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Holiday Spirit

North School fourth grader Rebecca Solomon reads a holiday story to Jim Collins at the All American Assisted Living cafeteria last week as all of the schools fourth graders spread holiday cheer to residents there with carolling and mingling. See more photos page 10.

Town Council Gets Results of Mack Home Inspection

LORI COSTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the town manager's request, an inspection of the Mack family home on 234 Mammoth Road was done to further assess if the town would be interested in purchasing the property. The home is a beautiful

example of 18th century architecture and construction. With the home almost 250 years old there are some maintenance concerns, but the inspection found that there were no major structural deficiencies according to the town's Building Inspector and Code Enfor-

ment Officer, Richard Canuel.

The inspection was done by a professional home inspection service, so that the report would be both a detailed and unbiased account of the shape the home is currently in. An issue the

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New Workforce Housing Project Seeks Waiver from Planning Board

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The possibility for more workforce housing in Londonderry was recently discussed during the Planning Board's latest meeting on December 13 at Town Hall.

Representing Michael Smith, the Senior Vice President with PedCorp Inc., attorney John Cronin presented their arguments for the possibility of granting a waiver for phasing requirements on a 216 unit housing project that would be placed on 71 Perkins Road. It should be noted that due to a lack of a site plan for the project, the discussion did not feature any official

ruling on the matter.

Specifically, the phasing requirements revolve around guiding Londonderry through the process of residential growth by limiting how many units for occupants can have certificates granted to them annually. In this case, only seventy two can be granted a certificate each year, meaning that this project would take three years in order to be fully certified.

However, Cronin felt that the board should consider cutting this timeline down to only two years. He and his associates felt that not only was the proposed structure of incredibly high quality while still maintaining

reasonable costs for construction and upkeep, but that the phasing requirements, which would pertain to the possible construction of nearby schools or fire stations in the future, would not really present any sort of concern to this area of town. None the less, the developers would still be willing to follow the regulations, albeit in a shortened time span.

"We would still be willing to do it over a two year period", Cronin noted.

But although Cronin felt optimistic about the board's reception to the plan, members seemed unanimously opposed to

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Fire Department Looks to Renovate Central Station

LORI COSTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the town council meeting on Dec. 18, members of the Londonderry Fire Department gave a presentation for the proposal to renovate and expand the Central Fire Station in town lead by Fire Chief Darren O'Brien.

The station, located at 280 Mammoth Road, has plans for new additions for space and utilities. The apparatus bays (where the firefighting emergency vehicles are stored) will remain the same, but the current living facilities used by the fire fighters will become

an additional apparatus bay. The plans ask for new additions to the north and south sides of the building as well. The north side of the building will be one-story that will house the administration department, the dispatch center, and the community training room. The south side of the building will be a two-story operational wing where the fire fighters will be housed. The bottom level of the station will serve as operational needs along with vehicle maintenance, equipment maintenance, and office space. The upstairs level will house the bunk rooms, dormito-

ries, locker rooms, kitchen facility, and dining area for the station.

One of the main goals by renovating the central fire station is to have a fire station that meets the needs of the community and lasts 50-75 years into the future. The estimate for the new central sta-

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South Elementary School Gets Ugly with Annual Sweater Day



Students, Teachers and staff members all broke out their ugly sweaters last week during the South Elementary School annual "Ugly Sweater Day." Some staff members even made matching outfits as shown above right with front office staff members Donna Stahl and Diane Fisher showing off their reindeer sweaters. The school's Principal Linda Boyd dressed as an elf, above left. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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Town Manager Names New Ex-Officio for Planning Board

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Residents may have recently noticed on the Londonderry town website that the Planning Board's page underwent some changes, specifically concerning the changing of certain members.

Recently, Tony DeFrancesco was named an Ex-Officio for the Planning Board by Town Manager

Kevin Smith. Although originally listed alongside him on the page, DeFrancesco served to temporarily replace Giovanni Verani for the position.

According to the Town Charter, three Ex-Officio's, or someone who holds a position by virtue of holding another office in the government, must hold positions within the board alongside six full members and three alter-

nate members. Of these three Ex-Officio's, one must be an administrative officer for the town, which applies to Board Member Rick Brideau, one must be a part of the Town Council, which applies to Councilor Jim Butler, and the final Ex-Officio would either be the Town Manager or a designer of his or her choice.

This designer was

originally Verani, but he was recently forced to step down for a time due to family concerns, which is what constituted DeFrancesco's appointment.

One major question about the appointment concerns why Smith did not instead choose one of the alternate members for the role. As both Smith and the charter explain, however, a set number of seats must be filled on the

board, so if an alternate were to replace Verani, it would simply leave an empty alternate seat for the town to fill while Verani was absent.

"You have to have a full alternate of seats", Smith stated.

As for DeFrancesco's qualifications, he was noted for being a Londonderry resident for around forty years and being consistently involved with

town business, watching meetings online or in person for both town government and the school board. Furthermore, Smith chose DeFrancesco because of his real estate background, which was the same reason why Verani acquired the position.

DeFrancesco is expected to step down as Ex-Officio upon Verani's return sometime in the future.

Londonderry Police Still Searching For TD Bank Robber

KATIE O'DONNELL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry police are still searching for the man who robbed the TD Bank at 62 Nashua Road last Tuesday.

Officers had received a call at 5:51 p.m. that a 5 foot 10 inch tall white male in jeans, a blue hooded jacket and Patriots hat had managed to make off with an undisclosed amount of cash.

"The suspect came in, handed a note and demanded money," said Detective Christopher Olson.



Surveillance image of the person who held up the TD Bank last Tuesday.

The note suggested the robber was armed and willing to use a weapon if he did not

receive the cash. He did not show a weapon to the tellers, but threatened them with one several times.

According to bank policy, the police are unable to report the exact amount of money stolen, however, Olson said "it was a significant amount, to say the least."

After getting the money, the robber fled

the scene, but it is unknown by police or bank staff if he left on foot or by vehicle.

The Londonderry Police Department used a K-9 officer and dog to try and track down the suspect, but they did not come up with any leads.

Olson posted security images of the suspect on social media and urged locals to call the station if

they recognized him.

"The more eyes you get on it, the better chance of the person being identified," said Olson. Since then, the LPD has received numerous tips and have been following up on them.

Olson said the last time he used social media to track down a suspect, he managed to solve the case in 20 minutes, thanks

to someone who managed to notice the post and identify the perpetrator at a local athletic field.

The robbery suspect is considered "armed and dangerous," according to Olson.

Anyone with information on the robbery of the identity of the suspect should call the Londonderry police immediately at (603) 432-1118.

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Editorial

A Holiday Message from Publisher, Deb Paul

Every year, the editorial that coincides with the holidays is light-hearted and full of good wishes. As always, we wish our readers the very best at the holiday season. But looking back at a year full of meaningless death, abjection, bullying, natural disasters, international turmoil, not to mention the hard times many in our own communities are enduring, we can't help but go into the most wonderful time of the year with heavy hearts.

As we go about our daily lives, we typically don't anticipate anything earth shattering to happen to us. But on any given day, tragedy strikes, and it does not discriminate. Many of us couldn't imagine the paralyzing horror that strikes the heart of any parent who hears the news of a mass shooting at their child's school, or the debilitating grief of those who have lost loved ones to disease, car accidents, overdose, suicide, etc. These events are devastating enough, but if they happen to be concurrent to a holiday, the blow is doubled.

For many, the happiest time of the year can be their saddest and most difficult. That cranky customer or disgruntled server could be reliving a pain we couldn't bear, so we mustn't withhold kindness from anyone.

For the last few weeks, I have

gone to many charitable events and have witnessed such goodwill towards our fellow man I can't stop from welling up with a feeling that mankind is not lost, only hidden. I wish more people could see what I see, these simple gestures leave a great impact on the world.

Being in the news industry can be quite difficult, as we tend to see more of the ugly side of the world than most. Of course, we see the good, too, but good news stories seem to be far and few between.

We urge you to reach out to your loved ones and get together in the true spirit of the holidays - a spirit not centered around gifts and material goods and feverish bouts of shopping, but around love and appreciation of those close to us.

Will there ever be Peace on Earth? More than likely not. Why do bad things happen to good people and why people do such horrific things to each other is a question that may never have an answer. Regardless, we shouldn't turn our lives into bastions of fear. Instead, we should try to learn from the spirit of the Christmas season, keep those bereaving in our hearts and despite the harshest part of human nature, work sincerely toward "Peace on Earth and good will toward men." Let's hope for the New Year!

Letters

Shop Local Raffle

To the editor:

The response to our response Wreath Sale and Craft Fair was enhanced by interest in our "Shop Local Raffle". Thank you to all the patrons who took chances on a variety of 15 gift certificates and or products from Local Small Business owners. These included Effective Fitness, Wrap City, Prosciutto's, Crossroads Dry Cleaners and Alterations, Walls to Windows Curtain Shop, Janie's Uncommon Cafe, Game Castle, The Sewing Diva, and Pet Stop which are all conveniently located in The Crossroads Mall. Additional donations were made by The Coach Stop, Pasquale Ristorante, Bangkok Thai Food, Great American

Subs and Salads, Hair Update (which is under new management), D & G Cycle, Ford of Londonderry, Angelic Hair Studio, Derry Feed & Supply Co, Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar, and Home Depot. Congratulations to all the winners. The Wreaths were displayed and sold outside around a fire pit (manned by Boy Scouts from Troop 521) where s'mores and hot cocoa were free. Crafters included Jennie, Peg, Michelle, Kris, Gladys, Arianne and organic coffees and cocoa made by Wicked Good Scoops (a new business to watch for on Buttrick Road in Londonderry planned to open by Summer of 2018).

Cherylann Pierce
Londonderry, NH

Response to Mr. Bradley

To the Editor:

This is in response to Mr. Bradley's letter commenting on the political signs placed by Mr. Mack on his property. The first amendment to the constitution guarantees you the right to free speech and the right to speak out against the government in a non violent way without the fear of arrest or imprisonment such as is the case in countries like North Korea or Russia to name two. You don't have to agree with the signs (I do) but it Mr. Mack's right to do so.

John Antonellis
Londonderry, NH

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Central

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tion is currently between 6.4 and 6.9 million dollars. Overall, the amount is above anticipation, but the department is looking to ground down the numbers as best they can. The new proposal is slightly over 21,000 square feet and adds two additional apparatus bays. All of the bay doors will be raised to meet the height needs of the new equipment as well. The two new bays will also be wider as well.

There is no space in this proposal that will go unused; every square

inch will be utilized space by the fire department. The site work came in at a cost of over a half million dollars, which was more than the fire department had originally estimated. Central station parking is limited with the space they currently have. The proposal would allow for additional 45-50 parking spots.

Overall, this proposal looks to the future and how the town of Londonderry will grow 15 to 20 years into the future. Additional space will be necessary for the fire department to do their jobs and be able to do

them well. There is also room for the other two fire stations in town to have renovations in the future if the need arises. As of today, the fire department feels it is a necessity to build upon the central station to meet the needs of the town going forward. The new designs for the central fire station will be available sometime next week on the fire department's official website: londonderrynh.org/Pages/LondonderryNH_Fire/Index. Any questions about the proposal can be relayed to Fire Chief Darren O'Brien at 432-1124.

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Holiday Publishing Schedule

Nutfield Publishing will not be producing the Tri-Town Times, Nutfield News and Londonderry Times on Thursday, Dec. 28. The next paper will be published on Jan. 4, 2018. Thank you for reading and have a happy holiday!



Lions Honor LHS Vice Principal

During the Londonderry Lions annual year-end dinner and gathering at the Lions Hall on Friday, Dec. 15, members awarded Londonderry High School Vice Principal Katie Sullivan with the club's "Citizen of the Year" honor. Current President Jim

Conner and past President Frank Holdsworth both spoke about how much Sullivan has done for the students and residents of the community. She was joined by her family, friends, Principal Jason Parent and members of the "Pay It Forward" group she organized. The Lions also donated \$500 toward the Pay It Forward Group.

Photos by Chris Paul

Mack Home

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inspection found was rot observed on some of the siding of the house along with some siding missing on a few sides of the home. A critical issue found was with energy efficiency and a lot of heat loss the house is experi-

encing simply because of the gaps in doors and windows. The lack of insulation in the home was also another issue. The insulation was found to either be non-existent or needs to be re-done as soon as possible.

There are also a number of fireplaces and chimneys located throughout

the home. The inspector noted that there are cracks in the chimneys, borders missing, and one particular chimney had exhaust coming from the side of it as well as from the top of it. This poses an issue with carbon monoxide exposure. A few of the fireplaces were shown to have the same

issues of having cracks in them and borders missing. Another primary issue found by the inspection was the knob and tube wiring. Knob and tube wiring gets its name from the ceramic knobs that support it and the ceramic tubes that protect the wire as it passes through wood framing members such as floor

joints. This type of wiring was used in homes until approximately 1950. Some of the wiring in the Mack home has been updated in the basement area.

Whether or not these issues will be a deal breaker for the town council is still unclear as they were without a full board at the time of the

presentation.

The next step will be determining which things need to be fixed in the home and which things may need to be fixed down the road and getting a rough estimate of how much work will need to go into the house before it is purchased, if the town chooses to buy it.

Workforce Housing

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the idea for several reasons.

Vice Chair Mary Wing Soares felt that the addition of this level of housing would cause major concern to the school system, specifically the current issue of overcrowding at the kindergarten level. Furthermore, she also felt that workforce housing is still too expensive for many in Londonderry.

Member Al Sypek was not certain about any of the fire department's plans for the future and wanted to see how they felt about this matter, while several members, such as Leitha Reilly worried that altering these rules could set a dangerous precedent for the future.

Board Chair Art Rugg

seemed to be in agreement with his fellow members as well, not only citing the town's recent growth concerns not clashing well with this matter, but also noting how much time and research went into putting the ordinance together in the first place.

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"What I hear is that we're sticking to the ordinance", Rugg stated.

Although the Planning Board rejected the proposal, Cronin mentioned during his argument that they would most likely refer to the Zoning Board somewhere down the line for a second opinion.

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Planning Board Review Sewage Concerns on Duplex Project

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Representatives from DHB Homes recently got the chance to revisit an application for a conditional use permit concerning a duplex structure at the Planning Board's latest meeting on Dec. 13.

The original discussion began back on November 1, where George Chadwick with Bedford Design Consultants, Inc. spoke as the representative for the application. The application specifically revolved around gaining permission to allow the construction of a twelve unit duplex on the intersection of Horizon Drive and Button Drive, which would lie within the Route 102 performance overlay

district. It should be noted that this application had nothing to do with gaining a site plan approval.

On top of noting that the duplex would possibly bring in around one hundred and forty two thousand dollars of revenue to the town, Chadwick felt that the layout of the land for this project would serve the community quite well.

"We believe that the parcel is well suited for a duplex-type housing project", Chadwick noted.

However, the major concern with the project came with its access to a sewer system. More specifically, there was notable subsidence around the pipe that would be used by the structure for septic

drainage and town staff were concerned that the subsidence may be exacerbated by this new building.

Further complicating the matter is that although Chadwick's team had commissioned for a study to be done on the aforementioned system, it was not made available by the time of this meeting, but they

were still pushing forward with the request since the applicant has been working with town staff since March on the matter. Thus, due to the ambiguity surrounding the matter, the board was forced to extend the discussion to the board's December 13 meeting.

At said meeting, Chadwick had received the report, which noted that

there was no actual subsidence in or around the pipe, but merely deflections

"There is no imminent failure of the sewer", Chadwick stated.

However, in order to move the project along at a quick pace, the applicant simply decided to reduce the number of units within the duplex down from twelve to

seven and move the location of the project closer to a septic system, which would also place the project further away from local wetlands in the surrounding area.

As a result of these changes, the board unanimously decided to grant the permit for the build, now freeing the applicant to pursue a full site plan review in the future.

Kendall Pond Area Gets Update at Council

LORI COSTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Recently, there have been acts of vandalism to the Kendall Pond Conservation site, most notably graffiti on the signage and garbage being left in the parking lot. There were not however, any signs of vandalism on the Kendall Pond trail itself.

As of the town council meeting on Dec. 18, both the graffiti and the garbage have been removed from the site.

The question going forward will be how to keep the undesirables out of the area while still keeping it open for the people who want to enjoy the conservation. According to several neighbors who regularly use the

conservation area for walking their dog and walking the trails in general, the problems are occurring in the parking lot area and mostly in the evening. One of the long term goals suggested would be to install a gate blocking off the parking lot area to deter would-be vandals. Another option may be to put up signs to indicate that the area may be subject video surveillance or is under surveillance 24/7.

An ordinance may also be used to indicate the opening and closing times so the police would have rules to enforce. As a last stage resort, there may be use of a swipe card or key to get into the conservation area. The idea being that people who want to

engage in prohibited activity would not go to the trouble of breaking in. Another proposal presented to the town council was to close off the parking lot currently used and move it down the road where it can be across from another conservation area.

The Chair of the Conservation Commission Marge Badois expressed doubt of completely shutting down the area, but agreed that the gate was an excellent idea after speaking with fellow members of the Conservation Commission. The proposed hours would be from 5 AM to 8 PM and the gates would be closed on a timer of some kind.

The committee would also like to add a surveil-

lance system to the area as well posting signs that the area is under watch. Signs will also be important to clearly indicate the hours of operation and what to do if someone is locked in behind the gate. Badois would not like to see the Kendall Pond Conservation area shut down completely, because it punishes the people who are using it correctly. A temporary solution may be plausible between the conservation committee, the police department, and neighbors and ultimately determine a long term solution. If a decision is unable to be reached, the town council will help in the decision of how to go forward.

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Planning Commission Presents Age-Friendly Program to Town Council

LORI COSTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the December 18 meeting, the town council welcomed two members of the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission, Sylvia von Aulock, Executive Director and Adam Hlasny, Transportation Planner. In 2015, the commission received grant funding to work with their 14 communities and how to become age-friendly for all residents.

They have listened to the worries of the senior community, who want to know what they can do

when they are no longer able to drive, how to get affordable housing, and how to be relevant in their community and be actively engaged. The commission has also gotten input from the millennials in their communities, especially because some young adults in New Hampshire are leaving the state after graduating from college.

It was important to von Aulock to listen to what the community had to say and there were four important points that the commission has focused on transportation/acces-

sibility, housing trends/affordability, recreation/engagement, and business and economic development. Although some people may not be able to make meeting of the Planning Commission, online surveys have been made available to residents. There have been 641 participants in their online surveys, 24 of which belonging to the Londonderry community.

Phase one for the commission was to create assessments of the communities based on the four points mentioned

previously. After the assessments, the commission was granted funding to move onto phase two, assisting up to three communities to go from the assessment phase into a "pilot program" to answer the questions "how do we age gracefully?" and "how do we keep the young adults here in the communities?" Adam Hlasny shared his research on what an age-friendly community can look like. Saco and Biddeford, Maine were two towns studied by the commission that are considered age-friendly. Each of these towns

has a population of about 20,000 and both became an age-friendly community in 2015. They have been working on handyman programs for minor home repair services, a community resource directory, and most recently having a later start time for middle and high school students. The start time was moved from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM and there has been an improvement in grades and fewer absences from this switch. Hlasny noted that this program is not a "one-size fits all" program and can be adopted to fit

the needs of the community in the program.

After the presentation, von Aulock asked the town council for their level of interest in this pilot program. Each community is encouraged to send in a letter of interest if they would like to be one of their pilot communities. They are accepting letters up until January 19. The next step for the town council will be determining their level of interest in being one of three pilot programs and submitting a letter of interest by January 19.

LHS Band Gets Ready to March in 2018 Rose Bowl Parade

LORI COSTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On January 1, 2018, the Londonderry Lancers will be performing for the fifth time in the Rose Bowl parade in Pasadena, California. Londonderry High School Music Director Andy Soucy is very proud of his students and the hard work they have done to prepare. The high school band gets quite a bit of attention from the media from the incredible talent of the students who participate. The band has been featured on Chronicle and performed at Boston Celtics and Man-

chester Monarch games according to Soucy.

At the school board budget meeting on December 14, Andy Soucy was proud to say that out of the roughly 100 units, the Londonderry Marching Band will be unit number nine and very close to the front and will mostly likely be on television in the first 15 minutes of the start of the parade. Students in the band were not obligated to go to California however, and the decision to attend was left entirely up to the student and his/her family. There were a lot of sacrifices made, because a lot of students and families put

forth their own money to finance the trip. The high school did make sure that any band student who wanted to attend the Rose Bowl parade had the opportunity to go and help out in any way they could.

This is a fantastic opportunity for student's to show their talents and show the world how dedicated the Londonderry Marching Band is to perfecting the art of music. Not only will the band be representing New Hampshire, but also New England as a whole.

The parade will last for about two and a half hours with millions of

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The band has also been preparing for the 5.5 mile route of the parade with a wellness walk that took place back in September. A 5.5 mile walk can be a challenge on its own, so it's important for students to be adjusted while they are playing their instruments as well.

The band will be leaving for the Tournament of Roses on Thursday, December 28 and will return on Tuesday, January 2 the day after the parade. Additional information about the Lancers' trip to Pasadena can be found on their website: lancermusic.org.



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Christmas Cheer Is Found At The Londonderry Police Station



Families were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Claus as they entered the Londonderry Police Station during their annual holiday movie night. Photo by Chris Paul

KATE O'DONNELL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Old Saint Nick took some time off from the North Pole to visit the Londonderry Police Department last Friday. Children from around town come down to the police station to not only give their wish lists to Santa and Mrs. Claus, but to enjoy a viewing of "The Polar Express," complete with snacks and drinks.

Lieutenant Kim Bernard has been creating family friendly events like this to promote community inclusion for the last two years. He said this is the department's second year for Christmas themed movie night. Last year families were treated to a showing of "Elf."

Detective Christopher Olson was on hand to help out with the estimated 30 to 40 kids who snuggled down with some blankets and pizza during the movie.

"Whenever we host an event, we get a big turn out," said Olson. He let out a secret that Planning Board member and former Fire Chief Al Sypek was the one who donned the red coat and white beard.

After the children enjoyed their time with Santa, it was on to the station's community room where training mats had been laid out for the kids to rest on while parents were treated to rows of chairs. The room was decorated to look like presents hung on the walls while red, silver and gold

garland streamed across the lights and twinkled from the light of the double movie screens.

Local businesses donated water, juice, pizza and cookies. Bags of popcorn were popped and laid out for audience members to take as they please. It was a fun-filled, relaxing evening where the adults had just as much fun as the kids.

Kristy Fitzpatrick brought her two young daughters to come see Santa and the movie. She said she brings her family to all of the Londonderry events.

"It gives parents things to do with the kids," Fitzpatrick said. "It would be nice to see them keep doing this with the kids."

Her 5-year old daughter, Brooklynn, was excited to see so many police officers. After the film, she ran around telling them she wanted to be "a police girl" when she grew up.

"It's good for the kids," said Fitzpatrick. "It makes them more comfortable."

Making the community at large more comfortable with the police department is the goal of Bernard's team.

"As a police department, we're trying to increase our community involvement," said Bernard. In the past, the department has hosted ice cream socials, pumpkin painting and other movie nights.

Bernard's partner in crime (so to speak) is Sergeant Mike McCutcheon. Together they have been developing the community involvement program

in Londonderry by pitching ideas to the rest of the department and working with local businesses to get donors for their events.

"We're always looking for new ideas," said Bernard. He disclosed that he has been talking with Senior Affairs Director Catherine Blash to orchestrate an old-fashioned 1950s sock hop at the senior center on Valentine's Day.

Bernard said the department has put on about 10 events so far this year, with no signs of stopping. He has been working on creating different kinds of events for the various age groups in town. He wants to restart a Rape Aggression Defense training program, or R.A.D. for short, in the early spring for anyone who wants to brush up on their defense techniques.

"That's what we try to do, engage different groups in the community," said Bernard.

Bernard encourages anyone with any ideas for community events with the LPD to contact him at kbernard@londonderryhpd.org.

Brooklynn Eggars, age 9 and her sister Breanne, age 3, are treated to some time with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Londonderry Police Station. Photo courtesy of the Londonderry Police Department

Officers from the Londonderry Police Department pose with the Claus family before the Christmas movie night at the station last Friday. Photo courtesy of the Londonderry Police Department.

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Past Superintendent Makes Annual Appearance at South School



First grade students at South Elementary School enjoyed holiday stories read to them by the School's Principal Linda Boyd, and past Superintendent of Schools Nate Greenberg. Nate has been reading "Latkes, Latkes, Good to Eat" for about 15 years and was invited for another year. Linda read "Gingerbread Baby" with the help of the Gingerbread mother - Assistant Principal Chelsea Hunnewell.

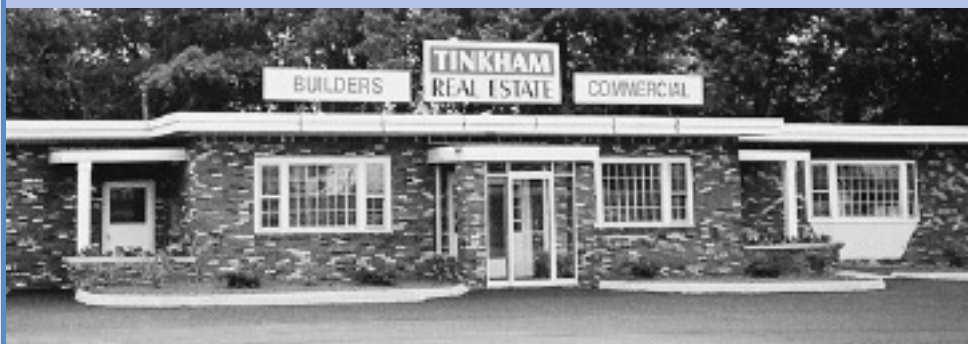


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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Londonderry High Hockey Splits its First Two Contests

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Sports teams at just about every level tend to begin their seasons with somewhat flawed performances before really getting into a groove. And the Londonderry High ice hockey squad was no exception when it got its 2017-18 campaign going last week.

But there were also some pretty distinct positives which arose from the Lancers' season-openers, in which the locals dropped a 4-1 decision to Hanover in Hooksett before throttling the Manchester Memorial High Crusaders by an 8-2 tally in the Queen City.

The somewhat frustrated Lancers ended their first regular season game of the new cam-

paign - a 4-1 loss to the visiting Hanover High Marauders at the Tri-Town Arena in Hooksett on Wednesday Dec. 13 - uttering terms like "woulda, coulda, shoulda."

Londonderry saw its skilled opponent - led by its longtime coach Dick Dodds - tally three power-play goals in bagging the win. The Lancers had quite a few scoring opportunities throughout the evening despite being outshot by a 23-21 margin, but at least one key offensive element was missing.

"We generated a good amount of pressure, had a few breakaways, but we just didn't finish," lamented LHS coach Peter Bedford. "Playing 5-on-5 I felt like we were certainly the stronger club, but that doesn't mean anything if

you don't put the puck in the net."

The Marauders got their first goal of the night - with the man-advantage - with 9:56 remaining in the first period. And the score would sit at 1-0 when the buzzer sounded ending that period. Londonderry had enjoyed a 7-4 advantage in shots on net.

The hosts would also savor a shots-on advantage of 8-7 in the second period, but once again Hanover managed the only goal. It came with each side skating five players on a slap-shot from the right point of the LHS defensive zone a mere 46 seconds in.

The Marauders worked to put the game away by scoring again during the first few moments of period three, and they

smacked 10 unanswered shots on LHS goalie Cam Donovan during the first six minutes and finally netted their third goal on yet another power-play chance with 9:51 left to play.

The Lancers then killed off Hanover's next man-advantage and scored themselves seconds afterward when junior defenseman Anthony Federico popped home the rebound of a Pat McKinnon shot. That left the locals trailing 3-1 with 2:49 to go.

But a full Lancer comeback would fall by the wayside as Hanover bagged its fourth goal of the night and its third on a power-play, scoring with just three seconds remaining on the man-

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Lancer Anthony Federico scored three times in his squad's first two games. Photo by Chris Pantazis

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LHS Wrestlers Find Success and Frustration Early in Season

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

There were both things to be proud of and stuff to be frustrated by for coach Jason Cucolo and his Londonderry High School wrestling team in the early segment of their 2017-18 season recently.

Last week, the LHS crew narrowly lost a dual-meet in Nashua despite impressive efforts from a number of sources, and days later they were at home for their own invitational at which they bagged a top-five team finish out of more than a dozen squads.

Despite strong performances from a number of varisty wrestlers, the Lancer wrestling squad got stung rather mightily by forfeits in a 42-39 loss to the Nashua High South Purple Panthers in the Gate City last Wednesday, Dec. 13.

The Lancers won six of the nine bouts in which they had competitors, but they wound up falling by that slim margin to the host Purple Panthers when they had to hand over four forfeits while the Nashuans gave up just one.

Londonderry captains Ben Psaledas, Alex Boucher, and Craig Santos tallied impressive pins, with Santos' coming over a tough opponent in Purple Panther Tom Cullerton. Pins were also recorded by juniors Taylor Dyer at 285 pounds and Vincent Del Signore at 160, and a decision was notched by freshman Aiden O'Loughlin at the 120-pound level.

O'Loughlin's fellow ninth graders Johnny McKinnon (132), Dylan Barnes (138), and Eugene Donovan (220) all suffered tough losses at the hands of South upper-classmen.

With that loss tucked behind them, the locals then prepared for their own Londonderry Holiday Tournament which was cancelled due to snow last year but this year brought teams from all over New England to the LHS gym on Saturday Dec. 16.

The Andover (Mass.) program made some history for itself by winning its first-ever tournament with a team score of 150. The contingents from Marshwood, Me. (139) and Sanford, Me. (137) were second and third respectively, with the host Lancers fourth (121.5) and the St. Johnsbury, Vt. bunch fifth (118) out of 15 total teams.

LHS senior Santos powered his way to first place in his 145-pound class, Psaledas finished second in his division, thirds were claimed by Del Signore, sophomore



Lancer senior captain Craig Santos, on top, was named Outstanding Wrestler at the LHS Holiday Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 16. Photo by Chris Paul

Michael Watts at 170, and Boucher, and fourth places were bagged by sophomore Nick Walter at 182 pounds and junior Dyer.

Santos was named the

"Outstanding Wrestler" at the tournament.

The Lancers completed the 2017 segment of their New Hampshire schedule this Wednesday, Dec. 20, by hosting Man-

chester Central after Londonderry Times press time. In the days after Christmas they'll once again be involved in the huge Lowell (Mass.) Holiday Tournament.

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Overtime Loss Leaves Lady Lancers With 0-2 Record

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After losing a lopsided decision to the Manchester Memorial Lady Crusaders in the Queen City in its 2017-18 season opener two weeks ago, the youthful Londonderry High School girls' basketball squad found itself playing its home-opener against a Nashua opponent early last week.

And although veteran coach Nick Theos' Lady Lancers showed skill and clutch capabilities in their Tuesday night, Dec. 12 battle with the Nashua North Lady Titans in the LHS gymnasium, the locals absorbed their second defeat of the extreme-

ly young season in a tough, 37-36 overtime decision against that opponent.

The contest was nip and tuck throughout, with the hosts grasping a 9-8 lead after one quarter and the score deadlocked at 14-14 when halftime arrived.

The Lady Titans held the slimmest of leads at 25-24 rolling into the final eight minutes of play, but Londonderry managed to have the score knotted up at 35-35 when the buzzer sounded ending regulation time.

However, the Nashua, who opened their season with a 72-64 loss to the Exeter High Lady Blue Hawks on the seacoast,

outscored the Lady Lancers by a tiny 4-3 margin in overtime to bag their first success of the young season.

"Courtney Shay led all scorers with 15 points, including a key three-pointer to cut the lead to three coming down the stretch," said LHS coach Theos. "Then Delaney McGurn, who finished with seven points, hit a three-pointer with three seconds left to tie the game and force overtime."

The Lady Lancers also had freshmen Charlotte Sullivan and Ashley Rourke play well in the loss, scoring six and five points respectively.

Coach Theos' crew then stepped into this

week with a busy slate in the days before Christmas, looking at Division I contests at Spaulding in Rochester on Tuesday the 19th and then back home against tough Bedford two nights later, with both of those games occurring after Londonderry Times press time.

The locals were then looking at a Dec. 23 ride into Massachusetts to play their first game in the Lawrence Central Catholic Holiday Tournament against Bishop Guertin of Nashua. The Lady Lancers are then scheduled to play Dec. 28 and 30 games against as yet-undetermined opponents in that Bay State holiday tourney.



Young standout guard Colleen Furlong and the LHS girls' hoop squad started their new season with a pair of defeats. Photo by Chris Pantazis

Lady Lancer Gymnasts Start Their New Season Strong in Keene



Mira Kutney excelled in the season-opener.

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After frustratingly having its first scheduled meet of the season cancelled due to gym equipment troubles last Friday, Dec. 15, the Londonderry High girls' gymnastics squad had to travel all the way over to Keene this past Monday the 18th to get that first official 2017-18 meet in.

The Lancers were one of five teams - including

the host Keene High Blackbirds - to duel at the Keene YMCA that evening. And coach Heather Lennon - who was known as Heather Tuden at the end of the 2016-17 season earlier this calendar year before getting married during the off-season - saw her squad get the new campaign started in fine fashion by placing first among the five squads.

Londonderry tallied a team score of 130.4 to

best Bedford (125.15), Keene (113.9), Manchester Central (103.7), and Merrimack (81.1).

"We were pleasantly surprised by this start," said Lennon during the lengthy bus ride home.

Mira Kutney bagged the lone event win for the Lady Lancers by proving unbeatable in the floor exercise (score of 9.1). All-around stalwart Maddie Croteau finished second on the balance beam, on vault, and in the all-

around with a total score of 33.4. She also notched a third place on floor.

Other top-three placements came from Seana Kelly on the uneven bars (second) and in the all-around (31.3), with Courtney Baharian bagging

third on beam and Ashley Griffin finishing third on vault.

The Lady Lancers are now free from competitive action until Dec. 30 when they'll compete on the seacoast at Tri-Star Gymnastics in Dover.

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LHS Swim Squads Both Best Three of Four Opponents

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

School's girls' and boys' swim teams both registered fine 3-1 records when they each took on four opposing squads in their home pool at The Workout Club in Londonderry last Fri-

day night, Dec. 15.

The Lady Lancers defeated Campbell of Litchfield 124-20, Conant of Jaffrey 121-38, and Mascenic of New Ipswich 126-21, but got bested by Dover by a 106-64 tally.

The Lancer males bounced Conant 98-69,

Campbell 127-14, and Mascenic 125-22 but got downed by Dover by a 114-56 margin.

Veteran coach Chryst Ewen's girls' crew received event wins from the 200-yard medley relay quartet of Caity Mahan, Kaitlin Witkop, Elizabeth Allen, and Jasmine Brown (time of 2 minutes, 06.45 seconds) and Witkop on her own in the 100-yard freestyle (1:00.2).

Second places were notched by Witkop in the 200-yard individual medley, Brown in the 50 free, and the relay groups of Allen, Isabella McKnight,

Julia Ethier, and Madison Martin (200 free) and Brown, Ethier, Martin, and Witkop (400 free).

In the boys' results, coach Ewen's males registered seconds in six events thanks to the considerable efforts of Chris Byrne in the 200 free, Brandon White in the 50 free and the 100 free, Byrne, Brian Parrott, Minsoo Kim, and White in the 200 medley relay, Byrne, Parker MacIntyre, Parrott, and White in the 200 free relay, and the quartet of Luc Lafond, Rhys Van Etten, Richard Chen, and Deven Janas in the 400



Veteran Madison Martin has helped the Lady Lancer swimmers to significant success.

free relay.

The Lancer teams finish up their pre-Christmas action with an extremely busy week this week which featured a Wednes-

day meet at the Goffstown YMCA - after Londonderry Times press time - and then a home meet two nights later against multiple opponents.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Dec. 11



Caity Mahan, Senior, Girls' Swimming

This hard-working and versatile veteran has been crushing her times from last year, and is already close to qualifying in several events. She has helped her squad to a fine start as a group.



Chris Byrne, Sophomore, Boys' Swimming

A determined and talented young swimmer, Byrne has already qualified for the state meet in multiple events for his Lancers. He helped his LHS crew go 3-1 in a fine recent effort.

Student Athletes Supplied by Athletic Department

Hockey

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advantage and 37.3 seconds to play overall.

LHS goalie Donovan finished the night with 19 saves while his goaltending counterpart - Marauders' Harris LaRock - turned aside 20 LHS blasts.

LHS then faced their first road contest of the campaign following a short ride to Manchester's JFK Coliseum on Saturday the 16th to play the host Memorial Crusaders. And the final product of that rather up-and-down Londonderry effort was an 8-2 victory which made the LHS bunch 1-1 on the young campaign.

Federico potted two of the Lancer goals and finished up with three points, and senior forward Aidan Crowley also notched three points on a goal and two assists. Patrick Murphy and Jacob Parilla each scored a goal and helped to set one up, and single scores were netted by Nick Pitarys, Jack Thompson, and Kyle Hamilton.

The Lancers absolutely owned the first period, which they finished with a 5-0 lead after out-shooting the Crusaders by a jaw-dropping 19-2 margin.

The Londonderry lead bulged to 6-0 with 11:33 left in the second period when Thompson scored, but Memorial then found

its game and its pride and controlled most of play up to the final few minutes of the contest.

The hosts, who were playing their first game of the new campaign, enjoyed four power plays in the second stanza and scored on the second and fourth of them to leave the score at 6-2 at the end of two periods.

Memorial continued to control most of play through the first part of the third period as coach Bedford loudly exhorted his players to work much harder than they were.

The Crusaders got two more power plays in the final period but failed to get another shot past LHS goalie Donovan, who had

assisted on one of his team's first period goals. And Donovan's teammates put the final touches on the blowout victory with goals by Parilla and Murphy during the final 22 seconds of action.

Donovan finished with 25 saves in the LHS success, and his squad wound up with some 41 shots on the Memorial cage. Mike McCormick and Nate Andrews also registered assists for their 1-1 contingent.

The Lancers entered this week facing a final pre-Christmas Division I contest in Concord against Bishop Brady Green Giants Wednesday, Dec. 20, after Londonderry Times press time.

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LMS Girls' Soccer Squad Finished 2017 Season Simply Perfect

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Middle School M league girls' soccer squad couldn't really have conceivably had a better season than it did this past fall under new coach - and former Londonderry High sports standout - Kelsey Derhak.

The local girls finished a perfect 8-0 and won the league championship at the tail-end of the campaign, defeating the talented Timberlane troop from Plaistow handily in the title match.

"We beat Timberlane in the championship

game, 4-1," said coach Derhak. "The game was tight until the second half when we broke away. We got goals from Alex Tufts, Izzy Pucillo, and Kayleigh Feener, with outstanding assists from Laura Bowen and incredible team effort from the entire team to keep the lead."

The title-taking team's roster included defenders Rylie Nimitz, Larissa Dillon, Amanda Fawcett, and Mary McCarthy, midfielders Tufts, Natalie Karlson, Drea Dwyer, Emily Smith, and Victoria Savage, offensive players Bowen, Pucillo, Feener, Lily Floyd, Piper Blondin, and Bella

Croteau, and goalie Hannah Nelson.

"From a coaching standpoint, I wanted to focus on good team chemistry and making sure they had the basic skills they needed to advance their knowledge of the game while also making sure they'd have some fun along the way," said the LMS coach. "All of the girls are great athletes and teammates to one another, and they really push each other to be the best. I couldn't have asked for a better group of girls for my first year coaching at the middle school."



The Londonderry Middle School girls' M league soccer squad simply couldn't be defeated this past fall, posting a perfect record in collecting the league championship for coach Kelsey Derhak. Courtesy photo

LHS Track Squads Have Modest Starts to Their 2017-18 Campaigns

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School's boys' and girls' winter track and field squads got their 2017-18 seasons under way with modest performances in the University of New Hampshire's Sweet Oval in Durham last Saturday, Dec. 16.

The Lancer males ended up sixth out of seven teams and the Lady Lancers were seventh out of seven contingents.

The boys' competition was controlled quite handily by the Pinkerton Academy Astros, who notched a top score of 101 to finish first out of the seven teams. Londonderry bagged 18 points in finishing sixth.

Coach Matt Smith's

Lancers took fourth, fifth, and sixth in the 3,000-meter run thanks to the work of Jake Donnelly (a time of 9 minutes, 50.04 seconds), Kerry Daley (9:55.34), and Nathan Seeley (9:58.34).

The locals also got points from the 4x400 relay quartet of Cam Taranto, Darren McLeod, William Bieler, and Daley in fifth place (4:07.54), Patrick Hagearty in fifth in the shot put (39 feet, 8 1/2 inches), Kyle Dickson in sixth in the long jump (18' 3 1/2"), Kyle Hoglund in sixth in the 1,500 meter run (4:44.44), and the 4x160 relay team of Khalique Bagley, Dickson, Jeff Wiedenfeld, and Avery Bonnanno in sixth place (1:23.84).

In the girls' meet, Kalin

Gregoire paced the Lady Lancers' effort by taking second in the 1,500 run (5:16.04). And the local girls also snagged a sixth place in the 4x160 via the work of Jill Doris, Brittney Fernandez, Olivia Galluzzo, and Kiara Quitayen (1:42.34).

Portsmouth took the team first in the meet (72 points) with Pinkerton second (61.50).

The current LHS girls' team includes returnees from a 2016-17 crew which went 10-5 in league meets and finished a solid fifth at the Division I championships, along with some highly-promising newcomers. But overall, it's a young crew.

Among the returning veterans are seniors Doris (sprints and hurdles),

Gregoire (middle-distances), Quitayen (sprints and jumps), and Alexandra Seeley (mids). The junior returnees include Fernandez (sprints and jumps), Ashley Lynch (sprints and hurdles), and Kaelyn Rourke (mids), and the battle-tested sophomores include Ciara Amerena (sprints and jumps), Cailin Borovicka (mids), Caitlin Boufford (mids), and Cailyn McDonough (mids).

The most impressive newcomers include 10th graders Olivia Galluzzo (sprints and hurdles), Alexis Groulx (sprints), Juliana Hamel (sprints), Gia Komst (versatile), McKenna Muldoon (sprints), Alexandria Perry (sprints), Grace Sanderson (mids), and Akolam Wambu (throws). The freshmen are Emily Nowak (versatile) and Abby Rollison (sprints).

"Though we are young

and rebuilding, the key to our success will be the same as all other seasons. We need to work together, celebrate our victories, and work on our weaknesses. Everyone needs to play a role and give her all," said longtime coach Sue Johnson.

The LHS teams are now off until just after Christmas - Dec. 28 - when they compete at Dartmouth College in Hanover.

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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.

Christmas Eve Services

Join us at Londonderry Christian Church, 372 Mammoth Rd, at 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Christmas Eve as we celebrate the birth of Jesus with our Christmas Mixtape, listening for the sound of the season! Childcare will be available for the 5 p.m. service.

Renew CLothing

Renew clothing opening Jan. 13, from 8 - 10:30 a.m. (arrive by 10) also open every Thursdays 9 - 11:30 a.m. (arrive by 11) 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 emailing renewcalvary@gmail.com, or calling the church secretary at 434-1516.

Gingerbread Night

The LHS Drama Club will be hosting Gingerbread Night on Thursday, Dec. 21 from 6 - 8 p.m. in the LHS Café. Cost is \$10 to build a house and we provide everything and clean up the mess! It's a great event to

get into the holiday season!! Email vnelson@londonderry.org for more info.

Londonderry United Methodist Services

On Sun. Dec. 24, 10 a.m. Londonderry United Methodist church will host regular Sunday worship (3 Services merge as 1 for the morning). On Sun., Dec. 24 they will host a Christmas Eve Services with Candle-lighting, Lessons and Carols at 5 p.m., a Family Service at 7 p.m., a Living Well Contemporary Service at 9 p.m., and a Traditional Service with Adult Choir 11 p.m. For more information contact Rev. Amy Alletzhauser, D.Min. Londonderry United Methodist www.londonderryumc.org or call 603 432 7083.

Tiny Houses

The Leach Library will host the program "Tiny Houses: A Very Different

Approach to Home Ownership" on Thur., Jan. 18, at 7 p.m., "Tiny Houses: A Very Different Approach to Home Ownership" by Isa Bauer. The event is free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. It will be held in the library's lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served.

Library Olympics

Arrive on Thur., Jan. 11, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. the Leach Library to take part in Olympics trivia. Team up and answer trivia questions on athletes, sports, and Olympic venues, to help your team win! In addition to this special event, snacks and drinks will be served and there will be a raffle for fun door prizes. No sign up is necessary.

Needle Crafts

Although the long winter months lie before us, the needlecraft books we have on display at Leach Library this month will help you have fun and keep warm indoors. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned expert, we have something for you. If you have a specific craft or project in mind, the Leach Library Reference Staff can help find the right book for you.

"Magic Show"

Come to the Leach Library on Mon., Jan. 22

from 4 - 5 p.m. for a program filled with magical fun. With lots of laughs and participation, this program will leave a smile on everyone's face. This 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 Tue. Jan. 16.

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. The library will also be closed on Mon., Jan. 15, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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: Jan. 10 and 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: Jan. 11, an 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.

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.

"Ring in the New Year"

Welcome the New Year with an exciting trip around the world, Mon., Jan. 8 from 4 - 5 p.m. at the Leach Library. During this fun-filled program, audience members will travel the globe and hear stories from countries that have very interesting New Year's traditions. All participants will leave with a glow-in-the-dark starburst beach ball to commemorate their travels. This 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 Tue., Jan. 2.

Free Meals

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals, served in a relaxed atmosphere. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Please call the facility to check on holiday times. We look forward to seeing you! Dinner held on Dec. 29 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at First Parish, Derry; Lunch held Dec. 31 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at St. Jude's, Londonderry. For more information, please visit: freemealsinderry.blogspot.com.

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DMV To Issue License Number Changes

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Nobody enjoys a trip to the Department of Motor Vehicles. The long lines, the often-disgruntled employees, and the license photos that never seem to come out right are enough to drive (pun not intended) anyone away from dropping everything and go get a license updated.

While we can hope that certain things about the DMV might someday improve, the New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles has recently made some adjustments in other areas.

On Oct. 11 of this year, the NHDMV transitioned to a new computer system, and a new security feature was implemented

along with it. Aside from a new look, New Hampshire licenses will also undergo changes to the way the license numbers (now referred to as a 'credential identifier') are assigned.

"As the security features in a product such as a license age, they will become easier to duplicate," Larry Crowe Public Information Officer at the NHDMV, explained.

Previously, the now credential identifiers were 10 digit numbers based on the operator or non-driver ID carrier's name and birth date. However, these identifiers proved to be easy to replicate and thus were not as secure.

Crowe mentioned that if a person had these two pieces of information about someone, it was

likely that they would be able to make determinations as to what their driver's license number might be. The upgraded system will now issue New Hampshire residents with identification cards containing 11 characters: three letters and eight numbers, to be assigned randomly.

"The DMV is pleased to provide this additional layer of privacy and security for its customers," said Elizabeth Beielecki, DMV Director.

Crowe advised that customers should guard their current license and identification card security by keeping all DMV issued credentials and documents as secure as possible to prevent any risk of identification fraud.

To keep current identification safe from identity theft, the Federal Trade Commission recommends locking documents in a safe place at home, and keep wallets and purses in a safe place while at work, keeping information secure from roommates or co-workers who come into your home. The FTC further recommends asking how prospective employers will safeguard your personal information, should the workplace require keeping a copy of an ID on file. Furthermore, should you need to send any DMV-issued credentials over the internet, the FTC advises encrypting this data by selecting a "lock" icon on the status bar of the internet browser being used. Finally, it is

important to be very selective with whom you share your ID with, and never let anyone you don't trust carry your ID for you.

Thankfully a separate trip to your local DMV will need to be made for these updated licenses. Current licenses and IDs will remain valid until their next scheduled renewal, and it has been applied to all state licenses and IDs issued after October 11th.

For more information on this change, the Department of Motor Vehicles can be reached at NH.dmvhelp@dos.nh.gov and for more information on securing your identity in the meantime, visit consumer.ftc.gov and select, "Privacy, Identity, & Online Security" from the menu.

Around Town

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St. Gianna's Closet

St. Gianna's Closet provides free children's clothing to any family in the community that is in need. It is now well-stocked with sizes birth to teen as well

as winter coats. Please contact Liz at 437-6678 to receive clothing.

Walking Together

A support group for widows and widowers meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128

Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. Let's walk together. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

Continuing Education Program

Programs are open to the public at no charge, except as otherwise indicated. Donations to the Etz

Hayim Synagogue will allow us to continue to offer these and other programs, and are gratefully accepted. Thurs. Nights, at 7 p.m. Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Road, Derry. For more information, please contact: Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol.com or 603 895-6120.

Lamplighters

A woman's group with the goal of helping less fortunate woman and people in NH meets every 4th Thursday of the month 7 p.m. at Londonderry Presbyterian Church at 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. If you have any ques-

tions please call 781-866-9976.

LEEP Applications

Now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year! If your child turned 3 by September 1 and is a Londonderry resident, consider enrolling

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Dec. 11

1:13 a.m. Three officers investigate motor vehicle accident on Pillsbury Road.

11:02 a.m. Criminal threatening investigated on South Road

12:14 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nashua Road at Orchard View Drive.

12:55 p.m. Services rendered for juvenile offenses at Londonderry High School.

2:29 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Vista Ridge Drive at Rockingham Road.

2:38 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Melody Lane. Michael Grenier, 40, Londonderry charge with four counts of Domestic Violence Simple Assault.

5:11 p.m. Arrest made at disturbance on Kendall Pond Road. Alysia Waitt, 50, of Sandown charged with two counts of Domestic Violence Simple Assault and Criminal Mischief (vandalism).

6:17 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated Auburn Road at Old Derry Road.

6:53 p.m. Juvenile offenses investigated on Adams Road.

10:18 p.m. Homeland Security investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Tuesday - Dec. 12

10:52 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Otterson Road at Hardy Road.

12:23 p.m. Services rendered for missing person on Kendall Pond Road.

12:51 p.m. Services rendered for motor vehicle accident on Hardy Road.

5:16 p.m. Services rendered on Kendall Pond Road for Criminal Threatening.

5:52 p.m. Seven officers investigate robbery TD Bank on Nashua Road.

Wednesday - Dec. 13

3:40 a.m. Services rendered at motor vehicle

accident on Litchfield Road.

7:49 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated at Red Arrow on Rockingham Road.

8:09 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Rockingham Road at Convenience Plus.

9:31 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Mooresville Road. Eduard Fandunyan, 44, of Manchester charged with Commercial Bribery.

11:46 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made at Brentwood Jail. Thomas Ash, 48, of Methuen, Mass. charged with Criminal Trespass and phone harassment.

12:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Investigated on Litchfield Road at High Range Road.

4:27 p.m. Three officers investigate Suspicious Activity on Hovey Road.

4:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Investigated on Nashua Road at Route I93.

5:10 p.m. Services Rendered for Motor Vehicle Accident on Nashua Road at Route I93.

5:47 p.m. Services Rendered at Domestic Disturbance on Seasons Lane.

8:55 p.m. Peace restored after Domestic Disturbance on Midridge Circle.

9:14 p.m. Five Motor Vehicles involved in an accident on Nashua Road at Parmenter Road. Five officers respond.

10:21 p.m. Domestic Disturbance victim Transported To Hospital from Adams Road.

11:32 p.m. Services Rendered on Mountain Home Road for Suspicious Activity.

Thursday - Dec. 14

8:22 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Mammoth Road at Page Road.

11:24 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Crestview Circle.

11:51 a.m. Structure Fire investigated on Bartley Hill Road.

12:59 p.m. Three officers

respond to domestic disturbance and make arrest on Adams Road. Joshua Brathwaite, 21, of Londonderry charged with Criminal Trespass and Resisting Arrest or Detention.

2:20 p.m. Three officers investigate domestic disturbance on Stage Coach Circle.

4:49 p.m. Services rendered at motor vehicle accident on Hampton Drive.

10:57 p.m. Five officers needed to restore peace during domestic disturbance on Midridge Circle.

Friday - Dec. 15

1:28 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made at Country Club Lane, Manchester. Kyle Haskell, 30, of Manchester charged with Theft, Criminal Mischief (vandalism), Criminal Trespass, Receiving Stolen Property and Conspiracy to Commit.

12:07 p.m. Shoplifting reported at Hannaford Food & Drug.

2:09 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Shenandoah Avenue.

3:49 p.m. Juvenile offenses investigated on Hovey Road.

6:50 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with transport to hospital from Metal Works on Industrial Drive.

6:54 p.m. Peace restored after domestic disturbance at Wallace Farm Leasing Office on Perkins Road.

Saturday - Dec. 16

3:41 a.m. Criminal mischief investigated at Red Arrow Diner on Rockingham Road.

7:01 a.m. Four officers investigated a Burglary at Continental Paving on Continental Blvd.

11:12 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Bayberry Lane.

2:31 p.m. Assault investigated on Constitution Drive.

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5:03 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated and arrest made at Shell Food Mart on Nashua Road. Elizabeth Hollingworth, 36, of Manchester charged with Driving

Under the Influence of Drugs or Liquor.

6:15 p.m. Three officers investigate motor vehicle accident on South Road involving three cars.

9:32 p.m. Peace restored after disturbance on Rolling Ridge Road.

Sunday - Dec. 17

1:06 a.m. Four officers respond to motor vehicle accident on Winding Pond Road.

1:37 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made near Post Office on Winding Pond Road. Wayne O'Brien, 23, of Manchester charged with Posses-

sion of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs and arrested on a warrant.

11:48 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

1:56 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. on South Road.

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