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South Pole Santa

Santa's stop at South School on Saturday morning was enjoyed by Teagan Flaherty as she gets some advice on her Christmas requests during the annual Santa Breakfast. Each Elementary was visited by Santa that morning. See more photos page 2. Photo by Chris Paul

Resident Voices Concern Over Flooding Causing Road Hazard

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It's not so common, though not unknown in New Hampshire, for a beaver dam to break with resulting flood damage thus creating dangerous roads for drivers; this appears to be the case in

Londonderry.

A Londonderry resident, Daniel Bouchard, attended the Town Council meeting on Monday, Dec 3, to provide public comments to the council.

At the meeting he indicated there is a traffic safety hazard due to

flooding in the north Londonderry area.

He reported a significant water overflow problem at Route 28 (Rockingham Road) near the Rail Trail area, where the road has been lately flooded out resulting in a substan-

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Town Council Outlines Cost for Town Hall Annex Rebuild

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The Londonderry Town Council continued its Budget Workshop and has begun to define specific areas of the budget that voters will be able to consider.

One new budget item now outlined is for demolishing and rebuilding the current Town Hall Annex – the building that was formerly the Londonderry School District's offices

The proposed cost for this project, tagged as School District Building Improvements, is targeted to be \$378,000 with that amount to be raised by the Town. This budget

item amount was the second highest amount so far, (after the Roadway Maintenance Trust fund) for items marked with UFB (Undesignated Fund Balance) tags.

Londonderry residents may also want to understand that the Town's Budget Workshop discussion positioned this project with additional costs of approximately \$321,600 (at today's prices).

Council Chairman, John Farrell pointed out that the initial total projected cost of the completed project would be close to \$700,000. Chairman Farrell recommended it would be best to break

down project funding over several years for tax payers and so the Town might reflect changes that might occur.

Additional costs of \$321,500 for the project would occur likely after or as the Town Hall Annex building is torn down and rebuilt. This cost is for a reworking of site-related parking lots and access sidewalks plus additional costs for a new electrical power generator that is scaled to the requirements of the rebuilding.

There was additional discussion about the power generator costs to see if it is possible to recy-

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School District Announces Portal to Student Progress

MACK LEATHERBUY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Do you ask your kids; "How did school go today? Any homework or new project assignments?"

Parents are typically interested their student's daily school work, though it's often complex for parents to understand specifics about a student's day. Now parents can gain insight from a new system that enables parents to keep up with daily alerts of their student progress.

The Aspen Parent Portal is a tool for parents to be able to understand the specifics of their child's school work and activities and now a new add-on

alert system has been integrated with the portal to automate certain status information, so parents can stay up-to-date with their student's progress.

Londonderry School District parents recently received an email announcement from their schools about the rollout of the District's online Parent Alert System. Parents of student's in District schools can now choose to subscribe from a selection of alert categories specific to their student, to monitor school progress.

The alerts that a parent can select include Academic, Daily Attendance - absent or late,

Class Attendance - absent or late, and Conduct. With Academic alerts, parents can set an alert to see a student assignment that receives a grade under a threshold they set. However, parents will not get Academic alerts for elementary schools as these students do not receive traditional grades for every student

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South School Gets Visit From Santa for Pancake Breakfast



South Elementary School students enjoyed a pancake breakfast before visiting with Santa at the schools annual Holiday Breakfast. Besides the hearty start to the day with pancakes and sausage, students were able to take part in a cake walk, Enjoy a holiday concert, socialize with classmates and staff members, enter a drawing for a multitude of gift baskets and give Santa a hint on the Christmas wishes. Local seniors were also invited for breakfast and given a reserved area to dine.

Photos by Chris Paul



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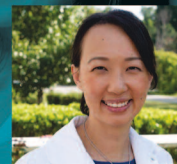
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Zoning Board Approves Larger Sign For Appletree Mall

MIKE BYERLY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Peter March of NH Signs and George Vernet of Vernco Apple LLC made the case for Vernco to be allowed to replace the Apple Tree Mall sign along Route 102 with a new sign that would be four times larger than the current sign. Vernet's company purchased Apple Tree earlier

this year. The sign upgrade would be one small part of a multi-million dollar renovation of the property.

In May 1983, a previous owner of Apple Tree was granted a special exception by the town to install the sign on town-owned property along Route 102. Among the conditions at the time were that the sign be no

taller than 10 feet and no larger than 25 square feet in total. Vernco wanted to install a new sign that would be 20 feet tall and 10 feet wide.

March and Vernet made the case that the town has a strong economic interest in redeveloping the site in the form of increased tax collection if the mall is thriving. March said that getting strong anchor tenants would require having a larger, more modern sign. The plan would be to have Shaw's plus six other anchor businesses listed on the sign.

They pointed out that when the mall was originally constructed, there were no businesses in front of it along Route 102 so traffic on that road had an unobstructed view of the businesses, including Shaw's which is more than 800 feet from Route

102. They also pointed out that several businesses now line Route 102 including a bank, gas station, coffee shop, fast food restaurant and a mobile phone store.

During deliberations, board members noted that the distance from the roadway is a special feature of the property. They also discussed that if the sign were on the 40 acre property a sign of that size would be allowed. Additionally, the new sign would be up on 10 foot high posts which would increase visibility at the intersection. The ZBA voted 5-0 to grant the variance.

In the third case of the night, George Chadwick of Bedford Design Consultants presented a request for a variance on behalf of Theodore "Teddy" Alexandrou. Alexandrou was seeking relief from the requirement to have a 50

foot landscape buffer between commercial and residential properties. Specifically, he sought to provide only a 20 foot buffer.

Alexandrou intends to build a 5,700 square foot commercial building on 1.4 acres at 209 Rockingham Road, next door to Giovanni's restaurant. Chadwick pointed out that the variance would only apply to the rear of the property where the additional space was needed for a drive aisle for deliveries and emergency access.

He noted that the nearest house was 262 feet from the impact area and that an existing stockade fence would be augmented with arborvitae plantings to provide a visual screen. All parking would be in the front of the building along Rockingham Road to keep it

away from the residential area.

The property has been a used car lot and there are cars and trailer storage there now. In the new commercial building Alexandrou intends to use 2,200 square feet for his business and the rest would be leased to other businesses.

Chadwick pointed out that 25% of the property would be taken up by required buffers, so the layout options were limited. He also contended that other potential uses of the property could be more intense than what Alexandrou has planned.

The ZBA voted unanimously to approve the variance, noting the minimal impact on abutters, and that the new business would be a drastic improvement compared to the current state of the property.

OBITUARY

Christopher M. Winslow



Christopher M. Winslow, age 45, died unexpectedly Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018 at his home. He was born in Waterville, Maine on March 29, 1973, a son of Dana M. and Elizabeth "Betty" (Pelletier) Winslow. Mr.

Winslow was a graduate of Cony High School, class of 1991 and Vermont Technical College, earning his Associate Degree in Computer Technology. He was employed by PureIntegration working out of his home in New Hampshire for the past seven years. He was previously employed by Sea Change for over 10 years.

Chris maintained a love for hockey especially the Boston Bruins. He was a collector of model trains, had a passion for cars and was an avid Mini Cooper fan. He spent weekends in the spring, summer and fall participating in Mini Cooper rallies and traveling throughout New England.

Mr. Winslow was pre-deceased by his mother Elizabeth "Betty" (Pelletier) Winslow. He is survived by his father Dana Winslow of Augusta; his grandmother Lucille Winslow of Waterville; his cousin Michele Pelletier and her husband Daniel Webster III and their children Danny Webster and Suzie Webster of Winthrop; his aunt Rosemary Winslow and wife Jody Rich of Waterville; his uncle Kelly Winslow and wife Jennifer and their children Makenzie and Cameron of Winslow.

Following cremation, a gathering of family and friends will be held on Thursday, Dec. 6 from 4 - 7 p.m. at Plummer Funeral Home, 16 Pleasant St., Augusta. A graveside service will be held in the spring in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Manchester, Maine. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Christopher's name be made to either: Good Shepherd Food Bank, PO Box 479, Lewiston, ME 04243-0479, or the Kennebec Valley Humane Society, 10 Pet Haven Ln., Augusta, ME 04330.

Condolences, photos and stories may be shared through the funeral home website at: www.plummerfh.com.

Portal

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assignment. Alerts will be sent out each school day in the afternoon.

While the system has been through initial testing, it is in the next test phase to work out parent interaction glitches or identify other problems, so issues can be addressed accordingly; the system is available for parents to use now.

School District parents can sign up to use the system now through their Aspen Parent Portal. If you have not accessed Aspen yet, the Parent Portal is a mini-website your district, so the school, teachers, advisors, and coaches can create pages

specific for their students; parents can add pages they want to access often with quick links. There are directories within the portal to sort information for your student, so you will have a menu that organizes the various goings-on for you student such as by academics, athletics, clubs, or other activities.

With regard to Academics, a parent can see assignments, grades and track progress. A To-Do widget can be accessed from the home page, and it lists assignments due in the near term or are overdue, so the student and parents can both monitor

what needs to be done and when. Assessments scores may be also be available too depending on logistics of the specific assessment testing cycles.

You will need your Aspen log in and password credentials to access the system. If you do not currently have access to your Aspen account, contact the schools to get your information for Aspen.

Here's how to access the new alert system.

- Log into the Aspen Parent Portal and click on the Family Tab > click on a family member (student)

- Click on the Notification Side Tab

- Select the email address you want the alert sent to

- Put a check in the box of the alert(s) you would like to receive

- Repeat this process for any other students

- To unsubscribe, simply remove the check in the box.

Looks like Londonderry School District students are going to have few excuses about doing their homework assignments. Now parents can be alerted to see what's going on and help focus attention to help their students be successful with the school efforts.



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Editorial

Remembering Pearl Harbor & an American President

Dec. 7, 1941: a day that would live in infamy. It was the day Pearl Harbor was attacked and the day that thrust the United States into World War II.

Men who had fallen asleep awoke to explosions. Many U.S. sailors would be lost to the clamor and chaos. A total of 2,403 American citizens would be lost on that fateful day.

The numbers tell a morbidly fascinating story of that morning the United States came under attack without warning. Our nation was well aware of the turmoil and horrific events taking place overseas in Europe, but at that time we had our own battles—those of exceptional economic distress—and war was the farthest thing from our minds.

But this day would change all of that.

The Greatest Generation mourned a tremendous loss of human life in the days following Pearl Harbor, and they would rally behind President Franklin D. Roosevelt's call to arms without looking back.

Today, there is time to look back with awe at ordinary people becoming extraordinary and to personally thank, if possible, that shrinking number of individuals who were there when everything changed.

In his speech to Congress and the nation on Dec. 8, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion,

the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory."

Sadly, the progression of time has dimmed the voices of the men who were on ships, who clamored to battle stations, who cried over lost comrades. Much of today's generation will hear of these events only from sterile textbooks and dry classroom lectures, information that may go in one ear and out of the other.

There is much that divides us today—some of it is of consequence, and some of it is merely the result of too little generational sacrifice, a lack of understanding of what is and is not important.

We should remember this event and inform future generations of this event not just by moments of prayer and reflection, but by focusing on being better Americans, and along with the hardships we as a nation have overcome reflect on our own shortcomings.

There were more dark moments to come during World War II in within the United States. Out of fear and prejudice, Japanese-Americans were forced from their homes and put into internment camps. Two wrongs do not and never have made a right, and we would be wise to remember this today.

Freedom is important. We owe ours today to the heroes of Pearl Harbor and to the heroes of the battles that would follow. We remember them and learn. And we offer thanks.

Letters

A Special Thank You

To the editor,

As 2018 comes to a close I would like to send a heartfelt 'thank you' to John and Monique Maclellan, the owners of 501 Pizza in Londonderry. Every month they donated pizza to our bingo night with veterans staying at the VA Medical Center. In addition, throughout the year John and Monique provided food at little or no cost for a number of the fundraisers we hold to support veterans in need. The Legion Family at Post 27 appreciates

all 501 Pizza does for us!

Sincerely,
Bob Stuart

Commander, American Legion Post 27

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Keep Books Out of the Landfill

To the editor,

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Paul Margolin
Chair Londonderry Solid Waste and Environment Committee [SWEC]

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Car Dealership At Plaza 28 Rejected, Bluebird Storage Case Deferred

MIKE BYERLY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A small used car dealership approached the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) for permission to operate in Plaza 28, which is located near the intersection of Mammoth Rd. and Route 28. Savvy Motors, which currently operates in Manchester, was looking to operate out of a vacant retail space with up to eight parking spots in the plaza to be utilized for use car inventory.

Located at 501 Mammoth Rd., the plaza is home to a variety of retail businesses including Hong Kong Taste restaurant and Professionally Yours Salon. The plaza is next door to Bockmon Mobile Home Park.

Owner George Morales needed a variance because the plaza is zoned Commercial-1 and is in the Route 28 Performance Overlay District where auto sales are not an approved use. Morales made the case that the business would be low-key without many of the garish things associated with used car dealerships

like signs on cars, banners and inflatables.

He also pointed out that he thought another nearby used car dealership, Heritage Truck and Auto Sales, had been granted a similar variance in the past. He said that most of his marketing would be done on the Internet with customers only coming to the site to look at the cars. He said he and his wife would be the only two employees.

Board members and a couple of residents questioned whether there

would be enough parking for all the businesses with eight being reserved for car inventory. Morales pointed out that the property owner planned to add eight new spots for the auto inventory. Associate Town Planner Laura Gandia pointed out that if the ZBA granted the variance, the planning department and possibly the Planning Board would have to review an updated site plan to determine the parking requirements.

While some members of the board appreciated the thoughtful approach of Morales, they ultimately

voted 5-0 to deny the variance. They pointed out that if they granted a variance it applies to the property and not his specific business. Thus, the door would be opened in the future for another dealership that might be problematic.

In another case, a variance request by Bluebird Londonderry LLC Storage on Perkins Road was withdrawn part way through the meeting because the lawyer presenting Bluebird was missing a key piece of information.

Bluebird was seeking three variances to have larger signs than normally allowed by the zoning ordinance. One of the signs would be freestanding, but the lawyer did not have information from the applicant on where the sign would be located. Board members said that they needed that info to rule on the case.

That combined with a misinterpretation of how the zoning ordinance requires signs that are not a standard geometric shape led the lawyer to withdraw the application for now with a plan to return to the ZBA in Jan.

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Rabbit Habitat To Continue Within Musquash Conservation Area

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

In conjunction with New Hampshire Fish and Game, the Conservation Commission started a multi-phase project in 2013 to convert parts of the Musquash into habitat that is ideal for the endangered New England Cottontail rabbit. The project is funded by federal and state grants.

In 2013, an area of the Musquash containing parts of the White, Blue and Ravine trails, was converted to rabbit habi-

tat by removing trees to allow for scrubby brush to take hold. Such a landscape provides relatively safe cover for rabbits.

Across all three phases, a little more than 60 acres would be converted to the habitat, and the management area would comprise 6 percent of the Musquash. The areas were selected for their proximity to power lines or wetlands, where dense shrubbery is more easily cultivated; there are also comparatively few hiking trails in that area.

In the coming weeks, phase 2 of the project will commence with similar clearing work done on the edge of the Musquash in an area bounded by power lines and parts of the Betty Mack and Overlook trails. Approximately 12 acres will be converted to rabbit habitat.

During the roughly two weeks required to complete the work, the Landing Trail at the Hickory Hill trailhead will be closed for safety reasons. Log skidders will be operating on that trail and in

the general vicinity. The Commission urges visitors to use one of the other four trailheads in Londonderry at Tanager Way, Preserve Drive, Rolling Ridge and Faucher Road.

Abutters will be notified about the work and signs will be posted at the Hickory Hill trailhead when more specifics on the start date are known.

In other business, Dylan Erickson of TFMoran, presented a Dredge & Fill and Conditional Use Permit related to wetland impact arising from proposed work at Woodmont Commons. The work would be to construct First Avenue as

a way to get to a planned senior independent living facility. Part of that is the installation of an infiltration basin and moving a culvert.

This work would be along the roadside and would complement and existing ditch that runs water toward a detention pond along I-93 South.

Erickson noted that an endangered black race snake was found in the area, so no sump pumps will be used to avoid injuring the snakes. In addition, no vinyl netting would be used for slope stabilization. Woodmont will also be removing any invasive plants as part of the work.

Erickson said that on another part of the property, 603 Brewery is under construction with a goal to open in April. Additionally, a three story residential building is planned for summer 2019.

In other business, Chair Marge Badois shared that Comprehensive Environmental, Inc out of Marlborough, MA had been awarded the contract to conduct the water volume study funded by the Conservation Commission. Comprehensive's bid of \$46,672 was well under the \$70K plus offered by the other bidder. The study is planned to start Jan. 2 and run through mid-2019.



High Hanger Londonderry Firefighter Ben Blake is lifted high above the center of town by the ladder truck to help string lights at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church on the corner of Mammoth and Pillsbury Road. The annual event signals the start of the holiday in Londonderry. *Photo by Chris Paul*

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Kent Allen Continues Beautification of Forest as 300th Celebration Nears

MACK LEATHERBUY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Conservation projects for the Kent Allen Forest are making the forest more inviting for residents as 2019 celebrations take place in Londonderry.

Kent Allen was on hand to present the Londonderry Heritage/Historic District Commission with his 2019 forestry plan at their monthly meeting Nov. 29. The twelve-acre forest Allen maintains was recently renamed the Kent Allen Forest in an appreciation of Mr. Allen's stewardship of the area.

At the commission meeting, Kent expressed gratitude to all of the people, who have given time,

treasures and talents to enhance the forest. He said there has been much fall work done to plant and conserve the area.

Allen along with his wife Meredith and volunteers beat the recent snow storms and hard ground to plant additional daffodils and other plants that will be a handsome reminder of the splendor of the area in spring and as the 300th Anniversary Celebration approaches.

With perseverance for enhancing the area, plus the 300th Nutfield Anniversary, Kent Allen offered the following plan to the commission:

- Weed and mulch all of the tree planting in the old Nutfield planting area.

- Prior to Memorial Day 2019, complete a clean-up of the storm damage from 2017 as well as any new damage – remove brush piles, stumps, logs, etc.

- Create a dry, expanded parking area at the trailhead to eliminate road crossing and mud puddles.

- Expand "Let's Beautify Our Forest" project by continuing to collect donations to add more flowering shrubs and trees prior to the 300th Nutfield Celebration during Old Home Days.

- Clean-up the pond area, the deadwood, the downed trees, and the branches.

- Plant a double row of

native, white pine trees along Mammoth Rd., – 25 feet from the road – which will help reduce the sound and visibility of traffic. This would make a great Eagle Scout of Boy Scout Troop project.

- Increase number of benches.

Mr. Allen and the Commission agreed a good choice for benches would be like those at Benson's Park in Hudson. Londonderry residents will be able to purchase benches with an engraved plaque as a dedicated memorial to friends or family. There will be footers developed for the benches to integrate them properly with the ground.

Mr. Allen suggests it

would be a good idea to support the Girl Scout Program, "Leave No Trace" for the forest area. That program is guided by the following principals:

- Plan Ahead and Prepare

- Travel and Visit on Durable Surfaces

- Dispose of Waste Properly

- Leave What You Find

- Minimize Fire Impacts

- Respect Wildlife

- Be Considerate of Other Visitors

The Kent Allen Forest is adjacent to Londonderry Town Commons and both Kent and Meredith Allen have been advocates for the historic area

for many years. This forest area was donated to the town by the Mack family in 1984.

The Allen's effort to enhance the forest is also part of their organized volunteer initiative "Let's Beautify our Forest." Anyone who is interested in helping in the couple's efforts may contact Kent or Meredith Allen at 432-8570 for more information on their plans.

Allen said, "With your help, we are confident that the forest will continue to attract new residents and become a centerpiece attraction for our town and be a beautiful part of the 300th Anniversary of Nutfield – Londonderry."

Disabled Veterans Tax Credit Increase Approved by Council

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A tax credit increase for Disabled Combat Veterans, who live in Londonderry was approved at the Monday, Dec. 3,

The proposal had been tabled at the previous Council meeting, as only three councilors had been in attendance during that meeting.

While there was not a complete council agreement on the logistics for implementing the tax

credit — the Council, in a majority decision supported Vice Chairman, Joe Green's recommendation to enable the full \$4000 Tax Credit increase for the coming year. This Tax Credit increase had been authorized for towns by NH Senate Bill 341 and will go into effect on Jan 1.

This increase will raise the current tax credit of \$2,000 to the maximum, \$4000 for the Town's totally Disabled Veterans. Ted Combes, Town Council

member, suggested the tax burden for this initiative would be about the same as a low-cost lunch (about \$5.00). Combes said this tax credit increase is a small price for taxpayers to pay to our Disabled Veterans for their sacrifices for our country and town.

Councilor Tom Dolan, a veteran himself, had positioned to the council members that it might be better to ramp the tax credit increase over a couple years, so as not to distress tax payers. He proposed an initial raise to \$3,000 for the coming year with the maximum increase to be administered the following year. Mr. Dolan, while supportive of the Disabled Veterans tax credit increase, also discussed that the tax burden could possibly be rebalanced within another town budget

area. The Town Council listened to Mr. Dolan's recommendation and decided as a majority to go right to the maximum tax increase.

Londonderry Assessor, Rick Brideau pointed out that this tax credit

increase for totally Disabled Veterans will be directed to the 35 totally Disabled Veterans who have been qualified for the credit. Mr Brideau also pointed out that one more veteran has applied for totally disabled status.

The tax credit for Disabled and Combat Veterans is separate from the All Veterans Tax Credit that Londonderry has previously adopted and plans to increase from \$300 to \$500 next year.

Town Hall

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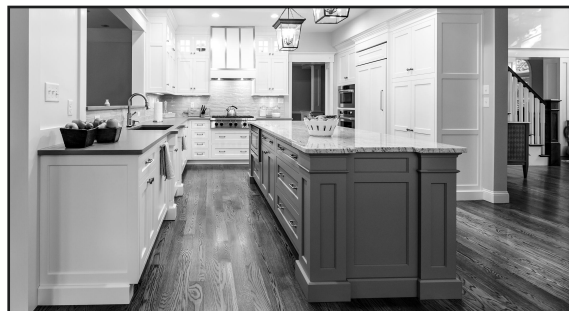
cle the Town's older power generators. The town has several different generators that might be used such as the one from the older firehouse as the new Firehouse is getting a new generator. It was pointed out that the Town's older power generators would not likely be sufficient to supply power for the new building. It was recommended that further investigation about the generators be undertaken to fully under-

stand the right fit.

Town Council Chairman, John Farrell had previously overviewed the structural problem of the Town Hall Annex at previous TC meetings. Farrell has indicted the Town and appropriate departments have conducted a basic assessment of issues that include, flooding, and exterior/interior deterioration. The initial consideration from the assessment is that it would not be cost effective or structurally efficient to fix the many problems of this infrastructure and a rebuild

would be the most efficient solution.

The Council has also been sorting out new budget guidelines, in light of the new State Legislation that impacts how a budget process is developed. The Town Budget Workshop team have determined that \$299,000 within the supplementary budget amount could now be added to the operating budget to reconcile it exactly with the default budget, and this accounting will be consistent to the new State budget laws.



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Local 4-H Club Provides Hands, Head, Heart, and Health for the Holidays

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry 4-H club distributed Holiday food baskets to Londonderry's first responders including the Londonderry Police Station and Fire Stations at all locations on Thanksgiving.

This project is just one of the many seasonal youth projects that 4-H clubs of N.H. are involved in. The 4-H Club members involved with this specific Londonderry project included Emily Bugenhagen, Sarah Spaulding, Emily Spaulding, Ava Ritchey, Corah Daigle, Lily Abrams, Naomianna Sahagun, Callie Dillon, Cassidy Dillon.

The Londonderry 4-H club was recently involved in last September's Deerfield fair, where kids learning horsemanship

had the opportunity to make crafts, write a report, make a poster, and inform fair attendees about horse breeds, grooming supplies, food types as well as best practices about working with horses.

Darcy Newman, Londonderry's 4-H Club Leader and Twin Gate Farm Manager is a passionate 4-H advocate, having grown up in this environment in Canada. She says there are many wonderful benefits of the club for both children and the 4-H volunteers involved. Darcy reports, "4-H is a wonderful program, and an excellent opportunity for the kids to find leadership skills and do fun things that are practical and useful all their life."

Darcy started the Londonderry 4-H club a couple

of years ago because "Kids wanted a 4-H club and I can support horsemanship projects right here at the farm." Darcy has about 20 kids in her 4-H horsemanship club and has club meetings at the Twin Gate Farm area.

The Londonderry 4-H Club that Darcy runs, teaches young people about horsemanship in general including how to care for horses, and how to maintain their stables. Club members share responsibility for their horse's care and members may also have the opportunity to compete at local, regional and national shows. There are some shows where they might be showing their horse, or taking quizzes to test their horsemanship, or gain experience



The Londonderry 4-H Club paid a visit to each of the Londonderry Fire Departments recently and distributed Holiday food baskets.

in public speaking. Those who do not have a horse of their own may lease a horse from Twin Gate.

The Londonderry 4-H Club is part of the Rockingham County 4-H Foundation club, connected to the National 4H under the is the youth educational program of UNH Cooperative Extension for 4-H.

NH 4-H sponsors many events, different pathways and programs, and supports many important growth initiatives for young people like scholarships, camps and leadership agendas.

Darcy is looking for more volunteers from the Londonderry area to lead 4-H projects in Londonderry. 4-H has been historically been about agriculture, though for the past several decades 4-H has focused also on STEM (Science, Technology, En-

gineering, Math), Healthy Living, Civic engagement and other initiatives.

If you have any type of project in mind that will inspire local kids, give Darcy a call or text her at 603 545-2547 or email her at darcy8270@gmail.com. Let her know about your project idea. Kids will be really grateful for more volunteers for more projects in our area. You can simply volunteer to do a specific project like gardening, cooking, Robotics or anything you believe will help kids learn to develop responsibility, commitment and their leadership expertise while having a fun time.

4-H helps young people acquire knowledge, develop life skills and form attitudes that help

them become self-directed, productive, contributing members of society. 4-H leaders and project chiefs guide youth through the fun of the learning process and leaders will find working with these kids to be inspirational.

The Londonderry 4-H club is a good opportunity for area kids to connect over a common interest and is a way to introduce a whole new world to a child. pc-Londonderry 4H Club that made baskets to distribute to the Londonderry Police Station and 3 Fire Stations on Thanksgiving. Emily Bugenhagen, Sarah Spaulding, Emily Spaulding, Ava Ritchey, Corah Daigle, Lily Abrams, Naomianna Sahagun, Callie Dillon, Cassidy Dillon

Parenting A Second Time Around

The YMCA of Greater Londonderry, will hold an information night about Parenting a Second Time Around on Thursday, December 13.

Parenting a Second Time Around (P.A.S.T.A) is a free support group for family caregivers and grandparents who are in the position of raising children again. Topics to be discussed include child development, discipline and guidance, caring for oneself as a caregiver, rebuilding a family, living with teens, legal

issues and advocacy.

The six week program will begin in February 2019 at the YMCA. The P.A.S.T.A support group is provided in partnership with Greater Derry Community Health Services, Inc and South Central NH Public Health.

There is no cost to attend, all are welcome.

The information night will take place at the YMCA of Greater Londonderry at 206 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, NH on December 13 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Snow date is

December 20.

Child care will be provided for the info night as well as the six week program.

For more information, please contact Lisa Fitzgerald, Executive Director at the YMCA of Greater Londonderry at 603.437.9622 or email lfitzgerald@graniteymca.org.

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Firefighter Phil and Pals Visits Area Elementary Schools

JENNIFER BERNARD
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Eager first and second grade students filed into North Londonderry Elementary School's cafeteria last Tuesday morning, for the annual Firefighter Phil Assembly.

Sponsored by the Londonderry Fire Department and brought to each Elementary school in town, students joyfully participated and laughed while learning life saving steps to stay safe during a fire.

While Diana Smith, a representative from Creative Safety Products, reminded children to keep a look out for dangerous household hazards in their homes, her puppet sidekicks "Sal the Smoke Detector" and "Lucky the Duck" entertained the alert audience with topic questions, rap music and riddles.

"Knock, knock!" declared Sal the Smoke Detector. "Who's there?" asked the anticipating audience. "Doughnut!" yelled Sal. "Doughnut who?" responded everyone in unison. "Dough-nut panic!" bellowed Sal to

the children's delight.

"If you stay calm you make the best choices possible," commented Smith. "When you smell smoke, stay alert and exit the premises. You want to stay low. That way, you breathe in cool air." Smith suggested kids come up with a family meeting area, such as mail box, telephone pole or anywhere far away from a fire. Smith said that it's important to test home fire detectors every month, and to change batteries every six months. Carbon monoxide detectors should also be placed in homes to indicate invisible and poisonous toxins that people could ingest.

Sophia Seichepine, a second grade student in Mrs. Covatis' class, explained, "You don't just have to have a smoke detector. You need a carbon monoxide detector. It lets you know about a kind of gas you don't see, and when you need to get out of your house."

Mrs. Bartholomew's first grade student Jaxson Ball commented, "I learned to stop, drop and roll, and you don't want



to breathe in the smoke of a fire."

Sawyer Butler, a second grade student from Miss Catyb's class, remembered a fourth step added to the phrase, "stop, drop and roll." "You have to cover your face, so you won't get smoke in your nose or get burned."

Other topics discussed included calling 9-1-1 in an emergency, having at least two reliable exits in a home in case there's a fire, telling an adult whenever there's something dangerous or

flammable present, and the importance of practicing fire safety drills at home with family members.

Chief Brian Johnson of the Londonderry Fire Prevention Division oversees the Firefighter Phil presentation. Besides providing important safety information, Johnson mentioned, "This type of program keeps the kids entertained, and they remember so much better." Johnson said that bringing in Creative Safety Products doesn't require a cost for fire-



Diana Smith and her friends Sal the Smoke Detector and Lucky the Duck reminded students at Londonderry Elementary Schools about Fire Safety.

fighters or tax payers, since the activity books they distribute include advertisements from local businesses. Based out of New Jersey, CSP travels throughout the Northeast teaching students about fire safety. Matthew Thornton and South Elementary School also received a visit from Firefighter Phil and friends last week.

Besides educational assemblies, every September the Londonderry

Fire Department organizes a Safety Day at Matthew Thornton Elementary School. Activities are designed to interest children, teens and adults. Examples include sprinkler demonstrations, a smoke trailer, driving under the influence, toddler seat inspections, seeing a fire truck up close, and having an opportunity to personally meet Londonderry Firefighters.

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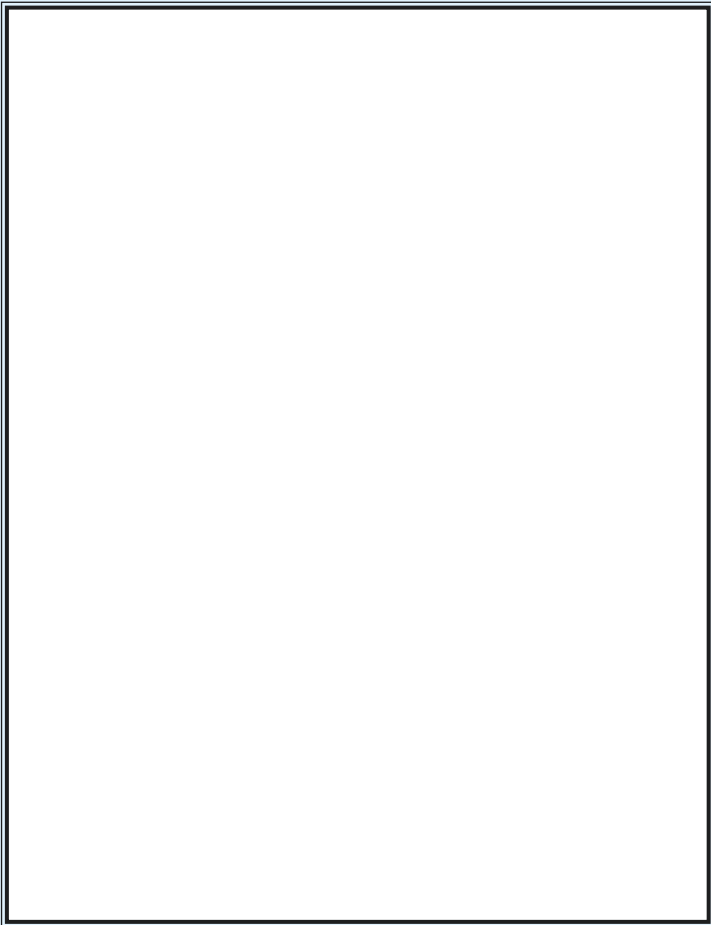
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Matthew Thornton Hosts Annual Holiday Pancake Breakfast



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Flooding

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tial traffic hazard. This area, just north of the Mobil station near the intersection of Mammoth

Road has been overrun, as cascades of water crossed Stokes Road and filled the street area. Rockingham Road is a major road, so when the culvert, between Sanborn

and Clark Road is blocked, water flows in a different direction near Stokes, and that culvert cannot take that amount of flow, so it diverts water across Rockingham Road.

With the current weather pattern this fall that has included record breaking precipitation, the problem has been significant for many traveling by car in that area.

Town Council Chairman John Farrell recognized the area and the issue with the understanding that the road in that area is also a State Road. NH is responsible for the right of way, so addressing the problem will likely require the Town and the State to align and designate

resourcing to fix the problem. Both the resident and Town Council Chairman Farrell reported the issue appears to be created by beavers that are continually rebuilding dams in the area.

In fact, there have been precedents that beaver dams historically are the source of this hazardous flooding in this area. To fix the problem will take crews to open the culverts while cleaning them to allow the water to run to the catch basins. There was discus-

sion that dams have been previously removed only to be rebuilt again by busy beavers. So, this issue will likely need a comprehensive, environmental solution to fully resolve.

Chairman Farrell thanked the resident for pointing this out and recommended that appropriate town departments investigate the situation further and identify possible remedies that will eliminate the hazardous situation.

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Kindness Counts On Wednesday, Nov. 28, Londonderry Middle School held its second Compliment Celebration. The schools Kindness Campaign encourages students to write compliments to each other in an effort to address the need for students to positively interact with others as the technology and social media impacts their relationships. High School Athletic Council members took time to recognize and celebrate those who gave and those who are receiving compliments over the last month with a small ceremony and refreshments.

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RAYS Swimmers Help With "68 Hours of Hunger" Fight

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Rockingham Area Youth Swim (RAYS) understands that there are bigger things in life than a good swimming result, and on Saturday, Dec. 1, 40 of the team's swimmers, plus parents and coaches helped the "68 Hours of Hunger" organization pack meals for kids in need.

After collecting the food for the last few weeks, team members, aged 5 to 18, loaded up 23 backpacks that will be handed out to kids in area schools that otherwise might not eat over an entire weekend at their homes.

Program Coordinator Rachel Yakey and her husband Brian were on hand to help the volunteers that gathered on Saturday, at the Workout Club

in Londonderry, to organize filling each of the backpacks.

The backpacks were filled with a total of seven meals, a Friday dinner, and a breakfast, lunch and dinner for both Saturday and Sunday. All the food is dry and has a long shelf life.

The "68 Hours of Hunger" organization has a new branch in Londonderry, one of over 30 branches in New Hampshire. About ten more branches are spread across the US, including Ohio, California, Florida, Illinois, Maine and Massachusetts. "They have 85 kids on their need list, but only have enough to service 15 right now", says Noelle Schreiber, who has two kids on the swimming team and acts as vice president of the RAYS Parents Advisory Board. She added, "Everybody really



wanted to do this and supported. The parents in charge of team bonding

organized it. We try to do team bonding activities that include community service in them".

Asked about the values that the kids can receive from such community service, Schreiber says: "Understanding how it feels to give back and that people who might be seating next to you at school or live across the street, can't eat when



Hundreds of food items were collected and packed into back packs by the RAYS swim team on Saturday to help end weekend hunger. Photos by Chris

they are home. Being able to do something small will give someone else something big. If kids can't eat, they can't learn. 68 Hours of Hunger is a powerful organization that came up with this idea. It is teaching strong values for our kids, like not taking for granted something simple like being able to eat".

Brandon White, a Londonderry High School stu-

dent and RAYS swimmer said: "It feels great to help other kids in our community." Other Londonderry kids who participated were Kyla Collins, Typer Corcoran and Chase Von-Pichl, and from Derry, Jordyn Schreiber, Kyle Schreiber, Robbie Shea, Zoey Li and JT Patel, whose mother Vaishai Patel helped organize the event.



Red vs. Blue

The Londonderry High School Swimming team made its final preparations for the season last Friday, with the intersquad "Red vs. Blue" meet, at The Workout Club in Londonderry. With the Lancers hosting seven swim meets, it was important for coach Chrystena Ewan to make sure everything was working right prior to the first official meet on Friday, Dec. 7. The meet was an opportunity to train the new volunteers and give the team's 27 swimmers a chance to see exactly how an official meet will be run. The seniors, for their first time, were responsible for writing the line-ups for the meet.

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LHS Girls' Basketball Completes Tryouts, Ready for Season

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls Varsity Basketball team will tip-off its new season this Thursday (Dec. 6, at 4 p.m.), playing an away scrimmage game against Exeter High School. This will be the first chance for coach Nick Theos and his assistant coach Ian Horseman to take a look at the new team they assembled, after the tryouts that were held last week. The Lady Lancers' first regular season game will be home against Goffstown on Dec. 11 (next Tuesday), 7 p.m.

There were 25 girls vying for a spot on both the varsity and the junior varsity teams. That number was similar to the average number for the past three or four years.

Over the last few years numbers have been in decline all across the state of New Hampshire for girls basketball (and most girls sports as well), as young athletes tend to focus on their number one sports year-round and the amount of multi-sport athletes is not as large as it used to be. The face that basketball is part of the longest season of the three, the winter season (that sometimes goes all the way into March), might make the commitment too much for



Senior Michelle Marino, left, and junior Courtney Shay will make their return to the Lancer Basketball court as the LHS Girls squad gets ready for another season. Photos by Chris Paul

some of the athletes.

Well aware of those issues, Theos was still able to assemble a promising team. He will have six seniors this season: Michelle Marino, Paige Velie, Olivia Yerian, Sophie Scarfo, Kawlyn Rourke and Delaney McGurn. They will be

joined by juniors Courtney Shay, Colleen Furlong, Katie Sullivan and Kayla Miles, sophomores Ashley Schmitt, Ashley Rourke and Kylee McGurn and the lone freshman, Madison Haggett: "Most of the girls are active throughout the offseason in open gyms, lifting pro-

grams, summer leagues and AAU", says coach about his roster, "We can see how the girls are progressing and how many girls are sticking with it".

Theos added, "We won't be quite as young as we have been in the past two years. We are hoping that this will allow us to hit the ground running this preseason. So many of the girls know how things are supposed to be done, so we do not have to spend as much time teaching them what we expect. That, combined with the extended

preseason we get this year due to Thanksgiving falling on an earlier day, should allow us to install more sets on offense and get creative with our defenses".

As Theos mentioned, his team will enjoy an extended preseason and he plans to make the most out of it: "We are trying to get the girls to understand that the preseason is a building process. The foundation for everything needs to be stable if we plan to build on top of it. That is what we are focused on. Creating the

base skills that will support us through the season".

How do you see the team in general? "I think we will have a deep and talented group, with many interchangeable parts", says Theos, "I expect that there will be games this season where our second unit will carry us. We will have capable players at each position coming off the bench and as a coach, that is a good feeling. Personally, my biggest task will be to get our players to believe in the team concept, and not to worry about their individual stats, but rather the team's success. If we are able to do that, then I think we can be competitive with anyone in our division. So far, things are off to a good start and the girls are working extremely hard and supporting each other at every turn. I am excited to see how far this group can go".

The JV team is also getting closer to their season opener, on Dec. 11 at home against Goffstown. The team's coach is Jamie Doyle and the assistant is Stan Miller. The team will have a lot of returning players from last year: "It will definitely be a benefit for us this year and we are looking forward to a great season", says Doyle. The team's roster for 2018-19 is: Juniors Maura Buckley and Ashley Doyle, sophomores Sarah Clegg, Kyley Crawford, Shannon Rauseo, Katherine Marshall, Alexis Meola, Allana Myron and Lauren Rauseo and freshmen Olivia Chau and Madison O'Shaughnessy.

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Local Equestrian Wins Horse Riding World Championship

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Local equestrian Ava Perry, an 11-year-old from Londonderry has been training in horse riding for the for several years now, and over the summer, her years of training paid off. Perry won the World Championship of Saddle Seat riders and Saddlebreds that was held at the Freedom Hall in Louisville, Kentucky, last August.

Perry, who attends Londonderry Middle School, trains five times a week at the Verrill Stables LLC in Danville, under the direction of Jessica Verrill, Brittany Gallant and Samantha Pellerin. She have her own horse, but for the World Championship, borrowed her older sister Ashley's horse, named "Won For The Gipper" (or just "Gipper") and maybe that

brought her some good luck.

The Worlds Championship Horse Show is held annually in conjunction with the Kentucky State Fair and crowns world champion Saddlebreds in different divisions. The show attracts competitors from across the world and includes over 2,000 horses competing for more than \$1 million in awards determined by a panel of equestrian professionals. Horses compete in divisions including Three-Gaited, Five-Gaited, Fine Harness, Saddlebred Pleasure, Saddle Seat Equitation, Hackney/Harness Ponies, Roadster, In-Hand, and American Saddlebred. Each division includes several classes for amateurs, ladies, amateur ladies, and junior exhibitors, as well as younger horses and

ponies.

Horses or riders who win earn the title of Worlds Champion. Horses may also earn the worlds grand championship or worlds championship of champions title.

Ava's mother Karen Perry had high praise for her daughters, "We are so proud of Ava and all the hard work she has put into competing. Seeing her achieve this title is a proud parent moment. Ava and Ashley sacrifice a lot to put the extra time into training and it's amazing to see it pay off."

Ava says she would like to continue training on her horse Undulata's Ol' Rosebud, otherwise known as "Brady". Beside practicing and attending horse shows, Ava has other goals "I enjoy hanging with my friends and I dream of being an architect one day".



Ava Perry, a Londonderry Middle School student, archived some high honors at summer end, winning her divisions the World Championship of Saddle Seat riders and Saddlebreds. Courtesy photo

LHS Basketball Christmas Tourneys

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

For the sixth straight year, the Annual Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic will be held over the holiday break, and both Londonderry High School Varsity Basketball teams will be there. Last week, they found out who they will face in the first round.

The boys' tournament, taking place at North Andover High School, will tip-off on Dec. 27, 2:30 p.m., with the Londonderry

Boys' team, ranked eighth, facing a tough challenge against last year's winners, St. John Prep.

Other games that day are between Andover and Lawrence, Methuen and Central Catholic and Bishop Guertin and hosts North Andover. The tournament's second round will be on the next day, Dec. 28 and the final will be played on Dec. 30.

Londonderry girls' team, who are ranked seventh, will play their first

game of the tournament on Dec. 27, at 6 p.m., they will face the number two seed Central Catholic. The girls' tournament will be taking place in Andover High School this year. Last year's winners, Bishop Guertin, will open the day facing Winnacunnet and later, Pentucket will play Westford and North Andover will play Andover.

The girls' second round is on Dec. 29 and their finals are on Dec. 30 as well.




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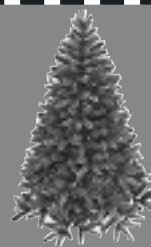
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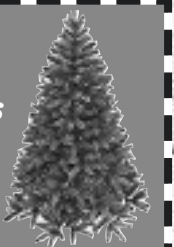
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Lancer Cheer Squad Adds Four New Athletes to Ranks

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School Spirit Squad held tryouts for the winter season last week, Nov. 26 and 27, and saw many of its veteran athletes return. The Fall cheerleaders had a fairly successful 2018 season that culminated with the fourth place finish in the Spirit Championship in early November.

For the winter season, coach Chelsea Murfitt's roster will include four new athletes, Senior Sophia Carrozza on the varsity team and sophomore Hannah Boumel and freshmen Isabela Cervantes and Danielle Cournoyer on the Junior

Varsity team. The four will be joined by returning athletes Reyanna Broadhurst, Caitlyn Czekanski, Kylee Dodge, Ashley Greenwood, Erin Leonard, Nikki Longua, Samantha McCarthy, Megan McHugh, Alana Mobbs, Alyssa Pitarys, Arianna Squeglia, Jayden Stack, Lilly Tharrington (varsity), Raissa Cabeza, Stacey Dee, Summer Graczyk, Jilian Jones, Alexandra Kelly, Erin Mayo, Brianna Meskell, Olivia Musto, Evienne Revelus, Massimo Sessa, Bagrielle Tringali, Olivia Tymowicz and Morgan Yancey (JV).

As Coach Murfitt prepares for the new season, she said, "In the winter,

we are used to losing a few athletes to other sports, so our numbers are smaller, but a smaller team is not necessarily a bad thing. When you have fewer people on the competition floor, you are able to increase your ratios for tumbling and jumping skills and decrease your number of required stunt groups. When you compete, the judges count the number of athletes on the floor and use that number to determine your ratios and requirements".

Looking ahead, Murfitt is optimistic: "We are very happy to have so many returns from the fall season. This allows us to make fewer adjustments within our routine and



Members of the varsity and junior varsity Spirit Squads have been chosen and the girls are ready to begin the winter season. Courtesy photo

instead of starting over, we are able to work the same routine, cleaning it up and adding more difficulty to it. We have 30 ath-

letes in total this season, 14 in the varsity team and 16 in the JV. As a comparison, we had 35 in the fall season. We lost six ath-

letes in the varsity team and added one, and lost three in the JV, but gained three new kids".

Middle School Basketball Teams Get Winter Season Going

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry's next generation of basketball players had a very solid first week of the new season. The two Londonderry Middle School girls' teams and one of the boys' teams won once and lost once so far.

The Girls L team, coached by Amy Downing, opened their season with a 32-29 victory over Salem, thanks to 12 points scored by Jordan Furlong. Savanna Zabala finished that game with seven points and Kate Sloper with six, while Amanda Fawcett was good on the defensive end, stealing a number of balls. The team

lost its second game, 42-27 to Hudson, with Furlong leading with nine points and a dozen rebounds and Erika Fantauzzi scoring eight points.

The Girls M team, coached by Caitlin Peters, enjoyed a strong defensive performance in a 22-8 win over Concord. Gabriella Farren led the Storm with six points, while Megan Jones and Ava Naar scored four points each. Then, the

team lost 36-20 against Windham, with Olivia Labrecque leading this time with six points. Naar scored five more and Lauryn Barbaro finished with four points.

The LMS boys' L team was put together for the first time this year and have not played together collectively before. They had only six practices before their first game, which ended up as a tough 51-24 loss to Woodbury. Kevin Rourke had a

game high for LMS, with seven points and Tyler Miles grabbed six rebounds: "The boys learned a lot about themselves in that game", said coach Joe Hoggard.

That learning helped the team in the next game, where they beat Hudson 51-47 after leading for most of the game and showing great resilience to pull out the win when the game was tied towards the end. Rourke scored 20 points this time, and Joseph

Cafaro helped with ten. Spencer Brassard added nine more.

The LMS boys' M team began their season with a 33 point loss to Windham, 46-13, but improved massively on their next game. The M team's first home game of the year resulted in a 51-34 win, beating the Rundlett boys, thanks to 17 points from seventh grader Tyler Brown. Cam Bouthot came off the bench and scored 10 points and Matt Doyle had four steals.

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LHS Indoor Track Teams Prepare For Upcoming Season

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Indoor Track team will begin its winter season on Dec. 15 with a meet at the University of New Hampshire, but preparing for this was not always smooth. The young athletes, and their coaches, are faced with some challenges and must find solution to overcome these obstacles.

The Lancer girls' varsity coach, Suzanne Johnson expressed some concerns about training for the winter season without the right facility and in practicing in the freezing New England temperatures. The team is trying to use the outdoor track as much as possible, but has had to fight wind chill, ice and snow this fall, and is often restricted to staying indoors or at the very least, staying inside the school's campus, using parking lots and fire roads as practice facilities.

According to the coach, the team tries to use the outdoor track as long as they can, because of its oval shape, but the athletes find themselves battling the cold and once the snow sticks, the outdoor track is no longer an option. Another problem outside is the darkness, the team loses light around 4:30 p.m. in the winter and limits the outside-time window for the runners that are practicing on the roads. Also during the winter, those roads become narrow thanks to the accumulated snow, creating another

obstacle for the long-distance runners, who have a tough time finding safe routes to train in. The track team does not have its own designated training space unlike other LHS winter sports teams.

So what is the solution to all these troubles? It is not an easy one, but it looks like everyone at the school is trying their best to help out, "We are fortunate that our administration allows us to use the high school building to train indoors and of course, we have the facilities in the athletic building", says the coach Johnson, "There are winter track and field programs in the state that are not allowed to do any training inside their school".

The basketball and cheer coaches gave some of their gym time to the team's throwers, while the shot putters use a small corner to practice, "It is not a great situation for them or for us, but they put up with us and we make the best of it", says Johnson, "In the main building we use the hallways and the foyer to practice. Most of the time we have access to the areas we need, but sometimes there are conflicts. With the addition of adult education classes after the regular school hours, there are days when classrooms are being used in areas we frequent".

The trouble with the hallways is that they do not have exactly the surface a runner or a jumper wants to practice on, with some just a little bit of carpeting and foam covering the cement: "We teach



Akolam Wambu competing in throws.

them that if they can perform so well in the cement hallways of LHS, they will only shine more at the indoor track facilities", says Johnson.

The coaches try to do the main part of the team's workouts and drills on the part of the main building that has a wooden floor, but that is also the busier part of the facility and with the structure of the floors being more hollow, it is the place where practice creates the most noise: "Though people in the building are annoyed because we are loud, they know our situation and just close their doors and bear the burden. The support we get is incredible".

As there is no takeoff board or sandpit for the long jumpers who train

indoors, they practice using the high jump pits, a scary experience at first, but "once they get used to it, they actually love the feeling of flying and landing on a huge bed of foam. Racing over hurdles in the hallways can also be intimidating, as the athletes may have a sense of the walls being close to the hurdle and get a little claustrophobic. For that reason, we can only have a single hurdle set up and it needs to be a safe situation for the athlete". The girls practice their high jumps in the school's lobby, while people walk near or even through the practice area.

Once the season begins the teams, thanks to support from our district (transportation and rental fee), can use once a

week the indoor facility in Milford, at the Hampshire Dome: "We are fortunate, as not all teams have that support", says Johnson, "Our girls don't know anything else and they do the best they can. There are days were they are annoyed and complain, yet for the most part, they are good sports. They know the circumstances when they join the team and we are very fortunate to have girls who understand that it is the hand we are dealt and we have to play the cards the best we can. We can't change the situation and dwelling on it gets us nothing positive".

The Girls' winter season roster: Jenny Dutra, Olivia Galluzzo, Eva Gertz, Ashley Lynch, Cailin Borovicka, Caitlin Boufford, Alexis Groulx, Juliana Hames, Gia Komst, Cailey McDonough, Alexandria Perry, Akolam Wambu, Virginia Brito, Rahmah Maldondo, Ashley Perry, Abby Rollikson, Delany Root, Erica Waters, Deyanna DeJesus, Brynn Foster, Retta Hatin, Caroline Leone, Sage Matzker, Grace McDonough, Adriana Nadeau, Brooke Nickerson, Maura O'Shaughnessy, Lauren Ponto, Tazha Rashid and Tara Wright.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

Notice from the Department of Public Works & Engineering

Winter Parking Ban: The Department wishes to remind residents of the snow ordinance regarding parking and the placement of snow on the streets. The Winter Parking Ban is in effect from November 1 to April 1. During that time, no person shall park any motor vehicle on any public road or right-of-way between 12:00 midnight and 8:00 A.M., or at any other time as to impede snow removal operations. Any vehicle parked in violation will be towed by the Police Department. Any vehicles so towed shall be stored and released to the owner only upon payment of the cost of towing. No person is allowed to place any snow or ice upon the surface of the traveled portion of any Town maintained portion of road or highway. Blowing, shoveling, or plowing snow into the street, creates a very dangerous situation that can cause swerving and accidents. Any person violating this ordinance may be subject to a penalty as specified in Town's Snow Ordinance.

Generally, the Town has a 50 foot right-of-way, which extends 13 feet from the edge of pavement. Residents are asked not to reconstruct road shoulders and swales or place any structures and landscape items within the Town Right-of-Way. Stakes, delineators or rocks create a road hazard and should be removed. The Town is not liable for damages that may occur to objects placed within its right-of-way.

Mail and newspaper boxes are allowed in the Town's right-of-way. The following are suggestions for reducing the possibility of damage: the mailbox should be installed in such a manner that **no part of the mailbox is within three feet of the edge of pavement.** Installations should be sufficiently sturdy to withstand the weight of heavy snow resulting from plowing operations.

Trash Barrel Placement: Place trash and recycle barrels in your driveway or in an area cleared outside of the travel lane no more than 8 feet from the edge of the pavement. Barrels should not be placed in the road where they can impede traffic or snow removal operations!



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: 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 Trees On The Common

The Londonderry Rotary Club postponed last week's Christmas Trees On The Common celebration, it will take place on Dec. 9, from 3-6 p.m. Join them for the 28th Annual Christmas On the Commons. The club want to invite any and all Scout troops, pre-school groups, any youth group who would like to decorate a tree to contact Faye Sell at 434-4989 for all the details, to come down and decorate a tree with animal friendly ornaments. The Events start at 3 p.m. where there will be hot cider, hot coco, chili and cookies. Enjoy Christmas carols sung by local scouts. At 4 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Claus will arrive with their elf on a fire truck, at 4:30 p.m. Children and there families are welcome to take their photo with Mr. & Mrs. Claus.

Holiday Food Drive

In keeping with the tradition of helping the community, Dr. Lundgren of Lundgren Chiropractic, is a sponsor of the Sonshine Soup Kitchen of Derry again! Bring canned goods, clothing, and basic necessities for the Sonshine Soup Kitchen of Derry to the office at 50 Nashua Rd # 101, Londonderry. When you drop off goods your name will be entered into a raffle for a free 30 minute massage or a \$25 Amazon Gift Card with your donation. Needed items can be found on the current needs list of the Sonshine Soup Kitchen website! Cash donations are also greatly appreciated. We will be happy to deliver your generous donations by Christmas. Donation will be accepted until Wednesday, Dec. 19, at noontime.

Derry Fun Night

National Model Railroad Association of the Seacoast Division is running their Derry Fun Night program. The program is held the sec-

ond Friday night of each month, 7-9 p.m., at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. Each month a clinic or make-and-take project is presented by modelers for modelers of wide ranging topics of model railroading. Always a part of the program is Model Showcase where modelers bring in the latest project they are working on to show and discuss. If you are interested in model trains and would like to join other like-minded hobbyists from beginner to expert for a fun evening program come to Derry Fun Night the second Friday of each month. For additional information go to the Division's website at seacoastnmra.org/calendar.

Free Community Breakfast

On Dec. 16, Elijah's Table is offering a free holiday breakfast from 10-11:30 a.m. at Etz Hayim Synagogue. Elijah's Table is a joint project of the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration and Etz Hayim Synagogue. Come in from the cold, and enjoy a special breakfast in a warm, comfortable, and friendly environment. For information about other free meals, please go to our blog at <http://freemealsinderry.blog.spot.com>.

Karaoke Night

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

Legion Meeting

On Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. Legion Post 27 will hold their Monthly General Meeting at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Rd). All members are welcome to attend. We will discuss the Post's financial performance, upcoming events and other business.

Children's Christmas Party

On Dec. 15, from 10 a.m. - noon American Legion Post 27 will hold a Children's Christmas Party at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Rd). Members may sign up children 8 years old and younger. Kids can come meet Santa and get a present. Members can sign-up by Dec. 11, at Post 27.

Toys for Tots Drop Off

Post 27 is a drop off center for Toys for Tots. Please bring in a new unwrapped toy any day of the week after 1 p.m. You can also donate money that we will use to purchase toys taking donations up to Dec. 17. We are located at 6 Sargent Rd. in Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Rd).

Santa Live!

Santa Claus is coming to The Londonderry Access Center! The access center is located at 281 Mammoth Rd. He and Mrs. Claus arrive Saturday Dec. 15, from 1-3 p.m. This is a free event. Kids can visit with Santa Live on TV! There will be gifts and refreshments. Parents can take pictures for no charge as well. It is always a lot of fun and Santa looks forward to seeing everyone. For more information please contact Erin at 603-432-1147.

Lions Club Christmas Tree Sale

On Thursdays and Fridays from 5-8 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. At the Londonderry Lions Hall, Mammoth Rd., across from the town common. The Lions Club tree sales help us with their efforts to support our community with Eye Care, Scholarships for high school seniors, and much more.

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Leach Library Hours

Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The library will close at 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 24, and re-open at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 26. The library will also close at 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31, and re-open at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019.

Movie Night

Join us on Thursday, Dec. 13, from 3:15 - 5:30 p.m. for our Young Adult movie Peter Rabbit at the Leach Library. All participants in grades 6-12 will enjoy the movie, along with popcorn and beverages. In addition, at this special event, there will be a raffle for fun door prizes. No sign up is necessary.

Winter Fun Book Bingo

Come to the Leach Library on Monday, Dec. 10 from 4-5 p.m. and play a fun picture version of the popular game. 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 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 3.

Winter Vacation Scavenger Hunt

Beginning Monday, Dec. 24 and ending Monday, Dec. 31, during Winter Vacation, the Leach Library Children's Room will be offering an in-library scavenger hunt. Stop by the Children's Room desk for a list of items to find around the building. Turn in the completed hunt for a raffle ticket and a chance to win a fun prize.

Wild Rumpus with a Wild Thing

Stomp into the Leach Library on Monday, Dec. 17 from 4-5 p.m. for a visit with a Wild Thing from Maurice Sendak's classic Where the Wild Things Are. During this fun-filled program, participants will hear the stories of classic characters, play a character matching game, and have a wild rumpus of a good time. Each participant will leave with a

fun inflatable monster beach ball. There will be plenty of time for a hug and picture with Wild Thing. This energetic program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 10.

Winter Vacation Craft

Starting Monday, Dec. 24 and ending Monday, Dec. 31, during Winter Vacation, participants will have a chance to create their own wintery stained glass inspired window hanger. Stop by the Leach Library Children's Room desk to pick up the supplies and create your own work of art in the library or in the comfort of your own home.

Garden Club Green Workshop

The Derry Garden Club will be hosting its annual Green Workshop on Friday, Dec. 7 starting at 10 a.m. at the Derry Boys and Girls Club, 40 Hampstead Rd., Derry. Lesley Verity will demonstrate wreath making. Members will bring greens to share and their own container to create a holiday piece for their home. Members will also make small arrangements in mugs to donate to Meals on Wheels. Bring a ring if you plan on making a wreath and mugs for the Meals on Wheels arrangements. The committee will provide casseroles, dessert and beverages. As always, new members are welcome.

Londonderry Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on: Friday, Dec. 12, from 6-7 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers) Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, and citizenship. More than 30 days before an election, applicants without proof of domicile will be asked to retrieve proof and

return to register. Within 30 days of an election and on Election Day, applicants without proof of domicile with them may register to vote if they sign an affidavit attesting to their domicile and either agreeing to bring or send in proof or attesting that they are not aware of possessing proof of domicile.

Renew Clothing Opens Dec.

Renew will be open Saturday, Dec. 8, from 8-10:30 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Rd., Derry. Arrive by 10 a.m. Renew will also be open every Thursday 9-11:30 a.m., please arrive by 11 a.m. Derry residence not required. Renew offers free, gently-used apparel. Each household is limited to 20 of the newest items, plus a reasonable number of older items. Enter at the church marquee sign. Donations of good condition, modern clothing may be placed in the donations bin by the door at any time. No donations of money are asked or accepted. For details, search for "Renew Derry" on Facebook, email renewcalvary@gmail.com.

Food Donations

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Free Meals

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Nov. 26

7:55 a.m. Criminal Mis- chief investigated on Kendall Pond Road at Audley Construction Site.
7 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.
10:36 a.m. Services rendered for unlawful activi- ties at Red Arrow Diner on Rockingham Road.
4:42 p.m. Vehicle towed after motor vehicle acci- dent on Mammoth Road at Page Road.
5:02 p.m. Services rendered for motor vehicle accident on Gilcreast Road at Checkmate Pizza.
5:09 p.m. Vehicle Towed after motor vehicle acci- dent on Nashua Road at Parmenter Road.
5:50 p.m. Services rendered for motor vehicle accident on Mammoth Road at Page Road.

Tuesday - Nov. 27

6:09 a.m. Attempted Sui- cide transported to hospi- tal from Victoria Drive.
6:55 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on

Hardy Road at Pillsbury Road.
1:54 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Bridge Street, Manches- ter. Steven Dwyer, 51, of Manchester charged with Criminal Threatening (intimidation).
3:02 p.m. Services rendered for Medical Emer- gency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.
3:30 p.m. Services rendered for motor vehicle accident on Rockingham Road at Exit 5.
4:05 p.m. Motor vehicle Complaint investigated on Stonehenge Road at Hardy Road.
9:01 p.m. Services rendered after Disturbance at The Stumble Inn on Rockingham Road.

Wednesday - Nov. 28

1:46 a.m. Motor vehicle stop and arrest on Mam- moth Road at Mountain Home Estates. Trevor Phillips, 26, of Manches- ter charged with Posses- sion of Controlled/Narcot- ic Drugs; Possession Of

Drugs (in A Motor Vehi- cle); and Driving After Revocation or Suspen- sion.
6:13 a.m. Services ren- dered for Medical Emer- gency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.
8:56 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Mammoth Road at Pills- bury Road.
9:04 a.m. Criminal Threat- ening investigated at Lon- donderry High School.
9:12 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated Auburn Road.
11:18 a.m. Nine officers render services and close intersection for motor vehicle accident investi- gation at Mammoth and Stonehenge Roads.
1:17 p.m. Neighborhood Disputes investigated on Estey Drive.
4:54 p.m. Missing Person investigated at All Ameri- can Assisted Living on Button Drive.
6:03 p.m. Four officers investigate and Assault on Hovey Road.

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Wreaths for Roofs

Carol Spoerl piked out “Just the right wreath,” at the Londonderry Grange #44 annual Wreath Sale on Saturday morning, Dec. 1. Proceeds from the wreath sales went toward restoration of the historic property, which is in need of a new roof. Efforts are on-going to raise funds for the project. Residents wishing to contribute by buying a bundle of shingles are encouraged to contact Cherylann Pierce at: (603) 437-5413 or email cherylannbp56@gmail.com.

Tree Time

The Spaulding family, of Londonderry, picked out the perfect Christmas Tree at the Lions Hall on Saturday, Dec. 1 with the help of Lions member Barry White. The club started its annual Christmas Trees selling fund raiser with about 360 trees. Sales will continue through December of until they sell out.

Photo by Chris Paul



Around Town

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on Dec. 30 from 1:30-2:30 p.m., at St. Jude's, call for more information at 432-3333. For more information, please visit: freemealsinder-ry.blogspot.com.

Wednesday Wellness Workshops

Londonderry School District Presents: Wednesday Wellness Workshops, Featuring Various Community Professionals. The Second Wednesday of every month from 6 - 7 p.m. with Q & A until 7:30 p.m. in Londonderry High School Room 221. Workshops are as follows: Stress and the Holidays on

Dec. 12, Trauma Sensitive Yoga on Jan. 9, Judge Broderick Change Direction Campaign on Feb. 13. Londonderry School District will partner with the different community members each month to bring trainings and workshops to our staff, families, and community as a whole.

Walking Together

A support group for widows and widowers meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Manse at Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. When we meet, we walk together our journey of grief. No need to do it alone. If you have any questions, please call 781-866-9976.

Child Find

Free Community Child Find Program for all Londonderry residents ages two half years through five years, eleven months of age who are suspected of having vision or hearing problems or developmental concerns. The Child Find Program will be held at Londonderry early education program (LEEP) Moose Hill School located at 150 Pillsbury Rd., on Dec. 6, Feb. 7, and April 4. we encourage parents of preschoolers to set up an appointment if they have any concerns. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call: Kathy Kelley 437-5855, ext. 7223 between 9 a.m. - 3

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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.

Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support

Hosted by David Hunter this group meets on the third Wednesday of every

month at 6:30 p.m. at the: Bedford Presbyterian Church 4 Church Road Bedford. For more information call 660-3425 or email dhunter31@gmail.com

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.

Journey of Hope

Healing through grief and loss due to addiction. Londonderry Senior Center 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry.

We offer the group on the second and fourth Sundays at 6-7:30 p.m. Our mission is to promote healing in the grieving process for those who have lost a loved one through the unique circumstances and chaos of addiction; through education, encouraging support and compassion. Facilitated by: Jim Gamache, Julia Gamache, & Jerry Goncal, Journey-ofhopenh@gmail.com

Lions Club Meeting

General Lions Club Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m., at Lions Hall, Mammoth Road. We are always welcoming new members to help support our community, so stop in to learn more.

Police Log

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9:20 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Finch Circle.

Thursday - Nov. 29

12:01 a.m. Disturbance investigated on Industrial Drive at Uni-cast.

2:51 a.m. Criminal mischief investigated on Mammoth Road at Fieldstone Drive.

4:59 a.m. Suspicious activity on High Range Road results in taking suspect to family/guardian/other.

7:08 a.m. Services rendered motor vehicle Accident Action: Location:

Mammoth Road at Londonderry High School

8:16 a.m. Motor vehicle complaint results in arrest made on Nashua Road at Route I-93. Anthony Moccia, 38, of Nashua charged with Disobeying an Officer and on a Bench Warrant.

9:39 a.m. Services rendered for motor vehicle accident on Stonehenge Road at MacGregor Cut Apartments.

12:14 p.m. Six officers investigate a Burglary on Pillsbury Road.

3:07 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with transportation to hospital

from Londonderry High School

3:32 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Threatening on Hardy Road.

Friday - Nov. 30

11:02 a.m. Services rendered for Trespassing on Mammoth Road.

2:39 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Boyd Road.

5:18 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nashua Road at U.S. Post Office.

5:51 p.m. Peace restored by three officers at Domestic Disturbance on Hall Road.

Saturday - Dec. 1

10:44 a.m. Report of Criminal Threatening results in transportation to hospital from Beacon Street.

11:13 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with Transport To Hospital from Wheelwright Circle.

12:29 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Mammoth Road at Londonderry Middle School.

1:17 p.m. Reports of suspicious activity results in arrest on Nashua Road at Londonderry Commons. Sean Wagner, 47, of Boston, Mass. charged

with Littering-Unlawful Activities.

3:01 p.m. Services rendered for motor vehicle accident on Stonehenge Road at Pinto Lane.

4:06 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at MacGregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

5:07 p.m. Services rendered for motor vehicle accident on Mammoth Road at Moose Hill Orchards.

7:48 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Vista Ridge Drive. Tracey Ann Berard, 47, of Londonderry charged with Theft.

8:44 p.m. Suspicious act-

ivity reported on Seasons Lane.

Sunday - Dec. 2

2:14 a.m. Services rendered at motor vehicle accident on Gilcreast Road at Cortland Street.

3:27 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Michels Way at Market Basket.

8:08 p.m. Suspicious activity reported on Hardy Road.

11:11 p.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.



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