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Holiday Spirit South School first grade students were happy to see the Gingerbread Man in the school's library on Tuesday. The large brown visitor of greeting students at the annual reading of the "Gingerbread Baby" and "Latkes, Latkes, Good to Eat." *Photo by Chris Paul*

Planning Board Continue Hearings on Cross Farm, Citizens Bank Plans

MIKE BYERLY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Planning Board heard presentations for site plan approvals for Phases 2 and 3 of the Cross Farm project and a redevelopment of the Citizens Bank parcel on Route 102. While both were discussed, neither was voted on because parts of each plan were deemed lacking by town planning staff and the Planning Board. Both cases were continued to the Jan. 9 meeting.

The proposal for the 1.7 acre Citizens Bank property at the intersection of Route 102 and Garden Lane, calls for a new Citizens Bank, a ConvenientMD and a retail building ringing an inter-

nal parking lot. There would be two entrance/exit locations along the private way running from Route 102 toward Commons Drive. There would also be a separate exit only lane for customers using the ATM.

As part of the project, at the request of NHDOT, the developer would modify the traffic island at the intersection of Route 102 and the private way to prevent drivers from exiting left onto Route 102.

Since the town's traffic consultant has not yet reviewed the traffic study, numerous Design Review Comments had not been addressed and it was unclear how a planned temporary bank would operate during construc-

tion, town planning staff recommended that the review be continued to the Jan. 9 meeting. The Planning Board agreed.

Representatives of Cross Farm returned to the Planning Board after a number of suggestions for helping to improve traffic safety were raised in the earlier meeting. The developer met with NH DOT to explore some of the suggestions including lowering the speed limit on Route 102 near Cross Farm or installing a flashing light. NH DOT determined that neither suggestion was warranted.

In the Nov. meeting, members of the Board questioned whether assumptions made by the **continued on page 7**

Plans for Nutfield Tricentennial Celebration Coming into Focus

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The upcoming 2019 year marks a notable, historic 300th anniversary milestone for the NH towns of Derry, Londonderry, Windham, and a section of Manchester - Derryfield.

The first European Scots-Irish settlers arrived at these NH towns in the early 1700's and they found a large tract of land covered with chestnut, oak, and similar trees, so they this called this area "Nutfield." There is a yearlong celebration in the works to commemorate Nutfield's past while preserving this

history for the future.

The key milestone considered as the founding of Nutfield occurred when the original First Parish Church in the East Derry Area was established in 1719 by the new settlers with their leader Reverend James McGregor; the settlers built a meeting house for their church that year. That original structure was replaced with a stronger timber frame meeting house in 1769, and a tower steeple was added on in 1824. That revered meeting house that represents the founding of Nutfield is now undergoing careful renovations for

the upcoming 2019 celebrations.

Perhaps the most complex renovation work involves the steeple of the 250-year-old building, though work is on track for completion by the April 2019 Nutfield Founders Weekend kickoff in Derry. The steeple

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Town Council Tackles Budget Issues and Fund Expenditures

RACHEL CISTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In a nearly two hour meeting Monday night, the Town Council voted to allow expenditures of \$1,650.43 from the Maintenance Trust Fund and \$3,850 from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. According to the order

request, submitted by Administrative Support Coordinator Steve Cotton, \$1,255 from the maintenance fund request will cover "winter maintenance activities" like shoveling, plowing, and salting driveways and walkways at Town Hall, the Police Department, the library,

the access center and the senior center.

The other \$395.43, according to the town, will pay for plumbing repairs in the bathrooms at the South Fire Station. It will cover materials and labor needed to replace leaking vacuum breaker and flush- **continued on page 4**

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Parts of Musquash To Be Closed Temporarily for Forestry Work

MIKE BYERLY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

While the exact timing is not known yet, portions of the Musquash Conservation Area will be closed for roughly two weeks during January to allow for safe forestry work in two areas of the property. The Hickory

Hill, Faucher Rd. and Alexander Rd. entrances will be closed during those weeks. The Conservation Commission suggests using the Tanager Way or Preserve Drive trailheads while the others are closed.

This work is sponsored by New Hampshire Fish & Game in cooperation with the Londonderry Conservation Commission as part of a long-term project to help create habitat for the threatened New England Cottontail rabbit.

According to Tom Brightman, Wildlife Habitat Biologist with Fish and Game, "The New England cottontail has very specific habitat needs, relying on dense, shrubby thickets for protection from predators. These habitats are often referred to as early-successional habitats, and are used by over 100 different species of wildlife including summer breeding warblers, reptiles and amphibians, ruffed grouse, American woodcock and white-tailed deer."

The first of three phases of the project were completed several years ago in the most northern area of the Musquash typically accessed from the Faucher Road trailhead. This area has parts of the White, Blue and Ravine trails running through it.

The work on January will add two new habitat areas. One will be near the Hickory Hill trailhead entrance on Hickory Hill Drive. During the forestry work, this trailhead will be closed since trees will be felled in that area and heavy equipment trucks will be operating. A logging road will also be cre-

ated, as will a 1/3 to 1/2-acre landing area where the current trailhead kiosk resides. In the future, this landing area may be converted into a parking area. The work area will be along the powerlines aside the Overlook Trail and across a wetland near Red Fern Circle.

The second habitat area will be 10 acres in the northern Musquash, not far from the area created during phase 1 of the project which covered 25 acres. This second area actually consists of three separate pockets. Two of the pockets are bordered by the power lines, the Alexander Rd. Extension

and Ravine trails. The third pocket is bounded by the power lines, the Alexander Rd. Extension, Sara Beth, Betty Mack Loop and Blue trails.

The second area will be accessed by the forestry company via the Continental Paving property and then along the power lines headed toward the Musquash Swamp. The power line access would be improved as part of the project and a landing area would be created near the White Trail.

The road improvements, this landing and the landing at Hickory Hill would be paid for by Fish & Game and the town,

although the town part would be paid for fully by the sale of the extracted timber. The overall cost to be split is \$8,700.

Fish & Game is currently notifying abutters about the planned work including meeting with the public on Dec. 19 at the Sara Beth trailhead. Once specific dates are known, the Conservation Commission will be posting notices at the trailheads. The Commission will also post updates on its Facebook page and will make announcements on its email list. People can join the e-mail list by texting CONSERVATION to 42828 or e-mailing mbyerly@londonderrynh.org.

OBITUARY

Jane T. Blake



Jane T. Blake, 69, of Londonderry, NH, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018, at Portsmouth Regional Hospital, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on Feb. 23, 1949, in Passaic, NJ, and was a daughter of the late Chapman and Marjorie (Rittenhouse) Torp. She was a 1967 graduate of Medfield (Mass.) High School and received her Associates degree in Nursing from Northeastern University in 1970. She has been a resident of Londonderry since 1979.

After practicing as an RN for a short time, Jane set that aside to raise a family with her husband, Jim. Once all of their children had advanced in school, she returned to work as a guest services specialist at Salon Bogar of Londonderry and has been there for all 26 years it has been in business. She absolutely loved working for and with Amy, Al, and the rest of the staff. She especially enjoyed her latest assignment with its newest venture, Sorellina Boutique.

Members of the family include her loving husband of 48 years, James G. Blake of Londonderry, a daughter and her husband, Michelle Blake Shove & Todd, of Elmore, VT, a son and his wife Stephen J. Blake & Kristin of Carlsbad, California, and another daughter, Laura J. Blake of Salem, NH, five grandchildren, Cooper & Taylor Shove, and Griffin, William & Colin Blake and her brother and his wife, Thomas R. Torp & Mary of Watertown, CT. Jane was predeceased by her sister, Sheryl A. Torp, earlier this year.

The family would like to thank the ICU and Neurology staff at Portsmouth Regional Hospital for their care and support while treating Jane for the massive stroke she sustained while at home.

Jane was a hugger with no equal and a bright light for all who knew her. Her kindness, generosity, sparkle in her eyes, unlimited ability to love, infectious laugh, and dazzling smile will live on our hearts forever. Calling hours will be from 9 - 11 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 19, at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, and a graveside service will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery of Londonderry. The family will then host a reception at Greeley-Parmenter-Harrington Post 27 of the American Legion from Noon - 2 p.m. The Post is located at 6 Sargent Rd., just behind the Central Fire Station and adjacent to the funeral home. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

Budget

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ometer diaphragms on four of the station's urinals.

The Fire Department fund will go to purchase a portable lighting unit for use in "large scale incidents using the Town's emergency services," as well as during Old Home Days and elections, according to Cotton, who presented the department's request.

Cotton said the plan would be to purchase two units - one paid for by the Fire Department's Capital Reserve Fund and one by the Old Home Days Celebration Committee. Fund monies from the Old Home Days committee do not have to be approved by Town Council, he said. He also noted that the department had opted for two refurbished units to reduce cost. Both expenditures were approved 4-0. Council chairman John

Farrell was not present.

The council also discussed the upcoming budget season.

One of the chief changes, according to the town, is the decision to use capital reserve funds to purchase vehicles outright for the Fire Department and the Department of Public Works as opposed to leasing them, which will save the town in finance costs and have a minimal impact on the tax rate - a 7/10 of a cent increase.

Council Vice-Chair Joe Green pointed out that this year's request had an increase in line items, but said that the increase in items was a change in regulation from the state. He said services like road maintenance and trash pickup had previously been covered by the operating budget, but that new state rules required them all to be broken out into individual items. The

town was not requesting any additional money for these services.

"It's not a shell game," Green said. "It's something we need to do to run the town properly, the way we always have."

Town Manager Kevin Smith encouraged citizens to participate in the budget process by attending the public budget hearing on Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall in the Moose Hill Council Chambers.

He also noted that any citizens who would like to draft a warrant article for the deliberative session should have those turned in at Town Hall by Jan. 8. He said the articles will be reviewed by the town attorney to ensure they are properly written and can be enacted if they pass.

The deliberative session will be held on Feb. 9 at 9 a.m.

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Editorial

New Year To All

A Holiday of Time soon we'll be saying farewell to 2018 and welcoming 2019.

New Year's Day marks another year in the rear view mirror as we continue on the road trip of our lives. Some of us might have a lot of obstacles ahead. For others, it may be smooth sailing. While we can't know for sure what lies ahead, what we do know is that the road of time moves only in one direction, forward. In a culture that seems to be enamored with the past, many people spend a lot of miles on their road trip longingly watching that rear view mirror as the landmarks long passed get farther and farther behind.

But whether we like it or not, there's no turning back.

A long-standing New Year's tradition all over is the song, "Auld Lang Syne." Most know some of the words; few know all of the words, some just hum along. Written by Scottish poet, Robert Burns in 1788, the title translates literally to "Old long since," meaning, "Days gone by" or, "For old times sake." It's a musical reminder that time moves forward, and all we can take with us are memories.

Geoffrey Chaucer once said that "time and tide wait for no man," which means the processes of nature continues, no matter how much we might like them to stop.

So, what, exactly, should you be doing with this precious time? Should you put more money in the IRA?

Should you go back to school and get that law degree or finally learn embroidery? Should you paint and organize your house, or binge-watch the latest Netflix series and call it a day?

The passage of another year and arrival of a new year causes many people to contemplate reform. In keeping with the tradition of New Year's resolutions, they will strive to quit doing this or that, or start doing something or the other. And time, well, it just keeps ticking forward.

New Year's Day forces us to reassess our lives and reflect on who we are, what we have done, and what we believe. We might even ask ourselves such questions as, "Can we band together to stop all the inhumanity and suffering?" "Is there time enough to rescue society?" "Can we stop disease?"

We use time to chart progress, and as the book closes on another year we might ask ourselves what progress we have made on the world this past year. Can we still make a difference? If not on a world level, maybe in our own back yard (figuratively and perhaps literally)?

Most of us could spend a year trying to figure out the answers to all of these questions, when the answer could be quite simple. Perhaps all that's needed is to take one day at a time and keep in mind it is all about the memories and what is remembered!

Letters

NH Sports Fans

To the editor,

As an avid New England Patriot's football fan I was astonished at the terrible play designed by Bill Belichick at the end of the Dolphins/Patriots football game. Before the miracle play by the Dolphins I said to my wife "Why are the Patriot's in a

hail Mary defense when the Dolphins are 70 yards from the end zone. I think the Dolphins will try the hook and ladder play." And sure enough they did.

Obviously, the Patriot's coaching staff had to have brain cramps.

The incredibly terrible play calling is not the sole property of the Patriots. It

is incredulous to me when the clock is winding down in a football game, the team with the ball is leading, and they decide to try to pass the ball and risk an interception or an incomplete pass stopping the clock.

Alas, we will move on..
Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry, NH

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Nutfield Publishing would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our readers a happy and safe holiday season.

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a family run business that produces the Londonderry Times, Nutfield News and the Tri-Town Times.

Those newspapers will not be published next week, Dec. 27 so that the

owners and their employees can enjoy the holiday's.

The next newspaper will be published on Jan. 3.

Thank you to all and

Planning

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developer's traffic study about how many of the residents of the planned community would still be working, thus entering and exiting more often than a retired person. The town's traffic consultant said that studies of five other 55+ developments were added to the Cross Farm study and they all supported the correctness of the initial assumptions.

Cross Farm is seeking two waivers related to Phases 2 and 3. The first would provide relief from the setback requirements of the Route 102 Performance Overlay District. This setback is in place primarily for commercial developments. Cross Farm is willing to meet the 55+

perimeter setback which is more than the standard residential setback.

They are also looking for permission to get building permits for 40 units per year when 15 is the town standard for a subdivision. Town staff pointed out that the Planning Board usually approves such waivers for 55+ developments. In fact, they granted that waiver for phase 1 of Cross Farm. Cross Farm said that they were looking to build faster to minimize the construction disruption for current residents of the development.

While the Board did not formally vote on either waiver during the meeting, their informal comments clearly indicated that they are likely to support both of them when they do eventually

vote.

Several residents sent letters to the Board about the project. One expressed support for the Adams Road entrance for Cross Farm in addition to the Route 102 entrance citing the option to more safely use the Adams Road exit during high traffic periods on Route 102.

Two other residents sent letters opposing the project, citing concerns about traffic safety and the potential impact of the wells in the development putting a strain on the local water supply.

At the suggestion of the town planning staff, the review of the project was continued to January 9 to provide responses on engineering-related questions and feedback from town planning staff.

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How To Identify A False Charities

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

There's an old, well-known saying which goes, "Tis better to give than to receive." There's no time quite like the holidays where this saying is more highly observed.

Many people feel a great deal more charitable around the holidays, with the Salvation Army enthusiastically ringing bells for contributions, soup kitchens seeing an influx of food donations, and secondhand winter gear being given to consignment shops and shelters all over.

Indeed, there's something about the holidays that makes people feel more inclined to give, whether it's the holly jolly warmth of Christmas lights and the strong secondhand joy of Christmas carols, or the constant compulsion from corporations and commercials to "Buy buy buy!" in order to get gifts for friends and family that fuels a further desire to give.

Whatever the reason, charities all over the world see more donations around the holidays than any other time of the year, and there are plenty of organizations to give to.

But donor beware! For where there are organizations that give, there are imposters who take.

As people are more in the giving spirit around Christmas time, scammers use this time of year to take advantage.

The Federal Trade Commission advises to watch for the following in

order to identify a charity scam:

The person on the phone refuses to provide detailed information about a supposed charity's identity, mission, costs, and how the donation will be used.

The person won't provide proof that a contribution is tax deductible.

The person uses a name that closely resembles that of a better known, reputable organization.

You are thanked for a pledge you do not remember making.

The use of high-pressure tactics such as trying to get immediate donations without providing time for consideration and research are used.

Donations are asked for in the form of cash or by wiring money.

The person offers to send a courier or overnight delivery service to collect a donation immediately.

The person guarantees sweepstakes winnings in exchange for a contribution (it is illegal to have to give a donation to be eligible to win a sweepstakes, says the FTC).

The Better Business Bureau further advises anyone who gets calls from people claiming to be a part of a charity to look for the following signs:

Verify charities at give.org, a website which provides a full report on all legitimate charities.

Review a charity's website to make sure it specifies its plans for

donations and how they will be used to address the issues they claim to combat.

Anyone who suspects that they have been a victim of a charity scam, or has had a fundraiser violate "Do Not Call" wishes can file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at ftccomplaintassistant.gov, or the FTC headquarters can be contacted at (202) 326-2222.

A helpful resource in helping to determine which charities will best use your contribution is charitywatch.org. This website offers an extensive alphabetical list of many categories of charity ranging from animal welfare to peace and international relations to youth development.

According to the website, the groups included on CharityWatch's top-rated list generally spend 75 percent or more of their budgets on their programs, spend \$25 or less to raise \$100 in public support, do not hold excessive assets in reserve, and receive "open-book" status for disclosure of basic financial information and documents to the website.

If CharityWatch determines that a charity meets these criteria with a grade of B+ or more, the

group is included on their list with a link offering further rating information and a link to the organization's website for even further information.

The best way to ensure that your charity does not fall in the wrong hands is by giving locally. Churches, soup kitchens, schools, VFW organizations and other locations in your own community can all benefit greatly from charity, and you will be better able to see the impact of your contribution.

In addition to giving money, giving time is a great way to serve the community. Senior centers and nursing homes and even hospitals could be contacted to see how your presence can be a gift to someone who may be missing loved ones far away this year.

For additional resources on determining legitimate charities, visit charitycheck101.org. For more information on where to donate time, money, and goods to locally, visit the calendar section of this paper, or contact your local organization of interest.

OBITUARY

Hollie M. Kraatz



Hollie M. Kraatz, 43, died Dec. 8, 2018 at Lahey Clinic, Burlington, MA, surrounded by family and friends singing hymns to her. She was born Dec. 24, 1974 in Lynn, MA and grew up

in Salem, MA with her mother, Marlene, and sister Leah. She attended Perkins school for the blind in Watertown, MA and was involved with drama and music/voice.

She moved to Londonderry, NH in 1999 with her mother and step-father, then lived on her own in Manchester, NH until illness required her to move back with her parents in 2017.

Hollie was very active in church functions such as Community Bible Study, and volunteer organizations, such as Dove Singers, and especially Care Net of Manchester, NH, helping with office duties for services to pregnant women. She attended Granite State Church of Christ in Londonderry and used her beautiful soprano voice in their choir and sometimes as drummer in the band. She was active in their singles ministry.

Hollie was a very outgoing, social woman, known as "Helpful Hollie", one who wouldn't hesitate to extend loving help, prayers, or a kind word or act to strangers as well as friends. She made bead art and cards for all her friends and family on a regular basis. On many weekends, she would enjoy visiting "The Farm" in Alexandria, NH with close friends Jared and Diane Smith. She will be missed deeply by family and friends.

Hollie is survived by her mother Marlene Urban and step-father Richard Urban of Londonderry, NH, sister Leah Kraatz of Manchester, NH, aunt Lorne Colbert of Epsom, NH, and cousin Kathleen Colbert-Mackey of South Kingston, RI.

A memorial service will be held at Londonderry Christian Church, 372 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019. The Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium of Derry, NH is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Londonderry Police Department Holds Promotion Ceremony

RACHEL CISTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Police Department promoted two officers and presented six more with awards for life-saving in a Dec. 10 ceremony.

Paul Fulone was promoted from captain to deputy chief and Patrick Cheetham was promoted from lieutenant to captain.

Fulone replaces Gerard Dusseault, who retired in November after 33 years at the department. Dusseault was the first person to be appointed deputy chief by the

department.

In his new role, Fulone will be responsible for oversight of uniform patrols and the investigative unit.

“Paul Fulone was an easy choice,” said Police Chief William Hart in an interview. “His 31 years of service to the department speak volumes about how we got to be the premier law enforcement agency in the state.”

He also commended Fulone’s temperament, saying he “knows the community, he knows policing, and he knows how to build trust.”

Cheetham’s new role is as commander of the services division. Londonderry Police has four divisions - administrative, operations, services, and the airport division. The services division includes school traffic safety, building and maintenance, records and the training bureau.

“This was the most difficult promotion I have had to make in my decade as chief,” Hart said. “We had five outstanding candidates.”

He said he believes Cheetham will help “shape the department for

the future.”

Six officers also received commendations for life-saving actions at the ceremony - James Freda, Brian Allaire, Jonathan Cruz, Rafael Ribeiro, and Justin Hallock.

Sgt. Garrett Malloy received a commendation for “life-saving with valor” after responding to a single-vehicle crash in September. Malloy dragged the unconscious male driver away from the vehicle while it exploded.

The department also named their Officer of the Year and Civilian of the

Year.

The Civilian of the Year award went to executive secretary Suzanne Hebert. Hebert, a 33-year veteran of the department, has won the award twice before.

The Officer of the Year award went to Officer Jason Archambault. A 12-year veteran of the force, this is the first time he has won the award.

The department also gave out commendations for distinguished unit action, meritorious service, military service, military combat service and Purple Heart sacrifices.

“It’s really important to recognize people for their accomplishments, especially in shift work,” said Hart. “Most awards from this ceremony weren’t for apprehending bad guys - they were focused on life-saving.” In those situations, he said, without the assistance of that officer at that moment, the victim would have died.

“The officers all stepped in without hesitation, and with a deep and abiding kindness for the situations they were dealing with. The awards were all well-deserved.”

Holidays Gifts Create a Need to Remember Recycling

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Everyone looks forward to this time of year for gifts. However, excessive trimming and stuff you no longer need will need to have a proper place to go.

That is, it’s best to recycle gift wrapping, cardboard boxes and other appropriate extras. In the spirit of the holidays, it’s best to be mindful — for your family and the community — of what to recycle and what to dispose of

in a suitable manner.

Every year after the holiday, Londonderry residents’ blue bins begin to overflow with recyclables for curbside pickup.

Londonderry’s Solid Waste and Environment Committee members want to help residents minimize their waste, reduce tax burdens as well as protect and beautify their local environment, so members have been busy creating awareness messaging for residents about how to keep

waste removal simple.

The group points out that there have been bimonthly environmental Go Green columns here in the Londonderry Times, developed also in conjunction with the Conservation Commission. Members have also produced a lot of useful management information, videos, newsletters and flyers on topics including Go Green, Recycling, Beautify Londonderry, and their programs.

The holidays are usually a time for a bit of extra recycling, though if you regularly have extra recyclables, you can contact the Town at (603)

432-1100 Ext. 193 or Ext. 137 and request an additional recycling cart for a one-time fee of \$47.75. For those households with 6 or more people, a second recycle cart will be free of charge.

While, rigid plastic is recyclable at the curb, residents should remember not to recycle plastic bags as they are a problem with recycling mechanisms. Everything from soda bottles, detergent jugs and pill containers, to plastic dishware and rigid sandwich containers can be placed in your blue recycling cart. Be sure to put the caps back on the empty bottles first.

There are plastic bag stations for bag recycling around town and the members realize that some residents are not aware yet of the bag stations including those at Home Depot. Check out the Town’s recycling site we noted if you want more information about this.

Also, Londonderry Solid Waste and Environment folks want to remind you, there is information, videos and flyers online that are interesting, even fun and will help you clean up effectively after the holidays.

They also point out there is a list of waste items for what is not allowed/unacceptable for curbside pickup. During the holidays, please remember Christmas trees, evergreen boughs and wreaths as well as

electronics, major appliances or bulky items are non-allowable items. Be aware that dangerous sharp objects can be disposed of at the Town Hall-Floor 2.

Be sure not to dispose of hazardous or toxic waste for curbside; contact the solid waste documents on line if you need further information for this type of disposal.

If you need additional information about getting rid of something or extra waste carts, go online to the Solid Waste and Environment site for program details.

As we know, the Drop Off Center is now Closed for season until April and there will be a notice for the exact dates of the reopening after the new year. Have a great Holiday and keep on recycling!

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The groundwork for the celebration was started over the past several years. The Derry Heritage

Commission kicked off a subcommittee in 2018, lead by Commission Chair Karen Blandford-Anderson along with Derry Heritage Commission member and organizer, Paul Lindemann. The towns that comprised Nutfield, have been working to-

gether to coordinate events logistics and activities. The Nutfield Steering Committee has representatives from Derry, Londonderry and Windham, and a person from Derryfield (Manchester). Steering committee meetings as well town commission meetings have been set up to coordinate actions, events, and logistics across all towns involved in the celebration.

Londonderry's 300th Anniversary Committee is Chaired by Town Manager, Kevin Smith who along with Alan Rugg have conducted meetings focused on activities with other committee members. Victoria Gorveatt representing the Londonderry Heritage Commission has recently joined the meetings to help with the town's legacy coordination.

Film crews from the BBC and Northern Ireland, looking at their ancestral ties have spent time in the area over the past year to capture Nutfield stories and begin their alliance support for the Tricentennial Celebration.

Events and actions are still in slightly dynamic planning stages though the celebration being planned is evolving quickly now as 2019 event dates are approaching. At this time, events from each of the 4 town areas of Nutfield are being planned and here is an overview.

Derry: Founders Day weekend, April 12 to 14, 2019 is the kickoff event

for the Nutfield Tricentennial celebration. This weekend event will include a dedication ceremony and dinner on Friday, and a Heritage Day and fun events including a semi-formal Gala on Saturday. Sunday will offer special church services and an open house at the Derry Museum of History.

There will be a special Derry July 4th parade and celebration with unique fireworks and more.

Londonderry: Nutfield 300 events will coincide with Old Home Day, scheduled for August 14 through 18, 2019. This event may include additional activities and Historical Society functions. The Old Home Days parade theme will be connected to Nutfield 300. A foot race is likely to be scheduled to coincide with the 2019 Londonderry Old Home Day.

There would also likely be a "hootenanny," party. 300th Anniversary Chairman Smith also shared that 603 Brewery has offered to brew a commemorative beer for the occasion.

Derryfield: The main celebration will happen on May 25, 2019 at their Heritage/Old Home Day. Derryfield will have an open house including Derryfield's first post office, and a cemetery tour of early settler markers among other celebration events.

Windham will hold a unique Strawberry Festival in early June and will

tie in other events as appropriate to their community.

The 300th anniversary celebration logo is now available to see in a late draft version. A commemoration coin will have this Nutfield logo on one side, and each of the four towns will have their own unique design on the other.

If you are a descendant of—or otherwise involved with—the Nut-

field First Settler families, other early residents, or related folks who remained in Ireland, the committees would love to hear from you by connecting their website. www.nutfieldhistory.org/family-outreach/

For more information about the 300th Anniversary and to see how to volunteer, visit www.nutfieldhistory.org/nutfield300th/

OBITUARY

Joan C. Goding



Joan C. Goding, 80 of Londonderry, NH died Monday Dec. 17, 2018 in the Elliot Hospital, Manchester, NH. Joan was born in Medford, MA on Dec. 25, 1937, a daughter of the late Percy and

Anne (Ivey) Leonard. She worked for the Boston and Maine Railroad in Boston, MA where she met her husband, Gil. They moved to Portland, ME where they lived for eight years before moving to Londonderry where they spent the next 35+ years. Joan worked for PMC Corp. in Londonderry and later the Londonderry School District.

In her earlier years, she was a member of the Londonderry Women's Club where she made many lifelong friends. She also loved to play bridge with her close knit circle of friends, known as "the Bridge Group". More than anything, Joan loved spending time with her family, whether it was a day at the beach, hanging out by the pool, enjoying a barbeque on the back deck, or just watching a Pat's/Red Sox game, she always made it memorable and fun. Known as "Nana", to her grandchildren, she enjoyed cheering them on at sporting events and being a part of celebrating their accomplishments and milestones. She will be missed by many.

She is survived by three sons, Stephen Goding and his wife Rossana of Raymond, NH, Scott Goding and his wife Amy of Londonderry, and Shawn Goding and his wife Pam of Londonderry, seven grandchildren, Michael, Zachary, Morgan, Paul, Laurel, Trevor and Tess; two sisters, Margaret Roscoe of Reading, MA, and Lorraine Grammar of Largo, FL. She also leaves many nieces, nephews, and friends. Joan was predeceased by her husband, Gilbert E. "Gil" Goding in 2015.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held on Dec. 29, from noon - 2 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry with a memorial service to begin at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, 28 West 44th St., Suite 609, New York, NY 10036 or bcrf@bcrf.org. To send a condolence for more information, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARY

Jordan Gene Hannah



Jordan Gene Hannah, 30, born Nov. 30, 1988, youngest son of John and Brenda (LeBlanc) Hannah of Londonderry, NH died on Dec. 7 while vacationing in Cabo, Mexico.

As many youth in our area, Jordan struggled with addiction and had found sobriety & joy in life while residing in Temecula, CA the last few years. Despite his struggles with addiction, Jordan shared much light, love, and humor to those close to him.

He will be greatly missed by his sister Jillian & (Ryan Sheets) and his brother Zachary & (Stacy Vargas). He loved his nephews & nieces, Zachary II & Aubrey Hannah and Stella & Vincent Sheets. Jordan leaves behind the love of his life Jennifer Guthrie & her girls Olivia & Lillian.

His Grandparents Gene & Beverly Hannah of Manchester and Gail LeBlanc & Raul of Puerto Rico. His aunts, Debbie Menchion of Bow NH & Cheryl Vaillancourt of Fitchburg MA. & Many cousins & friends. He was predeceased by his grandfather Richard LeBlanc & soul brother, Ryan Stewart.

A visitation will be held Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. In lieu of flowers the family would rather help to fight the fight. Please send donations to George S Peterson, 74 Grove Ave. East Providence, RI 02914, or at www.georgepeterson.com. George offers multiple tools to help people battling the disease and is an active advocate for Recovery. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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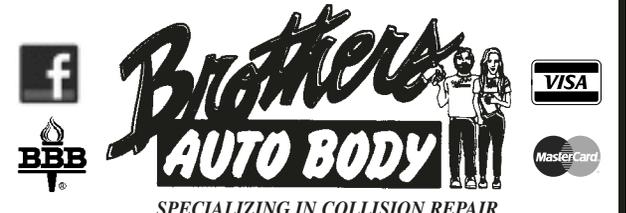
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High School Students Organize Holiday Donation Drive

JENNIFER BERNARD
LONDONDERRY TIMES

As you walk into the Main Lobby of Londonderry High School, you may notice that the holiday decorations have a new look and theme this year. Unlike previous years, when the four classes competed against each other for the most impressive display, the LHS Class Officers have decided it's time to begin a new tradition. Instead of focusing on an activity that divides students, they believe it's better to work together, spreading good will, and assisting those who are less fortunate than themselves.

In the past, freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors were assigned separate corners of the high school lobby to present their winter exhibits. Now, their displays are adjoined in a single area. In the center stands a small tree, adorned with ornaments from many of the school's organizations, including the International Club, Future Business Leaders, Debate Club, GSA Club and Future Educators. The only feature setting each group apart is the individual collection boxes for five different charities: one representing the student council, with the remaining four delegated to each class.

Discussions about the new holiday theme began early in the school year. According to Senior Class President, Liz Iaconis, "My board of class officers started talking about hallway decorating as a whole in September." She went on to say, "It was time to evolve traditions of the past, and bring everyone together to create a sense of unity." Once the idea was shared with other class officers, representatives, student council members, and advisors, the Executive Council decided to change the custom.

LHS students, faculty, staff and administrators are invited to drop off needed items in one or more of the displayed donation boxes. Whether it's for the "Blessing Box," "Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire," "Sunshine Soup Kitchen," "Upper Room," or "Backpack Program," any contribution is appreciated and welcomed. All are local charities, and in need of support. "We each chose an organization based on something we felt was important to our class," said Iaconis. The seniors have chosen the "Blessing Box," a charity created by student Haley Vanagel for her senior project. A second box is located outside the Orchard Fellowship in Londonderry throughout the year.

Student Council President, Harry Feig, said each charity box is clearly labeled and explained. "In the past, it was a competition between the grades. This year, we wanted to work together to spread the message of giving." He went on to say, "We're trying this out to see what people think. If the idea spreads, it would be pretty awesome." Feig said that the Donation Drive will be mentioned during daily school announcements, and will be included during the Day of Giving Assembly.

Kerry Daley, 2020 Class President, added, "We were really ready for a change school-wide. We needed a change in energy, and to do something for a better cause." Daley then expressed, "Competing is not what this time of year is about. I think it's going to produce a better out-

come." Maddy Walden, 2021 Class President, agreed with her fellow class officers. "It's a more unanimous cause as a school, verses being the class of 2021. Years past were more showy. Now it has a deeper meaning."

Though Freshman President, Matt Misiaszek, and his 2022 classmates never experienced the previous competition between classes, Misiaszek has embraced this year's theme of giving. "I think the hallway decorating is a great idea, because the school still has the nice decorating aspect as it did in past years, but it also gives an opportunity for students to donate to a good cause. That's what the holiday season is all about."

Requested donations vary depending upon the charity. School supplies,



Morgan Torre and Bella Bouchard stand by their Animal Rescue display. Photo by Jennifer Bernard

food, clothing, toiletries, toys, and pet supplies will be accepted. The LHS Holiday Donation Drive will continue into the first week of January.

Council Makes and Waits on Appointments

RACHEL CISTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council appointed 19 people to serve on town boards and commissions during their Monday night, Dec. 18 meeting.

Four committees - the Senior Resources Committee, the Heritage Commission, the Conservation Commission and the town's delegation to the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission - are now full.

The Senior Resources Committee saw Tammy Siekmann and Dick Flores re-appointed to full members, while Rachel Behrens and James Green were appointed as new full-time members.

On the Heritage Commission, Sue Joudrey and Margaret McGarry were appointed as full-time members and Snehal Patel was appointed as an alternate.

The Conservation Commission had Eugene Harrington and Richard Floyd appointed as full-time members and Raymond Brown, Jocelyn Demas and Mike Speltz appointed as alternates.

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission had room for three alternates, and those positions were filled by Martin Srugis, Suzanne Brunelle and Brian Bataglia.

Dan Root was reappointed to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority as a full-time member, but

there are still some open positions.

Council also appointed Ron Campo, Kevin Foley and Chantal Haussler to full-time positions on the Recreation Commission, but still needs to act on one full-time and one alternate position.

Town Manager Kevin Smith said the town began posting vacancies and "end of term" announcements for all of the boards and commissions online a few years ago and consistently now sees people volunteering to serve.

Two boards that didn't see any new appointments were the planning and zoning boards. Town council members delayed a vote on those appointments, citing a potential conflict of

interest.

One applicant for both the planning and zoning boards, Jacob Butler, has done some work at council members' properties.

Councilman Tom Dolan said he wasn't sure there would be a conflict, but he wanted to check with the town's lawyer first.

"It might seem like we're being overly cautious, but we should make sure we're doing the right thing," he said, while acknowledging, "They may come back and say there wasn't a problem."

The Council agreed to postpone votes on the planning and zoning board appointments to the next meeting, which is Jan. 7, at 7 p.m. in Town Hall.

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Gifts for Adopted Families Matthew Thornton families gathered at the school recently to sort through the hundreds of gifts that collected and were being delivered to St. Mark's Church for the school's annual "Adopt a Family" drive. Students were collecting the gifts through December and about 1,000 items for 10 families in need were wrapped and delivered to St. Mark Parish in Londonderry. *Photo by Chris Paul*



Santa Fund Gifts Members of the Londonderry Rotary set out through the aisles of Walmart last week to purchase over holiday items for families in need. The items that were purchased will be disbursed through the St. Mark and St. Jude parishes in Londonderry and benefit 58 families. The club has been buying gifts through their Santa Funds every Christmas for over 30 years. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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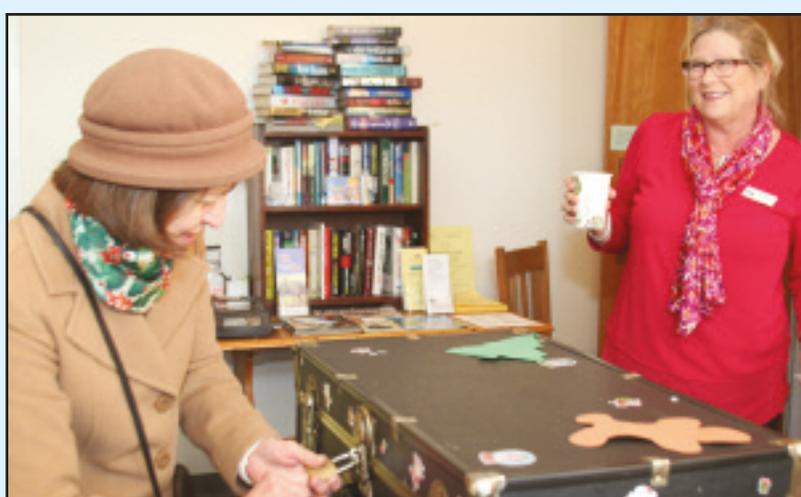
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Community Caregivers Celebrate Holiday with Open House



The Community Caregivers of Greater Derry held their annual Holiday Open House last week at the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Derry. The event gives people associated with the organization a chance to mingle with clients, staff and volunteers. This year Suzanne Hunt of Londonderry was recognized for her 30 years of volunteer work helping local residents. The former members of the Senior Choir at First Parish Church made an appearance to sing carols. Attendees were greeted at the door with the popular treasure chest games giving the the opportunity to win a prize by unlocking the box. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Wrestlers Beat Nashua, Host Holiday Tourney

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Varsity Wrestling team had a busy week, winning on Wednesday night, Dec. 12, at its second dual meet of the season, and then hosting the annual Londonderry Holiday Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 15, where they placed fifth overall.

On Wednesday, the Lancers hosted Nashua North High School at their first home dual meet. The home squad comfortably outdistanced the Titans 59-13 in a lopsided victory. Londonderry's Dylan Barnes (145 lbs), Johnny McKinnon (152), John Kelley (160), Michael Watts (170), Ben Psaledas (195), Nicholas Walter (220),

Sean Wilson (120) and Brandon Drake (126) contributed six points each with falls. Aiden O'Loughlin (132 lbs) added five points and Josh Bean (182) and Jordan Marion (106) gave three more each.

In Exhibition matches, Taylor Dyer (220), Wyatt Lamontagne (220) and Jacob Joly (126) won with Chris Rossi (220) lost.

The win gave the Lancer squad a 2-0 start to the season.

At the Holiday Tournament in the Londonderry High School Gymnasium on Saturday, the Lancers hosted 15 other high schools from all over New England and got fifth place overall, scoring a total of 143 points. Mount Anthony Union High School from Vermont was

by far the best team in the competition, winning with 249.5 points, including five individual winners out of 14 categories. Andover High School from Mass. finished second (160.5 points), Marshwood High School from Maine took third (151) and St. Johnsbury Academy from Vermont had 4.5 points more than LHS, good for fourth place overall.

The best results for the home team were the second places by Wilson in the 120 lbs. bracket (three wins and one loss), Psaledas at 195 (one win and one loss) and by Watts in the 170 (two wins and one loss). Dyer finished third in the 220 weight class (three wins and one loss). Marion (106, two losses), Drake

(126, two wins and two losses) and Walter (220, two wins and two losses) finished fourth, Bean (182, two wins and one loss) fifth and O'Loughlin (132, two wins and two losses) and Miller (195, one win and two losses) sixth.

Damian Saunders and Ryan Duddy (both in the 113 lbs) lost their two fights. Jacob Joly (126) won two and lost two and Steven Valentin (138) lost twice. Barnes (145) had one win and two losses, Johnny McKinnon (152) won two and lost two, Nathan Duddy and John Kelley (both in 160) lost twice. Justin Miller (195) finished with one win and two losses and David Kichler (285) won one and lost two.

After hosting Concord



Senior wrestler Sean Wilson had a successful week in his 120 pound weight class. Photo by Chris Paul

High School on Wednesday, Dec. 19, for the teams third dual, the Lancers will travel to the annual

George Bossi Lowell Holiday Wrestling Tourney on Dec. 27 and 28 at the Tsongas Center.

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Lancer Swimmers Host Second Home Meet of the Season

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School hosted its second swimming meet of the season on Friday, Dec. 14, at the Londonderry Workout Club. The Lancers competed against five other schools: Souhegan, Pelham, Portsmouth, Windham and Campbell, finishing third between the boys with 444 points and with a fourth spot for the girls teams, with 431 points. Windham was the meeting's big winner.

The Lancers' boys beat Campbell, Pelham and Souhegan and lost to Windham and Portsmouth and the girls were winners against Pelham and Campbell and lost to Souhegan, Portsmouth and Windham.

After the 200-yard Medley Relay team was disqualified in the girls



Lancer swimmer Jazzy Brown is proving to be a valuable component to the success of the girls swim team.



Brandon White helped his relay team get a second place finish at their last home meet. Photos by Chris Paul

swim, the LHS boys (Brandon White, Minsoo Kim, Cole Tridenti and Devin Janas) finished second with 1:58.64. In the 200-yard Freestyle, Jazzy Brown finished seventh (2:26.64), Elizabeth Allen eighth (2:27.18) and Adrienne Lafond tenth (2:47.02) between the girls and hunter Turek eighth (2:34.38) between

the boys. Next was the 200-yard Individual Medley. Isabella McKnight got seventh place (2:55.84) and Joanna Davis eighth (3:01.45) and in the boys swim, it was Luc Lafond at the third place (2:30.17) and Stephen Bompastore at number seven (3:05.37). Julia Ethier finished fourth in the 50 yard

Freestyle (28.34), Sarah Gerardi tenth (32.96) and Grace Stone at 12th place (33.50) and in the boys swim, Janas came in third (26.66) and Kim sixth (28.50).

The Lancers had three swimmers in the girls 100-yard Butterfly: Hannah Gagnon (8th place, 1:30.61), Lilly Law (9th, 1:37.51) and Stone (10th, 1:37.68), while White won the boys race with 58.29 and Tridenti finished fourth (1:07.63). Davis got the tenth place in the girls 100 yard Freestyle (1:09.81) and Avery Crimmins finished 13th (1:13.51). Harry Feig was seventh among the boys (1:02.34) and Kim eighth (1:02.87).

In the long swims, it was Adrienne Lafond with the fifth place in the girls 500-yard Freestyle

(7:14.54) and Alexa Calligandes with the ninth (9:19.07) and in the boys' parallel swim, Lafond finished second (5:54.19) and Tridenti sixth (7:11.46). Londonderry got fourth (with Ethier, McKnight, Allen and Brown - 1:57.53) and Ninth (with Alyssa Carpentier, Riley Walter, Calligandes and Sarah Gerardi - 2:36.56) in the 200 yard Freestyle Relay. The boys (Feig, Bompastore, Tridenti and Lafond - 1:52.56) finished with the second place.

In the 100-yard Backstroke, Allen finished fifth (1:11.69), Ethier seventh (1:18.02) and Gerardi 14th (1:40.17). Janas was third among the boys (1:17.19), Bompastore seventh (1:22.82) and Kevin Moscat tenth (1:48.71). Law finished sixth in the 100 yard Breaststroke

(1:33.22), McKnight eighth (1:33.45) and Crimmins 11th (1:40.47). White was second among the boys (1:19.20), Turek fourth (1:25.96) and Feig sixth (1:27.85).

The last swim of the day was the 400-yard Freestyle Relay. The Lady Lancers won with Brown, Davis, Ethier and Allen swimming an excellent 4:24.41 race. Londonderry had two more teams: Lafond, Law, Stone and Gagnon finished sixth (4:56.64) and Carpentier, Walter, Calligandes and Crimmins tenth (6:14.18). The Lancer boys closed the day with the second place in their parallel swim, when Lafond, Kim, Janas and White stopped the clocks after 3:52.76 minutes.

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Lancer Hockey Gets a Win and a Tie to Open the Season

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With and impressive away victory, and a tie on their home ice, Londonderry High School's Varsity Ice Hockey opened its season 2018-19 winter last week.

On Wednesday, Dec. 12, the Lancers traveled to Manchester for their season opener, where a strong performance gave them an easy 4-1 win against Manchester Memorial at the JFK Memorial Coliseum.

Londonderry's Nicolas Pitarys opened the scoring that evening on a power play, 11 minutes and 39 seconds into the game which wound up being the only goal scored during the first period.

The visitors added to their lead with 9:06 minutes remaining in the second period, when freshman Brandon Savage celebrated his first goal as a varsity player. LHS completed the job in the third period. Less than four minutes into the period,

sophomore Connor Paiton scored and with 5:32 to go, senior Mathew Naso (who assisted the first goal) made it 4-0, with the hosts scoring their sole goal of the night just 20 seconds later.

Lancer goalie, Cam Donovan, had 16 saves during the game and Anthony Federico contributed two assists.

Coach Peter Bedford noted after the game: "We are still building, but I wanted to see the chemistry between the lines and there were times we

executed very well and other times we didn't. It is a marathon, not a sprint. We have some guys who never played in their current positions before but one of them, Savage, even scored a goal. I am disappointed with some of the discipline the upper classmen showed and that will have to change. We will take what we did well and learn. Every time you win, you should feel good about it. We gained confidence during the game and I think we will be competitive all year".

On Saturday, Dec. 15, the Lancers played host to a very strong and physical Bedford High School team at the Tri-Town Ice Arena in Hooksett. The Lancers home game ended with a 2-2 draw after an overtime period.

Parker Roberto scored at the 7:50 mark of the first period for the Bulldogs, but three minutes



The Lancer hockey squad celebrates after a goal against Manchester Memorial last week to open the season with a win. Photo by Idan Vinitsky

and eight seconds into the second period, Savage leveled the score for Londonderry. Bedford quickly regained the lead, on a power play, and entered the last period 2-1 up, but LHS enjoyed a power play as well, and with 13:20 to go in the game, Cole Ferguson sent the game to

overtime, where no more goals were scored.

After traveling to St. Anselm College on Wednesday, to face Trinity, the Lancers have a home game Saturday, Dec. 22, against Concord High School at the Tri-Town Ice Arena. Puck drop is 3 p.m.

LHS Girls Basketball Team Loses at Home to Start Season

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It wasn't the way they hoped to get started, but the Londonderry High School Girls Varsity Basketball team was bad at the beginning, got a little better, but couldn't muster enough baskets in their 42-28 season opening home loss to Goffstown High School, on Tuesday, Dec. 11.

Coach Nick Theos' team had a hard time scoring early on in the game as the Lady Lancer tried to get their season rolling. After the first eight minutes, the score was just 7-4 in favor of the visitors, who got their offense going in the second quarter, and lead 17-7 by halftime.

The host Lancer's offense improved slightly

after the break, but their defense was not able to stop the Lady Grizzlies, who led 29-18 after three before going on to win quite easily.

Colleen Furlong was the Lancers' leading scorer with eight points; Michelle Marino added seven more and coach Theos knew: "It was a tough opener for us. We started out nervous and went downhill from there. We missed a few lay-ups to start the game and never got our confidence back. Goffstown beat us at every turn and all four quarters. After scoring only seven points in the first half, we were down only 10 at some point. Defensively we did some right things, rebounded and boxed pretty well, but everyone had an off

night on offense and we never looked comfortable."

Looking to the future, Theos said: "We need to turn the page and get back to work on what makes us a good team. Good team defense and transition offense. In the second half we forced too many threes, trying to come back all at once. We tried to pressure the ball on defense, which just allowed Goffstown to extend their lead more. We need to be better at all facets of the game if we want to be competitive".

The Lady Lancers' traveled to Windham on Tuesday after the Londonderry Times went to press, and will face Keene High School on Friday night at 6:30 p.m.

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LHS Indoor Teams Take Fifth and Eighth Place in Opener

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School Indoor Track and Field teams opened their season last Saturday, Dec. 15, with a meet at the University of New Hampshire. The Lancers boys' team finished fifth in the overall ranking and the girls' team was eighth.

Justin Cassidy qualified for the 55-meter dash finals, where he finished fifth with a time of 7.04 seconds. In the preliminaries, Nick Cote was tied for 11th (7.14), Nathan

Truesdale for 25th (7.54) and Colby Ramshaw for 33rd (8.24). Cassidy also got the fifth spot in the 300-meter (39.54 seconds). Damon MacLeod was tied for seventh (40.04), William Bieler finished 13th (41.64) and Erik Reilly 23rd (45.74). In the 1000 meter, it was Matthew Vogel at the 19th place (3:11.84 minutes), Matthew Palmer at the 21st (3:18.44), Colby Lynch at the 23rd (3:20.14) and Jack Sprague at the 25th (3:21.64).

Kerry Daley gave the Lancers six points when

he won the 1,500-meter race with a time of 4:26.04. Eric Nowak finished fourth (4:38.74) and Benjamin Palumbo seventh (4:46.64). Four Lancers participated in the 3,000 run, taking the 3-6 places: Kyle Hogle (9:34.54), William Heenan (9:37.64), Matthew Griffin (9:43.74) and Christian Smith (10:07.74). LHS finished sixth in the 4X400 meter Relay when Heenan, Griffin, MacLeod and Reilly ran a 4:05.24 race.

Senior Patrick Haggarty, one of the team leaders, won the Shot Put event with 47-09.50 feet. MacLeod finished 13th in the Long Jump (17-03.50 feet) and Cassidy 17th (16-05.25). Coach Matt Smith responded to the results, "Overall, it was a productive first meet. A number of our upperclassmen had some good performances, including Cassidy, Haggarty, Daley and Hogle. It was a solid start to the season that we can defi-

nitely build on".

In the girls' 55 meter dash, Erica Waters finished tied for 19th in the preliminaries (8.34 seconds), Gia Komst for 22nd (8.44), Alexandria Perry for 25th (8.54) and Juliana Hamel finished 35th (9.64). In the 300-meter dash, Waters took the 20th spot (51.34), Abigail Robinson the 26th (53.94) and Ashley Lynch the 30th (55.84). Cailey McDonough finished 20th in the 600 meter run (2:04.14).

Caitlin Boufford was the fourth fastest runner in the 1,000-meter run, with a time of 3:22.64. Cailin Borovicka finished 17th (3:37.94). Grace McDonough was the fourth fastest in the 1500 run (5:30.84). In the 55-meter hurdles race, Olivia Galluzzo finished tied for 15th with 11.14 seconds. Komst gave LHS four points with the third place in the Shot Put event (29-01.25 feet).

LHS Baseball Begins New Off-Season Program

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

With the winter season only just getting started, and the spring season still a number of months away, but the Londonderry High School Varsity Baseball coach, Brent Demas, is already in full preparations mode.

The Lancers usually run an off-season program on Sunday nights, through coach Demas' booster club (The Dugout Club is run by Keith and Kevin Reanud on Sunday's), but this year they

are teaming up with Legion, to also run a coaches workout on Thursday's at the Bedford Sportsplex, creating new options for the team.

The new Thursday workout will begin in the first week of January and the goal of the collaboration between the Lancers program, the Dugout Club and Post 27 is to build the best possible baseball players for both programs and beyond.

With approval from the NHIAA, Londonderry High School coaches will be running the Thursday

program and prepare the young athletes for the upcoming spring and summer games.

Peter Lincoln, president of the Dugout Club, said, "The Thursday workout supplements the Sunday workout, and is a joint effort of Greely-Parmenter American Legion Post 27 & Lancers Dugout Club. It provides an opportunity for Londonderry players that plan on participating in the 2019 American Legion season to get additional drills, repetitions, and swings, along with building team cohesiveness with the coaches expected to lead the Post 27 teams".

Demas added: "This is a unique experiment in the state that we are very excited about for the Lon-

donderry baseball players of today and the future. As of now it looks like we have only a very small handful of LHS players who won't be taking advantage of the Legion/Junior Legion option, which is their right. But having such a high number of LHS players planning on playing together in the summer is really helping in our goal of program cohesion and development".

The Lancers' new baseball season will begin on April 8. Last year, the team had a 12-8 record, which included a seven game winning streak to end the regular season, before losing 10-5 to Keene in their playoff game.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Dec. 9



Jasmine Brown
Junior, Swimmer

This hardworking junior swimmer qualified for the 50-meter Freestyle last week and has contributed on multiple relay teams.



Cole Tridenti
Senior, Swimmer

This Lancer senior swimmer, achieved his first ever state cut time in the 100-meter Butterfly during the team's meet on Friday.

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Remember to Practice Natural Tree Safety This Holiday

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

When it comes to Christmastime, not much compares to the charm of a fresh, natural Christmas tree. Artificial trees have their benefits, such as longevity and low maintenance, but many households still prefer the old-fashioned experience of going to a lot and selecting the perfect tree.

The authentic look and sweet pine smell make natural trees an obvious choice for a lot of homes. However, many may not be fully aware of the risks of having a natural tree can pose on a home.

According to the most recent data from the National Fire Protection Association, between 2012 and 2016 fire departments responded to an

average of 170 home fires per year—fires which were started by natural Christmas trees. Of these fires, an average of 4 deaths, 15 injuries, and \$12 million in property damage resulted annually.

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) states that one out of every four Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems, such as string lights shorting out or overheating. Having a natural tree in close proximity to a heat source, especially a fireplace, causes another one in every four related fires.

While these figures are tragic, the USFA offers life-saving steps that can be taken to avoid damage, injury or death from a natural tree fire.

Many tree fires are caused by a tree that has dried out. When selecting

a fresh tree from a lot or shop, make sure that the needles are green and hard to pull back from the branches, as needles should not break so long as the tree has not dried out. The trunk should also be sticky to the touch.

Potentially hazardous trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, it has begun to dry out and therefore is a fire hazard.

Do not place a tree close to a heat source, including electric or forced hot air. Any heat will dry out a tree, causing it to become more easily ignitable by heat, flame, or sparks.

If there are smokers in the house, advise that no smoking should be done in proximity to the tree to prevent any cigarette ashes from coming in

contact with it.

It's advised not to put up a live tree too early or to leave it up for longer than two weeks, and the tree stand should be filled with water at all times.

Inspect holiday lights each year for any frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before placing them on the tree. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.

Do not link more than three light strands on a tree, unless directions indicate it is safe to do so, to avoid fire caused by overloaded electrical outlets. Connect strips of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into an outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires, ensuring that they are not warm to the

touch.

Do not leave holiday lights unattended.

Use only nonflammable or flame-retardant decorations and place non-tree decorations away from heat sources.

Never put lit candles on a fresh or artificial tree. If lighting candles elsewhere in the room, be sure to give the Christmas tree a wide berth while doing so. Ensure that candles are in stable holders and that they are placed where they cannot easily be knocked down. Do not leave the house with candles burning.

For households that choose artificial trees, be sure that they are flame-retardant.

When it is time to dispose of a live tree, branches and needles should never be thrown into a fireplace or wood stove. When the tree

becomes dry, discard it immediately. The USFA states the best way to dispose of a live tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by a community pick-up service.

Finally, be sure that smoke alarms are installed on every level of the home, and that they are in proper working order, kept clean, and equipped with fresh batteries at all times. Have a fire escape plan and be sure to practice it in the event of an emergency.

It's no wonder so many households still prefer fresh Christmas trees, despite the risks that come with them. But armed with these safety tips, families all over can have a happy and safe holiday this year, basking in the glow from their natural Christmas trees.

Rays Swimmer See Success in Second Meet of the Season

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The RAYS, Rockingham Area Youth Swim team, held their second home swim meet last Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Salem Workout Club in Salem, New Hampshire. Ten teams participated in the event, with the RAYS being represented by 99 swimmers in different age categories.

The youngest swimmer to represent London-

derry in the meeting was Mia Robinson, who took sixth place in the 50 yard backstroke swim, in the "Girls 9-10 category". In the "Girls 11-12", Ashleigh Leone (12) finished her busy day with first place in the 50 yard backstroke, second place in the 50 yard freestyle, third place in the 50 yard butterfly and the 50 yard breaststroke races and fourth in the 100 yard individual medley.

Among the boys, Michael Dormer from Londonderry got fourth place in the 500 yard freestyle swim and sixth in the 100 yard butterfly swim, both in the "Boys 13-14" category and Brandon White, who also swims for Londonderry High School, won two races: The 100 yard backstroke and the 50 yard freestyle and finished fourth in the 100 yard breaststroke, all in the "Boys 15 and over" category.



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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.

Voter Registration

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on: Wednesday, Jan. 9, and Tuesday, Jan. 22, 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, domicile and citizenship.

Wedding Announcement

Christopher and Carolyn O'Neil



Christopher and Carolyn O'Neil of Londonderry announce the marriage of their daughter Ashley O'Neil to Andrew Berkler. Ashley graduated Londonderry high school in 2005 and from culinary institute of America in 2009. The groom is the son of Chuck and Carla

Berkler from Lytton Iowa. The couple was united in marriage in Mount Pleasant South Carolina at Alhambra Hall followed with a two week honeymoon in Italy. They will reside in Mount Pleasant South Carolina. The bride was given in marriage by her father with her twin sister Elisha O'Neil as matron of honor.

Christmas Celebration

Join us for our Christmas Celebrations at Londonderry Christian Church, located at 372 Mammoth Rd. on Sunday Dec. 23, at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. and Monday, Dec. 24, at 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. Child-care will be offered during the 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. celebrations. Come join us as we gain Fresh Eyes by seeing Christmas again for the first time! Each service will include Christmas music, a message of hope and a celebration of what the birth of Jesus means for us today!

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Leach library will be closed on Tuesday, Jan. 1, and re-open at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 2. The library will also be closed on Monday, Jan. 21, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Vanished Veterans

Leach Library Hosts "Vanished Veterans: New Hampshire's Civil War Monuments and Memorials" On Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m., presented by Mr. George Morrison. Historian George Morrison will share a diverse selection of New Hampshire's commemorations and their stories including the Soldier's Memorial in Londonderry's

Town Common. This program is free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. It will be held in the library's lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served.

Treasure Hunt Challenge

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, Jan. 10, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. for a young adult fun-filled adventure. Participants in grades 6 - 12 will team up to follow a map, solve puzzles, and find the missing treasure. In addition, at this special event, snacks and beverages will be served, and there will be a raffle for fun door prizes. No registration is necessary.

Duck, Duck, Goose

Waddle in on Monday, Jan. 14 from 4 - 5 p.m. for a program full of tales about our fine feathered friends. During this fun-filled program, audience members will hear stories of ducks and geese, learn the differences between the two, and then help a rubber duck find his tub! All participants will leave with an inflatable ducky beach ball. This program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 7.

Magic Fred's Magic Show

Join magician Fred "Magic Fred" Carter on Monday, Jan. 28 from 4 - 5 p.m. for an energetic performance filled with astounding magical illusions. During this entertaining program, participants will be thrilled and amused by Magic Fred and his amazing tricks. Filled with lots of comedy and audience participation, the show will leave participants with a smile on their faces. This program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22.

Renew Clothing

Renew will be open Saturday, Jan. 12, 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 or call the church secretary at 434-1516.

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.

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.

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.

Pizzastock 2.5

The purpose of this benefit is to raise awareness for suicide prevention and mental illness. There will be a "battle of the bands" with 4 local college/high school-aged bands hitting the stage at Tupelo Music Hall in Derry on Dec. 30 from 1 - 4:30 p.m. Pizza will served all afternoon. All proceeds will benefit the Upper Room, a family resource center in Derry. The organizer of the event is Derry resident Doug Flood. Tragically, his son Jason committed suicide in 2016. Doug and his wife Danielle are trying to make something positive

out of this horrible tragedy. One of the bands competing at Tupelo, Afterimage, has two Londonderry High School class of 2016 graduates, Casey Daron and Jason Coburn.

Food Donations

Haircuts Plus in Crossroads Mall is Collecting donations for the New Hampshire food bank now through Dec. 28. Non-Perishable goods i.e Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pasta, Canned Soup/Chili/ Stew, Rice, Mac n Cheese, Canned/Dried Beans, and noodle mixes are the most needed items. Bring in a donation and receive \$1 off a Haircut or \$3 off a Color.

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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

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Dec. 10

12:18 a.m. Services rendered in assisting Derry Police on King Richard Drive.

11:29 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Trail Haven Drive.

12:07 p.m. Seven officers assist with investigating Larceny/Forgery/Fraud and arrest made at Citizen's Bank on Nashua Road. Filomena Mariconda, 52, of Boca Raton, Fla. Charged with two counts Forgery; Disobeying an Officer; Misuse or Failure to Display Plates; two counts Penalties; Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs; and Receiving Stolen Property.

1:03 p.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity on Trolley Car Lane.

1:05 p.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses at Londonderry High School.

3:20 p.m. Peace restored after Domestic Disturbance on Charleston Avenue.

3:22 p.m. Peace restored after disturbance on Wedgewood Drive.

7:14 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at Sleep Inn on

Perkins Road.

7:39 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Pettengill Road.

Tuesday - Dec. 11

12:11 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with transport to hospital from Red Arrow Diner on Rockingham Road.

2:09 p.m. Services rendered for motor vehicle accident on Pillsbury Road at Londonderry Road.

3:53 p.m. Juvenile offenses investigated on Twin Isles Road.

4:07 p.m. Weapons offenses investigated on O'Connell Drive.

6:21 p.m. Services rendered for Drug Offenses on Constitution Drive.

7:49 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Whittemore Road.

Wednesday - Dec. 12

9:19 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. at American Tire Distributors on Jack's Bridge Rd

9:47 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Alfred Drive. Joseph Curtin, 29, of Salem charged with Theft By Deception.

10:41 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with

transport to hospital from Whittemore Road.

2:33 p.m. Drug Offenses investigated at Londonderry High School.

2:55 p.m. Weapons Offenses investigated at Tradz LLC, Mammoth Road.

5:31 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. on Cimmarron Circle.

6:24 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated at Londonderry Middle School.

6:46 p.m. Peace restored after Domestic Disturbance on Lawson Farm Road.

7:57 p.m. Peace restored after Disturbance on Longleaf Place.

Thursday - Dec. 13

8:22 a.m. Missing Person investigated on Harmony Drive.

12:48 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

1:39 p.m. Bomb Scare investigated by six officers at Wire Belt Company of America on Harvey Road.

2:42 p.m. Drug Offenses investigated at Londonderry Fire Dept. with

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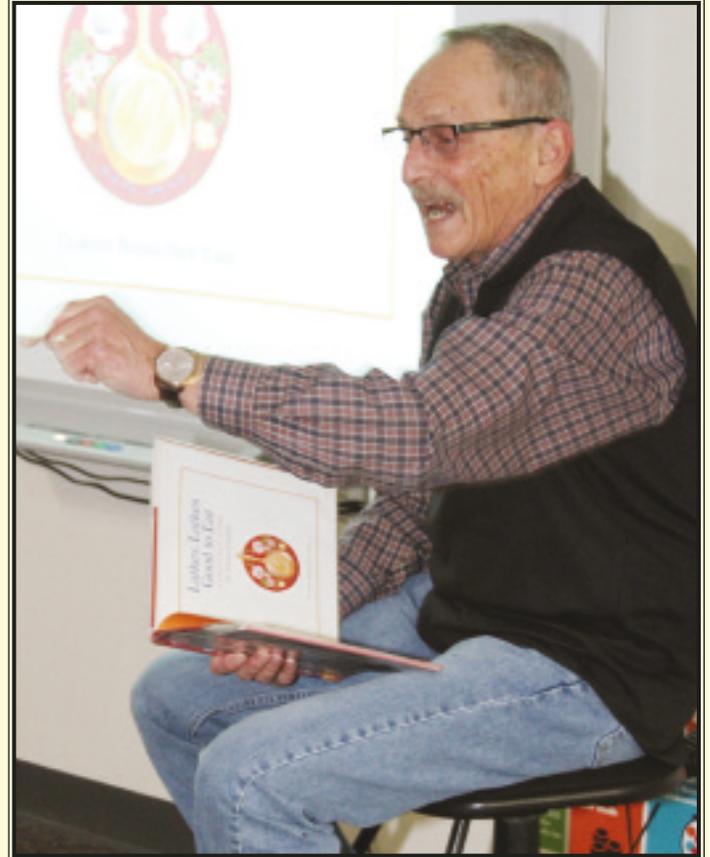


South School First Graders Get Visit From Two School Favorites



South School Principal Linda Boyd and former Superintendent Nate Greenburg continued their tradition of reading holiday stories to the first grade students at South School this week. Linda and Nate have been doing the reading for 18 years now, and students are more than excited about seeing the Gingerbread Man. Nate reads the story *Latkes, Latkes, Good to Eat: A Chanukah Story* and Linda reads the story of the Gingerbread Baby with the help of a full-grown gingerbread man. This year, he was played by Scott Lohnes.

Photos by Chris Paul



Around Town

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Derry Fun Night

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Derry Fun Night program. The program is held the second 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.

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derry High School.

3:56 p.m. Missing Person investigated on Reed Street.

Friday - Dec. 14

10:23 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident investigated on Nashua Road at I-93.

12:43 p.m. Attempted suicide transported to hospital on Constitution Drive.

3:03 p.m. Bomb Scare investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

3:13 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. on Commons Drive.

3:15 p.m. Attempted Suicide transported to hospital from Pine Street.

3:50 p.m. Services rendered for Wires Down on Mammoth Road.

4:35 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Old Derry Rd in Hudson. Mark Leach, 59, of Hudson

Charged with Theft By Deception and two counts of Forgery.

5:57 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Constitution Drive.

7:21 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Ash Street.

10:11 p.m. Services rendered for Medical Emergency on Fieldstone Drive.

Saturday - Dec. 15

3:23 a.m. Warrant served and Arrest(s) made on Main Street, Franklin. Anthony Gonsalves, 40, of Franklin charged with Domestic Violence; Crimi-

nal Threatening.

11:43 a.m. Criminal mischief investigated on Forest Street.

12:01 p.m. Services rendered in keep the peace on Boulder Drive.

2:43 p.m. Services rendered for Overdose on Pinyon Place.

11:26 p.m. Criminal mischief investigated on Longwood Avenue.

Sunday - Dec. 16

12:28 a.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Charleston Avenue results in Michael Sullivan, 39, of Londonderry being

charged with to counts of Domestic Violence Simple Assault and three counts of Simple Assault.

12:43 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with Transport to hospital from Fieldstone Drive.

5:39 a.m. Arrest made at Valley Street, Manchester. Dillon Moffett, 25, Homeless, charged with Criminal Mischief (vandalism).

11 a.m. Services rendered for Juvenile on Acropolis Avenue.

12:34 p.m. Services rendered for keeping the peace on Charleston Avenue.

2:22 p.m. Four officers assist Londonderry Fire Dept. on Capitol Hill Drive resulting in transport to hospital.

6:20 p.m. Assault investigated at Crossroads Mall

on Nashua Road.

7:32 p.m. Attempted Suicide transported to hospital from Woodhenge Circle.

9:52 p.m. Motor vehicle accident at Stonehenge and Mammoth Roads results in vehicle being towed.

10:20 p.m. Drug Offenses investigated at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

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