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Holiday Hugs

Ol' Saint Nick could be spotted everywhere in Londonderry over the weekend. Here, he gets a big hug from third grade student Faith Lee at South School during their annual Santa Breakfast. See more South School photos on page 9

Photo by Chris Paul

Council Considers Stricter Rules For Use of Kendall Pond Area

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Concerns over the sanitation and the safety of residents around Kendall Pond came back into the spotlight during the Town Council's most recent meeting on Monday night, Dec. 4, at Town Hall.

Original plans for the discussion were for members of the Conservation Commission, led by Chair Marge Badois, to expand upon what the commission has been planning to do with the Kendall Pond area. Ever since the suggestion was made to spruce up various areas

around Londonderry in 2014, the commission has worked to make areas such as Kendall Pond more attractive and accessible to the public.

It was noted that members have already worked to increase police presence in the area and place

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Town Council Interviews Applicants For Board & Committee Openings

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

A slew of openings for commissions and the Planning Board have been available for the past couple of weeks for residents to apply for, and several individuals were interviewed for them during the Town Council's Dec. 4 meeting on Monday night.

Caroline O'Neil was first to be interviewed, applying for an opening on the Conservation Commission, which works to advertise and protect Londonderry's natural resources and wetlands. Recently retired, O'Neil is very outdoorsy and figured this position would suit her interests. Although she admitted to not having any experience with these committees

when asked by Councilor Joe Green, she was more than willing to learn. A decision was not made on who will take the position yet, as two more applicants still need to be interviewed in the future.

Frank Donlan came next, applying for one of two openings on the Planning Board seats, which grants developers permission to build various projects around town upon reviewing their site plans. Donlan has lived in Londonderry since 1999. On top of wanting to get more involved with the town and serving on the Board of Directors for the town's YMCA, he has been working as a commercial banker for the last twenty years. When asked by Councilor Jim Butler about whether

or not his position as a banker would cause conflict with a role on the Planning Board, Donlan firmly believed that it would not be an issue.

A decision was also not made on who will take the two open positions, as one more applicant is yet to be interviewed.

Moving on to the Heritage Commission, which works to preserve historically and culturally significant resources within Londonderry, Victoria Gorveatt applied for the opening. Gorveatt also wanted to serve her community and loves New Hampshire old architecture, but her standout qualities came from both her Bachelor's Degree in History and her experi-

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Michels Way To Finally Open

KATIE O'DONNELL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After a round of setbacks and appeals for waivers from the Planning Board, Michels Way will soon be open to the public.

"It just took time to get our act together," said Attorney Ari Pollack, the spokesman for the Woodmont Development. He said the road should be open "by the end of the week."

"We got a lot done this fall," Pollack said. "The weather cooperated better than we had hoped."

However, the contractors did not get to everything necessary for the road to open before now.

During the Nov. 8 Planning Board meeting, Jeffrey Kevan from TR Morgan spoke with the board about applying for a waiver that would have opened the road to the public before Thanksgiving. The problem was the final layer of pavement, called a "wearing course" was not put down and the road was still lacking markings. According to the original agreement, these two measures were supposed to be completed before the public could access the road.

Kevan said the wearing course and marking would be installed during the 2018 construction season. To ensure this,

the developer would put forward the money to complete the projects into an account as a show of good faith to the board, "The applicant will establish an escrow account for the installation of the pavement wearing course and permanent pavement markings," according to the waiver application.

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Town Common Lights Up With Holiday Cheer on Sunday



Londonderry youngsters made their way to the Town Common on Sunday afternoon for the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony hosted by the Londonderry Rotary. Girls Scouts gathered on the bandstand to sing holiday favorites followed by high school students Alexa Calligandes and Andrew Johnson who sang with the help of band director Andy Soucy. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived to hand out candy canes and hear Christmas wishes. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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Police Department Using Social Media to Reach Local Residents

KATIE O'DONNELL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

These days, Facebook posts and other social media are a way to connect a community— as long as residents use the internet regularly. For a town that has a population of nearly 3,000 over the age of 65 and is looking to build more senior housing in the future, getting information to the public through social media may not be the most effective.

The Londonderry Pol-

ice Department has been trying to build its social media presence and has been turning to Facebook to get information out to the public regarding events and things to watch out for. Detective Chris Olson, along with Lieutenant Patrick Cheetham and Sargent Mike McCutcheon make up the department's social media team.

Olson said, "Facebook is a better platform" to get that type of information out to most of the community. It allows the

department to use a combination of photos and text to accurately and effectively communicate longer and more complex message to residents.

For example, on Nov. 17, the LPD posted to Facebook about a series of vehicle break-ins that occurred in parking lots along Route 102. Olson clarified that they were on Orchard View Drive in front of the Workout Club & Wellness Center and the Apple Tree Cinema 12. Five reports were called in over two days about

car windows being smashed and items being stolen.

Olson reported that this was the work of the "Felony Lane Gang," a group that works its way up and down the east coast and comes to this area about once a year. He also explained that they are called the "Felony Lane Gang," because the group steals wallets, purses, bags, phones— anything they can use to get your identity and bank information, and then they try to pass off a

member as you by driving through the farthest lane from a bank teller.

"When people want to commit felonies, they drive through that lane so they are not easily identified," said Olson.

Olson recommended to "take your valuables with you," make sure nothing of value is in sight and to "always lock your door." This information is posted on Facebook, along with a phone number to call in case of a break-in. Since the post went up, Olson said there have been no further reports of car breaks in that area.

Although that information was posted on Facebook, it was not posted on the police department's page on the Londonderry town website. There is an option for residents to sign up for email and text alerts with Nixel through the LPD's page, but if someone doesn't use email or have a cell phone, it can be difficult to find out that information.

Senior Affairs Director Catherine Blash said the LPD doesn't send her any

new releases to post at the senior center. She said she believes most of the information being sent out is more for the general public, rather than for elderly citizens who may not use social media.

The Londonderry Times reached out to Olson for comment on this, but did not hear back by the time this article went to print.

Bridging the gap between those who use social media and those who don't is important in a town where 26% of the population is over the age of 55, according to the New Hampshire Employment Security's webpage. Fully relying on social media to spread a message is not the most reliable way, just ask the parent of a teenager.

For those who do social media as a main form of communication, Olson said to not use it to contact the police. He recommends an old-fashioned phone call in an emergency.

"Do not report any crimes or any missing persons over social media," Olson stressed.

Fiery Highway Crash Still Under Investigation

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

A fiery car accident left one person dead after a crash off I-93 South by Exit 5 last week. Investigators are still unsure of what caused the white SUV to go off the road and burst into flames shortly before noon on Nov. 27.

Londonderry fire fighters were called and arrived at the scene shortly after noon and

managed to control the flames within minutes.

The driver was pronounced dead at the scene.

State medical examiners were able to discern that the driver was female from the autopsy performed on Nov. 28, according to an official statement. However, Investigator Christopher Wyman from the state Fire Marshal's Office said, "it requires further inves-

tigation" to know the "cause and manner of death."

No other information other than the gender of the driver has been released. "We're not at a point where we can release any of that yet," said Wyman.

The Fire Marshal's Office has been working with the New Hampshire State Police and the Londonderry Fire Department to figure out the

exact cause of the accident, according to a news statement.

The car was so badly damaged that it was difficult to distinguish the make and model of the car, according to the Union Leader.

The normally congested construction area saw traffic back up for almost a mile.

The investigation into the crash is still ongoing.

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Editorial

Shop Locally

The holidays have snuck up on us again. Hanukkah arrived Dec. 12, and Christmas is not far behind. While some of our readers had their holiday shopping done before the turkey hit their family dining rooms last month, there are still many left wondering where to do the holiday shopping, as space is running out on the advent calendar.

Whether you're still mulling over big ticket items or you've pared down to the bare minimum, there's a world of choices out there for where to go to get everyone checked off your list.

In keeping with the locavore movement of eating food grown locally, we'd like to suggest you consider doing all your holiday shopping close to home and, no, we don't mean online.

The local shop may not have the flashy, "low, low" prices of big box stores, but it's likely to have the answer you need if a question arises. And you won't have to do a lot of driving to get there.

Supporting your local retailers is a gift that keeps on giving. By doing so, you're helping a local business stay open, as well as helping the town's tax base. Shopping at a small business also benefits the shopper, as there are bound to be expert associates available to answer any and all questions and be able to offer valuable recommendations.

Shopping locally also helps to

support local artists. We're surrounded by plenty of artists and crafters whose work is available for purchase, and can make for unique and thoughtful gifts. Whether it's something as large as a painting or as small as a pair of earrings or a pottery mug, there's a certain pleasure these days in buying something with a label certifying that it was made in your hometown.

Businesses close to home help contribute to the communities where we live and work, rather than adding to the coffers of multinational conglomerates, with little interest in your town or family.

If you're planning on dining out for a special holiday meal, consider a local restaurant or getting a platter to-go and bring home or to the family Christmas party. Chances are you'd be sure to miss your unique culinary getaways if they had closed, so help them remain open by celebrating the mom and pop restaurants as opposed to more of the same. This makes for warm, special memories and a healthy local economy.

By spending your money locally, you may find yourself in a heartfelt conversation about your holiday plans and favorite seasonal recipes.

This holiday season, Nutfield Publishing urges you to consider your local artists, bakers, and shop owners to take care of your loved ones.



Key Support

The Matthew Thornton Elementary School student council members and KEY students raised nearly \$400 recently for the victims of the hurricane in Puerto Rico. They are shown with some of the posters they produced to raise awareness of their cause. "KEY" is a Language Arts Enrichment Program that the elementary school offers.

Photo by Chris Paul

Interviews

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ence of appraising various across New England. Ultimately, she was granted the position by the Councilors.

Finally, four individuals applied for an opening on the Traffic Safety Committee, which maintains traffic standards throughout Londonderry and addresses any traffic-related problems reported by the public.

Amongst the applicants were Peter Commerford, who currently sits on the Planning Board, Bryan Macdonald, who hoped to aid in growth and traffic concerns throughout town, and Doug Thomas, a state representative with safety experience from the Air Force Safety School.

However, the position ended up being granted to Ray Brown. Brown had spent twenty six years with the Coast Guard, and

has lived in Londonderry since 1991 he also worked with the Massachusetts Traffic Department in the past.

Council Chair Tom Dolan was very satisfied to see so many residents apply to fill these positions, highlighting just how important he felt that they were to Londonderry.

"Volunteers are the backbone of our government," Dolan noted.

Michels Way

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The Planning Board approved the waiver under the condition that an "appropriate financial guarantee" was submitted to the Department of Public Works and that the final pieces of construction are completed next year.

Pollack said the developer also had to wait until safety measures for the sidewalk were installed to warn pedestrians about the change in

grade down to the detention pond before the road could be opened to the public.

The lights for the road have been ordered and delivered, said Pollack. Residents can look forward to new lamp posts illuminating the new way out of the Market Basket plaza towards Pillsbury Road. Pollack believed the contractors were already working on installing them.

The final push to get

Michels Way open before the holiday season has been a long time coming.

The rest of the construction, such as installing the wearing course of pavement and the street markings will happen in the spring, once things warm up. Pollack said he anticipates construction season starting in April, but it all depends on if the weather is just as friendly next year, as it was this year.

"I think everyone's excited to see it open," he said.

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Chamber of Commerce's New President Looks Ahead to Next Year

KATIE O'DONNELL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Ashley Haseltine has a vision- to grow the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce into even more of a local powerhouse as its new president. The former Windham native has been helping businesses build up communities for almost 10 years and now brings that experience (with some heart) to Derry.

Haseltine has been on the job for only a month. She said she feels qualified because of the wide breadth of her work. She's been with big companies, nonprofits and co-runs a family-owner construction business with her husband, Nick.

Her role as president is to "work with the board to set goals and direction for the year." The goal for 2018 is to grow the cham-

ber by bringing in new members and encouraging old ones to return. Haseltine said there are currently around 300 members, but she would like to have 350 by the end of next year.

Promoting the chamber and its membership perks is another goal. One way Haseltine does that as president is to encourage business owners to participate in and sponsor networking events, like a "business after hours" get together.

Haseltine understands that not all events work for all businesses. She likes to mix it up with various kinds, like roundtable discussions, luncheons and open forums. There is an upcoming one on energy and how businesses can be more effective with their energy use, which can be a big money saver as we approach



Ashley Haseltine

winter in the Granite State. These events are posted on the chamber's website, so businesses can see which ones they would like to attend.

Haseltine has an knack for creating events and fundraising. She first started with volunteering for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Salem. She then went on to work for the ACS for eight and a half years.

During that time, she began working within the development department and was able to start coordinating her own events and fundraisers. From there she went to work for The Residence at Salem Woods, an independent and assisted living facility in Salem. She finally left because she desired more balance in her family and work life.

Working at the Chamber of Commerce provides Haseltine with the type of job she feels best suits the needs of her and her family. "It's not a time-based field," she said. She felt she can relax at home without worrying about her "work list running through her head." This gives her time to focus on her children, a 4-year old and 10-month old twin foster boys.

Haseltine said she may create a roundtable discussion for members to brainstorm how to achieve a sense of balance and value between their careers and home lives. She recognized that everyone is different and workers and business owners need to find what's right for them.

"It's ok to love your job," she said. When it comes down to it, she said, "it's not about the number of minutes, but the quality of the time" people spend with their families.

Before Haseltine can set up an event, she first runs it past the Board of Directors. "I always appreciate their insight," she said. The important thing to her, she noted is to make sure each and every event has value for the members.

Haseltine knows what sort of events chamber members value because she has been part of the Greater Salem Chamber of Commerce for the last four years with Haseltine Builders, LLC. She is also a member of the Greater Salem Rotary Club. She said she plans to attend meetings for the Rotary clubs in Londonderry and Derry to build her relationships with local business owners and see how they can partner up more with the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce.

Currently, the chamber employs Haseltine and Shari Durazzano, the membership coordinator.

Business owners interested in joining the chamber can fill out an application online at gdlchamber.org

Kendall Pond

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cameras around as well, since there have been reports for several years of various crimes and vandals occurring near the properties of abutters to Kendall Pond.

While the commission also tried to highlight the fact that they are hoping to expand parking in the area and introduce a viewing platform close to the pond, Councilor John Ferrell was quick to draw the discussion back towards the issue of lewd behavior. More specifically, he asked Lieutenant Jason Breen whether or not these activities have lessened at all since the Police increased their

presence in the area.

"We haven't see that activity in a while", Breen noted.

However, several abutters that were in attendance that evening were quick to argue against this claim. One such resident, Doug Noyes, who lives across the street, noted that although these activities seemed to stop once police were on the scene, their presence seemed to be the only deterrent.

"As soon as the policing stops, it picks back up," Noyes said.

After residents had also suggested that increasing parking would only exacerbate these issues, Councilor Jim Butler made the suggestion

that a gate should instead be installed at the entrance of the pond in order to close it off during the night. Although Badois seemed opposed to the idea, arguing that they would be punishing all of Londonderry for the needs of a few, Ferrell was very vocal of his support for this, or any, solution, as this issue has been going on for years and Ferrell felt that nothing has been done to truly solve it yet.

In order to keep things organized, Council Chair Tom Dolan suggested that Town Manager Kevin Smith begin to work with both abutters to the area and the Police and try to come up with a solution that the Council could consider at a later date.

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Greater Londonderry YMCA Looks to Build for the Future

LORI COSTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The YMCA of Greater Londonderry. Their mission is to help serve members of the community to achieve a life of good health, both physically and mentally. They have programs for everyone such as kids, athletes, families, and seniors. Enriching the lives of the community is what the staff of the YMCA strives for every day. There are over 100 classes to choose from each week in the Greater Londonderry facility and anyone can join at any time. At the core of the Y has been serving families. Building strong bonds within the family helps to achieve a happier life and thus being able to become more engaged within the community.

The YMCA of Greater Londonderry held a Community Leader Forum on November 1 to discuss various topics to help the community and make the YMCA even better. There was a large amount of information given at the community forum. In attendance were 64 community members and non-profit organization leaders, 13 YMCA board members, and 13 YMCA of

Greater Londonderry staff members and association staff. In all, there were 90 attendees present at the meeting. There were five major questions asked in the forum to understand how the YMCA can play a bigger role in people's lives.

The first question posed was: What are the critical social issues or pressing problems facing our community now and over the next five years? Financial issues were discussed such as development training and a lack of awareness of technical training and opportunities. The aging population is also a concern with affordable housing not being available. The lack of transportation was also brought up, because it is difficult for the YMCA to connect with those who live in more rural areas and do not have access to personal transportation. The youth population having enough safe space in the community was discussed and finding a way to give children a social media education on proper usage of technology and to help stop cyber bullying.

The second question brought up at the meeting was how can YMCA play a bigger role in building

strength in the community? The Y offers great programs that can work together with the community to create a happy/healthy environment. Connecting with the community is what the Y strives to do and work with appropriate organizations to collaborate their ideas and visions for the future. The YMCA offers a large center to accommodate more activities for families, youths, and seniors. Programming is another strong aspect of the YMCA. There are multiple programs offered such as character development,

arts and music education, life skills (cooking), programs for young mothers, and also classes dealing with elderly parents and to be a caregiver for them. These are strong skills the Y prides themselves on to help make the community even stronger.

The community members were then asked what their perception of the YMCA is. Some members believe that there is not enough space to serve the whole community and that the Y is primarily seen as day care for children and there should be more programs

offered. However, there were some programs that were impactful to the community, such as child care (a high quality program that instills core values in its children), senior fitness programs, and LIVESTRONG for cancers survivors.

The fourth core question brought up in the meeting was what can the YMCA do to be more effective in this area? Some ideas brought up were providing multi-age programming, such as life skills, relaxation and mindfulness programs, and parenting classes. Another idea was to partner up with local sports programs to get more involved in the communi-

ty and emphasize the role of teamwork.

Finally, the YMCA addressed the question of what facilities or features could be developed to enhance the Y's effectiveness in meeting the community's needs. There were many ideas for the future of the Y and what could be a possibility. Some included an indoor basketball court, yoga studio, a teen center, large fitness center, an indoor year round pool, and a ropes course/rock climbing wall. There were lots of ideas to help the YMCA get the word out about their facilities and what they can do to make the community a better place.

OBITUARY

Patricia V. Lajoie

Patricia V. Lajoie, 64, of Londonderry, died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017, at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester. She was born in Nashua, on July 17, 1953, daughter of the late Robert and Beatrice (Berube) Vaillancourt. Patricia graduated from Rivier University with a bachelor's degree and worked as a special education teacher for the Hudson Memorial School District. She enjoyed her many trips to Las Vegas, but more than anything she loved her family, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 42 years Alan Lajoie; three daughters, Michelle L. Andrews and husband Joseph, Nicole M. Roberson and husband Paul, and Danielle A. Forrest and husband Noah; five grandchildren, Sammi Jo Andrews, Lily and Paige Roberson, Landon and Dylan Forrest, and her sister-in-law, Carol Lajoie.

Calling hours were held on Monday, Dec. 4, 2017 from 4 - 7 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry followed by a funeral service at 7 p.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations be made to David's House at 461 Mt. Support Rd., Lebanon NH 03766 or online at www.davids-house.org/waystodonate. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARY

Dorothy Knowles Maxwell,

Dorothy (Doss) Knowles Maxwell, 86, of Londonderry, passed away Nov. 30, 2017 at High Point Hospice of Haverhill, MA. Mrs. Maxwell was born Jan. 6, 1931 in Pittsburg, PA and was a daughter of the late James M. and Beatrice (Shea) Knowles. She was raised and educated in Fairmont, WV. and lived most of her adult life in the Pittsburg, PA area. After retirement, she lived in Tucson, AZ for 20 years and relocated to Londonderry six years ago.

Doss was the Office Manager for many years at the Foster Thomas Oral Surgery Center in Pittsburg as well as being a full-time mom. She enjoyed needlepoint, golf and bridge. Mrs. Maxwell was a past president of the Tucson Newcomers Club and a communicant of St. Mark the Evangelist Church of Londonderry.

Members of the family include her loving husband of 65 years, J. Robert Maxwell, Sr. of Londonderry, her son and his wife J. Robert, Jr. and Mary Lou Maxwell, two grandchildren and their wives, Jim & Christine Maxwell and Michael & Jacqueline Maxwell, two great grandchildren, Katelyn and Jessica Maxwell, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

There are no calling hours, after cremation, a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated, Monday, Dec. 4, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, 1 South Rd., Londonderry. The Peabody Funeral Home of Derry, NH assisted the family. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

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Dedicated North Elementary School Icon Passes Away

KATIE O'DONNELL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Mary Coltin, the former principal and longtime friend to the North School community, passes away last month. She had been battling Thymic Carcinoma and Interstitial Lung Disease.

Coltin was born in 1950 in Wolfeboro and attended Spaulding High School. She went on to study at Plymouth State College before heading west to get her Masters in Education at Notre Dame College.

Coltin became a career educator, having taught second grade in the Pelham School District for over 20 years before transferring to Londonderry.

Coltin was a figurehead at the North School for decades. She served as the assistant principal from 1994 to 2010 and then as principal until her retirement in 2014.

When the school renovated its central courtyard, Deb Johnson of the PTA suggested it be named after Coltin because of her dedication to the school.

Coltin's husband of 44 years, Michael, spoke on her behalf at the courtyard dedication ceremony. He said his wife was too ill to attend.

"She really debated to come or not," he said. By that time, her illness was making it more difficult to be active for long periods of time.

Despite not being there in person, Coltin was there in spirit as her husband read a letter she wrote to the adoring crowd. "I am humbled by the fact that it bears my name," the letter read.

Mr. Coltin looked around courtyard and took in the flowers, the butterfly garden and the smiles of the children flitting around the space. "This was her heart and soul," he said with a smile.

As a tribute to her service in education, "The Mary Coltin Scholarship Fund" was created at St. Mary's Bank "for a Londonderry High School senior who has demonstrated the ability to put others before him/herself," according to Coltin's



Mary Coltin, center, is surrounded by her family members during a Farewell Party at North School in 2014. Photo by Chris Paul

obituary.

Coltin is survived by her husband and three daughters, Kate Callahan, Karianne MacIntosh and

Maribeth Coltin, as well as their families. She has five grandchildren: Tucker, Logan, Gavin and Finnegan MacIntosh, and

Grace Callahan. She has one surviving brother, Kevin O'Leary and two sisters, Colleen Hammond and Patti O'Leary.

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

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Webster House helps to rebuild bonds and reunite families who need assistance. Providing love and kindness is always what the staff looks to provide for these families.

Anyone who wishes to donate to this amazing cause can do so via the Webster House website: www.websterhousenh.org/wish-list or dropping off donations at 135 Webster Street in Manchester. Some items on the wish list include, movie passes, clock radios, sports hoodies, socks, shampoos, and shovel shovels among other things. To make donating easier, The Webster House also has a page on amazon for a more detailed list of items in need for the children such as deodorants, lotions, and coloring supplies.

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tions if you would simply like to make a cash donation. You can download a form from their website: www.websterhousenh.org/donate and mail it to the Webster House or donate through PayPal.

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To keep up with the latest events and news of the Webster House, you can check out their Facebook page and see numerous heartwarming stories of adults who grew up in the Webster House and their fond memories of the love and support they received.

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these children in your hearts, not just at the holiday season, but all year round. The Webster House is a wonderful organization filled with dedicated

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The Salvation Army Kicks Fundraising into High Gear Dec. 14

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Greater Derry Salvation Army is looking to win the good-natured Kettle Blitz donation competition administered by the Salvation Army Northern New England Division on December 14. Lieutenant Katie Mayes reports they will win an extra 1,500 dollars if they come out on top this year. Their fundraising goal to continue operating the same programs as last year and make improvements to their building is to raise 175,000 dollars.

Carolers, instrumentalists and bell ringers are needed to work through-

out the day of the Kettle Blitz at various locations. Call 603-434-7790 to sign up.

The money raised goes right back into our community. The Salvation Army in Derry serves as chaplain for the Derry Fire Department and assists local emergency and disaster victims in need. 40 families each week are served by their food pantry, area children were served 1,600 lunches over the past summer and the church runs after school programs for young children and teens as well as provides opportunities for children to attend camp in the summer.

Angel Tags were dis-

tributed at the Derry Public Library, Hannaford Supermarkets, The Grind Rail Trail Café in Derry and the 99 Restaurant. People were invited to take an Angel Tag, purchase a gift or clothing for a needy child and drop it off at the Salvation Army headquarters. The deadline to drop off gifts and tags is December 8. The Derry Rotary has been involved in this project too, with a special emphasis on ensuring no child on the list is overlooked.

Also on December 8, a ribbon cutting will be held at noon to celebrate the purchase of the building they currently reside in. For the last 16 years,

they had rented the building at 18 Folsom Road in Derry. The construction of exit 4A may affect the building but exactly how is not known at this time because the precise route of the new exit off Interstate 93 has not yet been officially selected.

There will be a building dedication ceremony in the spring as well. Lieutenant Mayes listed the goals for the upcoming year include renovations to their kitchen area, so they can better serve the community and expand their children's programs. They would also like to improve the handicap accessibility of the building, make improvements to the basement pantry area and expand their mission to include serving hot meals during the entire year.

Barry Hall of Derry is a volunteer bell ringer at



Barry Hall of Derry volunteers his time as a bell ringer at the Derry Walmart.

Photo by Katherine Prudhomme O'Brien

the Derry Walmart during the holiday season. When asked what inspired him to help the Salvation Army, he shared that in the past his own little boy was helped by the Salvation Army. He now wants

to help them continue to help people in his community now that he can. In addition to bell ringing, he has used his skills as an auto mechanic to do repairs for those in need through the church.

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Police Department Honors Three Officers At Town Council Meeting

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Throughout the year, the men and women of the Londonderry Police Department work tirelessly to keep the community safe and secure from any number of threats. But despite the fact that every single officer gives their all when out on the field, there are some that stand above the rest for their efforts.

It is these individuals that receive the honor of either Officer of the Year or Employee of the Year from the department, and these individuals were

recently announced during the Town Council's most recent meeting on Dec. 4 at Town Hall.

Police Chief William Hart, began by announcing Officers Rafael Ribeiro and Randy Duguay as Co-Officers of the Year. Considering that both men spent time in the military before joining the department, Ribeiro with the Army and Duguay with the Marines, Hart noted that both men stood as exemplary examples of service to the community, thus earning them the award.

As for the Employee of

the Year, the honor went to Sergeant Jerry Concalo. Serving as a Chaplain to the department for the last five years, Hart noted that Concalo has always served with distinction and that he was very proud of his work, especially since he is also working to put together his own anti-opioid program in town.

Overall, Hart seemed incredibly pleased with the three men and what they have help to do for their community.

"I'm very pleased to serve with these men", Hart noted.

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South Elementary School Students enjoyed a pancake breakfast before visiting with Santa at the schools annual Holiday Breakfast. Besides the hearty start to the day with pancakes and sausage, students were able to take part in a cake walk, make crafts, socialize with classmates and staff members, enter a drawing for a multitude of gift baskets and give Santa a hint on the Christmas wishes.

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North School Kicks Off Season with Annual Pancake Breakfast



The hallways and cafeteria at North Elementary was filled with holiday cheer as the school celebrated the holiday with its annual Pancake Breakfast, complete with Santa. The school chorus sang holiday carols with those attending enjoyed breakfast, face painting, games, and taking a chance on the many holiday gift baskets made up by each class.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Patience a Key for the Youthful Lady Lancer Basketball Squad

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

One senior, five juniors, four sophomores, and the possibility of as many as five freshmen. That's the roster breakdown for a 2017-18 Londonderry High girls' basketball squad which will take aim at maintaining the high standards which previous Lady Lancer squads have established over the decades.

Having so much youth with a number of young varsity returnees looking to gain more high school hoop experience leave coach Nick Theos and his assistants Ian Horseman and Jamie Doyle aware of the fact that they'll need to have plenty of patience with their charges.

The 2016-17 contingent finished its regular season strong, winning its final four contests to end up at a solid 11-7 and the fifth seed in tough Division I. But the campaign ended in rough fashion, with a last-second, 47-46 upset defeat at the hands of the number 12 Dover High Green Wave being pretty hard to forget.

"Last year we were up

and down, a young team that needed some time to round into form. We took some early season lumps - especially during the Christmas tourney - but those helped us later on in the campaign," said coach Theos.

Looking at this year's promising but youthful crew, the LHS leader said, "If we were young last year, this year we are newborns. With only one senior and five juniors in the program, we will be looking for big contributions from junior returners guard Delaney McGurn and forward Michelle Marino, as well as sophomore forward Courtney Shay. Senior guard Michaela Downing will provide some much-needed leadership."

Other returnees Paige Velie (a junior forward) and Olivia Yerian (also a junior) will be looked to for rebounding and defense. Junior guard Sophia Scarfo and sophomore guard Katie Sullivan will be looked upon to add both athleticism and scoring, and sophomore Colleen Furlong will be asked to take a big step and look to fill in the

vacant starting point-guard position.

Regarding his varsity newcomers, coach Theos said, "We have a large and talented freshman group, along with sophomore sharp-shooting guard Kayla Miles who round out the team. The freshmen include two versatile forward/guards in Ashley Rourke and Charlotte Sullivan, who are poised for their age. Point/off guards Mia Fantauzzi and Ashley Schmitt are smart and hungry and want to help in any way they can. And freshman forward Kylie McGurn is long and athletic."

As the 2017-18 season commences for the Lady Lancers with a road game at Manchester Memorial this Thursday night, Dec. 8 - after Londonderry Times press time - coach Theos has Miles and Fantauzzi swinging from the varsity to the junior varsity, and Schmitt and the younger McGurn playing primarily for the JV and doing some swinging up to the varsity.

When asked to express his expectations for his 2017-18 crew, the LHS head man said, "With



Veteran Lady Lancers' basketball coach Nick Theos watches intently as two of his charges work on their defense during a recent practice session. The LHS team is very young as it enters the 2017-18 season. Photo by Chris Pantazis

so many first-time varsity players and just young players in general, we will need to be patient. We lost most of our scoring, ball-handling, and leadership from last year, so we need to see who is going to step up and take those

roles. There is enough talent to be competitive, we just need experience. But that only comes from playing in games. I'm excited to see which girls take advantage of the openings and showcase their talents. We refuse to

use the label of rebuilding, but we are young and we should be a much different team at the end of the season than we will be at the beginning. Seeing that progress will be a successful season for us."



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Youthful LHS Wrestling Crew Has Coach Excited For New Season

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

While team depth continues to be a concern within the Londonderry High School wrestling program, a crew of skilled veteran returnees and some promising newcomers have Lancers' coach

Jason Cucolo excited about what some of his charges can achieve on the mats between now and mid-March.

The Lancers lost some highly-talented veterans at the close of a somewhat so-so 2016-17 season earlier this calendar year, with former seniors Drew

Chase, Colin Reardon, and Tyler Byrd all making their departures via graduation. But there are some fine, battle-tested veterans back in the LHS fold this season, including lone current seniors Craig Santos and Alex Boucher and junior Ben Psaledas. Skilled sophomores Mike Watts and Brandon Drake have also returned.

The contingent's newcomers include E.J. Donovan, Johnny McKinnon, Dylan Barnes, Alejandro Arnaiz, and Aiden O'Loughlin.

Santos finished third in his 156-pound weight class at the 2016-17 Division I tournament, and then followed up that effort by snagging a sixth place medal at the state Meet of Champions.

Boucher notched fourth place in his 182-pound division at the D-I event, and Psaledas - fresh off of an all-conference season as a linebacker for the Londonderry High football squad - returns after finishing as the runner-up in the 195-pound class at the 2016-

17 D-I wrestling meet and then bagging fifth at the Meet of Champs.

Watts and Drake both collected vital competitive high school experience as freshmen last winter and will look to build upon that solid foundation this season.

"As for returners, I think we have a few that can qualify for New England and do well in states," said Cucolo. "Overall, we are a very young team, with only two sen-

iors, and we have a good group of young wrestlers all with experience. Our numbers still hurt us in that we will have two to three forfeits and who knows, maybe more. But I am really looking forward to this year with the talent we have. Our goal is to improve every day, and that is something these kids do an excellent job at year after year."

The Lancers got their 2017-18 campaign officially under way on Wednes-

day, Dec. 6 - after Londonderry Times press time - at Nashua High School North. And they'll be all kinds of busy through the remainder of the current year, taking part in the annual Devin Ness Invitational in Easton, Mass. this Saturday Dec. 9, hosting their own invitational on Saturday Dec. 16, and testing their mettle against great competition at the annual Lowell (Mass.) Invitational on Dec. 28 and 29.



LHS wrestling star Craig Santos has the upper hand on teammate Jack Kelly. Photo by Chris Pantazis

Lancer Gymnastics Squad Taking Aim at a Return to the Title Level

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After the exceptional feeling of winning a state championship two winters ago, the Londonderry High gymnastics squad is putting its efforts into a return to the top after having to settle for runner-up honors at the end of last season.

Coach Heather Lennon - herself a former LHS gymnast who was on a state title-winning squad - saw her 2016-17 Lancer contingent go a superb 22-1 during the regular season before falling just a bit short of a championship repeat to the rival Pinkerton Academy Astros in the state meet.

The team of athletes returning with Lennon for the 2017-18 campaign is on the small side where numbers are concerned, but there's certainly no shortage of talent.

Among the key returnees are senior Mira Kutney (on uneven bars and balance beam), jun-

iors Suzie Moore (vault, beam, and floor exercise) and Maddie Croteau (an all-around competitor), and sophomore Sean Kelly (bars).

Other returnees who will look to excel for the Lancers include seniors Courtney Baharian (a beam competitor returning from injuries), Tyla Kelley (beam and vault), and Gianna DelViscovo (vault, beam, and floor), junior Tara Nigro (bars), and sophomores Marissa McKay (floor and beam) and Janiah Bergendahl (beam and floor).

And sitting at the top of Lennon's list of promising newcomers are freshmen Ashley Griffin and Sophie Hagymas.

"We are hoping Ashley will step up and fill one of our all-around positions," said the coach. "She is a strong competitor and very motivated."

And of Hagymas, coach Lennon said, "She is another talented gymnast who can do all

events. She is very clean with elegant lines within her gymnastics. We have very high hopes for our two freshmen this year."

When asked to outline her team's keys to success this winter, Lennon was her usual well-spoken self in stating, "Coming together as a team and peaking at the right time are keys. We have a small team this year, so we are going to need everyone to contribute. For as much as gymnastics is an individual sport, it's the act of working together as a team that wins meets. Throughout the season the girls work hard on perfecting their routines, but it's having all the girls hit at the same time that wins states."

The Lady Lancers get their new campaign officially rolling next Friday, Dec. 15, with a huge home meet in which they'll host some seven opposing teams. Rest assured they'll try to make a statement right away.

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Ex-LHS Basketball Stars Simpson and Ball Keep Excelling in College

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

They are two of the finest basketball players ever produced by Londonderry High School. And more and more folks have continued to savor the skills of Aliza Simpson and Cody Ball in the collegiate hoop world season after season.

University of New Hampshire guard Simpson has now stepped into her senior campaign for the Lady Wildcats and continues to be a catalyst for a squad which started its 2017-18 season by going a strong 6-2 and a perfect 3-0 on its Lundholm Gym court.

And Saint Anselm College guard Ball is in his junior year at that local school, continuing to amaze with his stellar athleticism and incredible shooting range.

During the aforementioned 6-2 start of the season, 2014 Londonderry High grad Simpson was a regular starter and was particularly impressive in four contests.

In a 71-66 loss at Xavier University in Cincinnati in mid-November, Simpson saw 30 minutes of court time which paid off with her scoring 11 points, dishing out four assists, snagging three steals, and pulling down four rebounds.

Four days later at home in the Lundholm,

the ex-Lady Lancer star contributed eight points, five boards, four assists, and three steals in 29 minutes in a 72-57 thumping of Boston University.

Simpson also played a considerable role in several different areas in a 65-53 besting of Wagner College on Staten Island on Saturday, Nov. 18, netting six points while also collecting six rebounds, five assists, and four steals in 33 minutes of action.

And then in the Lehigh Tournament in Bethlehem, Pa., just after Thanksgiving, the former LHS star had a strong performance in a 71-61 defeat of LaSalle in which she notched nine points, hauled down five boards, and dealt out two assist in 29 minutes of court time.

The talented and incredibly hoop-smart guard - who battled through injuries to help lead her Lady Lancers to the 2013-14 Division I championship - was named Miss New Hampshire Basketball, New Hampshire Gatorade Player of the Year, and New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association Player of the Year at the end of that stellar season.

She ended her illustrious Londonderry High career as the girls' program's all-time assist leader and as a member of the school's 1,000-point club. Simpson was also a member of two state title-



Ex-LHS hoop star Aliza Simpson is starting at UNH. Photo by Audrey Powers



Opponents are troubled defending Cody Ball. Photo by Jim Stankiewicz

winning Amateur Athletic Union teams with the New England Crusaders.

Last winter as a junior on the UNH women's squad, Simpson played in all 32 games, starting 24 of them and averaging 23.7 minutes per game. She wound up ranked fourth on the team in assists with an average of 2.2 per contest, and third in total assists with 70. She scored in double digits three times for a strong Lady Wildcats' crew.

Like Simpson, Cody Ball had a senior season at LHS which borders on the mythical. He was a

vital part of an undefeated Lancer squad which defeated the arch-rival Pinkerton Astros in a title game for the ages up on the UNH Lundholm Gym court.

The 2015 LHS grad was named the NHIAA Division I Player of the Year for that stellar, title-winning 2014-15 campaign after leading all of Division I in point-scoring. He also received Mr. New Hampshire Basketball and King of New Hampshire Basketball honors for his exceptional play that winter.

Ball, who was named the New England-10 Tour-

shooting from the floor, with a 52 percent shooting percentage from three-point range.

The junior stalwart netted 20 points or more in contests against Georgian Court (21, going 5-for-9 on threes), Franklin Pierce (28, and 4-6 from three range), Long Island University Post (20, and 4-5 from long range), and Southern New Hampshire University (20, with seven rebounds as well).

Far from being a one-trick pony, junior biology major Ball also excels in the classroom. During the 2016-17 school year, he made the Saint Anselm Fall Dean's List, Northeast-10 Fall Commissioner's Honor Roll, Saint Anselm Spring Dean's List, and the Northeast-10 Spring Commissioner's Honor Roll.

The former LHS hoop star aspires to play basketball professionally overseas, but first there's more work to be accomplished and jaws to make slack with his play on courts at the college level for Saint A's.

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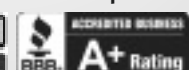
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All American Assisted Living Residents Help Out Sonshine Soup Kitchen



Residents at the All American Assisted Living Community in Londonderry took time to collect food which would be donated to the Sonshine Soup Kitchen in Derry. Last week residents gathered for a picture with their donations, far left, and later in the week made centerpieces to also be donated to the Soup Kitchen. At left, resident Terry Pepin works on her centerpiece.

Photos by Chris Paul

Ex-Lancer Lacrosse All-Stater Grant Signs Letter With LeMoyne

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

There's an old adage that states "Good things come to those who wait." But folks who know former Londonderry High School lacrosse standout Tyler Grant will tell you that he stands as a great example of good things coming to those who work extremely hard as well.

The 2017 LHS graduate worked diligently for years to overcome a frustrating learning disability and get his diploma, and his hard work on the lacrosse field helped him achieve impressive 2017 Division I First-Team All-State honors this past spring.

And Grant - who is presently in a post-grad year at Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro - recently

harvested more of the fruits of his hard work both in the classroom and in his favorite sport when he signed his national letter of intent to attend and play lacrosse at LeMoyne College in Syracuse, NY starting during the fall of next year.

"He has done really well at Brewster Academy and come a long way," said his proud dad Chris following the signing.

Londonderry High boys' varsity lacrosse coach Sean LeBlanc didn't hold back in his effusiveness regarding face-off specialist and midfielder Grant during the 2017 LHS campaign.

"Tyler is one of the most focused lacrosse players I have ever coached. His work ethic and attention to detail are second to none, and

that's why he has had so much success this year," said LeBlanc.

The 5-foot-11, 175-pound Lancer stalwart ended his high school lacrosse career having won some 85 percent of the face-offs in which he engaged, and as a result of his strong work he ended up garnering the aforementioned all-state honors as well as being named a 2017 Brine High School All-American.

"I'm very passionate about lacrosse and enjoy the camaraderie of the team and working hard to constantly improve my game," said Grant himself in his lacrosse profile for colleges. "This year at Brewster Academy will help to ensure my academic success in college, which will then ensure that I am able to be successful on the field. While

it has been difficult, this (educational) challenge has taught me about perseverance, mental toughness, and the work-ethic needed to achieve my goals."

The former Lancer, who also worked diligently to hone his lacrosse skills by playing with the Penguins Select Lacrosse organization in Natick, Mass., will be joining a LeMoyne program which has enjoyed no shortage of success under coach Dan Sheehan.

The 2017 Dolphins' contingent went 14-3 overall and a glittering 9-2 in the Northeast-10 Conference. LeMoyne is an NCAA Division II school. But before heading off to Syracuse, former LHS Lancer Grant will get to show off his ever-improving lacrosse skills for Brewster in the spring ahead.



Hard work has helped Londonderry High grad Tyler Grant to excel both on the lacrosse field and in the classroom. He recently signed his college letter of intent to play and study at LeMoyne. Courtesy photo

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Play it Safe During December's Toy Safety Month!

KATIE O'DONNELL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Now that most of us have run out of ways to use up all of that leftover turkey, it's safe to say that the holiday season has officially begun! It's time for lights, egg-nogg, and carols! And before you know it, it will be time for good old Santa Claus to jump out of his sleigh and down through the chimneys with lots of toys, all for the little ones' Christmas joys.

While new toys will bring just about any child joy for years to come (or however long it takes until the novelty from the latest fad wears off), there is also the chance that certain toys could cause just the opposite.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission of the United States, approximately 240,000 children were treated for injuries caused by toys in 2016. Though this number seems awfully high, the number of injuries seems to have come down from the year before.

The majority of these injuries seems to affect the head or face of children, and the type of toys identified as the most

risky were riding toys, such as scooters, skateboards, and motorized cars. Riding toys continued to be associated with more trips to the emergency department for treatment, said the CPSC. The largest contributor to child injury were "toys, not specified," meaning it could have been any number of toys that caused a child harm.

It's heartbreaking to think that a toy, left from a visit from Santa Claus, could lead to a visit to the doctor's office, and possibly even mean that the rest of Christmas vacation need be spent healing from an injury, but that doesn't have to be the case.

Aside from being the most wonderful time of the year, December is also National Toy and Gift Safety Month. As you shop for your little loved ones, or help them prepare a list for Old Saint Nick, keeping these safety tips in mind could save you a trip to the emergency room.

If you plan on decorating your holiday parties with balloons, or happen to have any December birthdays coming up, keep in mind that young children can choke on

popped or deflated balloons. According to Child and Family Services, it is best to keep deflated balloons away from children younger than eight years old, and for fragments of popped balloons to be discarded immediately to prevent young children from ingesting them.

Along that same line of thinking, for your December baby's birthday party, avoid handing out goodie bags with super balls or toys with small parts if your little one is under the age of three, as small children could choke on any of these things.

Toys that contain high-powered magnets are dangerous and should be kept out of reach of children when not in use, and should only be used with the help of an adult.

Riding toys such as scooters, roller blades, or anything else with wheels should only be given to children meeting the age, height, and weight criteria, and children should always be supervised and made to wear helmets, kneepads, and elbow pads when using the toys.

Parents should also be mindful of the terrain these toys are used on, and keep an eye out for potholes, hills, and other location-specific hazards, particularly those relating to any possible vehicle traffic.

Once your little one excitedly opens his or her gift, there are a few precautions offered by Child and Family Services. First, be sure to immediately discard any plastic wrapping or toy packaging (recycling when possible) before they can become a choking hazard. Second, keep toys that are appropriate for older children out of sight, mind, reach, etc from younger siblings. Finally, any battery charging should be supervised by parents, or specifically done by parents, as chargers and adapters could potentially cause burn hazards to young children, and some chargers lack any mechanism to prevent overheating. It is important to pay attention to all warnings and instruction labels.

Preventblindness.org also offers some helpful

advice in keeping tiny tots, with their eyes all aglow, safe this Toy Safety Month.

According to the site, there are three rules of thumb for keeping kids safe while playing with toys. The first, only buying toys meant for their age group. The younger crowd sometimes is in a rush to grow up and may be excited by a toy marketed to big kids, but if he or she is not old enough, it's not worth the risk. Second, parents should demonstrate to their kids how to play with their toys safely. And finally, moms and dads should always keep an eye out while their children play, to circumvent any possible issues.

They also advise that before purchasing a toy, parents would be wise to read all warnings and instructions on the box, consider if the toy is right for their child or children's ability and age, void purchasing toys with sharp edges, purchase toys that are able to withstand impact and not break into hazardous pieces, Look for the let-

ters, "ATSM," as this indicates the product meets the safety standards set by the American Society for Testing and Materials International, and finally, avoid toys that shoot or include parts that fall off (and that BB guns are NOT toys).

When it comes to matters of safety, it may not be all fun and games, but it's not all business, either. There are things to keep in mind, but when all is said and done, parents know their children, and toy safety comes down to common sense, for the most part. Perhaps the best way to ensure toy safety is to make playtime a family activity, making parents available to prevent any sort of toy injury from taking place. Of course, accidents do happen, but in this case, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of treatment.

For more information and resources on toy safety, visit child-family-services.org/december-is-national-safe-toys-and-gifts-month/ or preventblindness.org/safe-toy-checklist

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

Annual Christmas Cookie Swap

The Londonderry Women's Club will hold its annual Christmas cookie swap on Wednesday Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at La Caretta in Londonderry. This event is open to all members and new members. The club is a civic and social organization that has been involved in the community for over 30 years and is a great way to meet new friends and get involved in the community. Please join us on Dec. 13th or visit our website at londonderrywomensclub.com for more information.

Santa Live!

Santa Claus is coming to The Londonderry Access Center! The access center is located at 281 Mammoth Road. He and Mrs. Claus arrive Saturday December 16th 1-3 p.m. This is a free event. Kids can visit with Santa Live on TV! There will be gifts and refreshments. Parents can take pictures for no charge as well. It is always a lot of fun and Santa looks forward to seeing everyone. For more information please contact Erin at 603-432-1147.

Library Hours

The December Library hours are: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The library will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25, and re-open at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 26. The library will also be closed on Monday, Jan. 1, and re-open at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018.

Movie Time

On Thur., Dec. 14, from 3:15-5:30 p.m. for our Young Adult Movie Time program. All participants in grades 6 through 12 will enjoy the movie Eragon, along with popcorn and beverages. In addition at this special event, there will be a raffle for fun door prizes. No sign up is necessary.

Way up in the Arctic

On Mon., Dec. 11 from 4-5 p.m. to hear stories of some of the unique animals who live there. From polar bears to penguins, owls to wolves, participants will hear stories about the vast array of animals that make this polar area home. During this program we will have a chance to waddle, roar and have a magical time. Everyone who attends will leave with a plush penguin bouncing ball. This exciting program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room, or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, December 4.

Mouse Tales

On Mon., Dec. 18, from 4-5 p.m. and visit with Mouse, the star of Jane Numeroff's If You Give a Mouse a Cookie. During this program, participants will hear the story of a mouse trying to find the owner of a shoe, hear the story of Sleeping Beauty from a mouse's point of view. Each participant will leave with a fun mouse and mitten craft to do at home to create a cute keepsake from the program. There will be plenty of time for a hug and picture with Mouse. This fun-filled program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room, or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Mon., December 11.

Shake, Move & Read

This engaging program is open to participants of all ages. Each week participants will energetically explore a different theme using songs, fantastic finger plays, a story and simple craft. This exhilarating and fun-filled program will be held on Weds., from 4-4:45 p.m. Meeting dates are: 12/13 and 1/10, 1/17. Advance registration is

required. To register, stop by the Children's Room, or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Mon, Nov 27.

Toddler Time

This program is open to children ages 2 & 3. Children attend with their parents and enjoy a fun half-hour of thematic stories, games, songs and a simple craft. Meets on Thurs., 9:30 - 10 a.m. Advance registration is required. Meeting dates are: 12/14 and 1/11, 1/18. Advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room, or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Mon, Nov 27.

Karaoke

On Dec. 8, Karaoke with DJ Sharon will be held at American Legion Post 27 located at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Road). Starts at 7 p.m. Non-members interested in joining Post 27 are welcome to attend.

Legion Meeting

On Dec. 11, Monthly General Meeting for American Legion Post 27 at 7:30 p.m. at American Legion Post 27 located at 6 Sargent Rd in Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Road). All members of Post 27 are invited to attend.

Legion Christmas Party

On Dec. 16, from 10 a.m. to noon the American Legion is holding the children's Christmas party at American Legion Post 27 located at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Road). Children 8 and under are invited to meet Santa Claus and get a present. Children must be related to current Post 27 members. Interested families need to sign up in advance at the Post.

Vendor/Craft Fair

The Marion Gerrish Community Center is hosting its first Vendor/Craft Fair Sunday, December 10,



Over 20 Years of Service

Leach Library Director Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp, left, presented Library Technician, Linda (Lyn) Dubois, with a certificate of appreciation as she retires with 20-plus years of service to the Library.

Courtesy photo

from 1-5 p.m., located at 39 W. Broadway, Derry.

Toys for Tots

American Legion Post 27 is a Toys for Tots drop off location. New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off up to Dec. 13 at 6 Sargent Rd, Londonderry.

Library Holiday Sale

The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library annual Holiday Sale is now on display at the Library. This year there are COOKIES, COOKIES and more. All cookies are homemade, with no nuts and in assorted flavors, Chocolate Chip, Shortbread, Ranger, Molasses, Sugar Holiday, Oatmeal Raisin and more for \$2 per package. Also for \$1 there will be available the Scandinavian "Good Luck" seed packets. All these items will be available at various times, so stop by to see what's new.

Christmas Across America

Londonderry Christian Church is hosting CEF's Christmas Across America on Sat., Dec. 9 from 3-6 p.m. at 372 Mammoth Road in Londonderry. Come celebrate the true meaning of Christmas as we play games, sing songs, and hear about one of the most amazing events in all of history! Recommended ages are 5-12, but all families and children are welcome. This is a free event. To register call 432-4630. Visit www.londonderrychristianchurch.com/events for more details.

The Church/State Challenge

Free Lecture on Dec. 14, 7 p.m. at Etz Hayim Syna-

gogue in Derry. Supreme Court Justice Robert J. Lynn will speak on "The Church/State Challenge." the relationship between the government and religion/religious institutions in the United States. The lecture is part of Etz Hayim Synagogue's Continuing Education Program, "Hot Topics, Cool Contemporary Stuff," and is open to the public at no charge. Donations to the synagogue to allow us to continue with similar programs are welcomed, of course. We hope you will join us.

Renew

Renew clothing opening Dec. 9 Saturday, 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. (arrive by 10 a.m.) We are also open every Thur. 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (arrive by 11 a.m.) winter clothing is now available. Families and individuals in need or on a budget are welcomed. We give away free gently used apparel that has been donated by the community, and sorted and organized by volunteers Enter at marquee sign of Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road in Derry. Limits: To make sure our newest items are available for all our visitors we limit each household to up to 20 of our newest items plus a reasonable number of our older items. Donations of good condition, modern clothing may be placed in our donations bin by our door at any time. No housewares, books, toys, or bedding, please. Sorry, we are unable to provide tax-receipts. No donations of money are asked for or accepted in return for our clothing. Contact us by searching for "Renew Derry" on Face-

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Moose Hill School website. We also have our LEEP Handbook available online on the Moose Hill School website if you'd like additional information on the program. For more infor-

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Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Nov. 27

12:06 a.m. Medical emergency investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

3:21 a.m. Four officers restore peace after disturbance on Rockingham Rd.

9:30 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made Middlesex County House of Correction in Billerica Mass. Matthew Powers, 32, of Medford, Mass. charged with Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs.

Gilcreast Rd.

4:56 p.m. Peace restored after domestic disturbance on Charleston Ave.

5:06 p.m. Services rendered at motor vehicle accident at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

5:11 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Kendall Pond Rd.

9:34 p.m. Three officers investigate overdose. Transported to hospital from McDonald's on Nashua Rd.

Tuesday - Nov. 28

3:09 a.m. Alarm at residence investigated by three officers on Leelynn Circle.

7:31 a.m. Peace restored after disturbance on Rockingham Rd. near Stonehenge Rd.

9:20 a.m. Missing person investigated on Windsor Blvd.

9:27 a.m. Peace restored by four officers after disturbance at Tedeschi Foods on Rockingham Rd.

10:38 a.m. Services rendered for juvenile offenses at Londonderry High School.

10:50 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nashua Rd.

2:49 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on

Wednesday - Nov. 29

3:28 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Crosby Lane.

7:33 a.m. Services rendered for juvenile offenses at Londonderry High School

11 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Meridian Street in Boston, Mass. Franklin Francois, 43, of Mattapan, Mass. charged with three counts of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card, three counts of Theft and three counts of Identity Fraud.

12:08 p.m. Four officers investigate motor vehicle accident on Rockingham Road at Mammoth Rd.

10:30 a.m. Assault investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

2:43 p.m. Criminal mischief investigated on Hancock Drive.

3:15 p.m. Drug offenses investigated at LAFA Complex on Nelson Rd.

4:22 p.m. Peace restored after assault on Sandstone Circle.

5:45 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Kendall Pond Rd.

6:30 p.m. Drug offenses investigated on Charleston Ave.

6:40 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated at Woodland Village Condos on Constitution Drive.

7:04 p.m. Neighborhood disputes investigated on Boulder Drive.

Thursday - Nov. 30

6:02 a.m. Medical Emergency transported to hospital from Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

9:36 a.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity at Sleep Inn on Perkins Rd.

11:32 a.m. Criminal Threatening Investigated on Jewel Court.

12:01 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Hardy Road at Pheasant Run.

1:44 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Threat-

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Police Log

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ening at Bauchman's Towing on Enterprise Drive.

3:03 p.m. Assault investigated Oakridge Drive.

5:08 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Harvey Rd at Webster Rd.

5:33 p.m. Shoplifting reported at T. J. Maxx on Garden Lane and two arrests were made. Caylee Dudash, 18, and Ashleigh Holland, 18 of Derry charged Theft/Shoplifting.

Friday - Dec. 1

2:52 a.m. Services rendered for Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

9:21 a.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity at Sleep Inn on Perkins Rd.

9:50 a.m. Weapons offenses investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

2:24 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. on Cheshire Court.

4:14 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on

Independence Drive.

5:06 p.m. Investigation of a three motor vehicle accident on Stonehenge and Rockingham Roads

Saturday - Dec. 2

11:53 a.m. Unlawful activities investigated on Hardy Road.

3:12 p.m. Services rendered for drug offenses on Charleston Ave.

4:04 p.m. Services rendered for weapons offenses on Old Derry Road.

4:12 p.m. Motor vehicle accident and transport to hospital on Nashua Rd

near Sweet Landscaping. **5:08 p.m.** Neighborhood disputes investigated on Boulder Drive.

6:20 p.m. Overdose investigated at Red Arrow Diner Rockingham Rd.

11:48 p.m. Domestic disturbance on Wiley Hill Rd.

Sunday - Dec. 3

3:22 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop results in arrest on Harvey Rd at Burton Drive. John Morrison, 28, of Chelmsford, N.H. charged with driving under the influence of drugs or liquor and oper-

ating a vehicle without a valid license.

6:19 a.m. Five officers investigate burglary at Burger King on Nashua Rd.

7:31 a.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Oakridge Drive.

8:51 a.m. Services Rendered for juvenile offenses on Harmony Drive.

3:02 p.m. Criminal Threatening Investigated on School House Rd.

6:05 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Merlin Place. Joshua Winsor, 20, of Londonderry charged

ed with supplying a False Report to Law Enforcement, Theft by Deception, Criminal Liability for Conduct of Another and two counts of False Swearing/Statement.

7:21 p.m. Abandoned 911 taken and arrest made on Charleston Ave. Four officers arrest Linda Abbott, 57, of Londonderry charged with Penalty for False Information to 911.

10:10 p.m. Domestic disturbance investigated on Woodside Drive.



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