time, with a deadline of Jan. 10.

The largest group of petitioners were more than a dozen residents of Hillcrest Lane and a small portion of Longwood Avenue, representing 13 homes and homeowners, Amy Cocci, a spokesperson for the group, explained that the neighborhood is near the Auburn Road Superfund site. While town water was extended to most of the area in the 1990s, the Hillcrest and Longwood lots were overlooked, Cocci said.

She and her husband have invested in a new pump, digging more deeply, and finally a secondary well. "It is a constant concern and a large expense," Cocci said.

In 1986 the EPA closed the site and mandated that all residents within a one-mile radius be put on town water, Cocci said. Her neighborhood was somehow overlooked, and when Shady Lane petitioned and got connected in 2004, overlooked again.

The neighbors are asking for \$230,000 to connect to town water. Town Manager Kevin Smith said that was the estimate given by Manchester

Water Works, the town's provider in that area.

Council Chair John Farrell reminded residents of the area that in 2004, the town was still run under a "town meeting" format. "It was a truly vetted process," he said, noting that their issue would have been debated for hours. Now, under the Official Ballot Law, the issue is decided in the voting booth.

Their article will have stiff competition from at least six other petitioned articles, three articles en-

dorsed by the Town Council, including the operating budget, and a potential four union contracts.

Farrell advised the group to have a strong representation at the Feb. 11 deliberative session.

Other articles discussed included the following:

- Requesting \$138,000 to improve the conservation and recreational area at Kendall Pond. Conservation activist Mike Speltz represented the petitioners. He said the money would fund 550 feet of new trail, stone dust or

gravel on 10 feet of trail, four picnic tables, three benches, an observation platform, upgrading a kiosk, extending the parking area and installing a light pole. Speltz's vision for the area includes amenities for people who don't feel up to hiking the Musquash or biking the Rail Trail, but want a place where they can walk with strollers or some form of assistance. It would also provide a conservation area in the south end of town, Speltz said.

- Requesting \$144,000 for improvements to the Rail Trail, including a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon to improve safety at

crossing Route 28. Bob Rimol represented the request and said that Londonderry Trailways received a \$75,000 grant in December, but that it is a matching grant.

- Requesting \$65,000 for a professional clean-up crew to address Londonderry's main roads. Resident Mike Byerly had originally asked for \$100,000, based on an estimate by Public Works, but he adjusted the figure, Town Manager Kevin Smith said.

- Requesting \$115,000 for improvements to the lighting of the men's softball field on Nelson Road. Rec Director Art Psalidas said that the Recreation

Commission had met and was "generally in favor" of the request. Smith told Psalidas that the article was in but the signatures had not yet been verified.

In addition, Smith said, two more articles are in the wings. For one, he said, "There is a question if it is lawful," while the other is intended to purchase land where a development is planned. The second would be for \$500,000 but has not yet been turned in, Smith said.

An article proposed by Councilor Joe Green may or may not be a petitioned article, depending on whether the Council chooses to sponsor it (see related story).

OBITUARY

Geraldine R. O'Brien



Geraldine R. O'Brien, 88, of Londonderry, NH passed away Thursday, January 5, 2017 at the Pleasant Valley Nursing Center, Derry, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on January 25, 1928 in Somerville, MA, a daughter of the late Jeremiah J. and Edna M. (Blackwell) Moriarty. Mrs. O'Brien was a resident of Londonderry for over 30 years, formerly living in Wayne, NJ and Somerville, MA. She was a member of the Newcomers and Neighbors as well as the Questers and enjoyed playing bridge with her many friends. Mrs. O'Brien was a communicant of St. Jude Parish in Londonderry.

She is survived by her son Timothy J. O'Brien and his wife Sandra of Tucson, AZ, her daughter, Suzanne Brunelle and her husband Gary of Londonderry, seven grandchildren, Phillip, James, Michael, Daniel, and Alana O'Brien, and Julianne and Andrew Brunelle, many great grandchildren, one sister, Edna Walsh of Nashua, NH as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her beloved husband Donald F. O'Brien in 2003.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 from 4 - 7pm in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. A Liturgy of Christian burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 11th at 10:00am in St. Mark's Parish, One South Road, Londonderry. Burial will follow in the Holy Cross Cemetery, Gilcrest Road, Londonderry. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, MA/NH Chapter, 480 Pleasant Street, Watertown, MA 02472. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

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17 Years and Counting

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Under the auspices of their company, Nutfield Publishing, the Pauls and their staff (all southern New Hampshire residents) put out three newspapers every week, each one dedicated to the communities they were created for.

The Londonderry Times was started in January of 2000 as a monthly publication. The weekly Nutfield News in Derry started in 2004, and the weekly Tri-Town Times for Hampstead, Chester and Sandown began in 2005.

During a time when print newspapers are expected to go the way of the dinosaur, and people claim that they have no more readers, the Londonderry Times and its two sister publications are still going strong, even as other newspapers cut the number of days a week they publish, slash the number of pages in each edition, or move to a completely electronic platform.

We report on town and school district

activities, official and otherwise. Happy stories are given emphasis to ease the uneasiness brought on by less pleasant news. Local high school sports teams get detailed coverage, much to the delight of parents and family members. Most importantly, we make sure that all of our readers are informed of all of the decisions being made and discussions that are taking place in each of their hometowns.

It's not unusual for news stories to appear first in one of the Nutfield Publishing papers, well before other news media can produce a report. How is that? Everyone at the paper is dedicated to producing a quality product, and put great care into what it looks like and what it says, recognizing that timeliness and accuracy are the hallmarks of what a newspaper offers its readers.

The mission, of course, is the same as it was 17 years ago: to provide a place for local residents to obtain information they need about their community, whether it's a school play or an update on how tax dollars are being spent, is our number one priority. What's going on in Concord or in Washington, D.C., or abroad is available elsewhere, mostly online, and does not concern us. But if it happens in one of our towns, you should expect to read about it in our newspapers.

And we always like getting news tips. Stop by our office at 2 Litchfield Road in Londonderry to say "Hello," as we mark our 17th Anniversary.

We're here for you, 17 years and counting.

State Fire Marshal Investigating Fatality at Mammoth Road Fire

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The State Fire Marshal's office is investigating a fire this past Monday morning that took the life of a Londonderry man.

Fire Chief Darren O'Brien said crews were called to 491 Mammoth Road at 3:16 a.m. The first crews found the smoke emanating from a second-floor apartment and immediately identified it as coming from the kitchen, O'Brien said. While the fire was rapidly extinguished, a primary search of the apartment

found an older man in one of the bedrooms. He was unconscious and extricated from the building, after which he was given Advanced Life Support and transported to Parkland Medical Center in Derry, O'Brien said.

At Parkland, the man succumbed to his injuries, O'Brien said.

The name of the victim was scheduled to be released after an autopsy on Tuesday.

O'Brien said no cause of the fire had been determined on Tuesday, but that it was deemed to be accidental in nature.

The fire is under investigation by the state Fire Marshal's Office, Bureau of Investigations, and the Londonderry police and fire departments.

O'Brien said mutual aid at the scene included personnel from Manchester and Derry, a Windham medic unit and an Auburn tanker. Station coverage was provided by Nashua and Merrimack.

Those wanting further information may contact the Bureau of Investigations, Investigator Christopher Wyman, at 223-4289.

Communications

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percent for 10 years, plus \$1 million capital lease for five, seven or 10 years. Average annual tax impact, bond, 0.025 cents, lease, five years, 0.056 cents, seven years, 0.041 cents, 10 years, 0.031 cents.

- Option 2A, First Niagara, \$1 million bond issue at 2.5 percent for 10 years, \$824,730 capital lease for five years. Average annual tax impact, bond, 0.03 cents; lease, five years only, 0.045 cents.

- Option 2B, First Niagara, \$824,730 bond issue at 2.5 percent for 10 years, \$1 million, capital lease for five years. Average annual tax impact, bond, 0.025 cents, lease, five years only, 0.055 cents.

Councilor Tom Dolan asked if there should be two ballot questions, one for using the UFB and for the lease option, the other for the bonding.

"That would make it less complicated for the voters," Doug Smith said, noting that if all the funding is combined in one article, it would need a supermajority to pass. But two warrant articles would also open the possibility of

one failing, he warned.

"They are related projects and we need both of them to pass," he said.

Dolan suggested running the prospect through the Department of Revenue Administration and seeing if it was allowed, to which Doug Smith responded, "We did that. DRA said, 'It's up to you.'"

Councilor Joe Green observed that First Niagara gave better rates, and Doug Smith said, "They have let us know that they are amenable to anything on the list. But their leases are a five-year maximum."

Dolan warned that with all the things voters have to look at this year, the tax rate would be an issue. "That," he said, "is what the voters 'choke' at."

Green said, "I don't want to get too used to using the Unassigned Fund Balance. But this type of project is exactly what it's suited for."

Councilor Tom Freda asked the fire personnel about the life expectancy of the equipment, and Mague said, "This is more robust than the equipment used by civilians.

We will get 10-plus years out of it."

"There has been a paradigm shift in radio technology," Steve D'Esposito, a Londonderry resident and Motorola staff member, said. The current analog-based radios have been discontinued, and there will be no tech support after 2020, he told the board.

One of Dolan's suggestions was to cut one officer and one employee from the two new personnel requested by Police and Public Works. "I'd rather get one at a time than zero," he said. This and other changes to the working budget could drop 9 cents on the tax rate, he pointed out.

The almost a dozen petitioned warrant articles "will have to live on their own," Dolan predicted. (See related story.) "We need to think hard about priorities."

The Council agreed by consensus to move forward with the project, and then to figure out the "how" of it.

The second hearing on the budget is this Monday at 7 p.m. in the Moose Hill council chambers, Town Office Building.

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South School Principal Linda Boyd Honored on State Level

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

South School Principal Linda Boyd has been honored by the New Hampshire School Principals' Association.

Boyd was nominated for Principal of the Year. She received the organization's Role Model Award for 2017, and was honored in the Jan. 5 School Board meeting.

Board Chair Nancy Hendricks read a tribute to Boyd in which the long-time educator was characterized for "student-centered education" and working side-by-side with her teachers.

On the district she was instrumental in starting the Senior Breakfasts, in which LHS seniors visit their home elementary schools one more time,

and also with establishing Professional Learning Communities. In her own school she pioneered all-school meetings, worked to establish the Garden Courtyard, and crafted the PBIS Framework. In addition, Hendricks said, "She knows every child's name – that blows my mind."

Hendricks and board member Leitha Reilly pre-

sented Boyd with an Edible Arrangement bouquet.

Asked to say a few words, Boyd said jokingly, "I want to know who wrote that!" But she added that the nominating committee had a "great visitation day" arranged by her assistant principal Chelsea Hunnewell.

Boyd enjoys her job and said, "I'm the lucky one."



Linda Boyd was nominated for Principal of the Year. Photo by Chris Paul

Contracts, Asbestos Removal Up For School Voting

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry voters will get to weigh in on issues that affect their children and their wallets in a Jan. 12 public hearing on the School District's FY 18 budget and warrant articles.

There were 12 articles on the warrant at press time, 10 of which deal with financial issues.

Warrant item 2 is the proposed Operating Budget (see related story). The board-proposed budget at press time was \$71,150,000 and the default budget, \$71,210,426.

The following four contracts are being presented for approval:

- Article 3, Londonderry Education Association. The two-year contract is estimated to cost \$790,140 in the first year, with a tax

impact of 0.25 cents, and \$813,560 in the second year, tax impact 0.26 cents.

- Article 4, Londonderry Association of Allied Health Professionals. This group includes nurses, speech/language pathologists, occupational therapists and more. The two-year contract is estimated to cost \$63,921 in the first year, with a 0.02 cent tax impact, and \$66,771 in the second year, with a 0.02 cent tax impact.

- Article 5, Londonderry School Custodians. The three-year contract if approved would have an estimated impact of \$63,474 for the first year, 0.02 cent tax impact; \$65,061, second year, 0.02 cent tax impact; and \$66,687, third year, 0.02 cent impact.

- Article 6, Londonder-

ry Support Staff. The three-year contract would have an estimated impact of \$114,779, first year, 0.04 cent tax impact; \$117,649, second year, 0.04 cent tax impact; and \$120,590, third year, 0.04 cent tax impact.

- Article 7 asks voters to authorize a special meeting if any of the above are defeated.

- Article 8 asks the voters to accept and receive Federal funds for school lunch and Federal projects, for a total of \$3,061,000.

- Article 9 asks voters to raise and appropriate \$600,000 for the School Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. The intended use for these funds is for one-time capital costs such as roofs, paving, boilers and small renovation projects.

- Article 10 asks voters to raise and appropriate up to \$125,000 for the School District Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for small equipment. Business Manager Peter Curro explained in the Jan. 5 School Board budget meeting that the "up to" was added because he isn't certain how much he'll have available in the Unassigned Fund Balance, the traditional source for this account. He said the "up to" will also be included in Article 11.

- Article 11 asks voters to raise and appropriate up to \$50,000 for the Special Education Trust Fund.

- Article 12 asks voters to raise and appropriate \$275,000 for asbestos removal. In the Jan. 5

meeting, Curro explained that this is a non-lapsing article. "With the scope of work this involves, it may roll over several years," Curro said.

In a memo to the board, Facilities Director Chuck Zappala explained that asbestos is contained in building materials at Londonderry High School, Matthew Thornton and North schools. He wrote that he had worked with The Lawson Corp. of Concord for a working budget including project management, testing, abatement contractors, replacement flooring and pipe insulation, and a contingency fund.

While there are no immediate health or safety concerns, Zappala wrote that "It will be

much more cost effective to budget for and plan for abatements on our terms and schedules, and before there is an emergency."

The board approved placing all the articles on the warrant, with a 5-0 vote.

In addition, two School Board seats are coming open, each for a three-year term. Filing period opens Wednesday, Jan. 25 and ends Friday, Feb. 3. School District Clerk Mary Wing Soares is available at 247-1679 and will be in the district office from 3 to 5 p.m. on the final day of filing.

The public hearing is Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Moose Hill Conference Room, Municipal Center.



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Apple Tree Mall Faces New Ownership - Auction Jan. 27

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

While a Londonderry landmark is scheduled for auction at the end of the month, its management team is looking for ways to keep it as a shopping option.

St. Jean Auctions of Epping announced earlier this month that the Appletree Mall off Route 102 will be auctioned Jan. 27 at 1 p.m.

The 191,105-square-foot retail shopping plaza is less than a mile from Exit 4, sees an average daily traffic count of 32,000, and is commercial-zoned. Its major tenant is Shaw's Supermarket. Other businesses in the area are Benson's Hardware, a workout club and a movie theater, none of which are on the property to be auctioned. The mall is 47 percent occupied by 14 tenants, according to St. Jean's summary, and was built in 1982.

The plaza suffered a hit last year when T.J. Maxx and HomeGoods relocated to the new Market Basket Plaza, according to Ian Wood, one of

the principals in Renwood, the Peabody, Mass. management company. "We have had a hard time filling T.J.'s spot," Wood said in a phone interview Wednesday. "That is the reason."

His company has been managing the plaza for more than 30 years, and news of the auction "came out of the blue," according to Wood.

T.J. Maxx was a good co-anchor for Shaw's and was doing well, with sales rising every year, Wood said. He's still surprised the company chose to move, noting, "Usually if it isn't broken, you don't fix it."

Most of the big-box stores are settled where they are and won't be moving, Wood said.

It is a "strange time" in retail, Wood added. While Londonderry's commercial district is well-situated off Route 93, it's also stuck between Nashua, Salem and Manchester, which offer some of the same shops and services. Even Derry has gotten into the act with a couple of big-box options, he said.

Coffeeberries and

Lindt Chocolate are staying along with some of the other specialty businesses, Wood said. But he'd really like to find another anchor store and draw more foot traffic, he added.

Between now and the 27th, his company will continue to explore options. "It's a stressful situation," Wood acknowledged, adding, "We hope to hang on to it. We've had a good relationship with the mall and the town all these years."



The Appletree Mall is scheduled to be auctioned off on Jan. 27 at 1 p.m. according to St. Jean Auctions of Epping. Photo by Chris Paul

Resident Explains Petitioned Warrant Article

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In the public hearing Jan. 16 on the proposed 2018 warrant articles, residents will be able to comment on something that concerns them all: trash.

Mike Byerly, chairman of the Beautify Londonderry committee, is putting forth a petitioned warrant article asking the town to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to hire a crew for a town-wide trash pick-up.

In a phone interview last week, Byerly said Beautify Londonderry's work is completely volun-

ter and its formal time of operation is one month in the spring. "In a good year, we maybe clean up 10 percent of the trash," he said. In addition, the group does beautification projects at town buildings and schools.

Frustrated with the amount of trash remaining on Londonderry streets, Byerly consulted with Janusz Czyzowski, the director of public works, on what it would take to hire a professional crew. Czyzowski gave him a figure of \$100,000, which he used to create the warrant article.

Even \$100,000, and a

paid crew won't solve everything, Byerly warned. "The goal of the petition to keep the major roads clear," he said.

The funding can't and won't replace Beautify Londonderry, he added. "Beautify Londonderry will continue to exist, and will focus on the side roads and beautification projects," he said.

He currently has 8 to 10 people on the committee, plus 60 to 70 people who are on the fringes, helping with the annual trash pick-up and other special projects.

Has litter increased? Byerly said, "I walked the roads with others this past spring. In one 2-mile stretch, there and back, we filled between 10 and 12 medium trash bags." The litter was mostly bottles and cans, he said,

adding, "Those are the things people heave out the window."

There is a stretch of Route 102 near McDonald's where crews have filled 25 to 30 bags, he said. With more people moving to Londonderry and even more passing through or stopping to shop, "Beautify Londonderry could never keep up with the volume of trash."

Byerly is hoping that if the proposal is approved this year, it will become part of the regular budget. "But if we need another petitioned article, we'll do one," he added.

The public hearing on the 2018 budget and warrant articles will be Monday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Moose Hill conference room, Londonderry Town Office Building.



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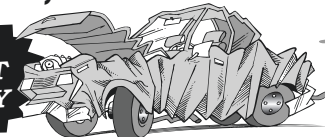
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School Board to Give Voters a Choice at the Voter Booth

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School Board will go to the Jan. 12 budget hearing with two choices for voters, a School Board-recommended budget and a default budget, after a lengthy discussion in its Jan. 5 meeting.

The board will present a recommended budget of \$71,150,000, a \$60,000 difference below the default budget of \$71,210,426. The number was arrived at after soul-searching, compromises and several votes.

The original 2018 budget submitted by Superintendent Nate Greenberg and his team was \$71,773,909, which would have been an increase of \$995,906 or 1.41 percent over FY 17's approved budget of \$70,778,003, and would have resulted in a School District portion of the tax rate of \$13.32. The default budget is an increase of \$432,423 over 2017 and is \$563,483 below Greenberg's original proposed budget. The default budget, which goes into effect if voters reject the board's budget, would give Londonderry a school tax share of \$13.17, a 0.16 percent decrease from FY 17.

In December the board expressed concern over the nearly \$1 million increase over FY 17, and directed Greenberg to come back with a budget close to or mirroring default.

He did, but not in the way they had hoped.

Suggested cuts
Greenberg and his staff combed through the

first budget and came up with \$563,483 of cuts, bringing the working budget down to default level. These included dropping a custodial position and not asking for one of four new elementary teachers. But he recommended keeping the other three proposed elementary positions, in light of rising school population, and also endorsed a new assistant to the Pupil Services Director, which he called a "desperate need." The four new positions would result in another \$181,506, he told the board.

The original plan had called for four new elementary teachers, one for each elementary school and one held in reserve. Board Chair Nancy Hendricks asked, "If we do need a fourth, where will the money come from?"

Greenberg said it could come from teacher turnover or retirements. "It is a little bit of a risk," he acknowledged.

Greenberg reminded the board that the warrant will also include four contracts for voters to approve, for certified teachers, assistants, Allied Health and custodians, for a first-year total of \$1,230,314 if approved.

Adding the four new positions at \$181,506 to

the default budget plus the approved contracts would result in a budget of \$72,424,206, a school tax rate of \$13.43 and a 10-percent increase, he said.

"I'm going to be blunt, this would give us limited flexibility," Greenberg said of the cuts. "But it's more important to have people in the classroom than a piece of equipment."

"It would meet the need for growth in the district," Greenberg told the board.

Closer to default?

Hendricks said she appreciated Greenberg's efforts to bring the budget closer to default.

Board member Leitha Reilly noted that the district has a "great track record" of bringing in a budget that is under default. But both she and Hendricks acknowledged that they knew it would be difficult this year.

For board member Steve Young, it wasn't close enough. "We sent you away before the holidays with the request that you bring that budget down to default," he said. "My one-fifth of an opinion would be to tell you to find the \$181,506 among the \$7 million."

If he had a personal budget of \$400, it would

be easy to drop a penny, Young said. He told Greenberg, "I'm asking you to find a penny in \$7 million."

"It's the board's decision," Greenberg said.

"I would be okay with it," Reilly said of the "default plus" option. "Within \$200,000 or so, my conscience would be clear."

Member Dan Lekas said, "He got to default. We asked him to. I'm comfortable coming in a little higher than default."

While he supported the need for the four new positions, Greenberg also said he did not want to sacrifice the four contracts being vote on. "I'd rather see all the other articles pass," he told the board.

"It is important to me as a taxpayer, and a member of this board, that our budget be appropriate and meet the needs of the students," Hendricks said. "But I also want the warrant to be so that the voting public doesn't get down to the contracts and not vote."

Greenberg concluded, "If going with the default means the other warrant articles will pass, it's worth it."

There were 12 total warrant articles at press time, 10 of which deal with money matters. (See

related story.)

Giving voters a choice

Budget Committee Chair Jay Hooley observed that if the board went with default for its recommended budget, "you are giving folks no choice."

Budget Committee member Tim Siekmann said, "What would it hurt to put it out there, and give the voters a choice? I'd rather see the \$181,000 on there than no option."

Fellow member Greg Warner advocated going with the "default plus \$181,000" option. "We are going to have to do it sooner or later," he said of the proposed new staff, "and sooner is better."

Board members took a vote on whether or not to recommend the default budget as its endorsed number, and the vote was 4-1 against, with Young the only affirmative vote.

Board member Dan Lekas then made a recommendation for a budget of \$7,150,000, \$60,000 less than default. "If people want to vote and be as frugal as they can, let them do it," Lekas explained. But he said he would support the default budget and encourage others to do so. "The superintendent says he can run the schools on

the default budget," he said.

Young agreed, saying, "If we need another teacher at the school, there will be a teacher at the school." This has come up before, he said, and the answer always is, "We'll deal with it."

The board took a vote on Lekas's number and the result was 3-2 in favor, with Reilly and Jenn Ganem the dissenting votes.

"We can always change it at the budget hearing or deliberative session," Hendricks said.

But she added, "It troubles me that we're going to the public hearing with a split vote. I hope we can come to a negotiated agreement this week."

Greenberg pointed out that the board had to endorse a budget that night, and in a subsequent vote to forward the item to the warrant for the public hearing, the vote was 5-0 in favor.

A public hearing on the budget will take place Thursday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Moose Hill Conference Room, Municipal Building. The Deliberative Session is Friday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Londonderry High School cafeteria.

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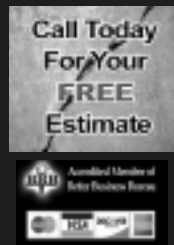
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CART Weighs In On Senior Transportation Needs

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town of Londonderry will work with CART (The Cooperative Alliance for Regional Transportation) to make sure every Londonderry senior gets to where they need to go.

At the request of resident Martin Srugis, the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission's representative to CART, representatives of the organization appeared in the Jan. 9 Town Council meeting to discuss what they can and can't do for Londonderry.

The Council has made senior transportation one of its issues this year, consulting with Senior Center Director Kathy Blash and the seniors themselves. In recent weeks the Council has discussed several options, including keeping CART at \$26,000 per year, dropping CART and starting its own service, or maintaining both. Councilor Joe Green is an advocate of "both" and has said he will mount a petitioned warrant article

if he can't get full Council support for retaining CART and supplementing it with its own service.

Scott Vogl, acting director of CART, dispelled several misconceptions floated in previous meetings. Criticisms of CART included that the service ended at 2 p.m., leaving some seniors stranded at later doctor's appointments. Vogl said, "I don't know where that came from. We have a 'demand response' of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m." The demand response is when the service picks up and drops off the rider at home. The shuttle service, on a fixed route, is 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

"We have not received complaints of Londonderry riders being stranded," Vogl said.

He confirmed that there was no pick-up for 6 a.m. dialysis sessions. "Our earliest pick-ups are at 8 a.m.," Vogl said. He said the service encourages riders to book dialysis for later in the day.

Vogl also said that the taxi voucher service is sus-

pending at this time. It has been removed from the Web site but the agency has not reprinted its brochures, he said, adding that CART wants to restart the taxi voucher service.

He also responded to complaints that drivers were not leaving the vehicles to help seniors get up and down the steps. That's part of their responsibility, Vogl said, and it will be addressed.

"We expect the driver to assist the passenger,"

Vogl said.

Fred Roberge, vice-president of transportation for Easterseals, which manages the bus service, said that Londonderry has 40 to 50 residents who use the service on a regular basis.

Green put forth his position, saying, "There is way too much demand for only one service."

"We have obviously seen an increase in services, though it falls short on occasion," Green said.

Green suggested several ways the town and CART could work together. For example, he said, "You could concentrate on the 'demand' service, we could provide shuttle to doctors' offices and Walmart."

Vogl said he or the future director would be "interested in working with the town to supplement the unmet needs."

He has extra money in the budget from revenues from public advertising

on the vehicles, he noted.

With 45 to 50 riders, the individual share of CART's \$26,000 comes out to about \$600 per person per year, according to Vogl.

The Council asked CART to come back in the future with options, and Green said he would proceed with his petition if the Council doesn't decide to back it.

"These are the people who built Londonderry," Green said. "We owe it to them."

Town Hires Assistant Town Manager

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Lisa Drabik, an 11-year Londonderry resident, is the new Assistant Town Manager and Director of Personnel for Londonderry.

She came on the job Wednesday, Jan. 4, and was introduced by Town Manager Kevin Smith in the Jan. 9 Town Council meeting.

Smith said the recruitment process began in September and attracted more than 60 applicants

for the position.

In a phone interview Tuesday, Drabik said she was born in Michigan, but "moved around a lot" because her father was in the automotive industry. "Londonderry," she said, "is the longest I've ever lived anywhere" at 11 years.

She did her undergraduate work at Michigan State University and received her Juris Doctor from Washington and Lee University in Virginia.

She has lived all over the country due to her



Lisa Drabik is the new Assistant Town Manager and Personnel Director for Londonderry. She is shown being welcomed by the Town Council in the Jan. 9 meeting. Photo by Kathleen Bailey

husband's former work with the Blue Rhino propane company. Though he is no longer with the company, his employment launched their move to New England, Drabik said. "He needed to be close to Boston and also close to Raymond, which has a Blue Rhino plant," she explained. She and her husband Jon had one weekend to find a house, and with the help of a good Realtor, they found one in town.

The Drabiks have two children, both in Londonderry Middle School, she said.

Drabik wasn't actively

searching for a job. But when she saw the town's ad in the Londonderry Times, she was intrigued, she said. She's been in employment law most of her career, advising employers about Human Resources issues, and also ran her own freelance legal service.

"It was," she said of the job, "the perfect marriage of my experience and interests."

She's looking forward to working for the town where she's lived the longest, noting, "We just love it here."

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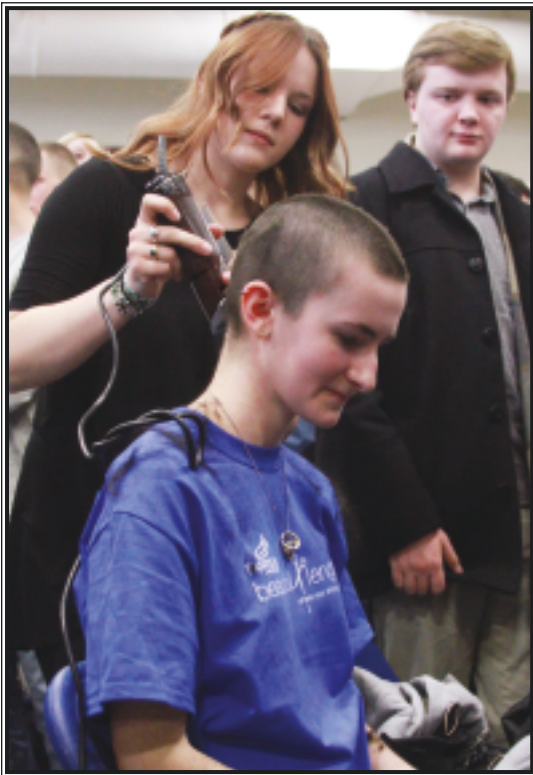
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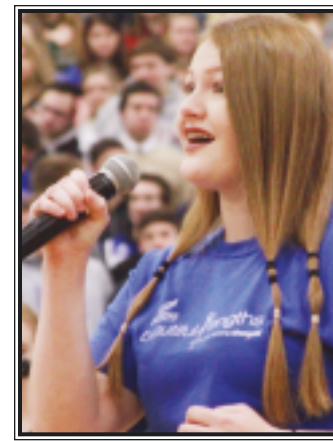
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The high school gymnasium was filled with "Angels" donating their hair last week which will be made into wigs for cancer patients. Madison Sousa, above, chose to shave her head completely. Photos by Chris Paul



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Every Angel had her own great reason for giving, but for some, the subject matter was a little closer to home.

LHS students Amanda Graf and Bethany Costello cut each other's ponytails in solidarity. Graf had lost her father to a brain tumor when she was only three years old, and Costello has a grandmother and uncle both battling colon cancer. Costello had also donated as a freshman.

Sierra Sessa brought her cousin, named Dan, to witness her donation. While serving in the Navy, Dan had found out he had cancer. After surgery and treatments, he completed college and fire academy training and then joined the Boston Fire Department, and is now a part of the Naval Reserves.

Londonderry Freshman Olivia Galuzzo gave in memory of her father, who had passed away from cancer a few months ago. Galuzzo had mentioned that her father would lovingly tease her when she would cut her hair because he loved her hair long. "If he were still here, he would definitely tease me about donating," Galuzzo said. "but I know in his heart he is truly proud of me for wanting to help out a cancer patient, like he was."

Some students donated as a way to lead by example. LHS senior Kaleigh Grant, a first time donor, had been, in her words, "attached" to her hair, and felt that she could never donate. However, after seeing hundreds of others giving their gifts, she decided that this year was her time to give. Her vision was to inspire others who may be where she was,

and to show them that they, too, can make a difference.

Before the ceremonious cut, three people were given the Arthur Psaedas Special Recognition Award, named for the Assistant Principal Psaedas's creation of full-school assemblies at LHS. The award recognizes school spirit and dedication to "Lancer Nation."

The first recipient was Julia DeFrietas, a former LHS student, who had gone from a withdrawn freshman to a very dedicated senior helping with banners and folding for Pantene Beautiful Lengths donors, along with being a donor herself. DeFrietas currently provides transportation for adults with mental disabilities and works with the youngest special needs students at South School.

Her former aide, and Nutfield Publishing sports reporter Chris Pantazis,

also an LHS alumnus, presented the congratulatory rose to DeFrietas. After he did so, he was instructed to remain on the floor as he, too, was presented with the Special Recognition Award for his dedication to Londonderry Sports. For over 25 years, Pantazis has covered thousands of Londonderry athletic events.

The third and final recipient of this year's award went to Jerry Gulezian, the voice of Lancer football on television and part-time

employee of LHS. Gulezian was recognized for his dedication to the students, and for the fact that he "doesn't do it for the money."

Among the special guests at the event were the New Hampshire Program Manager for the American Cancer Society, Katy Nowoswiat, and Senator Kelly Ayotte, who had been the only political figure out of all of the politicians invited from the state and federal offices to make an appearance at the tenth annual

Pantene Beautiful Lengths event.

After the ceremony, most of the students were brought downstairs to the wrestling room, which had been temporarily retrofitted into a makeshift salon, where professional stylists awaited to treat the Angels to a style of their choice, a token of gratitude for their generosity.

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The Londonderry High School's Adult Education Program graduated 13 students on Monday night Jan. 9. Parents, friends, family members, school board members and staff shared in the excitement of sending students off with their diplomas. Student Speaker Zachary Chmielorz praised many of those who helped motivate him to graduate. He has enlisted into service with the U.S. Army. Anna Kemball-Cook and Cassity Conty presented Chmielorz with a gift from the Blue Star Lancers. Graduates also included: Issabella Cooper, Jayde Cuomo, Amanda DeAngelis, Stephen Filice, Timothy Grady, Michael McNulla, Samantha Nadeau, Hunter Oliviera, Michael Reynolds, Hailey Todis, Kayla Tridenti and Ethan Williams.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancer Icemen Rebound From Humbling Loss With Wins

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Any team that is dealt an overwhelming defeat early in its season will have reasons to take a step back, reassess, and make adjustments, for the next time out.

And that's what the Londonderry High School hockey team did after getting pummeled Monday night, Jan. 2 in tallying victories over Manchester opponents from Central High and Trinity later in the week.

The now 5-1 Lancers rebounded extremely well from their humbling 8-0 loss to Bedford on the second day of the new year with a 4-0 blanking of the host Manchester Central Little Green at the JFK Coliseum in the Queen City on Wednesday the fourth.

Londonderry put forth a dominant performance throughout the contest, enjoying a 43-13 total advantage in shots on net and leading from the middle of the first period onward. Sophomore forward Patrick Murphy had three of the four LHS goals.

Speaking of alterations his team made during its one practice session bet-

ween the Bedford and Central games, Lancer coach Peter Bedford stated, "We made changes. We changed our fore-checking scheme, our defensive scheme, and we even changed our lines. And the kids showed today that they were comfortable with the changes."

Londonderry controlled play from the opening face-off, enjoying a 5-1 advantage where shots on net were concerned in the opening five minutes and snagging a 1-0 lead with 7:41 left in the opening period when Murphy was set up for his first goal by Dom Federico. The goal-scorer zipped a wrist shot from the top of the right face-off circle in the Central zone past Green goalie Keenan Alnahas, who would keep his crew in the game nearly single-handedly by making some 39 saves before the game's final buzzer blared.

The locals finished with an 18-3 advantage in shots on net but just got that one blast past Alnahas in the first 15 minutes of action.

Londonderry drove 15 more shots on the Central net during the middle

stanza and got three of them past Alnahas in snagging a commanding 4-0 advantage.

Murphy was set up for the first of them by Anthony Federico five minutes into the second, and he bagged his hat-trick a little less than five minutes later when he tallied a power-play goal with Dom Federico and Merrill Neiman garnering the assists.

Londonderry ended the game's scoring with 3:16 left when Troy Muldoon was set up by Patrick McKinnon, going up by the apparently insurmountable margin of four goals.

Cody Baldwin turned aside all 13 Central shots in contributing to the shutout.

Speaking of hat-trick-bagger Murphy, Bedford said, "He's definitely one of our more skilled players. He's a sophomore, and I think he's starting to figure it out."

And the Lancers continued to show they'd figured out with a 3-1 besting of the Trinity Pioneers' crew for whom Bedford served as an assistant last winter.

Bryan Murphy was set up by McKinnon for the

lone goal of the first stanza, and Neiman made it a 2-0 game after being set up by Jacob Parilla and Patrick Murphy on the only goal of the middle period.

Trinity cut its deficit in half early in the third stanza before the Lancers ended the scoring on a power-play tally by Dom Federico with 9:23 to go. Troy Muldoon had the helper.

"Trinity is a better team than their record shows, and they probably played their best game of the season. But we did a good job of limiting their chances," said Bedford.

LHS freshman goalie Cam Donovan made 18 saves his contribution to the Lancer success.

The locals return to action on Friday afternoon with a home game against Pinkerton Academy.



Londonderry High hockey player Anthony Federico battles a Central rival along the boards during the recent LHS win. Photo by Chris Pantazis



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After 3-0 Start, LHS Girl Hoopsters Slip to 3-3 in D-I

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After starting its Division I campaign at a perfect 3-0 with defeats of Manchester Memorial, Nashua North, and Spaulding of Rochester, the Londonderry High girls' basketball squad has hit something of a rocky patch and dropped three consecutive divisional contests to slip to 3-3 in that tough class.

The latter two of those losses came last week in the Lady Lancers' home gym.

The locals battled hard on their own home court against the visiting Trinity Lady Pioneers from Manchester last Tuesday night, Jan. 3. But in the end the now 3-2 Trinity troop headed

home with a 41-36 victory in tow.

The hosts led by a 13-9 tally after one quarter, and by a tiny 17-16 margin at halftime. But the Lady Pioneers managed to win the third period (13-12) and the fourth (12-7) to collect the tight victory.

Amanda DeAngelis paced the Londonderry offense with 16 points and Courtney Shay contributed six.

"Our best player Emmy Dumaresq was awesome, pushing the ball and distributing, especially in the first half," said Lady Lancers' coach Nick Theos. "She played most of the game, and we were in it right up until the last two minutes. They took a two-point lead and never gave it back. We didn't exactly try and take it

away from them either. We are young, but we need our leaders to step up and take control."

And the LHS crew ended up getting bested by an even more lopsided margin by the always-tough Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals from Nashua at Londonderry High on the evening of Thursday Jan. 5.

Guertin came out flying in the first period and outscored its stunned host by a 20-5 tally, and by halftime the Lady Cards led by a full 20 points at 32-12.

The Lancers had trouble in the early going even getting the ball beyond half court.

LHS regained their composure about halfway through the first period, but never really seemed

to be in the game.

The now 4-1 Nashuans outscored Theos' troop by a 21-16 tally in the second half in putting the final touches on their success leaving the home team looking at a 53-28 loss.

The Lady Lancers only received points from five sources, with Kelsey Coffey pacing the way with 11, which included a pair of three-point buckets. DeAngelis contributed seven points on one rough night for the locals, who drove into this week aiming to right themselves in matches against Concord in the state capital on Tuesday, Jan. 10 - after Londonderry Times press time - and then back at home against the Exeter Lady Blue Hawks this Friday night, Jan. 13.



Lady Lancer freshman hoopster Melissa Marino glides past a Bishop Guertin defender during the recent LHS defeat. Photo by Chris Paul

Lady Lancer Gymnasts Continue Winning Ways in Goffstown

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The defending Division I champion Londonderry High girls' gymnastics squad continued its superb defense of its 2015-16 title with yet another impressive victory in a five-team meet at the Goffstown YMCA Saturday, Jan. 7.

Coach Heather Tuden's

Lady Lancers tallied a team score of 129.15 to easily best the runner-up Bedford bunch (123.75), Manchester Central (118.95), the host Goffstown group (114.3), and the Keene High Lady Blackbirds (110.65).

The lone fly in the ointment for the LHS crew was a sub-par team performance on the balance

beam. But in the end the locals still won by plenty.

"Overall we had a good meet, but definitely struggled on beam with counting many falls," said coach Tuden. "During the middle of the season is when the assistant coaches and I play around with the line-up and see who can step up when we need them to. Every meet we learn where we need work and hopefully everything will come together at states."

Maddie Croteau was unbeatable on the vault (8.850) and balance beam

(8.7) and won the all-around as well (34.250). She also placed second in the floor exercise and third on the uneven bars.

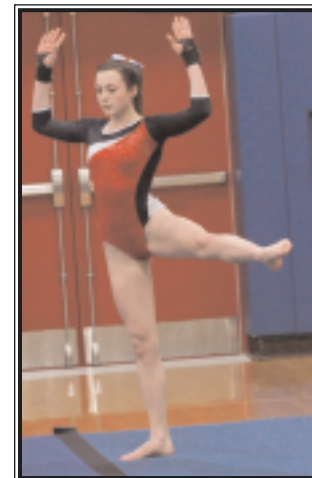
Mira Kutney was victorious on the bars (8.1) and placed third on beam and floor.

Second place performances were notched by Suzie Moore on vault and Seana Kelly on the bars. And coach Heather Tuden had reasons to feel good about quite a few other Lady Lancer efforts.

"Other strong vault performances came from Janiah Bergendahl, Gian-

na DelViscovo, and Tara Nigro, we had other good beam routines from Camille Lamont and Suzie Moore, and we had other solid floor routines from Taylor MacKenzie, Tyla Kelley, and Marissa McKay."

The Lancer crew is now off from meet competition until next Monday, Jan. 16 when it makes the short trip over to Derry for what should be an exciting meet with the Pinkerton Lady Astros. LHS just nipped PA for the D-I crown early this year.



Maddie Croteau had an exceptional day in the Goffstown meet recently. Photo by Chris Paul

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LHS Grapplers Have Mixed Fortunes at Multiple Events

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School wrestling team dealt with distinct ups and downs during multiple competitions of different types last week. But without enough wrestlers to fill out a meet lineup, team wins are tough to come by for the locals.

Coach Jason Cucolo's squad had a rough time with the Exeter High Blue Hawks at LHS on Wednesday, Jan. 4, then the team split up into two segments on Saturday, Jan. 7 with one part managing a solid sixth place tie out of some 19 teams at the 34th Annual Chelmsford (Mass.)

Invitational while other LHS grapplers took part in a four-team match in Goffstown.

In the Exeter match, the visiting Blue Hawks snared a 48-23 win despite Londonderry weight class wins from Ben Psaedas at 195 pounds, David Donnelly in 132-pound action, Tyler Byrd at 145 pounds, Andrew Chase in 152-pound competition, and Colin Reardon at 160.

On Saturday at the Chelmsford event, the locals notched 104 points to tie for sixth overall with the Westford Academy (Mass.) crew. The host Chelmsford bunch won with 194.

Londonderry had 10

grapplers compete, with Andrew Chase finishing second at 152 with a 3-1 record, Byrd snagging third at 145 pounds with a 4-1 mark, Psaedas claiming third at 195 pounds (3-1), Craig Santos notching fourth place at 138 pounds (4-2), and Michael Watts finishing sixth (3-3).

The four-man Londonderry bunch which traveled to Goffstown and took on the host team, Bishop Guertin from Nashua, and Mascoma of Canaan consisted of Vincent Del Signore, Jack Kelley, Justin Miller, and Minot DiLorenzo. The latter athlete went a very solid 2-1 on the day at 220 pounds.



David Donnelly pinned his Exeter High opponent during the Lancer team's home meet last week. Photo by Chris Paul

Local Track Club's Boston Prep Races Scheduled For Jan. 29

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Greater Derry Track Club's annual Boston Prep 16-Mile Road Race has long been popular among area runners getting themselves ready to take on the historic Boston Marathon in April. And the 22nd GDTC Boston Prep race will be held on Sunday, Jan. 29 this year.

In an effort to include still more folks that day, the local track club has added a shorter, "BP Lite" five-mile road race geared to runners desiring a taste of the Boston Prep challenge. And race director Dan Guttman is more than a little pumped about what his races offer interested runners.

"Calling the prep course scenic is an under-

statement," he said of the events. "Running alongside the fields, farmlands, and historic landmarks of East Derry provides a picture of what pastoral New Hampshire is all about, and a pretty picture it is indeed."

The start of both races is on Humphrey Road, adjacent to Derry's West Running Brook Middle School. The five-miler and

the 16-miler run together for the first mile and a half. The course then splits at the intersection of Lane Road and Longfellow Road, with the five-miler turning left and the 16-miler taking a sharp right. The five-mile course almost immediately rejoins the 16-mile route but cuts out nearly a dozen miles.

The first two miles of the five-miler are rolling hills with lots of uphill running. After a loop in and out of the Nelson Farm Road cul-de-sac - necessary to make this a five-miler - the final three miles are flat to downhill, providing for a fast and

easy finish. Post-race massages and a hot lunch await the runners at the finish line. That pleasure will be followed by an after-party gathering.

All runners will receive a moisture-wicking long-sleeved jersey and a commemorative

shot glass. The 16-mile race finishers will also receive a medal. The Boston Prep events benefit the GDTC's Kids' Summer Fun Run Series.

More information about the pair of anticipated races is available at <http://www.gdgc.org>

Lady Lancer Basketball Clinic Jan. 22

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In an effort to heighten interest in girls' basketball in Londonderry, the Londonderry High School girls' basketball program will be holding a Lady Lancer Skills and Drills Basketball Clinic in the LHS gymnasium on Sunday, Jan. 22.

The clinic will run

from noon until 2 p.m., and players in grades three through eight of all skill levels are welcome to attend.

Varsity hoop coach Nick Theos and his players will direct the fundamental skills clinic.

To pre-register, contact Lancer Basketball Booster Club representative Jolene DaAngelis at jolene_deangelis@yahoo.com.

The cost is \$25 per player with cash and checks accepted.

A player who has not previously attended a Lady Lancers' hoop camp can receive \$5 off their registration fee for the Jan. 22 clinic.

Players are asked to plan to arrive and check in for the Lady Lancer clinic by 11:45 a.m. on that day.

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Lancer Boy Cagers Even Divisional Mark With Fine Wins

SENIOR CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

wins last week to advance to 2-2.

After starting the 2016-17 season with consecutive Division I road losses to Spaulding of Rochester and the Bedford High Bulldogs, the Londonderry High boys' basketball squad appeared to find its footing in its difficult league with back to back

The Lancers absolutely thumped the winless Trinity High Pioneers of Manchester in the Queen City last Tuesday, Jan. 3, and three nights later they earned the right to some pride and happiness with a double-digit vanquishing of the now 1-2 Bishop Guertin High

Cardinals on that opponent's home court over in Nashua.

In the 63-39 hammering of Trinity early in the week, coach Nate Stanton's locals won every quarter and led 13-12 after one period, 35-19 at the half, and 49-28 rolling into the final stanza.

Ethan Garofalo paced the Londonderry offensive attack by netting 17 points, Jake Coleman was good for 14, and Cole Britting put home eight on an evening when the Lancers received scoring from nine different sources.

The locals nailed a handful of three-point shots, with Coleman bagging two of them.

And Stanton's squad moved to 2-2 in D-I with a 59-47 success against Guertin in the Gate City, with Londonderry rebounding from a 14-7 first-quarter deficit with a loud and proud 24-6 trouncing of its host in the second

stanza. That left the Lancers leading by a 31-20 margin at the break.

The LHS advantage sat at 46-32 at the close of three quarters, and the locals managed the double-digit victory despite being outscored 15-13 in quarter four.

Coleman and Cam MacDonald each sank three three-point buckets on the night, with Coleman pacing the victors with 16 points and Dakota Bertrand just one point behind Coleman with 15. MacDonald and Brandon Radford each contributed nine points to the winning cause.

This week's slate had the Lancers scheduled to play at home against the Concord High Crimson Tide on the night of Tuesday the 10th - after Londonderry Times press time - before a relatively brief road trip over to Exeter this Friday Jan. 13.



Senior Brandon Radford has been an important contributor for the LHS boys' hoop team as it has reversed its fortunes.

Athletes of the Week

For the Week of Jan. 2



**Maddie Croteau,
Sophomore, Girls'
Gymnastics**

This talented 10th grader has really stepped up as one of her team's most consistent all-around gymnasts, placing first at a recent meet as well.



**Troy Muldoon, Senior,
Ice Hockey**

This battle-tested veteran has been a steady, quiet leader on the Lancer hockey team and is a big reason the contingent started out with a 5-1 record.

Development

Continued from page 2

the road. "There is not a long 'lead' before the stop sign," he said. "The hill goes downward and hits Old Derry Road."

He recommended redesigning the road, "especially if there are going to be that many families."

"I am sensing a common theme here," Chairman Art Rugg said.

Mike Boyle's property abuts Phase II, and he said in 35 years at his address, "I wish I had \$10 for every accident at the end of my driveway." There's a telephone pole nearby that has to be replaced every six

months, according to Boyle, and drivers are frequently smashing into stone walls. "I take my life in my own driveway," he said.

Boyle asked for some of the new houses to be spread out around the property, to reduce the impact on existing wells, but Lopez said "the layout is dictated by the conceptual layout." As a conservation subdivision, it's important to protect the vernal pools, other wetlands and endangered "To move the houses

would create a disturbance," he said.

"Well, it's disturbing the hell out of me," Boyle countered.

Boyle suggested that Chinberg put up "some sort of bond" in case residents' and abutters' wells go dry.

While the Planning Board approved several waivers and a conditional use permit, it agreed that Lorden Commons needed more work and study before being approved. The board voted unanimously to postpone further discussion to the Feb. 8 meeting.

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Annual Potter's Bowl Returns to Pinkerton Academy

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It started out as a small, staggered gathering in the ballroom of the Derry Masonic Temple. But the Potter's Bowl fund-raiser for the Community Caregivers of Derry has grown, over nearly a decade and a half, into an evening of art, food and most importantly, the kindness of local residents.

The Caregivers will host their 12th annual Potter's Bowl fund-raiser Saturday, Feb. 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Pinkerton Academy Freshman Cafeteria, Derry.

For just \$40, patrons will be able to choose

from a selection of hand-crafted pottery bowls donated by local New Hampshire artists, and enjoy over a dozen different soups donated from local restaurants in the Derry area, as well as delicious breads & desserts.

The Community Caregivers of Greater Derry has provided services and supplies to elderly and disabled residents in a seven-town radius for nearly 30 years. Thanks to the work of caring and hard-working volunteers, the Caregivers are able to provide transportation, help with light chores, companionship, respite, and home repair to those in need of a helping hand and caring heart.

The Caregivers also run a Loaner's Closet supplying over 9,000 pieces of gently-used equipment ranging from wheelchairs to shower chairs, all loaned to anyone anywhere for as long as they need them at absolutely no cost.

The event has brought in many residents over the course of its inception. In an effort to encourage more families with children, the Caregivers will be selling a "Kids Under 12" Ticket for just \$10. A pottery wheel demonstration will be occurring in the hour prior to the event for waiting patrons. The event will be featuring a 50/50 raffle, musical entertain-

ment, a silent auction, and again the world-famous Red Star Twirlers will be serving. Auction items donated from other New England artists and craftsmen include oil, acrylic and water color paintings, matted photography, wooden crafts, clothing and handcrafted jewelry. The value of all art donated amounts to over \$5,000.

The Potter's Bowl has been made possible each year by the generosity of local artists, businesses and residents.

"The event is not sponsored," Cindee Tanuma, Executive Director of the Community Caregivers explained. "When you take money from a main sponsor...it would change the authenticity. We try to incorporate other events in the calendar year that allow us to let businesses support us. This way, it's an army of small businesses...I think that's always been good that it's about the event."

Tanuma went on to say that the Caregivers have never looked at the event as a "moneymaker," but as an opportunity to motivate and inform the



Pinkerton Academy Art Teacher Mike Gooden was on hand during last year's Potter's Bowl demonstrating how some of the bowls were made.

people in attendance - the event, contact the Caregivers at 432-0877 or drop by 1 B Commons Drive, Unit 10, Londonderry, during the business day. For a soup menu, directions, and a list of auction items visit www.comcaregivers.org or the Community Caregivers' Facebook page.

According to a press release, there is still time for local artists to donate fine art, pottery or home-made crafts for a good cause.

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Filing Has Begun for Town, School Positions

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The following positions are up for election in March 2017:

School District

Two School Board seats are coming open, each for a three-year term. Filing period opens Wednesday, Jan. 25 and ends Friday, Feb. 3.

School District Clerk Mary Wing Soares is available at 247-1679 and will be in the district office from 3 to 5 p.m. on the final day of filing.

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- Town Council, two three-year terms.

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one-year term.

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The filing period is Jan. 25 through Feb. 3 at 5 p.m. Those interested in filing for any of the town offices may do so in the Town Clerk's office at the Municipal Center.

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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.

Learn about New Year's Observances

A program for young adults, New Year's Customs Around the World, will be held Thursday, Jan. 12, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Leach Library, Londonderry. The program is free, and snacks and drinks will be offered along with a door prize raffle. No registration is necessary. For more information, call 432-1132.

Learn about country estates at library

"Exemplary Country Estates of New Hampshire" will be presented Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. in the Leach Library, Londonderry. Cristina Ashjian will be the speaker. Ashjian is an art historian, independent scholar, and chair of the Moultonborough Heritage Commission. In her program, Ashjian will introduce the history of the country house movement launched in the early 20th century. Using historic images and

texts, she will discuss well-known estates now open to the public such as The Fells on Lake Sunapee, The Rocks in Bethlehem, and Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site in Cornish. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library. The event is free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. It will be held in the library's lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 432-1132.

Interfaith Choir

The Interfaith Choir will hold Open Sings during rehearsals Sundays, Jan., 15 and 22, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, East Broadway (Route 102), Derry. There are no auditions, no dues and no prior choir experience required. Singers must be at least of high school age. For more information e-mail ifcderry@gmail.com.

Meet Your Legislators

The Greater Derry/Londonderry Chamber of Commerce will hold a Business and Government Reception Friday, Jan. 20, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Searles School and Chapel, 3 Chapel Road, Windham. The breakfast is free to chamber members, \$10 for others. For more information, call the Chamber at 432-8205.

Jenny the Juggler

Jenny the Juggler will present a special program for children Monday, Jan. 23, from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Leach Library, Londonderry. "Jenny" will show off her juggling skills, lead sing-alongs and play her ukulele. She will also do simple balloon sculptures. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Leach Library. Registration is required beginning Tuesday, Jan. 17. For more information, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Seniors Invited to Breakfast

Senior breakfasts resume Friday, Jan. 27, in the Londonderry Senior Center. Cost is \$4 per person. This month's speaker will be Dr. Tai Slyne from Amodaus Health Care, speaking on beating the winter blues. For more information, call the Center at 432-8554.

Center Announces Seasonal Closings

The Londonderry Senior Center will follow the Londonderry Schools' pattern for dealing with winter weather. If the schools have a delayed opening, the Center will have a delayed opening, opening at 9 a.m. If the schools are closed for inclement weather, the Center will also be closed. For information, call 432-8554.

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Making Wishes Come True The Matthew Thornton Elementary School Student Council presented Make-a-Wish Ambassador and former Miss New Hampshire Holly Blanchard, center, with a check for \$1,095.50 from the school's Make-a-Wish fund raiser that took place last month. Connor Koza, to right of Blanchard, the Student Council President and also a Make-a-Wish Ambassador, initiated the fund raiser over the last two years because of his experiences with his sister Kaitlyn Koza, a sixth-grader at LMS who was a recipient of the program. Connor and the student council raised a little over \$850 last year.

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Celebrate Work of Mo Willems

The work of Mo Willems will be the subject of a children's program Monday, Feb. 6, from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Leach Library Children's Room. Children will hear the adventures of Elephant and Piggie, help find Knuffle Bunny and find out why pigeons should not drive. There will also be a chance to help Duckling find his

cookie. All participants will receive a goody bag and will be entered into a raffle to earn one of two special Mo Willems-themed prizes. This program is open to 90 participants of all ages and registration is required. To register, call 432-1127, or stop by the Children's Room.

Italian Gardens

The Leach Library will host a program on "Iconic Italian Gardens" Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Leach Library, Londonderry. Presenter Laura Campbell will explore the history of several well-known Italian gardens including Ninfa, Villa Lante, and Villa D'este. She will present her own photographs of the gardens and offer her observations as well as professional insights. This program is free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. It will be held in the library's lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 432-1132.

Live Animals

Children are invited to join staff members of the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center Tuesday, Feb. 21, from 4 to 5 p.m. to hear the stories of three native New Hampshire animals who returned from the edge of extinction. Participants will encounter three live animals, learn about their habi-

tats and characteristics, and then learn about a person who has helped the animals to thrive. Live animals may include a Peregrine falcon, Broadwing hawk and porcupine (live animals). This program is open to 90 participants of all ages. Registration is required and begins Monday, Feb. 13, at 9 a.m. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room. This program is sponsored by The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library

Blizzard Basketball Tournament

A Lancer Nation three-on-three basketball tournament will be held Saturday, Jan. 14, at Londonderry High School. Registration deadline is Jan. 5 and cost is \$60 per person. Divisions include 3rd and 4th grade, 5th and 6th grade, 7th and 8th grade and high school. Both girls and boys teams are welcome. For more information or to register online e-mail lancerbasketballnation@gmail.com. To register, send a registration form and check to LNB BA, P.O. Box 1268, Londonderry NH 03053.

Middle-schoolers' Opinions Sought

Young Adult voting on New Hampshire's Isinglass award-winning book titles is ongoing through the end of

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TOWN OF LONDONDERRY 2017 ELECTED OPEN POSITIONS

Town Council

Three Year Term

Two (2) Open Positions

Budget Committee

Three Year Term

Five (5) Open Positions

3 Positions - 3 Year Term

1 Position - 2 Year Term

1 Position - 1 Year Term

Library Trustee

Three Year Term

Two (2) Open Positions

Trustees of Trust Funds

Three Year Term

One (1) Open Position

Wednesday, January 25th is the first day for candidates to file declarations of candidacy with the Town Clerk. You may do so by coming into the Town Clerk's Office at the Londonderry Town Hall.

***The filing period ends on Friday, February 3rd at 5 pm.

Around Town

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March, and is open to all students in grades six through eight. The Isinglass Award nominees are books recommended by Middle School students. Brochures listing the titles may be found in the young adult area. Everyone that takes part in the voting will receive a chance to win a Barnes & Noble gift certificate. Students may vote more than once for any title from the list.

Free meals

The following free meals are offered in January: Jan. 15,

Dinner at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 5 to 6:15 p.m., 1 Hood Road, Derry, 432-0004; Jan. 19, Dinner at West Running Brook Middle School, 5 to 6:30 p.m., 1 West Running Brook Lane, Derry, 432-1350; Jan. 21, Dinner at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 5 to 6:30 p.m., 63 East Broadway, Derry, 434-4767; Jan. 29, Breakfast at Church of the Transfiguration, 9 to 10 a.m., 1 Hood Road, Derry, 432-2130; Jan. 27, Spaghetti Supper at First Parish Congregational Church, 5 to 6:30 p.m., 47 East Derry Road, Derry, 434-0628; and Jan. 29, Lunch at St. Jude Parish Community, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, 432-3333.

In addition, the Sonshine Soup Kitchen serves a free meal every weeknight from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Learn About Country Estates

"Exemplary Country Estates of New Hampshire" will be the topic of a program to be held Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. in the Leach Library. Cristina Ashjian will be the speaker. Ashjian is an art historian and independent scholar, and is currently chair of the Moultonborough Heritage Commission. She holds a master's in the History of Art from the Courtauld Institute of Art, University of

London, and a Ph.D. in Modern Art and Architecture from Northwestern University. The program is free and sponsored by Friends of the Leach Library. Light refreshments will be served.

Brighten a Life with Hospice

Volunteers are sought for Amedisys Hospice in Londonderry. Volunteers can make the life of a patient a little brighter by reading together, playing a board game or doing a puzzle or by simply visiting and sharing valuable time. Amedisys Hospice has an immediate need for volunteers in Rockingham Coun-

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Wednesday - Jan. 4
12:05 p.m. Motor vehicle reported on Old Derry Road.

3:22 p.m. Drug offenses investigated on Hovey Road.

4:45 p.m. Serving warrant results in an arrest made on Elm Street, Derry. Joseph Gaetano Medaglia, 30, of Derry arrested on two charges of Criminal Liability For Conduct Of Another.

7:36 a.m. Domestic Disturbance reported and peace restored on Holly Lane.

7:45 p.m. Motor vehicle accident reported on Pillsbury and Hardy Roads intersection.

9:09 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Nutfield Drive.

Thursday - Jan. 5
4:31 a.m. Motor vehicle accident on Kendall Pond Road results in an arrest made. Charles Boccello, 38, of Derry, 31 Fairway Drive charged with Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs and Falsifying Physical Evidence.

1:31 p.m. Motor vehicle accident reported at Tedeschi Foods on Rockingham Road involving a Ford Taurus and Honda Civic.

5:43 p.m. Overdose reported on Pillsbury Road. Person transported to hospital.

7:46 p.m. Motor vehicle

accident reported at West and Elwood Road intersection.

Friday - Jan 6
1:57 p.m. Motor vehicle stop results in arrest on Rockingham Road near Liberty Drive. Name: Abraham De Souza, 18, of Derry charged with Driving After Revocation or Suspension of Licence.

7:04 a.m. Motor vehicle accident reported St. Mary's on Gilcreast Road.

7:53 a.m. Motor vehicle accident reported at Harvey and Grenier Field Roads intersection.

9:45 a.m. Sudden Death investigated at Winding Pond Road.

10:39 a.m. Sudden Death investigated at All American Assisted Living on Button Drive.

1:09 p.m. Criminal Threatening reported at Market Basket on Garden Lane.

3:57 p.m. Missing person investigated at Londonderry High School.

6:21 p.m. Motor vehicle stop at Shell Food Mart on Nashua Road results in arrest. Kyle Doucette, 27, of Chichester charged with Suspended Registration, Driving After Revocation or Suspension and Following Too Closely.

6:55 p.m. Overdose reported on Rockingham Road. Person transported

to hospital.
8:32 p.m. Motor vehicle stop on Route 28 near Old Mammoth Road results in arrest made. Michael Murphy, 22 of Londonderry charged with Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs.

9:08 p.m. Motor vehicle accident reported on I93 on South Bound Off Ramp.

Saturday - Jan. 7
1:27 p.m. Motor vehicle accident reported on Yellowstone Drive near Litchfield Road.

1:53 p.m. Auto Theft reported on Coteville Road.

2:01 p.m. Motor vehicle accident reported on Nashua Road at Exit 4 involving Toyota Rav 4 and Dodge Durango.

2:42 p.m. Motor vehicle accident reported on West Road near Elwood Road.

4:40 p.m. Recovery of stolen motor vehicle on Tinkham Avenue.

10:48 p.m. Motor vehicle accident reported at The Stumble Inn on Rockingham Road.

Sunday - Jan. 8
12:33 a.m. Motor vehicle stop on Planeview Drive results in arrest. Robert Pina, 41, of Manchester charged with Disobeying an Officer, Habitual Offender and Possession Of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs.
2:10 a.m. Motor vehicle accident reported on Old Nashua Road near Nashua Road

6:48 p.m. Motor vehicle accident reported on South Road involving a Lincoln Continental and GMC 2500.

7:35 p.m. Missing Person investigated on South Road.

8:38 p.m. Motor vehicle accident reported at Gilcreast and Nashua Roads involving a Subaru Outback and Ford Escape.

12:23 p.m. Motor vehicle accident reported on Auburn Road.

12:58 p.m. Returned juvenile missing person at South Road.

1:32 p.m. Motor vehicle accident reported on High Range Road.

2:15 p.m. Domestic Disturbance reported on Pendleton Lane.

2:21 p.m. Car Fire responded to on I-93.

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Stonehenge

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Building 9 on Dec. 31, Merritt said. The balloon was raised to the height of the ridge line, about 60 feet, and it was not visible from Faye Lane, he said, though it was visible from one point on West Parish Road.

- **Lighting.** The plan is for "full cutoff" fixtures, with no light being emanated from past the horizontal point, Merritt told the board. It's the "dark sky" concept, with no upward lighting, he said. He said, "LED lights are directional. We can control the focus and reduce 'spill.'" The fixtures on the perimeter will have "house-side shields," which will further reduce spill by 5 to 10 percent.

- **Trash and recycling.** In addition to a trash compactor, a concrete pad will be installed for a recycling container and the company is in talks with Waste Management about the size, he said.

Traffic

The traffic that could be generated remained a sticking point. Traffic engineer Steve Pernow said he had met with town staff and the development team, and that the most "reasonable mitigation" appeared to be the right-turn lane from Stonehenge to Route 28.

There were three concepts discussed, he said:

- **Concept A,** widening Stonehenge with two approaching lanes to 28. "That would increase the egress capacity," Pernow said. It's do-able but would require the relocation of a utility pole, he said.

- **Concept B,** widening the north side of Stonehenge.

- **Concept C.** Stonehenge would remain as it is, with the addition of the right-turn lane and a median strip containing the utility pole. "C" was vetted by the developers and town staff, he said, though DOT will have the final say.

"It is the first part of a long-range fix for the intersection," Pernow said.

"What will that do to the traffic count?" Chairman Art Rugg asked, to which Pernow said, "It won't change the volume. But it will make the right turns quicker."

James Butler, the Town Council representative to the Planning Board, asked if Pernow had consulted with the Londonderry Police Department and received an accident histo-

ry. Pernow allowed that he hadn't, but that the DOT had provided him with an accident list from 2009 to 2013. There were 30 accidents, an average of six per year, he said. Of these, five were diagonal crashes, nine were rear-enders, three were head-on, 10 "unknown" and three "other," he said.

How many injuries? Butler pressed.

Pernow said 21 were property-only and nine had some personal injury. "There were no fatalities," he said.

The permanent fix, according to Pernow, would be signaling the intersection. But that would take multiple years and multiple dollars, he added. "You can't just plunk in a signal."

The bottom line, Butler said, is, "This intersection will still be in failure."

"Will it reduce accidents?" Rugg asked of the turning lane.

"I would not go far enough to say that," Pernow responded.

"Have you talked to the police?" Butler asked again, to which Pernow responded that the turning lane had been discussed by staff, himself, the developers and Stantec, a third-party engineering firm.

Butler wasn't satisfied. "Our police and fire personnel know that intersection better than anyone," he said.

Alternate Ann Chiampa asked for more recent data, noting that "These numbers are from three years ago."

Member Al Sypek agreed, saying, "I would ask for more recent data. I'm interested in trends, patterns."

"We need a commonality of discussion with police and fire, and I don't believe we've reached that yet," Rugg said.

Butler criticized the development team for taking its traffic samples from July 20 to 23. School was out at that time and many Londonderry-ites were on vacation, he contended. "Why didn't you do it at the height of the traffic season?" he asked. "I have no trust in your numbers." To audience applause he added, "This study was done in favor of the developer."

Fugere pointed out that the numbers were adjusted using a formula to bring them closer to peak traffic times and said, "That is an unfair statement. I want

this on the record."

"Put it on the record," Butler said.

Member Leitha Reilly told Pernow and David DeBaie, the independent consultant from Stantec, "I value your expertise. But not when it flies in the face of common sense."

Visibility

Merritt said the Building 9 site was chosen for the balloon test because it is the only building in the development that will be four stories tall. There is also a topographic difference between the development and Faye Lane, he said.

Merritt said that there will be 1,400 feet between Building 9 and the closest house on Faye Lane; 1,200 feet to Mammoth Road; and 1,750 feet to Hardy. "It's spread out, so you won't get the feeling it's towering over you," he said.

"This site 'falls away' from Stonehenge," Mark Fugere, a principal with Fugere Planning, said. "The vegetation will be 6 to 7 feet high."

But Butler wasn't so sure. He had been at the balloon test on New Year's Eve morning, he said. While he agreed that the balloon could not be seen from Faye Drive, he expressed concern that the development would be much more visible once trees were taken down. "When you clean it out and open it up, I would not like the view," he told the developers. He also asked why balloons were not flown over the area of the proposed Building 1.

Merritt countered, "I'm not suggesting you can't see the site." The concern, he said, was that Buildings 7 and 9 would tower over Faye Lane, and that was why the balloon was raised there.

Units 1 and 3 are only three stories each and have a 50-foot buffer from the road, he said.

But Merritt added, "I think people should be able to see the development. We're not ashamed of it."

Public Opinion

In the public hearing portion of the meeting, Conservation Chair Marge Badois addressed the fact that the development will border on Little Cohas Brook. "It is an important and sensitive watershed," she said. "I would recommend that you have an on-site third-party monitor the area on a permanent periodic basis." She noted that the snow storage and dumpster are being placed in an area that could mean trouble for Little Cohas.

"Our recommendation," she said, "is that you keep the buffer as wide as you can."

Badois also addressed the fact that Conservation was never given the opportunity to comment on the Design Review Committee process, though they were consulted on the dredge-and-fill permit. Planning Director Colleen Mailloux said that Conservation should have been informed, but that there were staff changes at the time and there could have been a miscommunication.

Faye Lane resident David Nease said, "I've been fighting this project for eight years. They don't want the liability of a playground? I don't want the liability of having a recreational trail behind my house."

Nease said, "Every one of the apartment complexes in Londonderry has a drug problem. I have three small children."

He also disputed the lighting plan, saying, "I don't want 'Home Depot' in my back yard. I see deer in my back yard. With 288 units, do they really believe we won't see the lights?"

John Curran, also a resident of Faye Drive, said, "They had no contact with us unless we were direct abutters. We were out of the loop."

Curran urged the board to take a subjective look at the prospect, noting that the 30 accidents were the ones reported, and a lot of fender-benders aren't reported. Also, he said, a

workforce housing complex means that people will, well, work. And they will drive to work, down Stonehenge to Route 28.

"I urge you, do your due diligence," he told the board.

Nutfield publisher and resident Debra Paul asked what is "reasonable" in the traffic study world. "These people are not driving these roads every day, and seeing what is going on," she told the board.

The developers are responsible for making sure safety is maintained, and Paul didn't see that happening.

In addition, Paul expressed concern about enough water pressure for a fully-engulfed fire; the sight lines; and the impact on town services.

In talks with the DOT, Paul said, department personnel told her the best time to put in a traffic light at the Stonehenge/28 intersection was during the widening of I-93, which is ongoing. The developer should be responsible for putting in the light, Paul maintained.

"We are here to do what's right for the community," Paul said. "The developers have done nothing." She urged the developers to "either pony up, or take your bags and go."

"This is in the wrong place at the wrong time, and I urge you to rethink it," Paul told the board.

Lifetime resident Jillian Davenport said, "Safety is the number one concern of all the residents. At the end of the day, this developer is not sure he can make the problem better, and will possibly make it worse."

Fire Lt. and resident Beau Butler brought first-hand experience, saying he has been responding to accidents in Londonderry for 12 years. "I deal with the human factor," he said. "I have responded to a number of accidents on this stretch of roadway. It is a terrible stretch, like a luge. If you add more cars, it will set the town up for failure."

Council Chair John Farrell wrapped up the public comment, saying, "This is a square peg in a round hole. It's in the wrong place in the wrong time." He further compared the project to "Russian roulette" regarding drivers and accidents.

"We live here, they don't live here," he said of the developers. "We need to figure out a better way."

The board listed the concerns they wanted dealt with by the February meeting, including a better plan for trash and recycling; a meeting with Conservation; and a meeting between traffic consultants, police, fire and the DOT. They voted unanimously to continue the hearing to February 1, at 7 p.m.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY ZONING BOARD AGENDA

January 18, 2017 7:00 p.m.
Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B
Mammoth Road

- I. Draft minutes to approve: December 2016
- II. Report by Town Council liaison (if any): n/a
- III. Public hearing of cases:

A. Case no. 1/18/2017-1: Request for a variance from LZO 2.3.1.3.C.2 to allow for the construction of a solar photovoltaic array that is setback 5 feet from the property line where 15 feet are required, 34 Parmenter Road, Map 003 Lot 138-2, Zoned AR-1, John & Joan Loker (Owner) & Revision Energy (Applicant)

B. Case no. 1/18/2017-2: Request for a variance from LZO 2.2.2 (Table of Uses) to allow the non-permitted use of a group child care center in the C-1 Zone, 3 Crosby Lane, Map 006 Lot 64-1, Zoned C-1, Nicole Lamarche, Michelle Brutus & Katlyn Lamarche (Applicants) & Gilcrest House, LLC (Owner)

- IV. Communications and miscellaneous:
- V. Other business: Election of officers

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