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Kind of Fun

Matthew Thornton fifth grade students participated in a maze activity as they celebrated BKE Day; "Be Kind to Everyone." Students were involved in workshops all day completing teamwork and community building activities. See more photos page 10. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Council Supports Water Relief For Residents

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Jennifer Smith is tired of rationing water for showers, especially when her parents visit. "They call me the 'Water Nazi,'" the Longwood Avenue resident told the Town Council and Budget

Committee.

The Londonderry Town Council will attempt to right a longstanding wrong by throwing its support behind a warrant article to extend town water to a handful of homes. In its Jan. 16 budget hearing, the Council heard again from resi-

dents of Hillcrest Lane and Longwood Avenue.

At issue is the water quality and quantity for the residents, who live in the vicinity of a Brownfields site on Auburn Road. While other homes in the neighborhood had town water extended to

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Town Council and Budget Committee Review Warrant

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The Londonderry Town Council and Budget Committee agreed to recommend most of the items on the 2017 warrant, including the 2018 budget, four union contracts and a communications infrastructure upgrade.

They weren't so sure about the petitioned warrant articles.

The two boards discussed the warrant in a budget hearing during the Jan. 16 Town Council meeting, and the warrant will now be passed on to voters in the Feb. 11 deliberative session.

Big-ticket items

Both boards unanimously accepted Warrant Article 2, a plan to fund a Communications Upgrade for Police, Fire and Public Works, with a combination of leasing, bonding and Unassigned Fund Balance (see related story).

They spent little time discussing and unanimously approved Article 3, a working town budget for 2017-18. The proposed budget is \$32,301,194, lower than the default budget of \$32,331,194, and will require the town to raise \$18,489,458 in property taxes. Approval of the budget will bring the town portion of the

tax rate to \$4.86.

Items 4 and 5 are both self-funding, police details at \$506,306 and the Sewer Fund at \$5,246,992, and both were unanimously recommended by both boards.

The two groups also unanimously approved Items 6, 7 8 and 9, asking respectively for \$650,000 for the Roadway Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, with \$487,500 from the Unassigned Fund Balance, leaving \$162,500 to be raised through taxes; \$164,000, Capital Reserve Fund for Fire Equipment, \$123,000 from the UFB, \$41,000 to be raised by

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Board Receives Snapshot of Senior Housing Plan

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Affordable housing for Londonderry seniors got one baby step closer to reality after the developer of the proposed Lithia Springs complex met with the Planning Board.

The board heard a conceptual and non-binding discussion of the project in its Jan. 11 meeting. Concerns expressed centered on the height of the proposed buildings and the traffic impact, though no decisions were made.

The property is Tax Map 15, Lot 83-2 and is at 30 Sanborn Road. It is zoned R-III and being developed by Steven Lewis.

Lewis, who had been initially contacted by representatives of the Londonderry Senior Citizens, said, "It is nice to be approached by a community."

He has been developing senior housing since 1980, he said, pointing to projects in Salem and Atkinson.

Since the project is for affordable senior housing, he will partner with the Federal HUD program and the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority, he said. The type of project is called LIHTP, for Low Income Housing Tax Credit Project.

The rents are capped at a certain amount, and the Feds set the rates and the

caps, Lewis explained. A third party is required for verification, and in New Hampshire it's NHHFA, he said. There are annual inspections to make sure the complex remains affordable, he said.

The site was formerly a Brownfields site, Lewis said, and those take longer to work with. In cleaning up the hazardous waste

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Fire Staffing Upgrade Will Have to Wait This Year

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While the Town Council agrees in principle on more staff for Fire Chief Darren O'Brien, it will have to wait its turn.

In the Jan. 16 Town Council meeting, Councilors heard from resident John Grennan during the public comment portion of the meeting. Grennan said while staffing levels have been brought up to 10 peo-

ple per shift, he is concerned about the number of responders on each vehicle, which he says has not changed.

Grennan said while the staffing on the apparatus has not changed, the volume of calls, both in town and for mutual aid, has increased.

"It's a dangerous situation," he said.

Council Chair John Farrell said that while the Council added four fire-

fighters in recent years, the current Fire Chief, Darren O'Brien, has also been working with the Council to "keep his budget in line."

In the current budget season, Farrell said, the Council talked with O'Brien about staffing, noting that police have not had an increase in officers since 1993, and Public Works has been making do with the same number of employees since the 1980s. "We want to shore up these other departments," Farrell told Grennan.

Farrell said, "It's not that I don't think it's important." But he pointed out that there are 23 warrant articles this year, including four union contracts, two potential new employees for police and two for Public Works. "It is a five-or six-page budget," Farrell said, adding, "If the Fire Chief tells me it's dangerous and he can't operate this way, we will look at things differently."

Grennan said fire staffing is different. A police car usually has one person, a snowplow has one operator. "But the Fire Department goes out more often," he said.

Grennan said, "We moved here for the Police and Fire departments."

If someone at his home is choking, he doesn't want to wait 13 minutes, the average time for a Mutual Aid ambulance to respond, Grennan said.

Farrell countered that the Londonderry response time is seven minutes, and quicker than calling 9-1-1.

But if the entire Londonderry department is tied up in a crash on Route 93, with entrapment, he would have no choice but to have mutual aid, Grennan said.

"If you have to wait 13 minutes for an ambulance in 2017, something's perverted," Grennan said.

Grennan continued, "We make a deal with the Fire Department, as citizens of this town, to protect us. Do they have the tools they need?"

Grennan recommended a "wholistic" approach to fire staffing.

"Other departments, if they're short-staffed, you wait," he said., "If Fire is

short-staffed, someone could die."

Council Vice-Chair Tom Freda observed that the time had passed to do anything in this coming year's budget. The budget has been in the works since September and has been finalized, he told Grennan. "You can come down and say this, but you can't expect a result," he said.

"If you had come earlier, we would have had an opportunity to look at this more deeply," Farrell told Grennan.

While Grennan said he would like to see a study committee and would volunteer for it, Farrell told him, "We've had committees," and suggested Grennan run for a Council position or other form of community involvement.

Town Manager Kevin Smith said, "When I came on staff in 2013, staffing was nine firefighters and one Battalion Chief per

shift. We added four, for a capacity of 10 firefighters and four Battalion Chiefs per shift." The apparatus staffing may be the same, but the department has grown, Smith said.

"We are trying," he said, "to take a balanced approach to how we grow our operation."

O'Brien said he's been able since July to keep staffing at 10 people per shift. He acknowledged that call volume is up 12 1/2 percent over last year, and the department is averaging 10 calls a day. They responded to 3,600 last year, he said. Mutual aid calls are up, as are simultaneous calls, he said.

O'Brien said, "Next year I'd like to talk about adding staff."

"We are playing the hand we were dealt," Farrell said, referring to the current budget constraints. "We give everyone the best we can with what we have."

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COLON CANCER**

Colon cancer is cancer of the large intestine (colon), the lower part of your digestive system. Rectal cancer is cancer of the last several inches of the colon. Together, they're often referred to as colorectal cancers. Most cases of colon cancer begin as small, non-cancerous (benign) clumps of cells called adenomatous polyps. Over time some of these polyps become colon cancers. Polyps may be small and produce few, if any, symptoms. For this reason, doctors recommend regular screening tests to help prevent colon cancer by identifying polyps before they become colon cancer.

Signs and symptoms of colon cancer include: a change in your bowel habits, including diarrhea or constipation or a change in the consistency of your stool for more than a couple of weeks; rectal bleeding or blood in your stool; persistent abdominal discomfort, such as cramps, gas or pain; a feeling that your bowel doesn't empty completely; weakness or fatigue; or unexplained weight loss.

Many people with colon cancer experience no symptoms in the early stages of the disease. When symptoms appear, they'll likely vary, depending on the cancer's size and location in your large intestine. It's not clear what causes colon cancer in most cases. Doctors know that colon cancer occurs when healthy cells in the colon become altered. Healthy cells grow and divide in an orderly way to keep your body functioning normally. But sometimes this growth gets out of control. Cells continue dividing even when new cells aren't needed. In the colon and rectum, this exaggerated growth may cause precancerous cells to form in the lining of your intestine. Over a long period of time, spanning up to several years, some of these areas of abnormal cells may become cancerous.

Among other tests to diagnose colon cancer a colonoscopy has gotten the most attention in recent years. There are also blood test, although, there is not blood test to confirm colon cancer. A barium enema allows doctors to create a clear silhouette of your rectum, colon and sometimes a small portion of your small intestine. It is important if you suspect that you have any issues to consult with your doctor to catch this early.

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Parkland Honors Londonderry Fire Department Staffers



Fred Heinrich



Phil LeBlanc



Kevin Barnett

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Two members of the Londonderry Fire Department and one branch of the department were honored recently by Parkland Medical Center.

Fire Chief Darren O'Brien announced the honors in the Jan. 16 Town Council meeting.

O'Brien said on Dec. 14, Parkland held its annual event honoring Southern New Hampshire emergency responders. "According to Parkland, these are the responders

who go above and beyond," O'Brien told the Council and audience.

O'Brien's department includes 22 paramedics, four of whom are Advanced EMTs and 18 Basic EMTs.

Kevin Barnett, a staff member since 2007, was recognized as Parkland's Paramedic of the Year.

Phil LeBlanc, on staff since 2006, was recognized as Advanced EMT of the year.

And the EMS department, headed by Battalion Chief Fred Heinrich, was deemed 2016 EMS Department of the Year.

Barnett and LeBlanc received congratulations from the Town Council. Heinrich, speaking for his department, said, "It is a team effort." He thanked the Council and community for their support, including financial.

The department received a standing ovation.

Correction: In the Jan. 12 edition, a representative of CART was incorrectly identified as Scott Vogel. The correct name is Scott Bogle.

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Editorial

Calling All Residents

To all the residents who had stayed home while your elected officials crafted school and town budgets, and to those who didn't offer suggestions during public hearings, we expect that you will be satisfied with the final numbers that you will see with next year's tax bills.

And you may very well have good reason to feel that way. Some public officials listened and chose to level fund their budgets. That meant that quite unpleasant decisions were being made.

Some people will be losing jobs or working without raises next year. Some benefits will change, and some purchases will be delayed. Some unions stepped up to the challenge and reopened their contracts. And in some towns, it was more like business as usual.

But now the hearings are over, and your next shot at participatory democracy comes at the Deliberative Session and Town Meeting. It's not too late to offer a well thought out and practical way to save money, or to offer your thanks if you think your elected officials paid attention to the woes of the taxpayers.

Of course, there's something else you can do as well, particularly if you are ardent about fiscal and personal responsibility. Is it frustrating to state your case and feel that no one is lis-

tening? You can change that by running for elected office yourself.

Now through Friday, Jan. 27, the filing period is open for town and school district offices (check our calendar listings for details). And if you're willing to put in the effort, and it will definitely require effort, sign up for a seat on the school board or town council. Don't let the apathy that brought out only one or two people to budget hearings continue into the election.

If you have great love for your community, if you are truly willing to listen to others, if you can seek a middle ground among differing opinions, if you have really thick skin, and if you are willing to put in long evenings to serve your constituents, put your name in the running. No personal agendas need apply.

In a country founded on citizen participation, in a state where the voice of the individual is honored, and in towns that are still small enough to listen to individual citizens, elected office is a possibility for anyone who cares to make the effort.

You'll know what's really going on, you'll have a say in what happens, and you'll be responsible for helping your town move forward. You'll truly be part of your community, and you'll be part of democracy in action.

Letters

Response to Article "Because They Served"

I enjoyed reading Ms. Bailey's story "Because They Served...", an interview with John Powers Sr. (Nuffield News Jan. 12, 2017).

Like so many of his generation, including my

Dad who fought on Iwo Jima, Mr Powers is reluctant to speak about his experience as a soldier in WWII's Pacific Theater. His recollection was more personal than some interviews, and he enlisted prior to Pearl Harbor, serving through the entire U.S. involvement, even

serving in post-war Japan, now one of our greatest allies.

I salute Mr. Powers and those of "the Greatest Generation" who served our country.

Thanks to his family and to Ms. Bailey, too.

Craig Lazinsky
Derry

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Water

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them as part of a mitigation attempt in the 1990s, these lots were overlooked. Resident Amy Cocci is representing her neighbors, who signed a petition for a warrant article to raise \$230,000 to connect to town water.

Shady Lane was connected to the town water in 2004, by petition, but once again their homes were overlooked, residents told the Council in its Jan. 9 meeting.

The petitioned warrant article was #20 on the working warrant presented in the Jan. 16 meeting.

In the public hearing on the articles, resident Dan Bouchard, who does not live in that area, said the issue "bothered him. The town dropped the ball, and didn't get water to those people." Bouchard added he didn't want to see the town in a lawsuit.

"It should not be a citizens' petition," Bouchard said. "The Council should address it and fix it."

Bouchard, a longtime resident, reminded the Council that \$1 million was received from the EPA in a settlement on the original Brownfields issue, and it was put in the UFB and returned to taxpayers.

Town Manager Kevin Smith said he and the town attorneys had researched the issue, including looking at the original 1986 "record of

decision" or ROD. "It never stated," he said, "that all homes within a one-mile radius be connected. The EPA did not recommend it."

What might have happened, Smith said, is that Cocci's neighborhood was submitted to the EPA as part of a request to identify all wells in the area and see if they were contaminated.

"I drove those roads this week," Council Chair John Farrell said. "I have empathy for your situation."

While Farrell said, "It appears the EPA followed the rules," he added that it should not affect the neighbors' petition.

Vice-Chair Tom Freda said, "One million went into the UFB. It was earmarked for these neighbors. I want to know what came out of the UFB." To use the money to reduce taxes when these residents have water issues is, he said, "Not appropriate."

Administrative Support Coordinator Steve Cotton said the \$230,000 would allow the line to be run down these streets, but that it was still the residents' responsibility – and expense – to connect.

The extension requested is 1,200 feet.

"We're on the map and it should have been done," Amy Cocci told the board. "The road was being ripped up. It could have been done at that time."

Matt Smith, a resident of Longwood, said he has spent \$13,000 to \$14,000 to improve his water.

"This is incredibly important to us," he said.

Smith's wife Jennifer said, "I know this will be hard to pass." She told the television audience, "I am a wife, a mother. My husband is a coach and teacher. We are your neighbors."

"It seems like a wrong has been done," Councilor Joe Green said. He asked if the Council could vote not to recommend this article, and instead instruct Kevin Smith to have the DPW do the work with money from fund balance.

Farrell reminded the board, "We are already taking \$2 million from the fund balance."

But Green argued that the UFB made sense as a funding mechanism, because it wouldn't affect taxes. "The taxpayer already paid for it," he said.

"This is a public safety issue," Councilor Jim Butler said. "It is not a want, it is a need. I recommend that we vote to support this article, and if the voters reject it, we go back and find a way to fix this."

Farrell referenced the number of items already on the warrant, and the effect if they all pass. "It will be \$266 on a \$300,000 home," he said, and with the School Board warrant articles, it will be closer to \$500.

But the Council agreed that it should have been done, and it needs to be done.

The question was, "how."

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Warrant

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taxes; Capital Reserve Fund for Geographic Information Systems, \$28,000, \$21,000 from the UFB, \$7,000 in taxes; and Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund, \$180,000, \$135,000 from UFB, \$45,000 from taxation. In addition, the Council and Budget Committee approved Article 10, \$100,000 for the expansion of the Pillsbury Cemetery, with \$75,000 from the UFB and \$25,000 through taxation.

They also approved two warrant items adding to staff, Article 15, \$198,545 for two additional police officers and Article 16, \$158,070 to add two truck drivers to Public Works.

In addition, they approved Item 18, \$35,000 for an engineering study for expanding or replacing the Central Fire Station.

State of the Unions

The Council and Budget Committee also unanimously recommended the following union contracts:

Article 11, Police department employees, first year, \$247,571, 2.5 percent cost-of-living increase;

Article 12, Executive Employees Association, first year, \$21,169, 2 percent COL;

Article 13, Administrative Employees Association, first year, \$43,213, 2.5 percent COL; and

Article 14, International Association of Firefighters Local, first year, \$106,107, 2 percent COL.

Town Manager Kevin Smith negotiated the contracts along with Town Attorney Michael Ramsdell, and said that the unions made "major concessions" in health care, allowing the town to bring in the Lumenos program, which will save money. Despite the raises, Ramsdell said, the savings from the health care switch is still a "net positive."

"They didn't ask for the sun, moon and stars," Ramsdell said. "They asked for the sun and some of the stars."

Another hidden savings to the town, Ramsdell said, is that all six of the town union contracts are approved, and Londonderry will save money in negotiation fees.

Budget Committee member Tim Siekmann asked, "What would happen if all four contracts failed?"

Ramsdell said, "If the health care costs don't

change, the cost to the town will be greater than if it passed these contracts."

Senior Transportation

The Council spent some time discussing Article 17, which asks voters to raise and appropriate \$35,000 for starting its own senior transportation program to supplement CART, the Cooperative Alliance for Regional Transportation. Replacing or supplementing CART has been the focus of several recent Council discussions, with the Senior Resources Committee, director of the Senior Center, a Londonderry resident who is on the CART board, and CART itself.

"Is that enough money?" resident Ted Combes asked in a public hearing.

"I have spoken to many of the seniors," Councilor Joe Green, the driving force behind the article, said. "CART is not able to fulfill all their needs. I want to put the question on the ballot, and let the voters decide. If they think we need it, they will vote it in."

"Is there a process in place if it passes?" Combes asked.

Town Manager Kevin

Smith said he will delegate the "how" of it to his new assistant, Lisa Drabik. "She'll figure out the pieces," he said, adding that the town van, donated by Ford of Londonderry, will not duplicate CART, but supplement it.

Combes observed that in his opinion, "Not enough has gone into this for the public to understand."

Councilor Jim Butler said, "We don't have a plan, and that's not a good business decision. But we want to do everything we can for our seniors."

The Council voted 3-1 to recommend the article and the Budget Committee voted 1-5 against it.

Kendall Pond and Litter Pick-Up

The Council expressed doubts about endorsing Warrant Article 23, a petitioned article for \$138,000 to improve the Kendall Pond conservation area. The article if approved would appropriate the money from the Unassigned Fund Balance to improve the area. Resident Mike Speltz was the sponsor.

Vice-Chair Tom Freda said he had a problem with taking the money from the UFB. "I think it should come out of the Conservation Fund," he said. The petitioners include most of the Commission, Freda said, "and they're trying to do an end run around us, which is inappropriate."

Speltz said he was sponsoring the petition as

a private citizen, not as a Conservation member. He said the improvements to Kendall Pond were originally planned for the CIP, or Capital Improvement Plan, but were taken out. "It did not make it into the budget," Speltz said, noting that improvements to a conservation area "will never be considered 'urgent.'"

There is about \$1.6 million in the Conservation Fund, Farrell said.

Budget Committee Chair Jay Hickey asked if the Commission could choose to spend that money on Kendall Pond without Council approval, and Farrell said yes.

The Council and Budget Committee voted 0-4 and 0-6, respectively, against recommending the article.

They also weren't crazy about a petitioned warrant article, #19, by resident and Beautify Londonderry chair Mike Byerly to appropriate \$100,000 for a roadside litter pick-up. While Byerly said he had new financial information and intended to amend the article to \$65,000, board and budget members questioned why it was needed at all.

Byerly said Beautify Londonderry would continue as an entity, but he planned to have his volunteers work on back roads and connector roads. Byerly said the professional crews would focus on major areas where the most litter occurs.

"Maybe in the past the volunteer effort covered

everything," he said, adding that in his opinion, the town and the litter have grown too large.

"We've had Beautify Londonderry for 10 years and it hasn't made a dent," Byerly said.

Police Chief Bill Hart said in his opinion, education is the best form of prevention. That's what worked with the hands-free law, he said, and "For the most part, we've seen a decrease."

Article 19 was not recommended by the Council, 1-3 and by the Budget Committee, 0-6.

Other petitioned articles

The Council entered into extensive discussion on Warrant Article 20, extending the town water main to several homes, and eventually crafted its own solution (see related story).

Article 21 asks voters to raise and appropriate \$144,000 for constructing Phase IV of the Rail Trail. The Council chose not to recommend, 1-3, and the Budget Committee voted 0-6 not to recommend.

Article 22 asks for \$115,000 to replace the lighting on the softball field at Nelson Road. Councilors had a split vote, 2-2, and Budget Committee voted 2-4 not to recommend.

The Deliberative Session is Saturday, Feb. 11, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Londonderry High School cafeteria. Voting is March 14 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the LHS gym.

Water

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The Council discussed adding a 24th warrant article and asking voters to raise and appropriate \$230,000 from the UFB for the water extension. "At deliberative, we could zero out the original article," Farrell suggested.

Town Attorney Michael Ramsdell warned that

that could be confusing to voters, and they could end up voting for the "zero" article and rejecting the one with the real numbers.

"Legally, there's nothing wrong with it," Ramsdell said. "But if you set yourselves up, you might get neither."

The Council instructed Kevin Smith to renumber the items on the ballot, with the new #20 ask-

ing voters to raise and appropriate \$230,000 from the UFB to fix the problem, with zero impact to the tax rate. The Council and Budget Committee both voted unanimously to approve the item.

They voted unanimously not to recommend the original citizens' petition, now numbered #21.

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Conservation Approves Apartments, With Conditions

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Awary Londonderry Conservation Commission has given its approval to a proposed apartment complex in an agricultural and residential neighborhood, but with a stringent list of conditions.

The Commission heard from the engineer and owner/developers of The Residences at MacGregor Cut, an apartment complex proposed for the Stonehenge Road area. While the Commission praised the hard work of the development team, they expressed concern about the impact, in particular on an adjacent water supply. The Commission had not been invited to comment on the original Design Review process, an oversight staff members attributed to "miscommunication." They got their chance in the Tuesday, Jan. 10 Conservation meeting.

The development is a multi-family workforce housing rental project consisting of 12 24-unit buildings at 30 Stonehenge Road and 13 Hardy Road. The complex would

provide 288 rental units. The property is Tax Map 12, Lots 120 and 131, and is zoned AR-1 (Agricultural-Residential). The developers are First Londonderry Associates LLC.

The Residences at MacGregor Cut have been criticized by community members who object to the traffic and aesthetic potential of the complex. Residents of the neighborhood have expressed concern about the view from abutting properties and the area in general, and both they and town officials have expressed grave concern about the traffic impact on Stonehenge, which empties out into busy Route 28.

Jeff Merritt of Keach Nordstrom, the chief engineer on the project, said that of the complex's 60 acres, building will take place on 17 and 30 of the remaining acres will be designated "conservation land." This will be primarily off Hardy Road and south of the Eversource corridor, he said.

Merritt said utilities for the project will be "pulled from" Mammoth

Road, with the exception of water. Water will be provided to a booster station through the Eversource corridor. There is not enough pressure without the booster station to get the water up the incline, he said.

The complex will have a closed drainage system, Merritt said, meeting both the town standards and the standards for an Alteration of Terrain permit. All water from the buildings and parking lot will flow south, through a series of catch-basins to a large detention pond, he said, and from there to be absorbed in the vegetative buffer.

Member Mike Speltz asked if the pavement would be pervious and Merritt said it would not be viable. "Some developments lend themselves to it, they are sandy and well-drained," he said.

To a question about snow storage, Merritt said several large areas around the lawns were designated for snow. "When we run out of room, obviously we'll remove it from the site," he said, noting that the amount of snow varies from year to year.

Speltz asked who was responsible for monitoring the conservation easement, and Merritt said, "The easement will go to the town and the Conservation Commission will

be shepherds of it." When members said they hadn't seen the paperwork, Merritt distributed copies.

Risking a water supply

Speltz and others expressed concern on the effect that 288 new dwelling units would have on the Little Cohas Brook. While he respected the "major engineering efforts" and restrictions the developers have incorporated, he warned, "The risk is high." Speltz said, "I think the committee should recommend to the Planning Board that there be an on-site third-party supervisor during the earth-moving phases."

And, Speltz said, "After the certificate of occupancy is received, I still think there should be recurring third-party checkups. This is crucial."

Merritt said the town already has a third-party reviewer, the Stantec engineering firm, and that the permit from the Department of Environmental Services requires reporting on erosion control and material storage, among other things. "With an alteration of terrain permit, the state requires long-term monitoring of the overall systems," he said.

"You don't need to do it forever," Speltz allowed. "But this is a significant and sensitive operation. I would like to see someone show up for work

along with your regular crews." He also wants to see "before and after" water quality samples, he told Merritt.

Merritt pointed out that the apartment complex would not be the only entity discharging into the Cohas. "There are 10,000 other acres bordering this body of water," he said.

"It is difficult to compare," Merritt said. "One person could skew the results. It's not fair to point a finger at this project."

Member Gene Harrington asked for more detail in the landscape plan. "It says trees, shrubs and three perennials," he said. "What kinds?" Given more detail, Harrington pointed out that several of the plants in the plan were no longer used or no longer available.

He also expressed concern about chemicals used in treating the plants, and if they were going to leak into the Cohas.

Other concerns

For recreational space, Merritt said, the developers were planning to include a clubhouse, pool and 2,400-foot walking trail. But Chairman Marge Badois observed, "We frequently see walking trails included in projects, and they are later removed. The residents don't use them, and the people who do use them produce some 'undesirable events.' They look good on paper."

The Commission also asked for more details on the conservation easement, with Harrington saying, "How much will it cost to monitor?"

"Do we want to hold the easement?" Speltz contributed.

Speltz told the developers, "Setting aside all your diligent efforts, this area is not the appropriate place for this kind of development. There is high potential for risk, which exceeds the benefits of having this housing here." Though other boards and residents have expressed concern about traffic and the view from other neighborhoods, "There is a high risk to the environment," Speltz maintained.

The Commission crafted a motion with the following conditions:

- That the actual deed for the conservation land be transferred to the town for ownership and the appropriate restrictions to keep the space undeveloped;

- During the earth-moving phase of construction, there will be a full-time, on-site, third-party monitor to ensure that proper mitigation measures are thoroughly and effectively carried out;

- There will be before-and-after water quality surveys at the points most likely to isolate water flow from the project area.

In addition, the Commission stated, "In the judgment of this Commission, the benefits of this project only marginally exceed the benefits that would accrue to the town if the project were not built."

The Planning Board has held two hearings on the proposal, and continued discussion to the first meeting in February.

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Home Occupations To Be Clarified by Planning Board

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The Londonderry Planning Board has taken a preliminary look at some changes and streamlining to the Zoning Ordinance.

In the Jan. 11 board meeting, John Vogl, GIS Manager and Comprehensive Planner, and Town Planner Colleen Mailloux updated the board on some of the proposed changes including definitions, dimensional requirements for wireless towers and what exactly is a "home occupation."

Currently, Mailloux said, any home occupation must go before the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a special exception. But with more people working from home,

she asked, "Should it be more flexible?"

Mailloux and Vogl researched what surrounding communities are doing. In Amherst, under an ordinance she wrote when she was their planner, all the approvals or rejections of home occupations are done at the staff and administrative level, with no applicants coming before the board. But there are different "tiers," Mailloux said, and each owner is subject to a five-year renewal process.

Bedford has a hybrid system, with home occupations going before staff or the board, depending on the situation.

Mailloux noted that the town already has a list of prohibited home businesses, including land-

scaping and excavation.

One advantage to the board process, whether Planning Board or ZBA, is that it involves a public hearing and abutters are notified. That doesn't happen at the staff level, he said.

A lot of it is common sense, member Scott Benson observed, and could be handled by staff. If a home business has people parking at the residence and staying a long time, that would be a problem, he said. "And I personally could not live across the street from a business with three excavators and a dump truck," he said.

Vice-chair Mary Wing Soares, who chaired the meeting in the absence of Chairman Art Rugg,

observed that she liked the Bedford system. If a sole proprietor is working from home and doesn't entertain customers, that is handled administratively, while if the person has employees and customers, that's Planning Board, she said.

"I like the two-tier system," member Leitha Reilly contributed. "It helps clarify the issues."

Reilly added that the definition of a home occupation is often "squishy." "Should every consultant, every journalist have to register their business?" she asked.

Member Giovanni Verani agreed. "In this day and time, everyone is working everywhere," he said.

Verani said he was in favor of staff reviewing

some of the cases. "But there should be an appeals process," he said. He also thought the requirement to reapply every five years wasn't fair. "You establish your business, and then you're told, 'You can't do it here?'"

Member Al Sypek said he liked the hybrid. "You could deal with some occupations on a staff level," he said, adding that he still felt abutters needed to be notified. "This is Londonderry, and the abutters want to know," he said.

Member Rick Brideau liked Bedford's two tiers, while member Chris Davies preferred the Amherst model.

Reilly also had questions about a home-based adult day care. If she's caring for an aging relative, does she have to register as a home business? she asked, to which Vogl said, probably not. "The threshold," he said, "is whether people are being picked up and dropped off."

In the matter of definitions, Vogl said the document is being combed through to remove overlapping definitions in the zoning ordinance, site plan review requirements and subdivision requirements.

"We want to be con-

temporary, accurate and consistent," he said.

The ordinance for wireless communications was adopted in 1996, "and there have been a lot of changes since then," Vogl said. The regulations have been overhauled to be aligned with the state RSAs. The towers are still permitted in the Industrial and Commercial zones, and still prohibited in Agricultural/Residential, he said.

The proposed changes would allow a maximum height of 200 feet instead of the current 190 feet. "That is the industry standard, and consistent with other communities," Vogl said.

The town has a provision that a communications company must provide a bond or escrow to be used in the event they discontinue use of the tower and the town has to take it down. This has been removed from the state law, Vogl said. "We are keeping it in for now, and running it by Attorney Michael Ramsdell," he told the board.

Vogl and Mailloux will continue to work on the changes and hope to be done in April.

"There are three areas we're not touching," Mailloux said: "Signage, adult entertainment and backyard chickens."

Society Votes to Have House Assessed

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The Londonderry Historical Society learned its lesson with the Parmenter Barn. According to President Roger Fillio, when the barn was taken down in preparation for a move to the Historical Society complex, the beams and their connections were numbered. In chalk. But the pieces were stored outside, and when it rained, the identifying information was gone, according to Fillio.

They did not make that mistake with the Rev. William Morrison House,

he said.

A treasured piece of Londonderry history is one step closer to being restored for future generations to enjoy. On Friday, Jan. 6, the Historical Society held a special meeting to vote on the expenditure of \$15,200 for an assessment on the cost and scope of putting the Morrison House back together. The historic building has been stored in pieces, in trailers, since 2006.

The house was donated by Robert and Anne Perry in 2006, with the condition that it be moved to the Society complex on Pillsbury Road. Society Presi-

dent Roger Fillio said in a phone interview, "The town gave us the money, through a warrant article, to move the house. But it was too expensive to move it in one piece." So the house was disassembled by First Period Colonial Restoration of Kingston, moved from its Gilcrest Road location, and the pieces labeled and stored in trailers.

Over the next two years, contractors poured a foundation on the site of the old McAllister Barn and completed the floor system. But the actual home remained in trailers.

The Society will engage Preservation Tim-

ber Framing of Berwick, Maine to assess what's needed. "They will make a plan to put it back together, and let us know what we need," Fillio said.

Photos on the Historical Society Web site show a classic Colonial home, with plank floors, beamed ceilings and several fireplaces. When assembled, the building will join the Morrison House Museum (1760), the Clark Blacksmith Shop (1840) and the Parmenter Barn (1859).

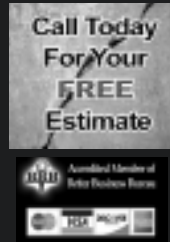
The vote was unanimous. The money will be appropriated from the Rev. W. Morrison Savings Account.

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Latest Communications Plan Passes To Town Voters

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The team from the Fire Department continued to chip away at the potential cost of a Communications Infrastructure upgrade for their department, Police and Public Works, and the Town Council and Budget Committee have passed the issue on to voters.

In a budget hearing this past Monday, the Council and Budget Committee heard the latest numbers on the upgrade from Town Manager Kevin Smith and Finance Director Doug

Smith. While some questioned the urgency of the need, both boards voted unanimously to pass the question on to voters, first in the Feb. 11 deliberative session and then in the March 14 voting.

The project was originally estimated to cost \$4.2 million, and the Council had discussed various iterations of leasing, bonding and Unassigned Fund Balance funding. The Council agreed to postpone the "subscriber service" or individual and vehicle radio equipment, but opted to fund the infra-

structure, and the number brought to the budget hearing was \$2,824,730. One million of that was planned to be bonded, with the other \$824,730 to be a capital lease. The remaining \$1 million was to be taken from the UFB. The first year's interest and principal was to be \$260,000, and the tax impact .07 cents. The article requires a 60 percent approval to pass.

In Monday's meeting, Kevin Smith informed the Council and Budget Committee that another \$70,000 had been shaved

from the cost.

Doug Smith said, "We worked with Two-Way Communications (a communications company) and they massaged the numbers."

The revised amount drops the initial payment of \$260,000 to \$245,000, Dough Smith said.

Chairman John Farrell said if 3,000 people come out to vote, the article, #2 on the warrant, needs 1,800 to vote in the affirmative.

The Council discussed splitting the article between the bond part and the lease part, and Vice-Chair Tom Freda asked if

the lease would need a 60 percent vote.

"Not if it includes an escape clause," Doug Smith responded. "Then it's 51 percent, or simple majority." Smith said all the leases the town negotiates include escape clauses.

Farrell observed that he receives e-mails from constituents, many of whom work in Massachusetts, and that they point to other communities and question whether the upgrade is necessary. Manchester and Nashua just updated their infrastructure, he said, "But I'm not aware of anyone else. We need to make sure we're doing this for the right reason."

Councilor Joe Green observed that the town could ask for the money now, and if it's approved, set the amount aside. "We are being proactive," he said. "With the information from Doug, we know the rates are good."

Freda said, "We don't know if we can get by without this. But I wouldn't want to find out we thought we were, and we were wrong."

Freda added, "If we put it on the budget and the voters approve it, that doesn't mean we have to spend it."

Fire Lt. Jeremy Mague, who has worked on the project along with Battalion Chief Mike McQuillen, reminded the Council that the current system is analog, not digital, and that support won't be available from Motorola after 2020. "If it fails, that's it," Mague said.

McQuillen said the reason other communities aren't doing this is because they have more

funding and have already replaced their radios.

The Council and Budget Committee heard from Bruce Hollowell, a firefighter, who said, "The system we're using is 10 to 15 years old. There are multiple places in the community where it does not work, including one assisted living facility." It is also dicey at the Manchester/Boston Regional Airport, according to Hollowell. "You have to use an individual standing outside to relay a message to the Fire Department."

Hollowell reminded the board that improving communications equipment was one of the goals set up by the department after the double-fatal fire on Hemlock Street in 2011.

"When you're dealing with life or death, you'd like to be able to reach somebody," Hollowell observed.

"Is it a need or a want?" Green asked McQuillen.

"It is a need," McQuillen said.

"Is it an imminent need?" Green pressed, to which Mague said it was.

Green suggested doing the project, but in increments of \$1 million, \$750,000 and a final \$1 million. "That way it won't hurt the taxpayer so much," he said.

Doug Smith said he could set up a capital reserve funding mechanism for the project.

But the article remained unaltered, with the new figures to be part of an amendment Feb. 11, and both boards voted to pass it on.

Interstate Rollover Under Investigation

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State police are continuing to investigate an accident on Sunday on I-93 Southbound.

According to a press release from the State Police, the accident occurred at approximately 8:13 a.m. The accident was called in to State Police

Troop B as a rollover. Troopers from Troop B responded along with members of the Londonderry Fire Department.

Kathleen Schou, 27, of Manchester was traveling southbound on 93. Schou was operating her 2005 Mazda Tribute when she lost control and swerved into the left lane, accord-

ing to the press release. Her vehicle almost struck another vehicle, then swerved back to the right but went out of control. It went across the right lane and into the breakdown lane before striking a guardrail, causing the vehicle to roll over.

Schou was ejected from the vehicle and land-

ed on the ground nearby. Schou was treated by Londonderry Fire and taken to the Elliot Hospital in Manchester.

The accident is under investigation and those with information may contact Sgt. Marc Beaudoin at 223-8678 or e-mail marc.beaudoin@dos.nh.gov.

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site, the topography was altered and the 100-year-flood plain lowered, he said. Several man-made wetlands were created, and it is still required to submit a dredge-and-fill permit for an artificial wetland, he said.

The plan originally called for three buildings to be phased in, according to Lewis. But with the alterations to the site from the Brownfields cleanup, "we are now down to two buildings." He and business partner Tim Kleiner redesigned the complex to two buildings. But the redesign has made it necessary to go to four stories instead of three, he said.

The buildings are modeled after his Salem project and, Lewis said, "It does not look like 'affordable housing.'" His

Salem complex is in a high-end neighborhood, he said. There are community gardens, heavy landscaping and walking trails, Lewis said.

Kleiner interjected, "We have 18 people on a wait list in Salem."

The project, if approved, will be the first LIHTP senior housing complex in Londonderry, according to Lewis.

Lewis said he likes to name his projects after something meaningful to the community, and he held a contest last summer at the Senior Center. The winning name was "Lithia Springs," after an historic water production company in Londonderry.

While the project fits its zoning and will not need a variance, Lewis said he was requesting several conditional use permits: one to build in the wetland buffer, one to work in the flood zone,

and one to build the four-story buildings. "In order to keep this project large enough, we need the four stories," he said, adding that they still fall within Londonderry's 50-foot height limitation.

There will be 51 units per building for a total of 102. The density is 10.7 units per net acre. "Your ordinance allows 12," he told the board.

One building will have its end facing toward the road, he said, but the second will be parallel to the street. "That's the only way we can make it fit," Lewis said. While there is existing foliage, people will see the top of the building from the street, he said.

But Lewis doesn't think it will be a problem, noting that most of the neighborhood is non-residential. The nearest neighbors are an auto mechanic and a natural

gas facility, with a wooded lot across the street.

John Trottier, assistant director of public works, asked how many bedrooms each unit would have and Kleiner said it would be a mixture of one- and two-bedroom units.

"The bulk of them will be one-bedroom," Lewis said. "But the Federal government requires that we have some two-bedroom units." A two-bedroom unit could accommodate a live-in healthcare worker, he said.

But unlike workforce housing, there is no requirement to have more than two bedrooms, he said. "That does not meet seniors' needs."

The bulk of his residents in similar developments are women, at an average age of 72 or 73, and the "occasional" married couple, Lewis said.

The neighborhood is also home to North Elementary School, and that raised concerns with board members, who worried about the traffic generated on an already-busy road.

"There is a concern about the traffic," Trottier said.

Member Gianni Verani agreed. He often takes his children to school and said, "I drive that road every day. It is a mess. That will need to be addressed."

Lewis said he was

doing a traffic study with traffic engineer Steve Pernow, based on one of his existing projects. "The best proof is the people already living there," he said.

Member Ann Chiampa said, "I don't like four stories. That sets a precedent. I'd like to see three stories." She was also unhappy with the bright blue color on the Salem buildings.

The Salem Planning Board chose those colors, Lewis responded, and he's planning softer earth tones for the Londonderry site. "As long as it doesn't make me gag, it's okay," he said of building colors. The earth tones will make the taller buildings of Lithia Springs less visible, Lewis said.

Chiampa, also a member of the Historical Society, didn't like the name "Lithia Springs," pointing out that there is really no association with the Sanborn Road area. The original Lithia Springs was at High Range and 102, she said.

"I am not married to the name," Lewis said.

Member Chris Davies was concerned about the height and Lewis said he could give him a fuller picture when the team came before the board again, but he reiterated that the four stories still come in under 50 feet. "If this was a residential neighbor-

hood it would be different," he said.

The four stories gave member Leitha Reilly a different kind of hesitation. She said, "Will the seniors have trouble getting out in an emergency?"

Lewis said there was one elevator in the middle of each building, wide enough for stretchers, and stairways at either end. There won't be trampling to get out, he said, noting, "The chances of everyone being there at the same time are slim."

Also, he said, each building will be sprinkled. "My biggest fear is water damage," he said.

Reilly pressed Lewis about who will be allowed in the homes. Lewis said the complex is restricted to those 62 and older.

"What about a grandparent taking care of a child?" Reilly asked.

"That is an emergency situation," Lewis said. "They may have to get a waiver."

Member Al Sypek said, "This is the best use of a Brownfields site I have ever seen in town. The height fits our requirements, I don't care how many stories it is."

"It is a good use of the land," member Scott Benson said. "This is something we need to provide in our town."



WWII Studies

Abbie Whitley and Ricardo Perez try on some World War II items supplied to the class for their studies on the war last week. The seventh graders in the Typhoon Pod have been studying many aspects of the second world war and a bit of "show and tell" was a good way to get students more involved.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancer Icemen Lose a Heart-breaker in OT to Pinkerton

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

There's an ages-old adage which many folks use when two sports teams both play tremendously well in a game and both deserve to collect the victory.

"It's a shame somebody has to lose this one," they'll say. And perhaps no recent Division I ice hockey game required the use of that adage more than the Londonderry High Lancers' 5-4 overtime loss to the rival Pinkerton Academy Astros at the Tri-Town Arena in Hooksett last Friday, Jan. 13.

The rivals battled like their seasons were on the line from the opening face-off until the climactic finish, and it truly was a shame that one side had to absorb the defeat. But it was the home-standing Lancers who had to do so when the Astros busted a 4-4 tie with just 1:16 remaining in the eight-minute overtime stanza.

Veteran coach Peter Bedford's LHS bunch rebounded from a 2-0 deficit after one period to claim a one-goal lead with just 5:07 gone in the second period. But the contest ended up being tied up at 4-4 after regulation

time had been completed, and despite out-shooting the 4-1 Astros by a 7-2 tally in overtime the Lancers wound up suffering the defeat in what certainly could have passed for a Division I tournament game based on intensity, physicality, and emotion.

"Both teams certainly gave great efforts and showed their strengths and weaknesses," said Bedford. "The game ebbed and flowed, but both teams showed they were in it for the long run. I'm disappointed with the loss, but not disappointed with our effort."

The now 5-1 Pinkerton crew sprinted out to the aforementioned 2-0 lead during the first 12 minutes of the first period, with the second coming on a power-play. The visiting side also enjoyed a 7-4 advantage in shots in net during those 15 minutes, and the hits laid on players by opponents got to the point of being tooth-rattling.

The intensity remained high as the second period began, and just 20 seconds in Londonderry trimmed its deficit back to 2-1 when senior forward Troy Muldoon potted an unassist-

ed goal.

But that was just the first of three consecutive LHS tallies, with Merrill Neiman knotting the score on a power-play goal (assists from Dom Federico and Muldoon) with 13:09 to go in the period and Patrick McKinnon giving his Lancers their first lead of the game three minutes later on a slap-shot from the right face-off circle in the Pinkerton zone. Nick Pitarys and Muldoon had the helpers.

But the Astros got the score knotted back up a little more than two minutes later and 3-3 was where the count stood at the completion of two periods.

Londonderry reclaimed the lead just 2:45 into the third period when Sean Cotter scored unassisted, but Pinkerton potted the equalizer a mere 29 seconds later to knot the score at 4-4.

Both LHS goalie Cody Baldwin and PA keeper Dakota Robinson made huge stops on great scoring opportunities by opposing players during the final 11:46 of regulation time, and both the Astros and Lancers hit posts during that span as well. But when the buzzer sounded the score was

still deadlocked and overtime was required.

During that extra period, Londonderry had seven of the first eight shots on net and a winning goal looked far more likely for the hosts than their guests. But Pinkerton put the lie to that line of thinking with 1:16 left when veteran forward Chris Gile went one-one-one against a Lancer defenseman in the LHS zone. The defender slipped and fell to his knees, and Gile was able to zing a whistling wrist shot from the right side of the slot into the upper-left corner of the LHS net. Seconds later, the Astros and their fans flew into celebration mode.

Lancers' net-minder Baldwin finished the contest with 21 saves, and he and his teammates stepped into this week looking at a short bus trip to their former home rink



Londonderry High sophomore hockey standout Patrick Murphy tries to get a handle on the flying puck against Pinkerton. Photo by Chris Pantazis

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Lady Lancer Cagers Reverse Fortunes, Thump Two Opponents

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Resounding victories over Concord and Exeter last week enabled the Londonderry High girls' basketball squad to end a skid and start regaining statistical stature in tough Division I.

The Lady Lancers ended a three-game losing skid in D-I with a 54-29 trouncing of the home-standing Concord High Crimson Tide in the state capital last Tuesday, Jan. 10.

Coach Nick Theos' girls led 11-4 after one quarter had been completed, 27-12 at the half-time break, and 41-19 rolling into the last stanza.

The victorious locals received a strong and consistent effort from top scorer Amanda DeAngelis, who netted 20 points. Most of her points came

via the fast-break or in transition. And coach Theos had plenty of reasons to be pleased with the fact that many of his charges tallied points, and Emmy Dumaresq was good for eight assists and exhibited superb work in breaking through Concord's pressure defense.

"It was a good all-around win with nine girls scoring and only one in double-figures," said Theos. "We've played a pretty tough schedule so far, and I hope the girls are starting to see the benefits of playing that type of schedule. We need to get tougher and make fewer mistakes, and tonight was a step in the right direction."

The Lady Lancer leader was also happy with the work of several of his players against an opponent with considerably more size than Londonderry.

"Concord was much bigger than us, and Hannah Hagearty and Michelle Marino both played amazing defense on their bigs even though they were out-sized," said Theos. "They also got their offense going, combining for 11 points with six coming from Hagearty."

And the locals kept the successes coming on Friday night the 13th with a 76-46 walloping of the visiting Exeter High Lady Blue Hawks.

The hosts sprinted out to a 27-7 lead in the first period and were never given any significant reason to look back at their now 3-5 opponent in the dust.

The Lady Lancers led 44-20 at the half and by that same 24-point margin (60-36) at the completion of three quarters.

DeAngelis (18 points and five steals) and

Hagearty (16 points and eight rebounds) were the statistical stars for the victors, with Kelsey Coffey contributing nine points and eight assists.

"Hannah was awesome tonight, running the floor and rebounding, and all three point-guards pushed the tempo and helped us get easy baskets off the break," said coach Theos. "We got out on them early in the first quarter, with seven girls scoring in that quarter to get the 20-point lead. Then we didn't want to let them back in so we continued to play good defense and get lay-ups off their press."

The 5-3 LHS crew rolled into this week looking at a lengthy break between games due to mid-term exams, with its next contest not slated until Tuesday, Jan. 24 when it hosts the Merrimack Lady Tomahawks.



Talented and youthful guard Emmy Dumaresq and the Londonderry High girls' basketball squad trounced a pair of opposing squads last week in ending a rather frustrating losing skid.

Coleman Hits Milestone, But Lancer Cagers Settle for a Split

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Senior star Jake Coleman reached the magical 1,000-point scoring mark but he and his Londonderry High Lancer boys' basketball squad had to be happy with a split of their two contests last week.

The LHS sharp-shooter scored 20 points in a

five-point edging of Concord early in the week to get within 22 points of his milestone, and he threw down a glittering 29 in a 13-point loss at Exeter three nights later to reach and surpass the big mark.

The senior and his Lancers squeaked out a 55-50 victory over the visiting Concord High Crimson Tide at LHS on the

evening of Tuesday, Jan. 10.

The locals bagged their third consecutive Division I victory that evening, leading by a 17-13 margin after one period and by a 32-24 tally at halftime. At the completion of three periods the Lancers led 46-38.

Along with Coleman's high scoring tally - which

included a trio of three-point buckets - the 3-2 victors received 11 points from Brandon Radford and eight from Dakota Bertrand.

Coleman nailed no less than four treys in netting 29 points in the 78-65 defeat at the hands of the Exeter High Blue Hawks on the night of Friday the 13th.

The victorious hosts won every period but the

third, grasping a 21-12 lead after one quarter and a 33-22 advantage when the squads adjourned for halftime.

The Lancers outscored the Blue Hawks by a slim, 21-20 margin in quarter three, but they still headed into fourth-quarter play trailing by double digits at 53-43. And Exeter enjoyed a 25-22 scoring advantage in the final stanza.

Londonderry's number two scorer was sophomore Ethan Garofalo, who contributed nine points.

With mid-term exams happening this week, the 3-3 Lancer boy cagers bounded into this week looking at a lengthy break of 10 days away from competitive play which will end next Tuesday, Jan. 24 with a road trip to Merrimack.

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After a Trouncing From NH Power, LHS Wrestlers Excel at Tourney

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

As has been the case for so many teams for decades now, the Londonderry High wrestling team knew it would have its hands all kinds of full with the powerhouse Timberlane Regional Owls at LHS on Wednesday, Jan. 11. And the visiting squad came loaded for bear.

But after suffering a humbling defeat at the hands of that juggernaut that day, coach Jason Cucolo's LHS crew showed its resilience by putting forth some extremely strong work at the Michael J. Baker Wrestling Classic in Vermont a few days later.

The Timberlane Owls bagged a 64-9 victory over the home LHS crew during the middle of the week. The team hosted the meet at the Londonderry Middle School Gym-

nasium to accomodate winter concerts at the high school gym.

The locals certainly have talented grapplers, but they also have distinct challenges winning dual meets this winter because they're forced to hand over forfeits in a number of weight classes.

Londonderry points were delivered by 145-pound standout Tyler Byrd - who bested Timberlane's Cody Lewis in a 3-1 decision - and Ben Psaledas, who received a forfeit at 195 pounds.

The hosts also had 160-pound senior stalwart Colin Reardon give his Timberlane opponent a real battle before absorbing a 4-1 defeat.

But the Lancers rebounded beautifully on Friday and Saturday the 13th and 14th at the 31-team Michael J. Baker Classic in Essex Junction, Vt., which was held at

Essex High School.

New Hampshire's own Concord High Crimson Tide won the event, but the Londonderry crew managed a very strong fifth place finish.

Senior captains Byrd (145) and Drew Chase (152) both won their weight classes, and other Lancer placers included Reardon (third at 160), Psaledas (third at 195), Alex Boucher (fifth at 182 pounds), David Donnelly (sixth at 132 pounds), and Vincent DelSignore (sixth at 160).

Byrd was seeded first in his weight class's bracket and made it to the finals by way of three pins before winning an 11-2 major decision over second-seeded Colby Giroux of Mount Mansfield Union, Vt.

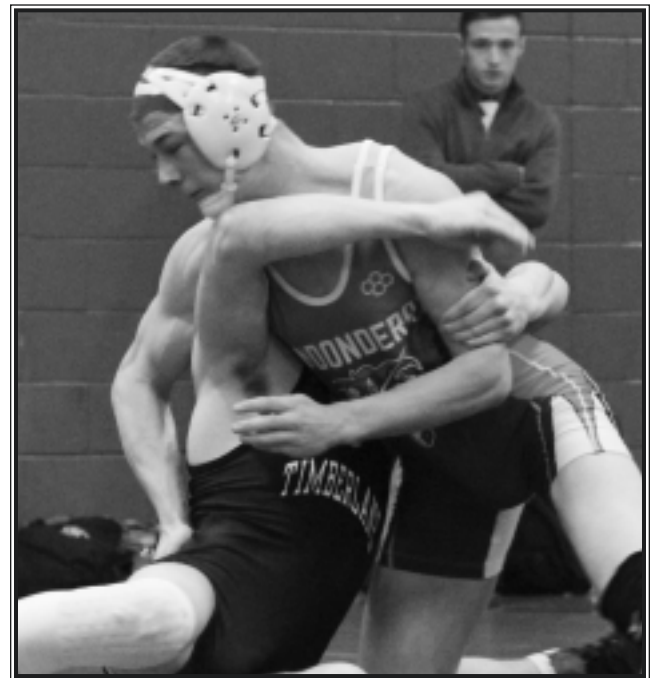
Chase was seeded seventh in his bracket and made his way to the finals by beating second-seeded

James Danis of the host Essex team by a 15-12 tally in the quarterfinals. The talented Lancer was down 10-2 in the first period and rebounded.

Chase then pinned third-seeded Logan Graves of Beekmantown, NY before beating first-seed Brody Sheppard of Ogdensburg, NY.

In the finals, the local grappler was on top but losing 6-5 with 18 seconds remaining in the match. He chose to let his opponent up, making it a 7-5 margin before scoring a take-down in the final seconds to send the match to overtime. Chase then scored another take-down after a tough scramble to win the match 9-7.

The Lancers' next events are this Saturday the 21st with varsity at the Timberlane Invitational and the junior varsity grapplers at a JV and freshman event in Bow.



Tyler Byrd provided his Londonderry High wrestling team with its lone winning highlight in a meeting with the Timberlane juggernaut.

LHS Tracksters Compete in Their Last Scored League Meet at University of NH

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School's girls' and boys' track and field squads closed out their Division I league meet season this past Sunday, Jan. 15 by taking part in 11-team meets at the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

The Lady Lancers ended up a solid third and the LHS males tied for seventh at the Sweet

Oval. During the remaining meets leading up to the state championships next month the Londonderry athletes will work individually and as relay teams aiming to improve their times and seedings.

GIRLS

The Bedford Lady Bulldogs finished first with a score of 80.50, Pinkerton took second (59.50), and veteran coach Sue Johnson's Lady Lancers were third with a 48.

The locals had senior Gretchen McGrath win both the 55-meter dash (7.64 seconds) and the 300-meter dash (42.64) in leading the effort.

BOYS

The five-time defending Division I champion Pinkerton Astros sprinted away with first place in their meet by scoring 113 points to end the regular season unbeaten. Bedford and Concord tied for a distant second with 38 points apiece, and the

Lancer males tied for seventh place with Monadnock with 15 points.

Londonderry received its points via third place finishes from Nate Seeley in the 3,000-meter run and the 4x160 relay quartet of Khalique Bagley, Kyle Dickson, Zach Ford, and Cam Taranto, and a fifth from Declan Hotter in the 600.

Athletes of the Week

For the Week of Jan. 9



Lindsey Guenther, Senior, Girls' Track & Field

Guenther is a true senior leader, and she trained consistently throughout the fall to improve her strength and speed. The payoff came on Sunday the 15th when for the first time in her high school career she qualified for a state title meet.



Khalique Bagley, Sophomore, Boys' Track & Field

This speedy 10th grader ran his way to two new personal records in the 55-meter hurdles and the 300-meter dash as well. Bagley also ran a very strong leg for the 4x160 relay team which collected its fastest time of the season.

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Lady Astro Gymnasts Best LHS and Others in Monday Meet

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The expectation going into the Martin Luther King Day meet between the defending state champion Londonderry High Lady Lancers and the Pinkerton Academy Lady Astros at the Eclipse Training Center in Manchester this past Monday the 16th was that the winning team would rise to the top spot by perhaps only a single point or two over its arch-rival. But that wound up not being the case.

The Lady Astros - who have no trouble at all remembering that they lost the state title by mere percentage points to the host Lady Lancers at LHS earlier this calendar year - celebrated their senior day by surpassing their record team score of 140 from last week by collecting a 140.75 in romping to the victory over second place Londonderry (132.85) and four other



Cassidy Williams took two top-three places against Pinkerton.



LHS veteran Mira Kutney tied for first on bars. Photos by Chris Paul

squads.

Senior star Julianna Corsetto, who was missing from the Pinkerton squad's big performance a week earlier due to illness, had a strong day in

winning on balance beam (9.25), floor exercise (9.25), uneven bars in a four-way tie for the top spot which included her teammate Ashlee Loeffler (8.3), and the all-around

(36).

"We had some mistakes here and there, especially on bars and beam. But we had good rotations on vault and floor, and this is still a work in progress," said PA

coach Chelsie Burland.

And coach Burland was more than a little pumped to have her charges surpass their 140 score of a week before.

"We were so excited to score a 140, and to come out and top it on senior day does a lot for our confidence."

The defending state champs from LHS had quite a few reasons to be pleased with their efforts as well, and standouts Mira Kutney and Cassidy Williams sat at the top of the list for coach Heather Tuden.

Kutney was a part of that four-way tie for first place on the bars, and Williams claimed second in that event (8.25) and third overall in the all-around (33.65).

"Overall it was a good effort," said Tuden. "We struggled a little on bars because they have different settings than we're used to, but we stepped it up on beam. Like I tell my girls, every single meet is

a practice leading toward the state meet."

Top scorers for the Lancers were: on Vault, Cassidy Williams, Croteau, Suzie Moore, and Taylor MacKenzie; on Bars, Williams, Croteau, Kutney and Seana Kelley; on Beam, Chelsea Pinet, Williams, Croteau and Kutney; and on Floor, Williams, Croteau, Kutney and Moore.

Along with the noteworthy heroics of senior stalwart Corsetto, the Pinkerton crew - which has been holding its home meets at the Eclipse Training Center while its own gymnastics floor undergoes repairs - got the aforementioned strong performances from Loeffler (first on bars, second on beam) as well as productive work from Michelle George with a first on bars (9.3), Sophia Viger (third on vault and floor), Anya Comeau (third on bars), Emily Connors (third on beam), and Chloe Abreu (second on floor).

The other competing teams were from Salem, Spaulding of Rochester, Exeter, and Alvirne of Hudson.

The Londonderry contingent returns to action on Wednesday the 25th in a meet hosted by Nashua North at the Absolute Gymnastics Academy in Tyngsborough, Mass.



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Pinkerton and LHS Swim Squads Battle, Collect Splits

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Fans of exciting Londonderry High School and Pinkerton Academy sports battles had a veritable mini-banquet of impressive events to select from last Friday the 13th.

While the two rival schools' ice hockey teams were finishing engaging in an incredibly entertaining, tournament-level contest which went to overtime in Hooksett (see related story), the Pinkerton and Londonderry swim squads were swim-

ming around frantically in the latter school's home pool in a four-team meet. And the PA and LHS contingents made the majority of the news at that event.

The Pinkerton males kept their 2016-17 record perfect in beating all comers including the Lancer boys, but the Lady Lancer squad gained the split for its school by defeating the previously-undefeated Lady Astros as well as the Souhegan High Lady Sabers from Amherst and the Campbell High Lady Cougars of Litchfield.

"Regardless of how

strong the teams are in any given year, we always enjoy swimming against Pinkerton," said LHS coach Chrys Ewen. "We had a great meet, both on the girls' and boys' sides. Fifty percent of our total swims were personal season records."

For his part, Pinkerton coach Ed Faszewski had every reason to be proud in stating the facts that, "Our girls are now 8-1 while the boys are 9-0."

BOYS

The academy boys simply plowed their way to overwhelming success that evening by defeating

Londonderry by a 121-49 score, Souhegan by a 112-50 tally, and Campbell by a 132-21 margin. Londonderry bested Souhegan by a 96-64 mark and Campbell by a lopsided 129-22 score.

Pinkerton won no less than six events thanks to the efforts of Zach Denbow in the 100-yard butterfly (58.31 seconds) and the 100-yard breaststroke (1 minute, 02.89 seconds), Addison Carder-Cannillo in the 200-yard individual medley (2:15.40), Jackson Neeb in the 500 freestyle (5:33.74), and the team's top 200 free relay

(1:41.92) and 400 free relay (3:46.22) quartets.

The Lancer males didn't manage any individual event wins, but second places were bagged by Jack Stuart in the 500 free and the squad's 200 free and 200 medley relay groups, and thirds were claimed by Nick Byrne in the 200 IM, Brian Parrott in the 100-yard breaststroke, and the 400 free relay quartet.

GIRLS

The tough and talented Lady Lancers ran the table by defeating Pinkerton (97-73), Souhegan (89-79), and Campbell (134-

10). The Lady Astros managed to best Souhegan by a slim 84-81 margin and Campbell by a truly huge 132-7 final tally.

LHS wins were snared by Anna Gruchot in the 100 free (58.62) and Maeve McPhail in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:26), while the academy girls got victories from Hannah Terry in both the 200 IM (2:26.52) and the 100 butterfly (1:07.26), Olivia Neville in the 200 free (2:05.41), Maya Hedstrom in the 50 free (26.94), and the 200 free relay group (1:51.75).

Local Reflections Winners Will Move on to State Level

Despite the snowy conditions on Saturday Jan. 7, the Parent Teachers Association (PTA) sponsored "Reflections" Art Exhibit took place at the Londonderry Middle School cafeteria.

The "Reflections" Exhibit is a nationally acclaimed student recognition program that encourages artistic creativity in the classroom and at home. Since 1969, the yearly Reflections program has allowed students the opportunity to express themselves artistically and receive recognition for original work, while increasing awareness in the community on the importance of music, art, etc in education. Student entries from Matthew Thornton, North and South Elementary Schools, as well as Moose

Hill Kindergarten, were on display for all to see. Each entry displayed works inspired by the national theme "What Is Your Story"?

There were also musical performances conducted by Matthew Thornton music teacher Stacey Gilcreast. Some of those performing were: Addisen Demas, singing "Rocky Mountain"; Paige Scanlon, playing "Ode to Joy" on violin; Erin Maynard, playing "Jingle Bells" on piano; Vanessa MacDonald singing "Believe"; Alex Harrison playing Viola and Piano; Alex Barnes singing "Hallelujah"; Sarah Fitzpatrick sang "If You Believe in Me"; Hannah Newman-Williams performing "Naughty" from the Broadway Show, "Matilda"; Lillian McKinney and Charlotte

Presher performing a duet singing "Lollipop"; and Megan Peterson and Saffron Matzker also singing a medley of songs.

Matthew Thornton Elementary School:

Primary Awards (Grades 1-2) went to: Excellence: Megan Plaza - Dancing by the Horizon/Choreography
Grace McElroy - The Shining Stars/Visual Arts
Addison Browning - Outdoor Play/Visual Arts
Lillian McKinney - Evolution of My Life/Visual Arts
Honorable Mentions: Ella Argie - Ella the Superhero/Visual Arts
Anna Arnott - My Home/Visual Arts
Intermediate Awards (Grades 3-5) went to: Excellence: Rachel Hutchinson - Danc-

ing by the Horizon/Photography
Emma Desrosiers - The World Through My Eyes/Visual Arts
Rachel Hutchinson - My Dream of a Story/Visual Arts
Nathan Fontaine - Racing Ahead/Visual Arts
Honorable Mentions: Michaela Horan - Untitled/Visual Arts
Brendan Gear - Playing Chess/Visual Arts

North Elementary School:

Visual Arts Primary Division (Grades 1-2) went to: 1st Place - Lily Tessier
2nd Place - Lawrence Byron III
3rd Place - James Lacerda
Visual Arts Intermediate Division (Grades 3-5): 1st Place - Travis Fitzpatrick

2nd Place - Alianna Verani
3rd Place - Maya Silvestro
Honorable Mentions went to: Primary Division - Arian White and Addison Martinez
Intermediate Division - Saoirse Caldon and Hope Tessier
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Excellence: Isabella Zemetres
Intermediate Photography: Elizabeth Roy
Intermediate Literature: Jake Smith, Mary Marcella and John "Jack" DiBuono, Intermediate Visual Arts: Emerson Dodge, Mary

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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 Amodeaus 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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<http://help.overdrive.com/#devices>. For more information, call the Reference Desk at 432-1132 or e-mail reference@londonderry.org.

Help Shape Democrats' Future in Londonderry

The Londonderry Democratic Committee will hold its Election of Officers Saturday, Feb. 18 in the Leach Library, 275 Mammoth Road. Officers are sought along with delegates to the state convention. For more information, contact Chairwoman Tam Siekmann at chair@londonderrydems.com; call 425-3515; visit www.londonderrydems.com; or check out their Facebook page.

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



Thrilling Ride

During South Schools Year End Assembly raffle, winners from the Santa Breakfast got a ride in to school by the fire and police departments. When they arrived at school, students were interviewed on their experience by fellow students in a live simulcast. Ashley Proulx was treated to ride with firefighter Brian Young while Katie Scott got a ride in a squad car driven by Kristen Gore.

Photos by Chris Paul

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 habitats 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

Middle-schoolers' Opinions Sought

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more than once for any title from the list.

Free meals

The following free meals are offered in January: 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.

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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 County, Manchester and Concord. For more information

contact Patty Cooper at patricia.cooper@amedisys.com or 421-0414.

Dancers Unite to Help

The Melissa Hoffman Dance Center will hold its annual Make A Wish performance Jan. 29, 2017. The dance center has donated more than \$100,000 to Make A Wish, which grants wishes to terminally ill children. Local dancers 6 and older are invited to participate. Those interested should download the application form and return it by Dec. 15. Mandatory rehearsals are Jan. 14, 21 and 28. The form may be downloaded at [http://melissahoffman-](http://melissahoffman-dancecenter.info/make-a-wish-2017/)

dancecenter.info/make-a-wish-2017/. Business owners may also donate an item for the raffle. Tickets to the event are \$15 each. For more information write to mhdcdance@comcast.net.

Blood Drive

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, Jan. 31, from 1 to 7 p.m. in the Londonderry Lions Hall. The drive is sponsored by St. Jude Parish but is being held at the Lions Hall due to renovation of the church. Donors may register with the RapidPass system by visiting redcrossblood.org/Rapid-Pass. For more information, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-

733-2767) or contact Vinny Curro at vincurro@comcast.net or 867-7472.

Books and Ice Cream

The Londonderry Middle School will hold its annual Scholastic Book Fair during the week of Jan. 30 through Feb. 3 at the school. Students may purchase books before or after school or during their assigned time during the class day. In addition, a Family Ice Cream Social will be held Wednesday, Feb. 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the sixth-grade pod area. The book fair will be open. All students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Elementary fifth-

grade students are also welcome with a parent or guardian. Principal Richard Zacchilli will be available for school tours. For more information, call the school or e-mail Melissa Cote at cotep@comcast.net. Middle-schoolers' opinions sought

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Tuesday - Jan. 10

8:27 a.m. Juvenile Offenses reported and investigated at Londonderry High School.

9:02 a.m. Sex Offenses reported on Pine Street.

11:30 a.m. Serving warrant on Sanborn Road results in arrest.

Name: Henry Thomas Pratte, 57, 955 Goffstown Falls Road, Apt. 5912 of Manchester arrested on a Bench Warrant.

1:39 p.m. Domestic Disturbance reported on High Range Road near Nashua Road.

1:47 p.m. Report of Juvenile Offenses at Londonderry High School on Robert Lincoln Way results in transport to hospital.

8:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident investigated on Raymond Wieczorek Drive.

9:34 p.m. Missing Person investigated on Litchfield Road.

Wednesday - Jan. 11

1:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident on South Road.

11:39 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident investigated on Nashua Road at Exit 4 involving a Dodge Ram and Toyota Rav4

12:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle on Nashua Road near Garden Lane

12:45 p.m. Shoplifting reported at Shaw's on Orchard View Drive.

1:30 p.m. Assault investigated on Barksdale Avenue.

2:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle accident reported on Garden Lane at Market Basket.

4:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Investigated on Liberty Drive at Fleetpride Inc.

6:21 p.m. Robbery reported and investigated

at Convenience Plus on Rockingham Road.

Thursday - Jan. 12

10:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Investigated at Triangle Mobil Mart on Rockingham Road involving a Chevy Malibu, and Toyota Rav4.

10:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Investigated at Bank Of America on Mammoth Road.

11:22 a.m. Suspicious Activity reported at Londonderry Middle School

4:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident investigated at Grand Estate Of Londonderry on Golen Drive involving a Hyundai Elantra and Dodge Dart.

9:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident investigated on Gilcreast Road on Nashua Road involving a Ford Explorer and Dodge Ram 1500.

9:24 p.m. Domestic Disturbance Investigated on South Road.

Friday - Jan. 13

7:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Investigated on Litchfield Road and Yellowstone Drive.

7:29 a.m. Assault investigated at Granite State Shuttle on Londonderry Road.

8:25 a.m. Motor Vehicle accident on Gilcreast Road and Pillsbury Road.

10:16 a.m. Drug Offenses investigated on Bike Path between Liberty Drive and Auburn Road.

10:59 a.m. Medical Emergency responded to at Southwest Airlines, Gate 12, on Airport Road.

1:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop on Rt 93 @ N/b @ Mm 13 results in an arrest

made. Lawrence Kaowili, 46, of Allenstown arrested for Possession Of Controlled/narcotic Drugs

3:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident on Nashua Road at Flea Market.

6:13 p.m. Domestic Disturbance responded to and peace restored at U.S. Post Office on Nashua Road.

Saturday - Jan. 14

3:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop at intersection of Nashua and Londonderry Roads results in arrest.

Lima Neto Abrahao De Souza, 18, of Derry charged with Driving After Revocation or Suspension, Failure To Obey Inspection Requirements and Possession Of Controlled/narcotic Drugs

6:50 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop on Rockingham Road near Mammoth Road results in arrest Lori-Anne Lee Labrecque, 46 of Merrimack charged on a Bench Warrant.

Sunday - Jan. 15

10:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Investigated Market Basket on Garden Lane.

10:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Investigated on Elwood Rd near High Range Road.

3:23 p.m. Domestic Disturbance report results in transported to hospital on Abbey Road.

5:04 p.m. Domestic Disturbance report investigated on Mont Vernon Drive

9:13 p.m. Domestic Disturbance report results in arrest on Hall Road.

9:23 p.m. Domestic Disturbance reported and peace restored on Symmes Drive.

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New Pastor Plans to Help Presbyterian Church to Grow

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

When asked what she loved most about her work, Karla Dias said, "I love to love."

"Working with people is the best thing...and to be working with the hearts of people."

Since Nov. 1, Dias has been the pastor of the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, which had previously been without a full time pastor. Since she has started her position, Pastor Dias has been working hard to revitalize the small congregation with big visions.

At the age of 17, in her home country of Brazil, Dias said she had studied theology at a school called "Word of Life." For about three years, she worked as a missionary among the Xavante tribe of Brazil.

"I've always had a missionary heart," Dias explained. After she married her husband, she and her family moved to the Boston area, where she had become a naturalized citizen. Since then she had been constantly helping people, acting as an unofficial chaplain to those in need.

In 2009, Dias was diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis and was wheelchair-bound for three months.

"I could not walk,

move my joints or my hands," Dias recounted. "it was bad."

But Dias did not let this setback take hold of her life. She decided to ask her doctor how she could become an official chaplain.

When asked about her views on the controversy around women preaching, Dias explained that the stance was carried from an old position in a patriarchal society. However, she explained that in the Bible, the apostle, Paul, mentions several women who were missionaries, and cited a passage from the book of Matthew, which states "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few..."

"I don't think that God would complain that women would want to work in the field when the harvest is so big," Dias stated.

At the age of 60, Dias graduated last year with a Masters of Divinity from the Andover Newton Theological School in Newton Centre, Massachusetts. After about 2,000 hours of clinical pastoral education, Dias set out to find her place in the field a hospital chaplain.

"I could not find (work) in any hospital," Dias explained. "because God had a position for me in this little church."

Dias recalled the beautiful music of the London-



Londonderry Presbyterian Church's new pastor Karla Dias speaking during the annual Christmas Play at the church. Photo by Chris Paul

derry Presbyterian Church on her first visit. According to Dias, the first thing that got her attention was the fact that the congregation was Christ-centered.

"I applied, and they ended up choosing me," Dias smiled. "Here I am, in love with Londonderry."

Dias spoke of her experience opening the Christmas on the Common ceremony this year with a prayer, and marveled at the town of Londonderry being so accept-

ing of such an opening. "Londonderry is now in my heart," Dias smiled.

Dias explained that she currently resides at the manse in the LPC so that she can give her all to the church. If anyone should need her, she will be there. She said that her husband still lives in Chelsea, Massachusetts and works in Boston, so they are only together on weekends.

"We're dating now," Dias chuckled.

Pastor Dias said that her favorite things about LPC were the people of the small congregation. She recalled how welcome she felt when she had first walked through its doors months ago, and marveled at the genuine care that the people have for anyone who comes through their doors.

"I just wish people could see that we are alive and running and ready to do everything we have to do," Dias said. She explained that the LPC's women's group had been working on a project in their most recent meeting to send cards to active duty soldiers, and at their next meeting on January 12th, Jan. 12 the group hopes to work with the chaplain of the New Hampshire's Correctional Facility for Women and help the inmates to connect with their children, along with continuing to gather supplies to send to soldiers wherever they are deployed.

Dias said that they also hope to start a Bible

study group soon, and that there are plans of starting a children's group and teen group, but that the church would need to grow first to achieve these goals.

Dias said that currently the church is comprised of only about 30 to 35 people, who had all been working hard to keep the Church running during the time it had no full time pastor. "I have to start working with them to regroup and get more people," Dias explained. "and then we will start doing other types of work. Whenever we can, we are helping out here and there."

Anyone who would like to be part of the church, or would be interested in taking part in their missionary efforts, may call Pastor Dias at 603-434-2113 or email at jrkdias@aol.com, or visit www.lpcnh.net for additional information. Pastor Dias also holds office hours at the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4pm.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

The Londonderry Town Council will hold PUBLIC HEARINGS on the following item:

- 1.) Ordinance #2017-01 - An Amendment to the Municipal Code Title IV, Public Health, Safety and Welfare, Chapter VIII, Animal Control
- 2.) Ordinance #2017-02 - An Ordinance Relative to an Amendment to the Municipal Code, Title I, Chapter XXVII, Civil Marriage Ceremonies

The Public Hearings are scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053. A copy of the proposed amendments may be viewed at the Town Manager's office during regular business hours and online at www.londonderrynh.org.

Londonderry Town Council



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY PLANNING BOARD

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH to consider the following:

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Application acceptance and public hearing for formal review of a subdivision of one residential lot into two, Rear Colonial Drive, Map 5 Lot 20, Zoned AR-1, QCM, LLC (Applicant) and Moreau Living Trust (Owner)
- B. Application acceptance and public hearing for formal review of a lot line adjustment & consolidation, West & Elwood Road, Map 5 Lot 4, Map 2 Lot 44, and Map 2 Lot 43, Zoned AR-1 - Belize Real Estate Holdings, LLC (Owner & Applicant - Map 2 Lot 44), Continental Paving, Inc. (Owner - Map 2 Lot 43), Wayland H. Elwood Realty Trust of 2008 (Owner, Map 5 Lot 40)
- C. Application acceptance and public hearing for formal review of a subdivision of one lot into 18, 72 Elwood Road, Map 2 Lot 44, Zoned AR-1 - Belize Real Estate Holdings, LLC (Owner & Applicant)



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