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Around 70 voters attended the Town Deliberative and voted to move over 20 articles to the ballot for the March 13 election. Photo by Chris Paul

Residents Move Articles to Ballot at Town Deliberative

LORI COSTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The 2018 Town Deliberative Session on Saturday morning, FEB 10, saw only 72 voters in attendance and only two articles wound up being amended.

Articles 18 and 22 were the most discussed among the residents that attended and those articles were changed from what was originally written.

As for the other 22 articles, there was not too much discussion on them, and they were moved to the

ballot as originally written. Articles 1 and 24 did not require any deliberation.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year or until another is chosen or appointed and qualified. No action required at deliberative session.

Article 2: A Bond for the Improvements To Central Fire Station: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,400,000 for the purpose of making improvements to Central Fire Station. The article was

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School Budget Survives Deliberative Session Intact

KATIE O'DONNELL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry voters can expect to see an increased school budget on next month's ballot. The annual deliberative session at Londonderry High School last Friday night, Feb. 9, brought up six warrant articles for consideration ranging from the operating budget to new bleachers for the high school.

The hour long meeting went along with only one hiccup that may cost the town some money.

Article Two gave voters a choice between the school board's proposed budget, which asks for \$73,473, 218 and the

default budget, which asks for \$73,068,347, a difference of \$404,871. When broken down, the school board's budget will have an estimated tax impact of \$13.57 versus the default budget's estimated impact of \$13.46. The school district budget was unanimously approved by the Budget Committee and was voted three to one by the school board, with Steve Young voting no and Nancy Hendricks being absent from that meeting.

Young defended his vote, saying, "there are items in this budget I feel we could have lived without. And one of them is the district office."

Young had voiced his concern about the price tag of a new district office, which is included in default budget as well and has an estimated cost of \$165,000 a year, according to Young.

"If the default budget passes and the school board budget does not pass, the district office goes through but the school programs are cut," said Young.

State Rep. So Bal-dasaro also expressed his concern with the new district office, asking the board what other options were considered.

He inquired if the board had thought about just getting the HVAC

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Council Postpones Griffin Road Hearing to Next Meeting Again

LORI COSTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the Feb. 5 meeting for the Town Council, councilor remained tight lipped on what information they could release to the public while still in negotiations with their lawyer regarding the possible purchase of the 66.9 acres of land on Griffin Road.

At the Monday night, Feb. 12 meeting, residents were disappointed to learn that the public hearing was in fact put off yet again, after negotiations were still in effect. This was ultimately the third time that this possi-

ble purchase was put off due to legal reasons.

Members of the Town Council were not at liberty to discuss any details about the issue due to the fact that negotiations are still being held between lawyers. It is also unclear which way the town prefers to go.

At the previous council meeting, there was new information that had been brought to light that may have altered the decision to continue with the purchase or not. Unfortunately, both the public and the Conversation Commission were not privy to this information and what exactly

this information is still remains a mystery. The Town Council received a late message late in the day prior to the meeting that their attorney had not yet completed discussions with the developers and the council was unprepared to move forward with this issue

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South School Celebrates 100th Day of School



First and second grade students at South Elementary School celebrated the 100th Day of School on Monday, Feb. 12 with lots of activities the focused on the number 100. Second graders dressed as if they were 100-year-old and performed experiments.

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Town Thanks Its Citizens and Employees at Deliberative

LORI COSTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Before the Town Deliberative Session began on Saturday morning on Feb. 10, the Town Council took a moment to recognize both the retired employees of the town and the citizens that made a difference in the town of Londonderry.

The Town Council presented the award for the Volunteer of the Year, to retired Londonderry Police Captain and long-time Londonderry resident, Ken Lynch. Lynch is also known as "Londonderry Lynch."

Since his retirement, Lynch has been volunteering for over ten years in the Londonderry school system five days a week.

Lynch is also known as "The Mayor" at Matthew Thornton, where he has provided amazing support to students, staff and faculty in any way he can be helpful. The award was presented by Chair of the Town Council Tom Dolan, who praised Lynch for his



Ken Lynch, left, recieved the Volunteer of the Year award at the start Town Deliberative Session on Saturday. Londonderry Town Manager Kevin Smith, far right and Police Chief Bill Hart presented the award.

service and what he has meant to the town. Lynch has also done exceptional work volunteering at the middle school and coaching the school's cross-country team.

The Citizen of the Year award was given to retired Supervisor of the Checklist, Gerry Van Grevenhof. Van Grevenhof retired back in November of 2017 after 37 years of

service working as the Supervisor of the Checklist.

She worked tirelessly to ensure that elections in the town of Londonderry ran smoothly and efficiently and was also in charge of registering new voters.

Vice-Chairman John Farrell presented the award to Van Grevenhof and personally thanked

her for her many years of dedication and public service to the town of Londonderry and even teaching him new things about the voter process he had not known before.

After six years of service Town Clerk Kathleen Donnelly retired as the town tax Collector.

Fire Lieutenant Michael Roberts retired after 20 years of service in the



Town Council Vice-Chairman John Farrell presented the Citizen of the Year award to Gerry Van Grevenhof for her 37 years of service. Photos by Chris Paul

Londonderry Fire Department. From the Assessing Department, Donna McIntire retired after two years as the Secretary/Receptionist. Finally, both after 30 years of service, Patrol Officers Donald Laduke and Brad Warriner (School Resource Officer) retired leaving both the town and the schools very thankful for their service. The Town Coun-

cil also recognized citizens for their past service to the town. From the Manchester Airport Authority - Liz Larocca, Arts Council- Susan Hanna, Budget Committee- Gary Vermillion and Jay Hoo-ley, Housing and Redevelopment Authority- Russ Laqueux, and from the Heritage Commission- Pauline Caron.

Griffin Road

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until they received additional information. Both the attorney for the developer and the attorney for the town have not yet concluded their negotiations. Instead, the motion was made to continue this topic until their next meeting scheduled

for March 5. If there happens to be a matter that arises with urgency then the council has the option to call a special meeting before then. Chairman Tom Dolan expressed hope that this issue will be resolved by their next meeting. The public would be notified if in fact the Town Council chooses to hold a spe-

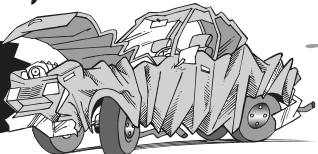
cial meeting. A notice would have to be put out ahead of time to alert the public and the only time a meeting would be held without the public's knowledge is a legal meeting. Residents would be able to see this notice on the town website and social media.

It is still unknown; however, if in fact this land purchase will be resolved by the March 5 meeting and what information has yet to be released to the public and if that information was a key component in the town's decision to purchase the land or not.

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Editorial

Meager Masses

We weren't surprised by yet another poor turnout at Deliberative Sessions in the area. A place where you can, lower, zero out, or increase budgets and warrant articles. High numbers and Deliberative Sessions definitely do not go hand in hand; in spite of taxes and an explanation or question on warrant articles can take place and be tweaked before going on the ballot.

Many towns have adopted the SB2 Deliberative Session in hope of attracting more voters, and have all articles voted on by ballot. This got rid of the traditional New England town meeting, and switch to SB2.

Even though more people vote, compared to the number of registered voters, voter turnout is still very low.

Example: last year about 60 people turned out for Hampstead's school district deliberative it was about the same in Sandown and Chester. To give that some context, Hampstead has about 7,000 registered voters, Chester, with about 6,000 voters Sandown 4,500, and in much larger towns like Derry with about 22,000 and Londonderry with about 19,000. Only 2,000 to 4,000 people show up to vote for town elections. We'll spare you the pitiful percentages.

In some cases, surprisingly enough, they represent a better turnout than usual. Do these figures mean that all the other voters agreed with the numerous articles on the town and school warrants and are ready for the

voting booth March 6, highly unlikely. Ask the question are the people who represent you doing an outstanding job or just getting it done be honest.

Regardless of what the majority of voters were doing that was more important than attending Deliberative Session, the next chance to participate in democracy is the March 13 election. You've got some time to study the candidates read about them in our pages and boost your knowledge of the issues that will appear on the warrant. We encourage you to study the numbers, check out candidate forums, ask questions, and verify what proponents and opponents of a particular warrant article are telling you.

This year's election has attracted, in most cases, a choice among candidates. Make your vote an informed one. If people have made the effort to offer their time for public service, we owe them, at the very least, enough interest to pay attention to their words and if their words are platitudes, agendas and generalities, to demand answers to the tough questions.

Local politics matters and is bipartisan. We have far more of a say in town and school elections than in any other election. Send in letters letting other know how you feel and who you support. So maybe you missed your chance to participate at Deliberative Session. For your own good and the good of the community, please get out and vote on March 13.

Letters

Support of Martha Smith

To the Editor,

I am writing this letter in wholehearted support of Martha Liff Smith for Londonderry Town Clerk. I have known Martha for more than 25 years. She is a woman of incredible integrity who makes herself informed, is extremely knowledgeable and thus well-suited to the position. Her sense of pride, civic duty and love for this town is beyond measure. Martha is a Past President of the Londonderry Women's Club and has served on numerous committees, including the Curriculum Coordinating Council (C3), which provides input to the Assistant Superintendent of Schools regarding all aspects of our learners' education. She serves on other boards as well and her opinions are highly sought after and respected. Martha has a law degree, which explains her inquisitive mindset, and she always maintains an open mind when weighing both sides of an issue.

The position of Town Clerk is an important one and nobody should run unopposed. I am very pleased that Martha has had the courage to step up and throw her hat in the ring. She is a great choice for the job! Please join me in voting for her.

Leslie Schilling
Londonderry

Throwing My Hat into the Ring

To the Editor:

My name is Martha Liff Smith and I have lived in Londonderry for 35 years and have seen the town undergo many changes within that time. I strongly believe that all voters should have a choice of

candidates in any election. So often when we go to the polls to vote in town elections candidates are running unopposed. This is not right in my opinion.

That's why I am running for the office of Londonderry Town Clerk.

I practiced law as a New Hampshire attorney for many years, in private practice, as in-house counsel and in the non-profit sector. I feel strongly that my legal background qualifies me to fulfill the duties required of the office of Londonderry Town Clerk. I have been involved with the schools, town and volunteering throughout my years in Londonderry. I love living in Londonderry and the time has now come for me to offer my service to this wonderful town.

It is so important for your voice to be heard in local government elections. I am asking for your vote on the March 13 election. I humbly ask for your vote. It would be greatly appreciated. If you want to know more about me feel free to contact me at mliff-smith@comcast.net

I urge you to please come out and vote.

Thank you for your consideration.

Martha Liff Smith
Londonderry

NHHPP

To the Editor:

Once again, the New Hampshire Health Protection Program (NHHPP) is up for reauthorization. More commonly known as Medicaid Expansion, this program has historically had bipartisan support. In 2018, we need to put partisan politics aside and vote for the benefit of our most vulnerable citizens.

Who benefits from NHHPP?

This program provides health insurance for hard-working, low wage earners around NH. More than 75% of enrollees are living at, or below, 100% of the Federal Poverty Level. That amounts to \$12,060 or less per year for a single individual.

Additionally, this program has been our best tool in battling the opioid crisis. The program has more than doubled the states treatment capacity for those with substance use disorder.

How does it help all of us?

NH is a donor state. That means we pay more in taxes to the Federal Government than we get back. With the reauthorization of NHHPP, we can recapture some of the Federal dollars we have sent to Washington. These funds help support the programs of NHHPP.

When poor people have access to health care, the number of uninsured residents seeking care in emergency rooms is drastically reduced. This helps keep health care premiums from rising for all of us. Emergency care is NOT free. We all pay for it!

Finally, the opioid crisis is costing the state through loss of jobs and productivity, and by overextending our first responders. People are losing family members. Families want to help their loved ones, but have had few resources available to them in the past. We cannot lose the resources needed to combat this challenging problem.

I am asking folks to contact their state representatives and urge them to support this crucial program.

Respectfully,
Dolores Stoklosa
Londonderry

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Police Chief Gives Annual Report At Town Council Meeting

LORI COSTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council began their meeting with the Police Department's Annual Report, presented by Chief of Police Bill Hart.

At the end of every year the department goes through a process to check and see where they stand as an agency according to Chief Hart. The annual report is then given to the Town Manager and is available online for the

public to see as well. Chief Hart believes that transparency helps to strengthening the bond of trust between the community and the police department.

The LPD was dispatched to over 24,000 incidents last year, 1100 accidents, and about 800 arrests. There were about 7400 motor vehicle encounters total in the year of 2017. Chief Hart also recognized that sometimes drivers are unaware

of the rules of the road for that particular road and the police take a "educate first, enforce second" type of approach. There were also statistics presented in the internal cultural of the police department. There was only one grievance reported and a total of 11 complaints in 2017. Every complaint that goes through the door is investigated and heard by a supervisor. There was record of three internal affairs matters, five admin-

istrative reviews, and a total of four employee complaints.

"There are about 60 officers and about 14-15 civilian employees working 24 hours a day dealing with citizens who are having a bad day," Chief Hart explained. "To have that low number of complaints about the way our officers handle these highly emotional situations really speaks to the quality of the people you hire and who serve you." There

were 13 incidents where the police were forced to force to gain compliance and that number is extremely low. The number in New Hampshire is typically low, but these numbers are lower than New Hampshire standards.

The annual report also looked at whether or not there is an internal gender bias or external gender or race bias and how to be honest about that within the police department. One of the fundamental

elements of the police department is that 64 hours per capita is required for training an officer each year. That is a little higher than usual in terms of the state's expectations, but Chief Hart believes that the training is the fundamental key to building the foundation of trust with the community. If anyone has any questions or concerns they are encouraged to contact Chief Hart by either phone or email.



LMS Spellers Compete to Represent School in Concord

There were 17 seventh and eighth grade students competing in this year's Spelling Bee at the Londonderry Middle School. After three rounds 14 remained. Round Four took five more and after eight rounds only three were left. By round 11 only Alexis Marx, above left, and Michael Pitts, above right, remained. The eventual winner was eighth grade student Alexis Marx. Photos by Chris Paul

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Town Deliberative Session

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moved to the ballot as is.

Article 3: The Town-Wide Communication Systems Upgrade: To see if the Town will vote to raise \$2,300,000 from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance toward this appropriation. The article was moved to the ballot as is.

Article 4: Fiscal Year 2019 Town Operating Budget: An operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set

forth therein, totaling \$31,707,838, which is the same as last year. The article was moved to the ballot as is.

Article 5: Police Outside Details: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$505,644 for the purpose of the covering Police Outside Details with said funds to come from the Police Outside Detail Special Revenue Fund. The article was moved to the ballot as is.

Article 6: Sewer Fund: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,703,609 for defraying the cost of construction, payment of the interest on any debt

incurred, management, maintenance, operation and repair of constructed sewer systems. The article was moved to the ballot as is.

Article 7: Sewer Fund Administrative Costs: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$220,000 for defraying the cost of debt service and administrative costs of operating the sewer department in accordance with RSA 149-I. The article was moved to the ballot as is.

Article 8: Appropriate Funds to the Roadway Maintenance ETF: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of 650,000 to be placed in the Roadway Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund and further to authorize the use of \$325,000 from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation. The article was moved to the ballot as is.

Article 9: Appropriate Funds to Capital Reserve Fund For Fire Department Equipment: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$150,000 to be placed in the fire equipment capital reserve fund and further to authorize the use of \$75,000 from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation. The article was moved to the ballot as is.

Article 10: Appropriate Funds to Capital Reserve Fund For Geographic Information Systems: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$28,000 to be placed in the geographic information systems capital reserve fund and further to authorize the use of \$14,000 from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation. This article was

moved to the ballot as is.

Article 11: Appropriate Funds to Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,000 to be placed in the Town's Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund and further to authorize the use \$90,000 from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation. This article was moved to the ballot as is.

Article 12: Appropriate Funds to Capital Reserve Fund For Pillsbury Cemetery Expansion: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to be placed in the Pillsbury Cemetery Expansion capital reserve fund and further to authorize the use of \$100,000 from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation. This article was moved to the ballot as is.

Article 13: Appropriate Funds To Capital Reserve For Cemeteries: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be placed in the Cemetery capital reserve fund and further to authorize the use of \$10,000 from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation. This article was moved to the ballot as is.

Article 14: Appropriate Funds to Capital Reserve Fund for Fire Department Trucks: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$70,000 to be placed in the Fire Truck capital reserve fund and further to authorize the use of \$70,000 from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation. This article was moved to the ballot as is.

Article 15: Construction Of A Recreation Main-

tence Building: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$189,000 for the purpose of constructing a recreation maintenance building and further to authorize the use of \$189,000 from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation. This article was moved to the ballot as is.

Article 16: Commercial and Industrial Assessment Update: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100,000 for the purpose of completing a comprehensive review of all commercial and industrial properties as required by RSA 75:8-a, and further to authorize the use of \$100,000 from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance towards this appropriation. This article was moved to the ballot as is.

Article 17: Air and Water Quality Study: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$35,000 for the purpose of conducting a study of the town's air and water quality. This article was moved to the ballot as is.

Article 18: Continuation Of A Sidewalk From Pillsbury Road To Wilshire Drive: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$250,000 for the purpose of continuing the sidewalk from Pillsbury Road to Wilshire Drive. This article was amended to be written as "Continuation of a Sidewalk along Pillsbury Road To Moose Hill School."

Article 19: Purchase Of Land On Sargent Road: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$95,000 for the purpose of purchasing approximately 1.3 acres of land on Sargent Rd. Said land shall be subdivided from the land currently owned by the

American Legion. This article was moved to the ballot as is.

Article 20: Police Detail Fund Withdrawal-Emergency Communications Equipment: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for the purpose of equipping the Police Department's vehicles with emergency communications equipment, and to authorize the use of \$200,000 from the Police Details Special Revenue fund towards this appropriation. This article was moved to the ballot as is.

Article 21: Police Detail Fund Withdrawal-Reimburse Expendable Maintenance Trust: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,000 to be added to the Town Facilities Expendable Maintenance Trust fund with said funds to come from the Police Details Special Revenue fund. This article was moved to the ballot as is.

Article 22: Non Lapsing Special Article Funding Open Space: Shall the voters of the Town of Londonderry, vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000,000 for the purchase of land, easements or any other transaction that meets the mission of the Londonderry Conservation Commission. After some discussion, the amount of this article was decreased from \$2,000,000 to \$250,000

Article 23: Installation of New Lights At Nelson Road Fields: This article was by Citizens Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$130,000 for the purpose of installing new lights at the Nelson Road fields. The article was moved to the ballot as is.

OBITUARY

Steve Frazier



Londonderry NH Steve Frazier 69, died unexpectedly January 28, 2018 at his winter home in Florida.

He was born September 21, 1948 in Derry, NH, the son of the late Maynard and Agnes (Keddy) Frazier. He married the late Martha Frazier (Ryan) in 1971. He has been a resident of Londonderry since 1984. Mr Frazier is a veteran of US Navy.

Mr Frazier was an auto mechanic until he retired in 2009. After retiring he decided to spend his winters in Palm Bay Florida with beloved friend Virginia Desmond. He enjoyed fishing, days at the beach, playing bocci and being involved in the Holiday Acres Park community.

He is survived by two sons Steve J Frazier and his wife Laura of Londonderry; Matthew Frazier of Tewksbury MA; two grandchildren Sarah & Ryan; he is also survived by his brother Earle and his wife Caroline of Meredith; sister Maryanne Belanger and her husband David of Meredith; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He is predeceased by his brother Maynard (Joe) in 1984; and his wife of 37 years, Martha (Ryan) Frazier in 2007.

Following cremation, a mass of Christian burial will be held on Saturday February 17th 2018 at 10am at St Jude Parish, 435 Mammoth Rd, Londonderry.

In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations be made to your local animal shelter in his name.

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Conservation Commission Holds Annual Musquash Field Day

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Londonderry's lush environment is known for many things, including its multiple vibrant ponds and the Mack's Apple orchards. But for residents and visitors alike that hope to get a more in-depth view of the forests, the Musquash Conservation Area is at their beck and call.

And, as is tradition for this time of year, the Londonderry Conservation Commission will be holding its annual Musquash Field Day on Feb. 17 to allow attendees to gain a greater understanding and appreciation of the

one thousand acre property.

Having been held during the winter for more than two decades, Conservation Commission member Julie Christenson-Collins noted at a recent Town Council meeting that the event offers something for everyone, as proven in the past by drawing crowds of people and families who have come to enjoy the season, the snow and other fun activities.

"And it will be held rain, snow or shine," Christenson-Collins noted.

County forestry offi-

cials will be on hand to expand on various winter plants, trees and other animals that call the Musquash home, as well as the many marked trails people can wander through. Furthermore, attendees will also be able to learn about timber harvesting in the forest and even go over to Porcupine Rock to view winter wildlife.

There are activities for the younger nature lovers as well, with a scavenger hunt being made available for them. The hike will cap off with refreshments being offered around an open fire.

Visitors can come any-



Families will have a chance to sit by the campfire at the landing after hiking the trails during the Musquash Field Day.

time between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Trail experts will

offer maps and trail information for those who

want to travel the area's many trails on their own.

School Deliberative

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system replaced in the current building instead of leasing a new set of offices.

"Have you worked with the town," he asked.

Business Administrator Peter Curro answered that "we went through nine iterations," and the best long term option was to have a new district office.

The school board's budget is over \$400,000 more than the default and Superintendent Scott Laliberte said to those present that the district is "preparing to

grow." The increase, he tried to explain, is to prepare for a future increase in enrollment. Right now the district is "growing in some areas and shrinking in others," according to Laliberte. He defended the number by saying it's more of an investment into the future education of Londonderry students. The goal of the board's proposed budget he said, is to continue to offer the current programs and services to students while fixing "short term problems."

"The quality of educa-

tion is something that is recognized beyond our city," said Laliberte. He quoted polls ranking the town as the eighth best school district in the state, and third best in the Class L division.

"We need to make sure we prepare for that growth before that growth arrives," said Laliberte.

After the public hearing, a motion was made to move article two to the ballot. After the voters approved the move, Kathy Wagner asked

about an amendment to the article. The moderator, Cindi Rice Conley allowed a vote to reconsider the question, which failed. The amendment was for two alternatives to the current plan for the district office. It was written by Bob Slater, a 30-year resident. His plan could have saved an estimated \$218 off the total operating budget by installing 5760 square feet of "office pods" behind the high school for five years or by reducing the amount of

square footage of the new district offices from 10,175 to 5656.

The voters present ultimately moved the school board's budget to the ballot.

The other articles were all moved the ballot as well. They include \$2,936,000 for the school lunch program, \$625,000 for the School Buildings

Maintenance Expandable Trust fund, \$150,000 for the Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and \$300,000 for the lease/purchase of new spectator bleachers for the high school.

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Substitute And Students Raise Money In Honor of Teacher

KAIE O'DONNELL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Sara Johnson never thought she would start her school year with a cancer diagnosis, not did she expect her students to come together to raise money for the center where she receives her care. Johnson has been a music and band teacher at Londonderry Middle School for 21 years but has spend the last few months getting treatment for head and neck cancer at the Payson Center in Concord Hospital.

Chemotherapy and over 30 radiation treatments have left her unable to return to the classroom any time soon, but Johnson has full faith and trust in her substitute, Devereux Geiger. He started shadowing Johnson in September and been covering for her since early October. Geiger knew what was going with Johnson from the start.

"She never kept it a secret that she was diagnosed with cancer," he said.

The most difficult part of the whole experience for Johnson was being away from her students, she explained, her voice raw and soft spoken from the radiation treatments.

"That's the one thing I miss most..." Johnson said, "is being with my kids every day."

Geiger wanted to do something special for Johnson's birthday on

Jan. 12 and asked the students in the middle school band what they could all do. One of the kids suggested they all bring in a dollar to donate. Geiger took this idea and went a step farther. After speaking with Johnson, it was decided the money would go to the HOPE Resource Center at the Payson Center in Concord. According to the center's website, HOPE stands for "Hope Offered and Provided by Employees of Concord Hospital."

The HOPE Resource Center provides a variety of services to its cancer patients. Some of these include complimentary therapies like yoga, hypnosis or Reiki, financial counseling, nutritional counseling, dedicated oncology social workers, spiritual care and educational programs. It also has a program called the Anticancer Lifestyle Program, which helps patients prepare for and cope with life with cancer.

Geiger and the students raised \$176 dollars between the three middle school bands (just about one dollar for every student), and contacted the Payson Center. Gail Dexter, the director of annual giving for the Concord Hospital Trust, came by to pick up the donation. She was amazed by the generous contribution the middle schoolers wanted to make to people who were battling cancer, just

like their teacher.

"Her students wanted to make a donation in her honor," said Dexter. "It's pretty unique to honor a teacher this way." She explained that the center usually gets blank donations, not ones for a specific person.

"I just think that for kids it's so hard to look outside themselves... and to see them give like that is so touching," exclaimed Dexter.

Geiger agreed. "It's important for the kids to see who they are donating to," he said. "I think it's more meaningful."

Johnson said she feels blessed to have Geiger covering her classes until she is well enough to return. "I'm so thankful for him as my sub. I'm lucky."

Although Johnson cannot be in the classroom, she still stays connected with her students through the school's Edmodo program. She uses it to keep up with class activities and to answer questions when she needs to. She watches and listens to the kids perform through recording they send her. The students even email Johnson to let he know they're thinking of her.

"It's one of the happiest parts... to hear from my kids and know I haven't been forgotten," said Johnson.

Geiger said Johnson's students ask about her constantly. They always



Members of the Londonderry Middle School Band donated to the HOPE Resource Center in Concord, in honor of their teacher, Sara Johnson. Students shown here are part of the Typhoon band. Photo courtesy of Gail Dexter.

want to know how she is, what's she up to and when she'll be back.

"It's a humbling feeling," he said, "covering for a teacher that's so well

liked."

Johnson said she is expecting a new set of test results in March, which will tell her if her cancer is gone. Until then, she stays

connected with her students the best way she can, knowing their generous donation will help others like her on their own roads to recovery.

Two Dogs in Need of Help

The Greater Derry Humane Society is currently engaged in a legal fight to keep two dogs.

Alice and Anzlo have been in our care for the last two years after being seized from an owner in Derry who was subsequently charged with multiple counts of animal cruelty and negligence. The dogs were full of fleas and worms, and had skin problems. Alice had infected ears which had gone untreated for some time. They were being forced to live in filth without adequate food and water. We nursed both dogs back to health and they are currently living



Anzlo



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Londonderry Arts Council Hosts Arts Café at Mayflower Grange



The fourth annual Londonderry Arts Café was held on Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Londonderry Senior Center. It featured local music, art and food for the enjoyment of residents who stopped by. Local artists were selling their artwork and local musicians filled the space with music. Pictured, Derry artist Denise Pathiakos displays her work and the illustrations she provided for the book "Melena and Klepetan" written by Jillian Marie Shea. Also pictured performing is Larry Casey, the event organizer, Greg Deschenaux and Russ Cole. Londonderry artist Tom Abruzese shows some of his latest work, making miniature ships with the use of local Butternuts. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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Kids Coop Theatre is currently rehearsing for Madagascar, A Musical Adventure, Jr. The dance musical take a journey out of the zoo and onto the stage with the crack-a-lacking' friends from the blockbuster DreamWorks film. Join Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe, Gloria the hip hip Hippo and, of course, those hilarious, plotting penguins as they bound onto your stage in the musical adventure of a lifetime. The Directors is Ruthie Vinson with Director Mentor, Maureen Mansfield, Musical Director is Heidi Krantz and Music Director Mentor Marilyn Olbricht. the production's Choreographer is Paige Athanasiou. Londonderry cast members include Avenley Allen as Mort, Claire Dormer as Skipper, Martin Dormer as Kowalski, Lylah Chaffee, Zelda Howard-Martin, Hope Tessier, and Lily Tessier. Showtimes start March 9 at 7 p.m. and continue to March 10 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Historic Derry Opera House.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

LHS Boys' Basketball Splits Big Games With Seacoast Squads

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

When the boys' basketball teams from Londonderry High School and Winnacunnet High of Hampton met in the LHS gymnasium on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 6, they were two contingents seemingly going in opposite directions.

The host Lancers were a decent 6-4 in Division I, but they had gone a poor 1-4 in their previous five contests and still had a stinging loss to the arch-rival Pinkerton Academy Astros on Jan. 26 in mind.

The visiting Warriors, however, were a D-I-leading 10-1 with six consecutive victories directly behind them. So it's certainly safe to say that the Winnacunnet crew was favored to win the Feb. 6 battle.

But the Lancers played arguably their best game of the 2017-18 season that evening and showed, without doubt, that they expect to be a real player in the league tournament in early March.

Londonderry won every quarter but the sec-

ond in tallying a deeply-pleasing 58-44 victory over the stunned Warriors, who certainly didn't play like the top-ranked team in a very strong division.

"I've been telling them all season that they're a great team, and they finally put together a full 32 minutes of basketball here tonight," said coach Nate Stanton of his squad.

The intense and determined hosts led 15-9 after one period, by four points at 23-19 at the half, and by double digits at 44-33 rolling into the final stanza.

After leading his team with a dozen points in the first half, LHS sophomore standout Jack Anderson sank his fourth three-point shot of the night mere seconds into the third quarter to give his side a 26-19 advantage.

Londonderry wound up sinking five of its first six shots from the floor in that period while the Warriors hit just one of their first eight, and the Lancers' 12-3 run during that span gave them a 35-22 lead and forced Winnacunnet into a timeout with 4:17 left in the stan-



Shane McNamara makes an aggressive drive to the hoop during his LHS squad's momentous win over tough Merrimack recently. Photo by Chris Pantazis

za. And LHS wound up going 9-14 from the floor in the third while the Warriors were a dismal 3-11.

Coach Stanton's squad led by 11 rolling into the fourth quarter, and the LHS lead never fell below

seven points - bulging to as many as 16 - during that closing period.

Young Anderson, who has absolutely played like a seasoned upper-classman in picking up some vital scoring lost by the

pre-season/season-ending injury of junior stalwart Ethan Garofalo, finished up with 22 points and no less than five of the nine three-pointers sunk by the victorious locals in the big win. Senior forward Dakota Bertrand finished with three of the treys and 17 points, and his fellow 12th grader Shane McNamara contributed a dozen points and the one other LHS three.

Coach Stanton readily admits that he is one of many folks who have been highly-impressed with the glittering play of sharp-shooting sophomore Anderson.

"He's really confident, and he has that edge to his game," said the coach. "He's a true basketball player, just like a (former LHS hoop star) Cody Ball. And he's one of our captains as a sophomore. That says a lot."

But the Lancers didn't have as much success against a seacoast opponent over on the seacoast on the night of Friday, Feb. 9, when they dropped a 53-48 decision to the red-hot Portsmouth High Clippers in that

opponent's own gym.

The Clippers moved to 11-2 that night with their sixth consecutive win, with Londonderry slipping to 7-5.

The Lancers were right with Portsmouth, step for step, through the first three quarters. The locals led 11-10 after one period, and they were also up by a single point at 24-23 at the half.

Londonderry outscored its host by a 16-6 tally in period three to carry a 40-29 advantage into the final stanza, but Portsmouth turned on the jets in quarter four and outscored its guest by a 24-8 margin to win going away.

Anderson tossed home 20 points to lead his side once again, Bertrand was good for 13, and Ethan May contributed eight for the locals, who stepped into this week facing a short road trip to play Alvirne in Hudson this Tuesday the 13th - after Londonderry Times press time - followed by a home game against Manchester Central Friday.

This would be a great time for the Lancers to go on a roll.

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Lady Lancer Gymnasts Take Runner-Up Honors at D-I Finals

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

For the third consecutive year, the Londonderry High girls' gymnastics squad strode proudly away from the state championship meet with a trophy in its grasp. After winning the state

crown by percentage points over the Pinkerton Academy Lady Astro powerhouse at the end of the 2015-16 season two winters ago, and then earning the runner-up plaque behind PA last winter, coach Heather Lennon's Lady Lancers snagged the

second place hardware once again at the 2017-18 title meet at the University of New Hampshire in Durham last Saturday, Feb. 10.

The Lady Astros tallied the top team score of 141.925 to comfortably outdistance Londonderry



There were plenty of reasons for the Londonderry High lady gymnasts to smile after they snagged their second straight runner-up plaque at the D-I championships in Durham last weekend. LHS won the crown two years ago.



Lady Lancer Mira Kutney is the very picture of concentration on the uneven bars during the D-I title meet at UNH last Saturday. Photos by Chris Paul



Ashley Griffin (left) and Maddie Croteau both claimed top-six finishes on vault and accepted applause for doing so at the end of the Division I championship meet.

(136.7) and the third place team from Bedford High (135.125). In finishing first, the Pinkerton dynasty claimed its seventh state title since 2010 and its second in a row. All in all, that program has now won some 15 state championships.

But the Lady Lancers had no reasons to feel anything but proud of themselves, especially in light of the fact that they were dealing with considerable adversity on the day of the big meet.

Three of the team's athletes were hampered by the flu, and one - battle-tested stalwart Seana Kelly - had to perform one-handed after having her left hand bitten by a dog last week and needing stitches to close the wound.

"For as much depth as we have, the girls stepped up and did exactly what we needed them to," said coach Lennon, herself a former Londonderry High gymnastics standout.

After three full event

rotations, Londonderry trailed Pinkerton by a score of 105.05 to 101.225 in the team title hunt. But as the Lady Astros began their floor routines, coach Lennon knew that her squad's chances of driving past PA were virtually non-existent.

"They'd need to fall down on every single routine, and that's not going to happen because they're always solid on floor," said Lennon.

Londonderry's highest individual finish came from standout Mira Kutney with her third place on the uneven bars (score of 8.3), and Ashley Griffin contributed a fourth place tie with Pinkerton's Sophia Viger on vault. Maddie Croteau tied for sixth in that event with PA's Ashley McKinnon, and Kutney was also good for a sixth on the balance beam.

"The girls did well, they're all smiling, and we have lots of reasons to be happy," said Lennon.

The LHS contingent,

which also includes assistant coaches Emily Panacopoulos and Rachel Blais and athletes Courtney Baharian, Gianna DelViscovo, Janiah Bergendahl, Marissa McKay, Sophie Hagymas, Suzie Moore, Tara Nigro, and Tyla Kelley, qualified to take part in the 2017-18 New England Championships over in Derry at Pinkerton on March 10.

Even though they qualified to take part in that prestigious regional competition just one town over, coach Lennon has decided that her crew will not compete at that event.

"With the rule changes, it's just not enough time for all the girls to completely change their routines," she said. "Also, in my five years of coaching, someone always gets injured either at New England or during the practice before. Also, club states for New Hampshire are the weekend after, and their club coaches would kill me if they got hurt."

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Lady Lancer Basketball Bunch Continues Development

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Last Friday evening, Pinkerton Academy's girls' basketball coach Lani Buskey pointed toward the Londonderry High girls' hoop squad who were holding a post-game meeting and stated, "That's the most improved team in Division I over there."

Buskey's Astros had just tallied their 10th consecutive victory and moved to 12-1 in Division I with a 52-36 defeat of the Lancers. But the perhaps lopsided nature of the 16-point win was quite misleading to anyone simply looking at the raw numbers, because coach Nick Theos' youthful Lancers gave their hosts of the Feb. 9 game a real battle before falling in defeat. And Buskey knew it well.

A few days prior, the LHS team had bagged its third consecutive win and climbed to within one game of the .500 mark at 6-7 with a 49-39 defeat of the Winnacunnet High Lady Warriors in Hampton on Tuesday night, Feb. 6.

The locals won the first half by outscoring their hosts by a 17-3 margin in the first quarter and then by a solid 13-8 tally in the second.

After grasping a commanding, 30-11 lead at the half, the LHS crew watched its host outscore it by a 13-5 margin in the third period to place the score at 35-24 after three quarters.

But even though the Lady Warriors managed to outscore coach Theos' troop by a 15-14 tally in the fourth period and make things interesting, Londonderry still won by double digits in keeping its modest winning streak going.

Sophomore standout Courtney Shay came up with 13 points and seven rebounds for the victors, Colleen Furlong added 11 points, Ashley Rourke was good for nine points and 10 boards, and Michelle Marino contributed eight points.

"We started great again," said Theos. "In the 17-3 first quarter, Rourke got us going offensively and on the boards while the entire starting five played great team defense. We built a comfortable lead by pushing the ball on offense and finishing strong, and on defense it was a team effort."

With that win tucked safely away, the Lady Lancers took aim at closing out their week by having a better overall showing against a Pinkerton team which had defeated the LHS crew by a full 24 points in a 64-40 success in Ball Family Trophy play at Londonderry High back on Jan. 26.

"We are becoming the team I always knew we could be," said Theos after the seacoast win. "I hope the girls realize what they're capable of because we could be fun to watch the rest of the way."

Pinkerton bounded into

the Feb. 9 home rematch with Londonderry boasting a glittering, 11-1 record and some nine consecutive wins to its credit.

The Lady Astros tore their way out to a 17-4 lead in the first quarter, but they then saw pesky Londonderry win both the second and third periods in keeping the game close.

The PA lead sat at 11 points at 32-21 at halftime, and the hosts were only up by five at 35-30 after playing nearly the entire third quarter without foul-addled standout Brooke Kane, who had scored a dozen points in the first half.

Kane drew her third foul just seconds into the third period but returned with about three minutes to go - with her Lady Astros having missed seven consecutive shots from the floor - but only remained in the game for a few more seconds before drawing her fourth foul and having to come back out.

The problem for Londonderry - which came into the contest hoping to even its DI record at 7-7 - was that while Kane sat on the bench and her teammates scuffled mightily with their offense - the Lady Lancers couldn't hit their own shots.

Pinkerton only hit one

of its 11 shots from the floor during the third quarter, but Londonderry only sank three of its 10 shots - and none of its final six tries - in remaining an arm's length from its host.

Londonderry trimmed its deficit down to just four points at 36-32 on a Courtney Shay free throw at the start of the fourth period, but it would get no closer as the Lady Astros ended a 1-for-13 shooting skid with a Cydney Lessard three-pointer. And the PA lead would never fall below five points again.

Kane would return to the game down the stretch and net seven big points which would help put the final touches on the win.

The Lady Lancers would wind up hitting just one of the nine shots they took from the floor in the fourth quarter, and they ended up falling by those 16 points.

Kane wound up leading all scorers with 19 points despite missing virtually the entire third quarter. Amanda Lemire contributed 14 - many from the free-throw line - and Lessard finished up with eight. Londonderry didn't have anybody manage double-digits in points, with Shay leading the way with



Lady Lancer Courtney Shay attempts to drive past a Pinkerton defender during the rivalry battle between those two local squads in Derry last week.

Photo by Chris Paul

nine and Colleen Furlong and Katie Sullivan each netting six.

"I really can't complain much," said LHS coach Theos. "I feel bad for the kids because I know we're better shooters than we showed here tonight. And the game plan was to get Kane in foul trouble by taking charges because we know she's aggressive to the hoop. Check. We got that accomplished. We just

couldn't take advantage of having her on the bench because we didn't hit our shots."

The Lady Lancers strode into this week looking at a home game against the struggling Alvirne Lady Broncos of Hudson on Tuesday the 13th - after Londonderry Times press time - followed by a short road trip to Manchester Central to play the Little Green this Friday night.

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Lady Lancers Seventh, LHS Boys Eighth at D-I Swim Championships

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Longtime Londonderry High swim coach Chrys Ewen saw her LHS girls' and

boys' teams both put forth solid finishes at the Division I championships at the University of New Hampshire in Durham last Saturday,

Feb. 10. The Lady Lancers ended up seventh out of 15 teams in their meet and the Lancer guys bagged eighth out

of 15 contingents in theirs.

The biggest individual news was made by LHS freshman standout Kaitlin Witkop, who won the state title in the girls' 100-yard breaststroke (time of 1 minute, 09.02

seconds) and placed second in the 100-yard butterfly (59.26). She also swam the anchor leg for the Lady Lancers' fifth-place 200 freestyle relay quartet, which also included Jasmine Brown, Elizabeth Allen, and Julia

Ethier. The Londonderry High males' top finish was a sixth place effort which was put forth by the 200 free relay quartet of Brian Parrott, Chris Byrne, Devin Janas, and Brandon White.



New Lady Wildcat

Londonderry High soccer standout Halle Hamilton has decided that her athletic and academic future lie at the University of New Hampshire, and she signed her letter of intent to attend UNH at the local high school last Thursday, Feb. 8. Hamilton was accepted into the Health and Human Services school at UNH, and she plans on becoming a nurse practitioner in the dermatology field. As an LHS sophomore, Hamilton committed to attend the University of Rhode Island but subsequently changed her mind and will instead be at UNH, which gave her a partial scholarship to play soccer in Durham.

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Lancer Wrestlers End Regular Season With Win at Home

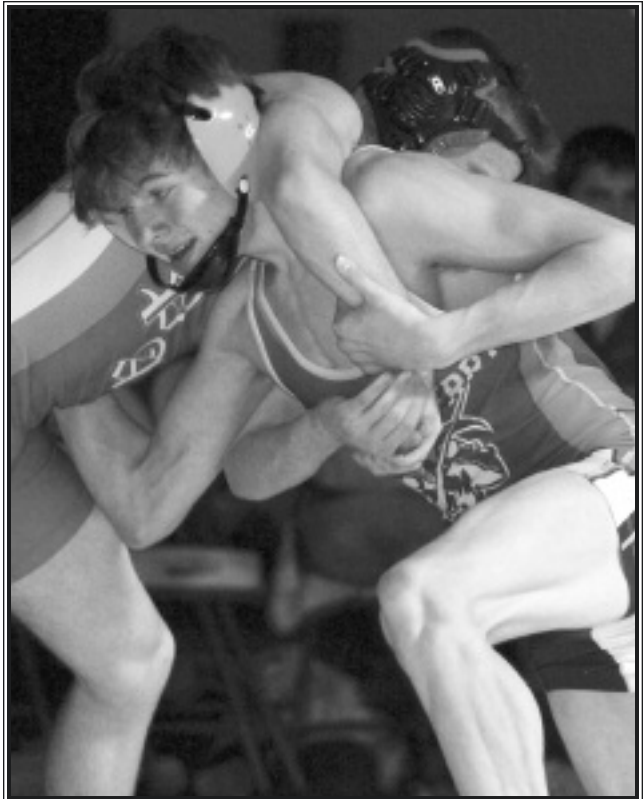
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Veteran coach Jason Cucolo saw his Londonderry High wrestling team close out its 2017-18 regular season in great style, walloping the visiting Bedford High Bulldogs by a 48-11 tally at LHS last Thursday, Feb. 8 after having that home match snowed out the evening before.

The victorious locals received pin wins from Aiden O'Loughlin at 120 pounds, Craig Santos in the 145-pound bout, and Ben Psaedas in 182-pound action. There were also a bunch of forfeits, including weight classes in which both squads had to forfeit.

The evening also honored the teams two departing senior members during their Senior Night ceremony.

Alex Boucher and Craig Santos will be lost to graduation next year



Young Lancer Aiden O'Loughlin collected a victory over his Bedford opponent in 120-pound action at LHS last week. Photo by Chris Paul

and have both wrestled for four years at Londonderry High School.

The Lancers will now enjoy home-gym Feb. 17.

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Lancer Hockey Gets Back to .500 With a Shutout Victory in Nashua

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The Londonderry High ice hockey squad bounced its Division I record back up the .500 mark with an exclamation point last Saturday, Feb. 10 by trouncing the host Nashua North-Souhegan squad by a 6-0 tally at the Conway Arena in the Gate City.

The Lancers drove their league mark up to 6-6-1 with the white-washing of the winless opponent, holding a 1-0 lead after one period and a 3-0

advantage when two stanzas had been completed.

The victorious locals received two goals from Anthony Federico and single markers from Zac Rheault, Nate Andrews, Cole Ferguson, and Patrick Murphy in the lopsided win, with goalie Cam Donovan contributing 15 saves to his contingent's second shutout of the 2017-18 campaign.

However, Londonderry had a far larger challenge on its hands this past Monday night when it faced off against a host

Bedford Bulldogs' squad which boasted an 11-3 Division I record and a winning streak which had reached five games. That battle was held at Saint Anselm College in Manchester.

That did not wind up being a good evening for the Lancer icemen, who dropped a 5-1 decision to the streaking Bulldogs and saw their divisional record slide to 6-7-1.

Bedford led 1-0 after one period after outshooting their guests by an 8-1 count, and despite the fact that it had a far

stronger second period and finished with a 13-7 advantage in shots on net during those 15 minutes Londonderry trailed 2-0 after two stanzas.

The Lancers then allowed two soft goals during the first five minutes of period three, and the game was all but over.

The locals ended the Bulldogs' shutout hopes thanks to an Anthony Federico goal with 6:56 to go - with Nate Andrews and Patrick Murphy snaring the assists - and LHS keeper Cam Donovan finished up with 23 saves. But the .500 mark remains elusive for the Lancers.



LHS junior forward Jack Thompson and his teammates blanked the North-Souhegan squad recently to get back to .500. Photo by Chris Pantazis

Lady Lancer Skiers a Fine Fifth at the D-I State Meet

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High girls' ski team capped off its 2017-18 season with a strong fifth place finish out of 18 teams on the slopes on Gunstock Mountain in Gifford this past Monday, Feb. 12.

The locals had a combined team tally of 594 points, with Bryeton Evarts finishing a superb second overall in slalom action and Jordan Galluzzo also going top 10 by placing ninth there as both qualified for the upcoming state Meet of Champions.

Aiding in the point collection for LHS were Julia Deschamps and Juliette Louiselle, and both Rylee McGrath and Leonie Wittig skied hard but came

up short in the points chase.

The Lady Lancers' finishes were slightly less impressive in the giant slalom, with the locals coming in eighth overall with Evarts falling and taking "Did Not Finish" status. Leading the point collection for GS were

Galluzzo, Deschamps, Louiselle, and McGrath. Jacqueline Peabody narrowly missed bagging points despite her great effort on challenging course conditions.

"Next year looks promising as 99 percent of the team returns," said coach Bob McGrath.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Feb. 5



Mira Kutney, Senior, Girls' Gymnastics

At the state championships, this battle-tested veteran placed third on bars, sixth on beam, 10th on floor, and seventh in the all-around. She was the D-I runner-up squad's most consistent gymnast all season.

Ben Psaledas, Junior, Wrestling



This skilled veteran wrestled well against some of the top wrestlers in Connecticut at a weekend tourney recently and hit a milestone in getting his 100th win against Bedford in the last dual meet of the regular season.

Student Athletes Supplied by Athletic Department

A Local Girl at Guertin

Londonderry resident Katelyn Cadotte competed for the Bishop Guertin High School girls' gymnastics squad of Nashua at the New Hampshire Division I high school championships at the University of New Hampshire in Durham last Saturday, Feb. 10. Her team placed fourth behind Pinkerton, Londonderry and Bedford. Cadotte was one of six members of the BG team and she competed in all four events.

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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.

Republican Meeting

The Londonderry Republican Committee (LRC) will hold its monthly meeting every third Thursday of every month, this Thursday, Feb. 15, Meet Candidates: Eddie Edwards, Candidate for US Congress, 1st Congressional District. Barry Newcomb, Candidate for Rockingham County Sheriff. At the Victory Baptist Church, 6:30 p.m. The upcoming Candidates Night, March 15, Candidates: Pat Conway, Incumbent Candidate for County Attorney, Chuck Massahos, Candidate for Rockingham County Sheriff. This is an excellent chance to meet candidates for the 2018 elections as well as fellow members and your Londonderry NH State Representatives, ask questions, and see how we can continue to grow our town committee to ensure we elect republicans in the upcoming election. This is a great opportunity for those new to the town and for those who are interested in finding out how you can help or to just learn what's going on.

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 at St. Luke's, Derry, on Feb.17, from 5 - 6:30 p.m.; Dinner at Etz Hayim Synagogue Derry, on Feb. 18, from 5 - 6:15 p.m.; Dinner at First Parish, Derry, on Feb.23, from 5 - 6:30 p.m.; Breakfast at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, on Feb.25, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Lunch at St. Jude's Church, on Feb.25, from 1:30 - 2:30p.m.; For more information, please visit: reemealsinderry.blogspot.com

Elijah's Table

Elijah's Table, a joint project of Etz Hayim Synagogue and the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. Will be serving a free community dinner on Feb. 18. Serving time is at 5 - 6:15 p.m., and will be held at the Etz Hayim Synagogue at 1-1/2 Hood Road in

Derry. The atmosphere is informal and friendly, warm and toasty. Meet up with old friends, make new friends, and have a great meal. For more information on free meals in the Derry area, please go to freemealsinderry.blogspot.com **Author Signing**

Local artist and author, Debbie Curtin, will be signing her award-winning military novel, "Today is the Day" on Saturday, Feb. 24, from 1 - 3 p.m., in the Manchester Barnes & Noble store on South Willow Street. Stop by for a meet and greet with the author. In support of our military, Veteran's Count will receive a portion of the sales.

Karaoke Night

On Feb. 16, the American Legion will host Karaoke Night with DJ Sharon, starting at 7 p.m. at 6 Sargent Rd in Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Road). Non-members interested in joining Post 27 are welcome to attend.

VA Bingo

On Feb. 26, American Legion Post 27 will be playing bingo with patients at the VA Hospital in Manchester from 7 - 8:30 p.m. We'll be serving pizza and diet soda as well as providing \$150 in prize money.

Yoga Classes for Seniors

The Londonderry Senior Center is offering yoga classes to the senior community. Barbara Scott and Lisa Kress will conduct an eight-week series of affordably priced yoga classes which are designed especially for seniors to help increase balance, flexibility and strength, as well as maintaining well-being. Sign up for either the Tuesday or Thursday class, or both. New session begins on Tues., Feb. 27 from 9 - 10 a.m. at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Pre-registration is required and begins two weeks prior to the starting date. For more details call the Senior Center at 432-8554.

Library Hours

The hours for the Leach Library during February; Mon.-Thur., 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri.-Sat., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The library will be closed on Mon., Feb. 19, for Presidents Day.

"Honey and Mead"

Leach Library to host "Honey and Mead" on Thur., Feb. 15 at 7 p.m., the Leach Library welcomes Berniece Van Der Berg who will pres-

ent "Honey and Mead".

Book Bingo

The Leach Library will host Book Bingo on Tues., Feb. 20 from 4 - 5 p.m. All participants will win, and have a chance to choose, books from our special selection tables. 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 9:00 a.m. on Mon., Feb. 12.

New Location Republican Committee

The Londonderry Republican Committee (LRC) has exciting news. We now have a new "home" for our meetings. The Victory Baptist Church under the direction of Pastor Tim Hawkins has graciously offered the use of their conference room for our monthly meetings. These meetings will be held there on the third Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m.

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.

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.

Walk with Me

Are you losing or have lost someone? A child, a parent, a sibling or a friend? It can be a painful journey but you don't have to walk it alone anymore. Just come "Walk With Me". Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m., at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. 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 womans 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 questions please call 781-866-9976.

LEEP Applications

Are you considering preschool for your child? If your child turned 3 by September 1st and is a Londonderry resident, consider enrolling your child in the Londonderry Early Education Program (LEEP) preschool program. We are a developmentally appropriate preschool that is respectful of the talents and needs of individual children. Our teachers are all certified educators and the program is provided by the Londonderry School District. Programs for three-year old preschoolers meet from 8:45 - 11 a.m. either 2 or 4 days per week and our program for our prekindergarten students meet from 12 - 2:30 p.m. either 3 or 4 days per week. How do I apply? Applications are available online on the 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 information, contact Kathy Kelley at 437-5855 ext. 7223 Please email Kathy Kelley at kkelley@londonderry.org or Kim Speers at kspeers@londonderry.org.

The Upper Room Announces Co-Parenting Classes

The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center, is announcing the co-parenting class: "Crossroads of Parenting & Divorce" offered March 5, 12, 19 in our office at 36 Tsienneto Road in Derry.

This 5 part class is designed to address concerns and questions that separating and divorcing parents have, and explore how to keep the focus on the needs of their children. Using a mix of video content and group discussion, parents are encouraged to be aware of how their actions may affect their children. The attendees work on skills that

help them stay child-focused, and discuss ways to make good choices in an environment of conflict and loss.

Brenda Guggisberg, Executive Director of The Upper Room, explains that "As a Family Resource Center, our aim is to help families and children thrive and flourish, and helping separated and divorced parents be effective co-parents is part of that mission. These are really 21st-century skills for co-parents to keep themselves and their children healthy while navigating the

divorce process. We are committed to offering evidence-based programs, and this series does just that."

To learn more about Crossroads, please visit URteachers.org/parenting About The Upper Room

Founded in 1986, The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization committed to strengthening individuals and families by providing them with the education, services and resources needed to lead healthy, self-sufficient lives. Our

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Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Feb. 5

1:40 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with transporattion to hospital from Symmes Drive at Coca-cola.

5:11 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with transportation to hospital from Triangle Mobil Mart on Rockingham Road.

6:56 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Pillsbury Road.

10:29 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with transportation to hospital from Gilcreast Road.

10:34 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Rockingham Road at Irving Gas Station

2:40 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Garden Lane.

6:03 p.m. Three officers assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with transportation to hospital from L-3 Warrior Systems - Insight Technology on Technology Drive.

8:18 p.m. Three officers serve warrant and make arrest on Old Coach Road. Steven Matloff, 54, of Londonderry charge with three counts of Theft.

8:55 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated Sherwood Road.

9:53 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief Wiley Hill Road.

10:21 p.m. Motor vehicle accident Investigated at RMZ Truck Stop on Rockingham Road.

11:07 p.m. Services rendered for Drug Offenses at McDonald’s on Nashua Road.

Tuesday - Feb. 6

11 a.m. Services rendered for juvenile offenses at Londonderry High School.

12:04 a.m. Shoplifting reported and arrest made at Hannaford Food & Drug. Michael Haley, 45, of Derry charge with Theft/Shoplifting.

12:47 p.m. Services rendered in recovering a stolen motor vehicle at Wheels and Deals Auto Sales on Rockingham Road.

1:43 p.m. Services ren-

dered for suspicious activity on Victoria Drive.

4:58 p.m. Services rendered for Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

5:07 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated Woodcrest Drive.

8:41 p.m. Services rendered for Medical Emergency at Vista Ridge Drive.

9:16 p.m. Drug offenses investigated on Mercury Drive.

Wednesday - Feb. 7

12:55 a.m. Peace restored after disturbance on Sawgrass Circle.

9:32 a.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity at Continental Paving.

6:50 a.m. Services rendered for Medical Emergency Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

11:43 a.m. Services rendered at motor vehicle accident on Mammoth Road.

12:16 p.m. Services rendered at motor vehicle accident at Home Depot Entrance on Gilcreast Road.

1:07 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on High Range Road at Columbia Drive.

2:13 p.m. Motor vehicle accident vehicle towed on Rockingham Road.

3:10 p.m. Services rendered for motor vehicle accident on Rockingham Road at Perkins Road.

3:13 p.m. Services rendered motor vehicle accident Rockingham Road at Stonehenge Road.

3:36 p.m. Services rendered motor vehicle accident on Route 28 at Stonehenge Road.

4:59 p.m. Services rendered at Fire on Timber Street.

5:02 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Litchfield Road.

7:28 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Windsor Blvd.

Thursday - Feb. 8

6:33 a.m. Overdose transported to hospital from

Capitol Hill Drive.

12:43 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Route 102 at I-93.

2 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated at Londonderry Middle School.

2:45 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Dianna Road.

Friday - Feb. 9

1:12 a.m. Citation issued for traffic offenses on High Range Road.

8:17 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

10:48 a.m. Trespassing investigated on Conifer Place.

11:52 a.m. Arrest(s) made after suspicious activity investigated at LAFA Complex on Nelson Road.

2:27 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Litchfield Road at Yellowstone Drive.

2:45 p.m. Wires down reported, removed hazard on Elwood Road.

4:23 p.m. Burglary investigated on Otterson Road.

4:35 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Old Derry Road at Longwood Avenue.

4:48 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Hampstead Road in Derry. Three officers arrest Cosmo Cordialini, 34 of Derry and charge with Conduct after an Accident.

11:17 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Nashua Road at Horizon Drive.

Saturday - Feb. 10

1:09 a.m. Citation issued for traffic offenses on Pleasant Drive.

1:13 a.m. Citation issued for traffic offenses on Pleasant Drive.

1:25 a.m. Citation issued for traffic offenses on Happy Lane.

1:28 a.m. Citation issued for traffic offenses on Happy Lane.

2 a.m. Citation issued for traffic offenses on Alexander Road.

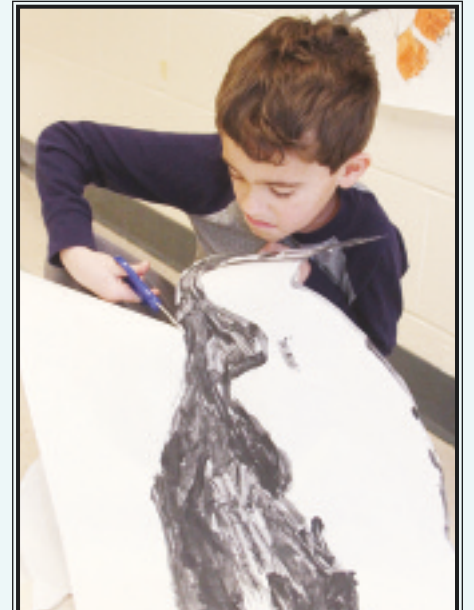
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This service is provided free of charge to Londonderry residents who wish to announce the birth of their child or grandchild, marriage engagement, wedding or milestone event such as a Silver Wedding Anniversary. This is a great way to share your news with your local community. The Londonderry Times also accepts obituary notices. Please contact us at 537-2760 or e-mail to londonderrytimes@nutpub.net.

Painting Lifesize Penguins at South Elementary School



Second grade students at South Elementary School have been busy over the months of January and February studying and researching the many types of penguins in the world. Students were in the hallways recently putting the finishing touches on the penguins they researched, by making full-sized drawings and cutting them out and mounting them to the walls in the halls.

Photos by Chris Paul

Police Log

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for traffic offenses on Lori Lane.

2:03 a.m. Citation issued for traffic offenses on Priscilla Lane.

2:03 a.m. Citation issued for traffic offenses on Wheelwright Circle.

2:14 a.m. Citation issued for traffic offenses on Wedgewood Drive.

2:33 a.m. Citation issued for traffic offenses on Ashley Drive.

3:01 a.m. Citation issued for traffic offenses on Charleston Avenue.

3:07 a.m. Citation issued for traffic offenses on Charleston Avenue.

3:14 a.m. Citation Issued for Traffic Offenses on Charleston Avenue.

3:22 a.m. Citation issued for traffic offenses on Charleston Avenue.

9:50 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nashua Road at Garden Lane.

3:28 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nashua Road at Burger King.

6:43 p.m. Services rendered for auto fire on Nashua Road at Prosciutto's.

11:57 p.m. Four motor

vehicles involved in accident with Vehicle Towed on High Range Road.

Sunday - Feb. 11

4:38 a.m. Four officers respond to Suicide Attempt and Transport to hospital from Stokes Road.

8:19 a.m. Four officers investigate a Domestic Disturbance on Auburn Road at Old Derry Road.

10:54 a.m. Services rendered in keeping the Peace on Mammoth Road.

2:48 p.m. Services rendered in response to suspicious activity on Rockingham Road Christian

Fellowship Baptist Church.

3:34 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Crestview Circle.

4:24 p.m. Criminal threatening investigated at Convenience Plus on Rockingham Road.

5:27 p.m. Services rendered for Medical Emergency at Boston Manchester Regional at Main Escalator to Food Court.

7:13 p.m. Four officers assist in removing hazard on Pillsbury Road at Gilcreast Road.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

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

The Town of Londonderry Town Council will hold a public hearing on March 5, 2018 beginning at 7:00 P.M. at the Londonderry Town Hall, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 231:163 and 43:2, for the purpose of considering amending all existing pole licenses to include language regarding taxation pursuant to RSA 72:23.

The Council will also consider adopting a revised Pole and/or Conduit License form which will include language regarding taxation pursuant to RSA 72:23.

The hearing is being held to determine if it is in the best interests of the public good to amend the pole licenses so that they are consistent with the property taxation statutes (RSA 72:23).

A copy of the proposed Petition to Amend Pole Licenses may be viewed at the Town Manager's office during regular business hours and online at www.londonderry-nh.org.

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