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A sparse crowd attended the Town Deliberative on Saturday morning to move Warrant Articles to the ballot for voters in March. Article 14 will ask voters to fund the addition of four firefighters.

Photo by Chris Paul

Voters at Deliberative Cut Cost to Add Firefighters

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The voters amended and moved to the 2015 Warrant an article to fund the addition of four firefighters and firefighter paramedics.

As amended, Article 14 requires the Town to raise and appropriate

\$263,144 to hire the additional firefighters on a staggered schedule throughout the year, which would save the Town \$136,856.

"The Fire Department is clearly understaffed, and I urge voters to accept this amendment," said Tammy Siekmann, who submitted

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Planning Board Recommends Workforce Housing Analysis Plan

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The Planning Board has recommended that the Town Manager accept the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission's (SNHPC) proposal for a Workforce Housing Analysis.

"This is to look at what housing is there and all data as far as income levels in Londonderry and regionally. It's an attempt to look at fair share," Town Planner Cynthia May told the Board at its Wednesday, Feb. 4 meeting.

While a regional assessment is completed

every five years, the analysis proposed would be a town-based housing needs assessment from the perspective of Londonderry, to reveal how the Town relates to the region in its compliance with the "fair share" requirement of the workforce housing statute.

Geographic Information System Manager John Vogl is providing information to the SNHPC to be used in completing the analysis.

At a cost of \$13,790, the analysis would study and evaluate the Town's progress in addressing

the workforce housing requirements under state statute, as well as its proportionate share of the region's workforce housing fair share distribution.

SNHPC Chief Planner Jack Munn was assigned as project manager, with Bruce C. Mayberry of BCM Planning in New Gloucester, Maine to serve as a consultant. Town Planning and Economic Development staff would assist by providing support to the SNHPC as needed, according to the proposal.

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Deliberative Raises School District Budget by \$240,000

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After much debate over a proposed reduction in teaching assistant hours, voters at Friday night's Deliberative Session amended the Londonderry School District's operating budget to include an additional \$240,000 for classroom assistants.

The voters at the session also turned back an effort to reduce funding for an architecture and engineering study for a proposed auditorium, and cut all funding to a citizen petition related to student transportation (see related stories pages 2 and 3).

The addition to the budget would fund instructional assistants for three hours per day at the

elementary level, an increase of approximately 1.5 hours above the number of hours supported in the current school year.

The teaching assistants are needed to help the struggling learner and the student who is proficient but needs additional support, and to enable children who are advanced to move on, said Donna Traynham of 11 Faucher Road, who proposed the amendment, arguing a reduction in teaching assistants at the elementary level would jeopardize the District's ability to prepare all students adequately for high school and the future.

"We don't cost a lot. We don't get benefits, we don't get a lot of hours, and we don't get retirement. The return you get

on this investment is huge. Why do you want to cut this out when it's such a small portion of budget? The more human resources you can put in the classroom the better," said Deb Villars, who has worked as a classroom assistant for 14 years. "Kids need attention. The makeup of classrooms has changed dramatically. Both parents are working and the support they are getting is less than when my kids were in school."

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Efforts Fail to Cut Proposed Funding for Auditorium Study

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Friday night's School District Deliberative Session saw an effort to decrease funding for Article 9, architectural and engineering professional services for a proposed community auditorium at the high school. The School District proposes via Article 9 to appropriate \$500,000 to complete the study.

"The concept of an auditorium is not new for Londonderry," Auditorium Study Committee Chairman Tony DeFrancesco said. "It was removed from the original plan for the high school, with the idea of completing it later."

DeFrancesco noted his Committee was charged with exploring the construction of an auditorium after the high school received a report from the

New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), a regional accreditation association, saying for the fourth time the community should invest in an auditorium.

"After studying the project, I am resolute this project is the best next step for the Town," DeFrancesco said. "Londonderry will see a tremendous amount of growth in the near future and without a doubt is uniquely positioned today to support the construction of this building for the community."

"We have heard there is potential for growth, and development is coming in, but I just think it would be a little smarter to make the money before we spend the money," said School Board member Dan Lekas, who voted against recommending Article 9 to the voters.

State Rep. Al Baldasaro, R-Londonderry raised concern over the lack of parking at the school during peak traffic times, such as elections and football games.

"The School District is very good with scheduling, and pretty much all buildings are not for rent when there's a major event," DeFrancesco said. "The School Board will make the decision of when this building is used or not used. And 60 percent of the auditorium's use Monday through Friday is curriculum based; so, there will be very little time available for the general public during those hours."

Also of concern was the investment of \$500,000 into the auditorium be-

fore voters have had the opportunity to decide whether or not they even want one.

"I'm not against an auditorium, but I think we need to figure out, yes, we want the auditorium; then take the money to put towards architecture and engineering services. I think we're putting the cart before the horse," said Deb Paul of 118 Hardy Road, who is publisher of the Londonderry Times.

School District Business Administrator Peter Curro and DeFrancesco explained that the purpose of the two-step process - investing in the architecture and engineering services, then bonding the project - is to secure a detailed plan for the auditorium that includes a maximum price.

"It eliminates significant surprises; so, when we get to a vote for the bond, the process has been laid out by architects and engineers with a budget and the bond is a guaranteed maximum price," Curro said. "The architect and engineer sign on and agree to build this project for a set number so there are no surprises and we know exactly what we're getting."

In agreement with Paul, David Ellis of 1 Wilshire Drive proposed amending Article 9 to raise and appropriate \$100,000 for architecture and engineering services.

"To budget \$100,000 would support enough engineering to tell you how to put in the foundation," said Budget Committee member Greg Warner, who originally voted

against supporting Article 9 but said he is beginning to realize he would probably support architecture and engineering costs for the auditorium. "Speaking to this amendment, \$500,000, which is 5 percent of a \$10 million dollar project, is an appropriate number to do the engineering studies."

DeFrancesco noted if proposals to complete the study come in under \$500,000, the remaining funds go back to the taxpayer.

"The \$500,000 is a placeholder," he said.

The amendment to raise \$100,000 failed and Cherylann Pierce of 23 Mayflower Drive proposed amending Article 9 to raise and appropriate \$1 for architecture and engineering services, noting students perform at the Palace Theater in Manchester and have always had opportunities to play in nice venues.

"There are people who are saying kids have always done well without an auditorium, so we don't need one now. We don't know how they would have done had there been an auditorium, so it's silly to project backwards and say they would have done better or worse," said Dan Gore of 8 Lane Way.

"There are many wants I would like to have, but I don't because I can't afford them," Pierce said. "We can't afford a \$9 million auditorium."

"I have had many people call me and complain about this. If you have deep pockets, it's a beautiful thing. But there are people who are strug-

gling," Baldasaro said. "There are people sitting at the table saying they don't even know if they can stay in town. I would like to see the town pay off more debt and give people a break. We need an auditorium, I agree; but it was the teacher in the classroom that made the difference for my children, not an auditorium. I think we need to let people vote first if they want this before we throw money it."

"I do believe for many people this is a want and for others this is a need, and I respect both opinions. I think \$500,000 is the right number to do this kind of work and it would be disrespecting the voters to decrease the amount," said John Conley of 373 Winding Pond Road. "The voters are smart enough to know if they support the architecture and engineering study and it results in a sound proposal, they are voting to support an auditorium."

"This is the standard throughout the county and has been standard for decades. People in this town need to experience cultural events in an auditorium setting. It's part of the fiber of culture and education that is the standard throughout the country and the world and should be a standard in Londonderry," Gore said.

Pierce's amendment failed, and Article 9 moved to the Warrant as proposed, with a 4-1 vote of favor by the School Board. Article 9 has an estimated tax impact of \$.14 per thousand.

OBITUARY

Richard "Rick" Wildenberger Jr.

Richard J. "Rick" Wildenberger Jr. 55, of Rumney died Feb. 4, 2015, at the Elliot Hospital in Manchester.

He was born on July 16, 1959 in Mt. Holly, N.J., the son of Richard and Marian (Butler) Wildenberger.

He moved to New Hampshire in 1984. He worked in construction for many years, and worked for Gold Star Tree and Turf Farm for 15 years.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He is survived by his parents, Richard and Marian (Butler) Wildenberger of Londonderry; his companion, Daneen Paye; a son Richard Wildenberger III of Londonderry; a daughter, Samantha Ann Wildenberger of Rumney; and seven grandchildren, Adora, Ava, Jamie, Hannah, Nataya, Jaden, and Ashton.

Calling hours were Feb. 10 at Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, with a funeral service following. The family plans to have a graveside service in the spring at Pillsbury Cemetery in Londonderry.

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Amendment Would Decrease Size of Finance District

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council unanimously accepted the first reading of an amendment to the Airport Area Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District that would decrease its size and scope.

Town Manager Kevin Smith recommends accepting the amendment, which would reduce the TIF by 362 acres, with all land incremental tax value to go back to regular valuation.

Additionally, the amendment would mandate

the TIF's termination when the Town meets its obligation to pay for the cost of a new traffic light on Pet-tengill Road for \$250,000.

If the Council adopts the amendment, the Town will see \$71,000 in additional property tax money returned to the regular valuation in 2015 to offset the tax rate, Smith said.

With \$114,000 already having come in from the TIF, Smith expects well over the \$250,000 required for the traffic light will come in next year.

The purpose of the TIF District was to accelerate

development of the Pet-tengill Road area. Without the TIF, the Town would have delayed much of the tax revenue that could come earlier in the process, Chairman Tom Dolan said when the amendment was proposed.

The Council will hold a public hearing for the amendment at its March 2 meeting.

In other business:

• The Council approved with a 5-0 vote an amendment to the Town Ordinance related to Boards, Committees and Commissions intended to ensure

the process of appointing members is fair and transparent.

Changes to the ordinance include a section that requires the chairperson of each board, commission or committee to notify the executive assistant to the town manager of vacancies or pending term expirations

Mike Speltz of 18 Sugarplum Lane recommended the ordinance require the executive assistant to keep track of the expiration dates of board members.

"It's redundant to re-

quire the board, committee and commission chairpersons to notify the executive assistant. It makes it confusing as to who is responsible. Committee members are volunteers, whereas the executive assistant is a paid employee," he said.

"I see it as a check and balance," Councilor John Farrell said. "I think we should put the responsibility on the chairmen of boards and I think they should be engaged."

Additionally, a section was added requiring appointments be posted

when terms expire, even when a member on the board seeks re-appointment. The Town must publish in one local paper and two other public places all vacancies at least three months before a term expires or a seat becomes vacant.

The chairperson of each board, commission or committee may recommend an applicant to the Town Council, but the process for reviewing applications for and interviewing candidates is at the discretion of the Council.

Deliberative Defunds School Bus Petition

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Voters amended a citizen petition at Friday night's School District Deliberative Session that cut all funding from the proposal.

Article 11, to raise and appropriate \$451,552 for the additional cost of transportation and to request the Londonderry School Board adopt a student transportation policy with strict guidelines detailed in the article, was successfully defunded.

Business Administrator Peter Curro said the District would need to purchase eight additional buses to fulfill the requirements of the article.

Art Psaledas of 12 Mont Vernon Drive proposed de-funding the article.

"I think we should lower the amount to zero and end this thing," he said. "I have been in town for 40-plus years, and this is possibly the most single-serving article I have ever come across. I have

never voted against an amendment for the kids. This will be the first one. The next thing we will be having limo service for every kiddie. A kid can't walk half a mile? Give me a break."

Superintendent Nate Greenberg said if the allocation in the article is removed, the Board is required to do nothing should it pass.

Susan Fletcher of 13 Darrow Way, the petitioner who proposed Article 11, said a comprehensive school bus policy would offer clarity and relieve bus drivers.

"The lack of policy puts a lot of responsibility on our bus drivers," she said.

Voters approved overwhelmingly the amendment to strip Article 11 of its funding before moving it to the Warrant. The article will have no impact on the tax rate if passed in the election.

Voters also successfully amended Article 2 to boost the budget by

\$240,000 to fund classroom instructional assistants for three hours per day at the elementary school level, and resisted amendments that would have reduced funding for a proposed \$500,000 architecture and engineering study for an auditorium, Article 9 (see related stories pages 1 and 2).

All remaining warrant articles were moved to the ballot with little discussion. Those articles are as follows:

Article 1, Election of Officers.

Article 3, the teachers' contract for \$1.1 million, with a tax impact of \$.32 per thousand.

Article 4, the Allied Health Professionals contract for \$85,321, with a tax impact of \$.02 per thousand.

Article 5, a special meeting should either the teachers' or health professionals' contract fail.

Article 6, the School Lunch Program and Federal Fund Projects, with no tax impact as the funds

are self-supporting through local, state and federal revenue sources.

Article 7, an allocation of \$400,000 to the School Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, which results in a tax rate impact of \$.11 per thousand.

Article 8, an allocation of \$100,000, to the Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, which would result in no impact on the tax rate.

Article 10, to raise \$8,069 for Co-curricular and Athletic Stipends, which would result in a tax impact of \$.002 per thousand.

If the entire warrant passes in the March 10 election as amended, Curro said the tax rate would be \$15.6 per thousand.

OBITUARY

Brian Walley

Brian G. Walley, 53, of Londonderry died at the Elliot Hospital in Manchester on Feb. 8, 2015.

He was born on Oct. 1, 1961 in Woburn, Mass., the son of Helen (Hedley) Walley and the late Kenneth Walley.

He was a resident of Londonderry for 14 years, previously living in Billerica, Mass.

He was raised and educated in Wilmington, Mass., and graduated from Wilmington High School, class of 1980.

He was employed for over 25 years at UPS in Chelmsford, Mass., where he worked as a supervisor.

He was an avid New England Patriots fan.

In addition to his mother of Brooksville, Fla., he is survived by his wife of 30 years, Kathy (Mercer) Walley; two daughters, Kaitlin Walley and her fiancé, David Ellis of Milford, and Janelle Walley of Londonderry; one son, Brian K. Walley and his wife, Kaitlyn, of Nashua; a granddaughter, Genevieve Walley of Nashua; two sisters, Lorene Walley-Essbach of Brooksville, Fla., and Joy Novy of Morrisville, N.C.; one brother, Keith Walley of Springfield, Va.; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his brother Kenneth Walley.

Following cremation, memorial calling hours will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. A Memorial Service will follow at 3 p.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the American Heart Association, 2 Wall St., Manchester, NH 03101. To send a condolence or for more information, visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Editorial

The New Normal

Mid-day, 11 degrees. The wind chill is often several degrees lower. That's becoming the norm these days.

Often an editorial commenting on the weather can be out of date by the time the newspaper is in our readers' hands, because of the unavoidable delay from writing to printing to distributing. Unfortunately, that's not the case with comments about the weather these days.

We have been treated to almost daily snow, in addition to the 2 feet of snow already sitting on the ground. The wind picks up every once in a while, and the temperatures are stuck well below freezing. Hitting the low 20s is a high point for us.

Our unofficial records show snow on Jan. 3, 9, 12, 15, 24, 27 and 30, and Feb. 2, 4, 8 and 9.

So now that we're convinced snow and cold are part of our lives for a while, we'd like to remind you of how to deal with them. That means getting snow off your roof, keeping your walkway and driveway sanded and as safe as possible – including the path to your gas or oil tank – and keeping on hand food and other items you need to be comfortable if you can't get to the store, or a power outage occurs. Be careful with space heaters and generators, and make sure the outdoor vents are

kept free of snow. And bring your pets inside.

Road conditions are dangerous – stay off the streets unless you absolutely have to get somewhere important. If you do travel, clean the snow and ice off your car – it's the law, and leaving it there is a danger to yourself and other drivers. And maybe it's time to have a conversation at work about telecommuting.

The almost "snowbound" nature of the weather makes it important to check on elderly neighbors or those who live alone. And if you're getting cabin fever yourself, give a friend a call to chat.

When everything that can be done is done, take time to relax, or get out the cross-country skis or snowshoes and – you have to admit it – enjoy the beauty of the snow amidst the trees.

It's not all negative. We've seen evidence of the good-hearted spirit the wintry weather brings – a call to a neighbor to offer a grocery run, a private plow driver who stops to clear the berm of a resident wielding only a shovel, and then declines payment. In spite of the freezing temperatures, these acts of caring warm the heart.

So try to stay warm and comfortable, and know that spring is not all that far away.

Letters

Auditorium

To the editor:

Prologue. The key point: Londonderry has done well without an auditorium these many years. And yet the school board – currently Chair Leitha Reilly, Steve Young, Nancy Hendricks, John Laferriere, and Dan Lekas – has begun another push for an auditorium, undoubtedly knowing that many families are pinched financially. Leading the push has been Tony DeFrancesco, leader of a pro-auditorium group. A plausible scenario has Mr. DeFrancesco as the board's stalking horse, as the board has been silent except for the 5-0 vote for that \$500K auditorium study.

The Dec. 18 issue reported Mr. DeFrancesco's argument: Londonderry is a full-service community and therefore an auditorium is needed. In the next issue my letter in response began "Wants v. Needs, a want argument v. a need-argument, and then provided a need-argument, focus roads: bad roads damage vehicles, cause accidents, and injure people sometimes fatally. Good roads are a need and warrant adequate taxation.

I hoped Mr. DeFrancesco would respond with a need-argument. No such response. I later phoned Mr. DeFrancesco. No pick-up and I left a message: name, number, and subject, the auditorium. I hoped we might talk about what is a want, a need, and the difference between the two. He has not returned my call.

I submit that with absence of a cogent need-argument, an auditorium is a want.

Janet Griffin, in a letter to the editor Dec. 25, re-

lated talking with Mr. DeFrancesco on election day in November, telling him that many residents could not afford more tax increases. His response, "well, don't you want to live in a full service community?"

I drove by Mr. DeFrancesco's residence, a handsome home. Also observed was construction of what appeared to be a two-story guesthouse. Subsequently I learned from the building permit that it is a detached garage with an attic, cost \$44.9K.

Next I went online and obtained the residential assessed value (RAV) for Mr. DeFrancesco, each of the letter writers, and the school board members. Rick Brideau, Assistant Assessor, provided what he recollected was the median RAV, \$261K (median: half of the values are more than the median value and half are less).

Mr. DeFrancesco's RAV is \$460K, second highest among those I researched. Highest is Steve Young, \$469K. Wife and I, \$361K. Other than to say we, both retired, are managing – but with very little cushion – I won't go into details. Not good form to wear your heart on your sleeve, to bare your soul, or to publicly disclose family finances. No surprise, I shall vote against that \$500K auditorium study on the March ballot. If it is killed, there will be no auditorium-induced tax increase and we will benefit further when that school bond closes in 2017.

C C Mitchell
Londonderry

Thanks Public Works

To the editor:

I drive through quite a few communities to get to

and from work in Ipswich, Mass., and I just feel that it should be mentioned that when it comes to the roads before, during and after a winter storm, our DPW in Londonderry does a fantastic job.

There are some towns' roads I travel on where there is barely enough room for one car to pass on a normal two-lane road because they just don't push the snow back far enough. And at some intersections, a car has to be almost entirely into the road before it is possible to see if there are any oncoming vehicles.

That isn't the case in Londonderry, at least not on the roads I travel and live on. They make several passes and really push the snow back.

So, thank you to all the people in the Londonderry DPW for doing a great job of keeping our roads passable and safe in what can be very difficult conditions.

Phil Spitalere
Londonderry

Worry Cycle

To the editor:

In case you missed the Jan. 22 Around Town section, titled "Worry Cycle," Lynn Lyons is providing a presentation at Londonderry Middle School on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m.

You don't want to miss this if you have children or any contact with children that are anxious, and even yourself being anxious. Lynn provides so much information with sincerity and humor, you will come away ready to put her plan in place.

To register, email dconroy@londonderry.net or call 432-6925, ext 3140.

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Londonderry

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Coyle Presents County Budget to Council, Suggests Regional Dispatch

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Rockingham County Commissioner Kevin Coyle announced the county's proposed FY15 budget is \$79.8 million, a 1.6 percent increase over last year's budget.

The increase, which is primarily for categorical assistance, such as aid to the elderly, nursing home care and in-home care, equates to a 1- to 2-cent increase for the taxpayer. Categorical assistance is driven by the state legislature.

"They tell us what we'll pay and we pass it down

to you," Coyle told the Town Council at its meeting Monday night.

Although he has not formally presented the budget to the Council in a meeting in the past, Coyle said he thinks it's important to get feedback from the Town. Coyle is one of three county commissioners. He lives in Derry.

"I know we haven't done that before, but I think it's important," he said. "We want to know what, if anything, we can do for you. We provide certain towns with certain services, but right now we don't provide Londonderry with a lot more than a bill."

As the fourth largest contributor to the tax base, Londonderry pays \$3.2 million of the \$44 million in taxes the County raises.

For its contribution, Londonderry and other communities in the county receive nursing home care, the county attorney, the jail, the Sheriff's Department and the assisted living facility the county operates, according to Coyle.

"We have an aging population and we don't have a lot of facilities in Londonderry for the elderly," Councilor Joe Green said. "You have talked about having facilities in other towns. Has there been any thought about having a facility in Londonderry?"

"We have a facility in Brentwood that has 222 beds," Coyle said. "Very few Londonderry residents go there. A lot are from Derry, but not many are from Londonderry and Windham. The bed system is assigned, the Town would have to purchase beds. The assisted living facility has more. The nursing home has about 260 seniors. There

are 49 beds in Brentwood's assisted living facility; we could certainly look at it."

Town Manager Kevin Smith asked Coyle if there may be an opportunity in the future for regionalized dispatch.

"We believe, as most of the nation does, that regionalizing dispatch is the way to go and it's more cost efficient," Coyle said. "Derry has two dispatch centers, you have two, Windham has one, and Salem has two. It's something we want, but it will be driven by the towns wanting it. Going through

the political battles of trying to consolidate dispatch can be difficult. What we were thinking is having three locations county-wide - one in Brentwood, one here in Londonderry and one on the Seacoast."

"You would be interested in a dispatch center here in Londonderry?" Green asked.

"We would want to partner with whatever town is interested in it. You have a lot of communication equipment already. It would be an easy partnership," Coyle said.

Letters

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Worth Every Penny

To the editor:

On Friday, Feb. 6, at the Londonderry School Board's deliberative session, a motion by the voters passed to amend article 2, increasing our district's operating budget by \$240,000 for the purpose of funding instructional assistants for three hours per day per classroom at the elementary level (note: the instructional assistants were proposed to be eliminated entirely next year at the elementary level except for those who work in classrooms as a result of a child's Individualized Education Program).

The tax impact of this amendment for the average-priced house in Londonderry (\$277,000) is 4 cents per thousand more than what we currently pay, or \$11 per year. It would allow our elementary schools to have instructional assistants working alongside teachers, supporting all children in our elementary classrooms - struggling learners, children who are proficient but need added support to continue their growth in learning and children who are advanced and who can be challenged beyond typical grade level expectations.

The proposed elimination of the instructional assistants has a significant impact on student learning, our schools and on the long-term outcomes connected to our community; it has an impact on the extent to which children will learn what is necessary to be college and career ready; it will impact future elementary budgets in the way of remediation and behavioral intervention costs; there will be a cost to future middle and high school budgets in the way of remediation as we try to close achievement gaps because we didn't

build a strong enough foundation in the elementary years; it will have a cost for our elementary principals and teachers who will be working to achieve more with less; and it will have an impact on the Londonderry community in that a quality education affects the economy, real estate values and the pride that comes with knowing that we played a small role in the future success of our youngest residents by supporting our town's education system.

Londonderry has long prided itself on its high quality education but there are only so many holes that can be poked in the fabric of our education system before the quality of the fabric begins to weaken; eventually the fabric will rip. Over the years, we have weakened the fabric and now, we are dangerously close to ripping it with these types of cuts.

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the opportunity to win back an important element in the quality of the education that we deliver to the children of this community, our instructional assistants. The research is unequivocally clear - children who aren't proficient

by the elementary years are far more likely to struggle throughout their educational journey towards college and career readiness and there is a price to pay for this struggle - a price on so many levels.

Please vote with us on

Tuesday, March 10, in favor of the amended budget and send the message that we think our youngest citizens are worth every penny!

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Londonderry Looking Good in Smith's State of the Town Address

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

As development in Londonderry continues and the Town looks to the future, Town Manager Kevin Smith reported in his State of the Town Address that the state of the town is strong.

For the first time since 2007, the Town saw a decrease in its property tax rate of 2 cents, from \$5.19 to \$5.17 per thousand; the proposed operating budget is under the default budget for the third straight year by about \$18,000; and after going through one budget cycle in which the Town didn't use any of its undesignated fund balance to offset expenses for FY15, the Town was able to return nearly \$1.4 million to fund balance at the end of FY14, without

having to raise property taxes.

In his report on economic development in Town, Smith highlighted progress on Pettengill Road, including a 600,000-square-foot showcase center for jet engine manufacturer Pratt Whitney; a distribution center for FedEx; a new facility for Milton Caterpillar; redevelopment along the Route 102 and Route 28 corridors; a new Exit 5 Travel Center with a Red Arrow Diner and New Hampshire State Liquor Outlet, and a new Town Fair Tire location.

Looking to future projects, a manufacturing company plans to build a 62,000-square-foot manufacturing facility by the airport later this year, conceptual plans have been presented for a high-end wine bistro, and the

Town expects to see the preliminary phase of the Woodmont Commons development begin to take shape, according to Smith.

"It's no wonder, with all of the new business development, people want to live in Londonderry" he said, noting the Town will see several new residential developments in 2015, including senior apartments, an assisted living facility, one- and two-bedroom condominiums - some of which are workforce housing - and single-family home subdivisions.

Other changes the Town has seen in the last year are a shift to single-stream recycling, and a new policy to replace mailboxes that are damaged during winter storm plowing.

Additionally, the Town

created a revamped economic development webpage; a website for visitors, tourists, and prospective home-buyers; an outdoor recreation guide, and a monthly community newsletter.

"But the strength of our Town is not measured by budgets or economic planning alone, rather it is measured most by how the people in this community coalesce around and comfort one another in times of need and crisis," Smith said at the Town's Deliberative Session on Feb. 7. "While there was no shortage of positive happenings in Town over the last year; unfortunately, we dealt with our share of challenges and tragedy, as well. We had a tremendous loss as a number of current and former Lancers left us much too soon. One of our very

own Town Councilors was hospitalized for weeks, and an early winter storm knocked out power to thousands for days."

But through the difficult times, the Town's first responders have served the community with courage and dedication, Smith said. They are the first to show up on the scene, and usually the last to leave.

Specifically, Smith, recounted the recent incident on Route 102 where a truck went through the kitchen of a home where a young family lived.

"After speaking with a few members of both the Fire and Police Departments, and getting debriefed on the accident, I got back in my car and continued driving home. As I was driving, what struck me wasn't just how remarkably professional

and calm the members of each department were during the midst of a terrible and tragic accident, but also realizing that a similar event could happen again at a moment's notice," Smith said. "They do not know where or when the next accident or tragedy will be, or who's going to be involved; but they will be ready, nonetheless, to heed the call to help their fellow man, woman, or child in need."

In closing his address, Smith thanked the Town Council for their continued trust and confidence; the department heads and staff for their professionalism, expertise, and continued guidance; and the citizens for their support and willingness to help make Londonderry the great community that it is.

Man Jailed for Londonderry Burglaries Makes Brief Escape

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

A Manchester man arrested in Londonderry last month for several charges related to two local burglaries escaped from Exeter Hospital in Exeter and led police on a car chase.

When the handcuffs and leg restraints on Tyler Beliveau, 27, relaxed for an X-ray at Exeter Hospital on Jan. 24, he ran out of the room and fled the hospital in a stolen plow

truck, according to Maj. Darin Melanson of the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff's Deputy Wayne Partington, who had relieved two officers at the hospital with Beliveau, chased after the prisoner.

But the hospital floor was wet from melted snow tracked in during the Jan. 24 snowstorm and Partington slipped and fell. He got back up and continued to chase Beliveau, who had stolen a truck that was

parked outside the hospital while the sidewalks were being treated with sand and salt.

After Beliveau left the hospital in the plow truck, Exeter police were able to locate and follow the vehicle, according to Exeter Police Capt. Bill Shupe.

"It wasn't much of a pursuit, though, because of the storm. Officers stayed back due to the poor road conditions," he said.

Beliveau crashed in East Kensington and fled

on foot.

The foot pursuit was brief, and Shupe said two officers were able to take Beliveau back into custody in a resident's yard.

Beliveau, who will now face additional charges related to his escape, was charged last month with allegedly burglarizing the Bacon Barn on Sanborn Road on Jan. 19.

When he went to the Police Station to bail out a friend who had been arrested for his connection to the burglary of the Stumble Inn, Beliveau was wearing a jacket that matched the description of the jacket the suspect of the Bacon Barn burglary was seen wearing.

Police interviewed Be-

liveau and subsequently arrested him for his role in both the burglary at the Bacon Barn and the Stumble Inn. His boots matched the boot imprints at the Bacon Barn and he admitted to being there, Det. Adam Dyer said.

Additionally, Beliveau admitted to driving Scott Lasser, 29, of Londonderry away from the Stumble Inn after he had burglarized the bar.

Beliveau was charged with criminal liability for conduct of another and conspiracy to commit burglary for serving as Lasser's lookout during the crime.

While police were interviewing Beliveau, he attempted to delete mes-

sages on his phone, which resulted in an additional charge of falsifying physical evidence.

Dyer said pending charges related to a string of burglaries throughout Southern New Hampshire could result in further charges for Beliveau.

Melanson said "it's very rare" for an inmate to escape as Beliveau did.

"We're looking into alternatives like plastic restraints for medical procedures, and we're looking at ways to relax our restraints without being susceptible to escape in the interim," he said. "When something happens, the focus is on that. We're always looking for better ways to do things."



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Planning Board Approves Mohawk Drive Rezoning for Bistro

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Planning Board has approved re-zoning two lots on Mohawk Drive to accommodate the development of a wine bistro.

The Board also expressed support for the conceptual design for the restaurant, Cabonnay Wine and Cuisine, which developer Cornelis de Jong described as "the essence of wine country" in Londonderry.

"We want to create an environment to serve smaller portions of well-crafted, decadent foods," said de Jong, who told the board at its Wednesday, Feb. 4 meeting that he is looking to do something new and creative with the lot. "We want to create an oasis environment, where there is restful spaciousness - a calming, elegant sensory environment."

The building proposed to house the bistro is a long, townhome-style structure that features a courtyard inside and an upstairs gallery that will accommodate large groups and additionally serve as an art gallery. The sides of the bistro that face residential areas would not have doors, except possibly a fire escape. The building would not have a basement.

"The whole reason to bring this to Londonderry is to create an architectural jewel - something the Town can be proud of," de Jong said.

In order to establish upscale gardens on the

property, which are part of the developer's concept for the restaurant, his design for the site takes advantage of setbacks on the property and features a curved design for the parking lot that increases green space.

"We're sandwiched into a very narrow area," said de Jong of the property, which has two street fronts. "The corner site allows for very beautiful staging of the building and landscape. We want to create something that doesn't look commercial, with perennial gardens that are established."

To take advantage of the setbacks, the property must be re-zoned from Commercial-IV to Commercial-I.

"The move to the standard setback line for a residential structure allows for the relocation of the septic field, and we cannot have the garden over a septic field," de Jong said. "The parking curves inward to increase green space on the property. It's a very clean design and we're trying not to impact the wetland on the site. We're moving parking in, which goes over the setback lines. What we create by doing this is a grand street facing that is set back significantly and allows great opportunity for green space and landscaping."

De Jong added that the re-zoning is consistent with the area and would provide an opportunity to develop the site by rights.

"We're trying with the

entire project to clean up the site and make it cohesive with its environment," he said.

Previously, the Town approved a plan to develop the site into a medical center, but the development was never completed.

"This gentleman has come in and worked with staff three times. It has been a very collaborative effort, and I think this plan would be a better solution than the convoluted parking arrangement in the previous plan for the site," Town Planner Cynthia May said.

The restaurant would accommodate 60 seats, but may come in slightly below this estimate, according to de Jong. The proposed restaurant is a 10-foot reduction in size from the medical center.

De Jong is renting space in his office building, which was constructed as part of the medical center, on the lot adjacent to the larger lot to be used for the restaurant.

"I'm very excited by the prospect. I'm not opposed to changing the zoning or to moving the building. I think your proposal is wonderful," member Mary Soares said. "I am concerned about traffic, but most of the traffic is morning traffic, so it may work fine because you'd be opposite peak traffic times. But bringing something really elegant to a space that is not very elegant, I think it will be very wonderful and I look forward to

raising a glass."

"I love the concept, too," said member Leitha Reilly. "Hopefully, you have done your homework on this area and it will thrive."

Reilly asked what else could use the parcel once it is re-zoned C-I, should the business fail.

Other permitted uses include limited services motor vehicle, retail, professional office, repair services, and drive-through windows.

"The most recent inquiry for this site was an automotive repair shop," May said. "That's what this site lends itself to, which certainly is not friendly to the residential neighbor-

hood."

De Jong told the board he is excited he can begin something he is confident will be a success.

"I'm in e-commerce development and my day job funds this. I'm not worried about this collapsing," he said. "There is no mortgage or loan on the building and there is rental income from the adjacent lot. There is economic planning for the wine house and bistro components that needs to make sense and be profitable, but it's not a money pit. It's well-funded and well-structured and should be a success for many, many years."

"I think you hit the right demographic and I don't think you'll have any problem keeping it full," Chairman Art Rugg said.

The Board unanimously recommended the proposed re-zoning to the Town Council and endorsed the concept for the boutique bistro.

The first reading for the re-zoning was scheduled for the Town Council's Feb. 9 meeting (see related story page 18), with the public hearing to be scheduled the following month, according to May.

De Jong said if all goes well, he hopes to see the restaurant in service by the end of the year.

Driver Slides into Parked Cruiser

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Law enforcement officials are urging the public to be vigilant of parked cruisers while driving in winter conditions after a truck crashed into a state police cruiser in Londonderry.

Raymond Wallace of Merrimack took his turn at the top of the on-ramp at Exit 4 and Route 102 too quickly for the snowy conditions and his truck slid into the police cruiser, which was parked well off to the side of the road, according to Lt. Paul Hunt of the New Hampshire State Police, Troop B in Bedford.

The trooper was investi-

gating a crash, addressing a vehicle up on a snow bank, when the truck struck the back end of his cruiser.

"It was summons-able, but he was found responsible for the crash," Hunt said. "He's going to have to pay for any damages to the cruiser."

Hunt noted Wallace wasn't exceeding the speed limit, but he was driving too fast to compensate for the road conditions.

"The bottom line is this is the 17th or 18th cruiser that has been hit and people need to slow down, pay attention and not follow so closely," Hunt said. "The public should be outraged there

have been so many accidents with cruisers."

On Jan. 31, a car traveling at 45 miles per hour lost control in the wintry conditions and slammed into a state cruiser parked at a Route 3 on-ramp in Bedford.

The officer, who was injured as a result of the crash, was seated inside the cruiser.

He was lucky. He could have been getting in or out of the vehicle, Hunt said, noting, "We're just asking people to slow down and watch out for parked cruisers. When you're driving at 45 mph in an area that's hasn't been plowed, that's a 4,000 pound bomb."

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Federal Charges Levied Against Londonderry Man in Maine Shooting

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The State of Maine has charged Gregory Owens, a Londonderry man facing federal charges for allegedly shooting his wife and a family friend in Maine, with aggravated attempted murder.

Owens, 58, is being held at the Cumberland County Jail in Portland on \$2 million bail after appearing in York County Superior Court in Alfred, Maine, according to the York County Sheriff's Department.

Deputy District Attorney Justina McGettigan is prosecuting the case.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested Owens on Jan. 11 for crossing

state lines with the intent to kill or injure his wife, Rachel Owens, 55, on Dec. 18, 2014.

In addition to the charges the state filed this month, Owens was charged with Interstate Domestic Violence and Discharging a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence.

Owens allegedly shot his wife and Steven Chabot, 55, a family friend she was staying with in Saco, Maine, during a home invasion. The shooting occurred shortly after a woman with whom Owens was having an affair in Wisconsin threatened to publicly reveal their relationship unless he ended his marriage, according to

court documents.

Based on statements provided to investigators, Gregory and Rachel Owens were married for over 35 years and have an adult son.

Owens is retired from the military and owns Owens Consulting Group, a provider of training services and training devices to U.S. Military at overseas locations.

He owns numerous guns, 26 of which were seized during a search of his 3 Winthrop Road home conducted by Maine and State Police following the shooting.

Carol Chabot, 55, told police her lifelong friend, who was at her home for pre-holiday shopping and to visit with family, had

become ill suddenly sometime in 2014 and had dementia, despite previously enjoying years of good health and no known medical problems.

Chabot and her husband had been caring for Rachel Owens to relieve her husband, who was her primary caregiver.

On Dec. 18 around 2:47 a.m., police in Saco, Maine received a 911 call reporting a home invasion and shooting at the Chabot home.

Steven Chabot told police he had been shot and was hiding in a closet. Chabot's wife barricaded herself in a bedroom and was unharmed.

Upon witnessing an intruder wearing dark

clothing and a ski mask approaching his home carrying a handgun, Chabot returned to his bedroom and attempted to shut and lock the door. The intruder shot through the door three times, striking Chabot in the arm, shoulder and back.

Rachel Owens, who was sleeping in a guest room, was shot four times while she slept, one bullet striking the back of her head.

Both victims were transported to Maine Medical Center in Portland, where they underwent surgery and required extensive care; both survived.

For his federal charge of Interstate Domestic Violence, a Class C felony,

Owens faces a penalty of up to 20 years in prison and/or a fine up to \$250,000; and for Discharging a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence, a Class A felony, he faces a penalty of no less than 10 years and no more than life in prison, to be served consecutively to his sentence for Interstate Domestic Violence, and/or a fine of up to \$250,000.

For the charge filed by the State, Owens will be indicted either in February or March, according to Saco Deputy Police Chief Jeffrey Holland.

"He will probably face additional charges when we get through the grand jury process," he said.

Planning Board Receives Updated Route 102 Study

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Planning Board voted to accept the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission's (SNHPC) Route 102 Corridor Study.

The comprehensive study compiled the findings of previous studies of the area, taking into consideration several major corridor improvements slated for the future, such as Woodmont Commons and the construction of Exit 4-A on Interstate 93.

"This is just scratching the surface," SNHPC Principal Planner Tim White said of the Commission's findings. "There's a real

need for a more in-depth study and a detailed access management plan to identify what we can do right now to mitigate traffic impacts along the corridor and try to improve safety."

The comprehensive study, which is supposed to be completed every five years, cost the Town \$16,000, a bargain, according to Town Planner Cynthia May.

"It was one of three bids, and the other two were triple this cost," she told the Board when the study was initially presented at the Board's Nov. 12 meeting. "There was a lot of staff involvement to

keep the cost down."

Londonderry's last comprehensive study of the corridor was completed in 2000.

Visions for three separate zones within the corridor are examined in the updated study: the Commercial Zone (the portion of the corridor right off Exit 4 up to Winding Pond Road), the Transitional Zone (a portion of the corridor White said has less intensive development from Winding Pond Road to Meadow Drive), and the South Village Suburban Corridor Retrofit District (the portion of Route 102 from Meadow Drive to Route 128). Route 102 is also known as Nashua Road in Londonderry.

Reported traffic volumes are expected to increase by up to 20 percent by 2034. As development continues, feeder streets that intersect Route 102 will see increased use and improvements will be needed, according to the study.

"Our recommendations are related to the need for access management along the corridor," White said.

As some intersections appear to be approaching capacity, the report recommends the likely need for traffic signals at Londonderry Road, St. Charles Street and Action Boulevard, White told the board during a Feb. 4 public hearing on the study.

"The spacing of signals at the intersections

would be important. It would have to be developed into a coordinated signalized timing situation," he said, noting the importance of a more in-depth study to consider the traffic signals further.

Other intersections identified as potentially needing improvements are Route 128 and Route 102; Winding Pond Road and Route 102; Gilcrest Road and Route 102; and Hampton Drive and Route 102.

Member Ann Chiampa raised concern with how improvements along the corridor would impact access to businesses.

"I want to make sure the entrances into the businesses aren't obstructed by cars waiting

in queues," she said.

"Those specific type of access issues would be taken into consideration in a more detailed analysis," White said.

While the Board recognizes and appreciates the need for a more in-depth traffic study of the corridor, as recommended among the Commission's findings in the comprehensive study, May said the Town doesn't have the time or financial resources to dedicate to such a study at this time.

"Right now we're focused on the zoning audit. Maybe we will be able to do it next year," she said.

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Voters Amend Conservation Easement Article, Turn Down Budget Cut

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Saturday's Town Deliberative Session saw an amendment to Article 13, to purchase a 26-acre easement on Kimball Road, just north of the Londonderry Country Club.

As amended, the article would authorize the Conservation Commission to purchase the horse farm from Leah Doyle outright for up to \$500,000. The Commission would offer Doyle a 99-year lease, as well as write into the deed that the property could not be developed in the future.

Conservation Commissioner Mike Speltz said the easement would extend the Musquash Conservation Area, noting open space in the Town preserves clean water, offers flood protection and scenic views, and promotes agriculture and animal husbandry, as is the case with Doyle's horse farm.

With the addition of the farm, it will be possible to take a four-mile hike through town-owned conservation properties, Speltz said.

The appraised value of the property is \$640,000, but Doyle is offering to sell her property to the Town for \$395,000.

"If we purchase the property, it satisfies Miss Doyle's wishes by leasing the land to her. But we have to look at what we've gotten for land purchases. Much of our open space is woefully underutilized," Town Councilor Tom Freda said. "I'd like to see a stewardship plan for how this property will be used. We should not be spending taxpayer money on various lands to add to the surplus of lands that

we have."

"I like the idea, but do we have any indication the owner would be willing to go to an outright sale?" asked David Ellis of 1 Wilshire Drive.

"I spoke with Leah Doyle and she said she would entertain such a proposal," Town Councilor John Farrell said.

"If the easement goes through, would she continue paying taxes for the current use or pay the full tax rate?" asked Pauline Caron of 369 Mammoth Road.

"(Doyle) would pay under current use," Farrell said.

Ann Chiampa of 28 Wedgewood Drive added she would like to see an allowance for parking areas.

"If someone wants to go in the winter for cross-country skiing, I want to make sure there's an allowance for public parking, and I would like to see any conservation land in the future have an allowance for public parking in the deed," she said.

"Public parking is not in the deed, but given her willingness to allow parking, I think she would be amendable to permitting it in the deed to give the Town the ability to install a small parking area," Speltz said.

The voters moved Article 13 to the Warrant as amended. The article has no tax impact.

Also proposed for amendment but without success was Article 3, the Town's \$28.57 million operating budget. The Town's default budget is \$28.59 million, the same as last year.

Councilor Joe Green, the sole vote against supporting the budget, called for a \$300,000 reduction of the operating budget.



Voters take action on one of the warrant articles on Saturday morning at the Londonderry High School.

"In the past couple of years we have seen reductions in different departments, with people leaving through attrition," Green said. "When people leave, we need to do our due diligence and do more with less. This number reflects three situations - the Director of Economic Development for \$109,000; the addition of \$109,000 to the Fire Department for overtime, which was a temporary measure until the Town and union could work out the schedule, but what we put in rolls over into the default the next year; and \$122,000 for the Director of Finance position. That still leaves \$40,000 in the budget to hire a part-time person in the Finance Department if needed."

But the money has been allocated to many

areas of the budget that the decrease would affect, including a part-time secretarial position in the Planning Department, a contract for economic development, training for the Fire Department, library books, general assistance to social services agencies, and updates for the Information Technology department, according to Town Manager Kevin Smith.

"If you cut those moneys from this budget, the things I just mentioned would also have to be cut," he said.

"I think it's pretty quick to decide about the Finance Director, but the other amount of money I think should be put into a line item so we know exactly where the money is going," Dan Collins of 4 Park Ave., said. "I don't

think we should be taking money for a particular item and putting it in a slush fund."

"All the moneys are allocated for," Smith said. "The overtime money is in the fire overtime budget, and moneys that are being used from eliminating the economic and planning development position have been allocated to particular line items."

The savings that would have been achieved had the amendment passed would have been \$9.

The amendment failed and Article 3 moved to the ballot as proposed.

If passed, Article 3 would result in a tax rate impact of \$4.80 per thousand. The Town Council voted 4-1 to support the budget and the Budget Committee voted unanimously in favor.

Remaining articles, moved to the Warrant with little discussion, are as follows:

Article 1, Election of Officers.

Article 2, to raise \$100,000 for the Maintenance Trust Fund to support repairs and maintenance to town facilities. The article has no tax impact. The Town Council and Budget Committee recommend the articles.

Article 4, to raise and appropriate \$491,523 to fund the Special Revenue Account, which would cover Police Outside De-

tails and would have no tax impact as the services are funded through user fees. The Town Council and Budget Committee recommend the article.

Article 5, to raise and appropriate \$2.6 million to fund the Sewer Fund, which would defray the cost of construction, payment of interest on any debt incurred, management, maintenance, operation and repair of constructed sewer systems and would have no impact on the tax rate as they're funded through user fees. The Town Council and Budget Committee recommend the article.

Article 6, to raise and appropriate \$50,000 for Fire Department Equipment. The allocation from the Town's June 30 Fund Balance would be used to purchase three mechanical CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) devices for the Town's life support ambulances. The Town Council and Budget Committee recommend the article.

Article 7, to raise and appropriate \$500,000 for the Town's Roadway Maintenance Trust Fund for the maintenance, replacement, removal or improvement of the Town's roadways; and to authorize the use of \$250,000 of the June 30 Fund Balance toward the appropriation. The article

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Local Navy Sea Cadets Honored in Feb. 5 Ceremony

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

U.S. Navy Officers and Navy League representatives conducted their annual inspection of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Harlan R. Dickson Division in Londonderry.

Following their inspection of the Division, which is comprised of 27 cadets, and a presentation of their Color Guard, the officers and representatives recognized several cadets for their standout performance with the Division, as well as in the classroom.

Petty Officer Daniel Browne earned top honors, Northeast Region Cadet of the Year, for displaying exceptional service with the corps, leaderships, good character and excelling academically. He has a 3.9 grade point average.

"It's the highest recognition for a cadet," spokesman Jon Cameron said.

U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte, R-NH sent letters to the cadets who were honored, congratulating them on their achievement and recognizing their efforts and service.

To the region's 2014 Cadet of the Year, Ayotte wrote, "The fact you won this award is a tribute to your support of fellow cadets.

"If you continue to foster the values and work ethic you have demonstrated, I expect you will

have great success in your life," she wrote.

Also recognized at the Thursday evening, Feb. 5 ceremony with a top award was Caleb Humber, who earned the League Cadet Youth Medal and Ribbon for his dedication and work ethic.

Other cadets who received awards during the ceremony, which was held at the U.S. Armed Forces Training Center, were Joseph Aiello, Sea Cadet Youth Medal and Ribbon and Daughters of the American Revolution Outstanding Cadet; Rebecca Modrich, Sons of the American Revolution Bronze Good Citizenship; Matthew Miller, Cadet Drill Participation Certificate; and Nathan Miller, Cadet Unit Participation Certificate.

Instructor Sandra Brown was honored as Instructor of the Year for her exceptional service to the Division and many outside volunteer hours committed to her cadets' training.

"I commend these young men and women for their interest in serving their country. The accomplishment of these men and women assures me America has a bright future," Ayotte wrote in a statement read to the group by a representative who attended the ceremony in her place.

Following the ceremony, the Navy Officers and

Navy League representatives inspected the Division's records for each of the cadets to ensure they are attending training and advancing through the program as expected.

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps is a federally chartered non-profit for youth ages 11 to 17 that was established to foster an interest and ability in seamanship and seagoing skills among young people, instill good citizenship and strong moral principles in cadets, demonstrate the value of a drug-free and gang-free lifestyle, and expose cadets to the prestige of public service and a variety of career paths through hands-on training with the nation's armed services.

Cadets have access to training offered by the Navy, according to Commanding Officer John Murphy, who was named Regional Director of the Year for 35 years of exceptional service to the Sea Cadet Corps.

"Pretty much anything the Navy does, they can do," Murphy said. "They can go to Judge Advocate General (JAG) School and learn to be a lawyer. They can go to school and learn to be a Navy medic. They can go to culinary school. Some have even gone to training run by actual Navy SEALs (Sea Air Land teams)."

And Murphy said recently he started taking cadets who qualify along



Caleb Humber is awarded the League Cadet Youth Medal and Ribbon for his dedication and work ethic during the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Harlan R. Dickson Division annual inspection. Photo by Kaitlyn G. Woods

with him to participate in training with the Navy Marksmanship Unit at Camp Perry on the shore of Lake Erie.

The Cadet Corps also boasts study abroad programs, through which the Londonderry Division sent a cadet to Mumbai, India and is working with a cadet who is interested

in training in Australia.

Although the Corps is not a recruiting branch of the Navy, Murphy said they do talk about enlisting and between 30 and 40 percent of cadets go on to careers in the military.

Browne, who decided to join the Division after hearing about it from a friend, said while he has

learned to be a leader through the program, he thinks the greatest benefit has been the emphasis on teamwork.

"When we go to trainings, there's a sense of pride in working with your team," he said. "The teamwork part of it is what I enjoy most."

Workforce Study

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sis, which would be paid from the Planning Department's budget, breaks down to \$8,700 for SNHPC staff and \$4,800 for BCM Planning.

May said they hope to see the analysis completed in the next three months.

According to the proposal, the analysis would comply with and use all the provisions and requirements of the workforce housing ordinance, including definitions and standards for "afford-

able," "multi-family housing," reasonable and realistic opportunities for the development of workforce housing," and "workforce housing."

The analysis would consist of a collective assessment of all available housing and income data, home purchase prices and rents, and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) income limits and HUD Metropolitan Fair Market Area (HMFA) data available for the Town.

Based on the Town's development patterns and

future economic growth, the analysis would include a "Fair Share" analysis of what the Town's regional workforce housing needs are and what role the Town is providing in addressing its share of housing relative to the region as a whole.

"Having an audit of the rental housing stock, that's the key to all of this isn't it?" asked member Ann Chiampa.

"The analysis would certainly provide pieces of information that will inform the community," Town Planner Cynthia May said.

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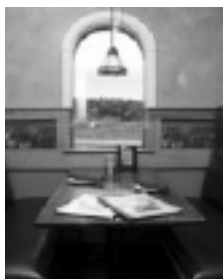
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Town Gets 90 Inches of Snow So Far This Winter

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The region saw another foot of snow earlier this week, raising the total snow accumulation in Londonderry since Jan. 24 to 70 inches.

The Public Works Department sent crews out to begin snow removal at 3 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, and they continued working through Monday and into Tuesday.

"Last night it was still spitting snow at 3 a.m. They'll continue cleaning the roads today and hopefully go home tonight to get some rest before the next storm on Thursday. They are pretty tired," Public Works Director Janusz Czyzowski said

Tuesday.

Londonderry has seen 90 inches of snow this winter, 70 of which fell in about a two-week period after Jan. 24, according to Public Works officials.

"We passed the 50 percent mark of spending on the budget, but we're still all right," Czyzowski said. "Hopefully this was the end. We had two weeks of winter, but right now we still have resources, all our equipment is working and all the people are working."

Schools were closed on Monday and the District delayed starting school by 90 minutes on Tuesday.

Also of concern during the snowstorms are seniors in need of assistance

with shoveling their driveways and walkways after massive amounts of snowfall in the region.

"I have seen elderly people on the news with a walker in one hand and a shovel in the other," Chairman Tom Dolan said at the Town Council's Feb. 9 meeting, which was held in spite of the snowstorm.

Dolan called for community volunteers to rally around the cause.

"Our population is starting to age and we have more and more seniors. I would like to ask for the community to think about what we could do to help the elderly in the community in times like this, of freakishly bad weather and heavy snow,"

Dolan said. "There are many who could certainly use help shoveling their walkways and clearing their roof. I would like to see someone come forward to lead that activity, and maybe we could help through the Town Manager's office."

Despite warnings to slow speed to compensate for poor road conditions, the Police Department saw several vehicles that went off the roads, but no major traffic incidents occurred.

"We responded to about 20 cars that had run off the road in the last two days," Det. Chris Olson said Tuesday. "There were two or three accidents, but no resulting injuries

reported."

With hundreds of vehicles having crashed on New Hampshire roadways this winter, the New Hampshire State Police are reminding motorists to adjust their driving for the challenging road conditions brought on by the recent snowstorms.

"Although many drivers have adjusted their driving appropriately for such challenging conditions, a significant number have not, resulting in property damage and injury," Lt. Matthew Shapiro wrote in a Feb. 5 press release. "In the majority of these cases, driving too fast for the road conditions was the causal factor."

This winter, the New Hampshire State Police alone has had 19 cruisers struck by other motorists, an increase of 300 percent over previous years. And there are still winter months and storms ahead.

Olson said there have not been any incidents where Londonderry cruisers were struck this winter.

Police are urging residents to drive at a speed appropriate for road conditions, reduce speed when approaching first responders and give a wide berth to public safety personnel, any persons in the roadway, and stationary vehicles displaying blue, red or amber emergency or warning lights.

Manchester Regional Airport Director Hopes to Boost Awareness

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Manchester Boston Regional Airport Director Mark Brewer presented an update to the Town Council on happenings at the airport, highlighting goals for the future, including the addition of Jet Blue Airlines and generating traffic in the region.

"The airport is a \$1 billion economic engine," Brewer said at Monday night's meeting, noting 61 percent of the airport's economic impact comes from people who don't live in Southern New Hampshire. "The people who fly in, rent a car, stay in the hotels and eat out every night help drive the

economy in Southern New Hampshire."

The challenge lies in educating people from around the country about why they should fly into Manchester, as opposed to flying into Logan Airport in Boston, according to Brewer, who said the airport is forming a partnership with an economic development consultant who will investigate promoting Southern New Hampshire as a destination.

"There's not enough money in our budget, in Londonderry's budget or even in our state budget to educate everyone, but we need to get the word out because the airlines are telling us the word is

not out," he said. "The capital of New England is Boston. Most people who are not from the area who want to go skiing in the mountains think they should fly into Boston. Our interest is to bring those people into Manchester, driving demand for additional economic growth and also increasing the chances of adding airline growth to serve our residents."

Chairman Tom Dolan told Brewer the acceleration of the Pettengill Road development should help, to some degree.

"The new development has added a population of several thousand jobs, and I would imagine more passenger traffic, as

well," he said. "Shortly behind that is the largest development in the state, Woodmont Commons. The businesses and new residents there will hopefully stimulate the airport."

In other business Monday night:

- The Council voted 5-0 to authorize the expenditure of \$12,953 from the Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund for several winter maintenance items, including shoveling and plowing at Town Hall, Leach Library, the Cable Access Studio and the Senior Center; as well as

interior painting at Town Hall, additional cabinet closet and cabinet doors at the Senior Center, improvements at the Department of Public Works' new garage, plumbing repairs at the Police Station and radio box repairs at South Fire Station.

- A public presentation on the Outdoor Recreation Plan was continued to the Council's next meeting due to snow.

- The Council reappointed Marge Badois as a member of the Conservation Commission with a 5-0 vote.

Badois has served on the Commission since May 2012, having started as an alternate member, then moving on to serve as a full member.

She earned a degree in Ornamental Horticulture and Secondary Education before serving 15 years with the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension.

Badois has lived in Londonderry for 30 years and works as a real estate agent.

"I am committed to the future of this Town," she said.

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State Fire Marshal Warns of Roof Collapse From Snow

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The New Hampshire Fire Marshal is warning residents of building collapse danger due to the significant accumulation of heavy snow in the region.

"A roof may collapse with little or no warning, and one common misconception is that only flat roofs are susceptible to collapse," State Fire Marshal J. William Degnan said in a Feb. 6 press release.

Derry Battalion Chief Mike Gagnon emphasized the importance of removing snow from the roof in a safe manner.

"We don't want people on ladders and roofs who are not comfortable being there," he said. "If there are any concerns with going on the roof, hire a contractor to clear it."

"Clearing the roof can

be dangerous and should be left to professionals," the State Fire Marshal agrees. "Using a roof rake is recommended while keeping away from electrical lines."

Determining if a roof needs to be cleared is a judgment call.

"The type of snow will make a difference, and when it rains, that can compact the snow and make it heavier and that will create issues," Gagnon said.

"The steeper the roof the stronger the roof and the more structurally stronger the home is because a steeper roof displaces weight," Londonderry Fire Marshal Brian Johnson said. "We got around 30 inches with the previous storms and well over a foot of snow with this storm. If you have a low-pitched roof or a long roof span, have someone

clear that off - even just getting some of the weight off will help."

Signs there may be a danger of roof collapse include sagging roof steel (visually deformed), severe or new roof leaks, cracked or split wood members, bends or ripples in metal supports, cracks in welds of steel construction, sheared-off screws from steel frames, sprinkler heads pushed down below ceiling tiles, doors that pop open, doors or windows that are difficult to open, bowed utility pipes or conduits attached to the ceiling, creaking, cracking or popping sounds and recent cracks in walls, drywall or masonry.

Evacuate the building immediately and notify the fire department or a structural engineer if any of those symptoms are ob-

served, officials said.

"Fortunately, it's not that common," Johnson said of roof collapses. "We have seen structural collapses in town in previous years. This year the bigger problem we have seen is ice falling off buildings and causing damage to gas meters. We have also had a lot of carbon monoxide problems because of vents being blocked by snow."

Excessive snow on the roof also can damage gas service when heavy snow loads slide off the roof onto the gas meter and components or onto outside oil tanks, causing valves and filters to break.

Residents should also keep chimneys and vents clear to prevent carbon monoxide from backing up into the building. Pellet stove vents may exit the building through a wall and are susceptible to

being blocked by snow.

During the Jan. 29 snowstorm, Londonderry Fire was called to the Century Village condominiums on Winding Pond Road when snow covered vents from the building and exhaust backed up.

"People noticed it was creating an odor in the residence," Battalion Chief Mike McQuillen said, noting many vents are only 2 or 3 feet off the ground and newer models release lower temperatures that don't melt the snow.

Home and business owners are also urged to keep all exits clear of snow, so that occupants can escape in the event of a fire or other emergency. Windows should be cleared to allow a secondary exit.

"You always want exits. If you use a side entrance through the garage and there's a fire in the garage,

you will need another way out. And we need to be able to get in to help and get a stretcher in and out," Johnson said.

Keeping exits clear also allows emergency workers to access the home or building.

Each fire station in Londonderry uses a utility truck with a plow, and the department hires additional staff to help with shoveling during all significant snowstorms.

"About 90 percent of the time we have to plow the driveway to get to a patient in their home. During a major storm it becomes very labor intensive," McQuillen said. "We don't want that to affect transport times."

For details, call the local fire department or building officials, or the State Fire Marshal's Office at 223-4289.

School Deliberative

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The additional teaching assistant hours increase the budget four hours above the budgeted amount for teaching assistants at the elementary level.

Superintendent Nate

Greenberg said as the District has seen enrollment decline, officials have worked to right-size, while retaining certified staff and maintaining class sizes.

"We have seen a 24 percent drop in staff since 2006," he said. "It comes

out to one full-time teaching equivalent for every drop in enrollment of 22.3 students. We have matched our decline in students with our decline in staffing, maintained class sizes, reorganized, and improved our high school dropout rate to 0.36 percent and our college

acceptance rate is over 99 percent."

Traynham argued the District's low high school drop-out rate and high rate of students moving on to post-graduate education at two- and four-year institutions applies to students who benefited from a more robust

budget that supported teaching assistants in the classroom.

"Now, the budget is not as robust and the expectations of what we want teachers to do in the classroom have skyrocketed," she said. "Please send the message we think our children are worth every penny."

"Do you feel there's a deficiency in the budget?" State Rep. Al Baldasaro, R-Londonderry asked Greenberg.

"I do not believe there's a deficiency in the budget," he responded.

Still, an overwhelming majority of the 164 regis-

tered voters in attendance passed the article as amended to the Warrant.

As amended, the budget, Article 2, is \$67,774,153 and has an estimated tax impact of \$12.63 per thousand. The default budget is \$67,906,417 and has an estimated tax impact of \$12.69.

Following the Deliberative Session, the School Board took a vote on the amended budget.

The Board voted 1-4 on the question of recommending Article 2 to the voters, with Nancy Hendricks the sole vote in favor of supporting the amended budget.



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LHS Boy Hoopsters Beat PA 67-61 to Remain Perfect

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

There were definitely reasons for local high school basketball fans to be excited about last Friday night's boys' hoop battle between the rival Londonderry High Lancers and Pinkerton Academy Astors in Derry.

And when that contest was over, there were many reasons for the near-capacity crowd to tell friends and family mem-

bers that they'd missed something special by not attending the game, which was won by the undefeated visiting Lancers by the slim tally of 67-61.

Points of interest were many and varied in the playoff-like game, which was part of the Ball Family Trophy games between the two local schools and kept the large and vocal crowd poised on the edges of their seats from start to finish.

Londonderry High sen-

ior star guard Cody Ball, a member of the same Ball clan for whom the winter sports series is named, had an uncharacteristic first half, missing shots from all over the offensive zone despite regularly netting anywhere from 20 to 30 points in nearly every Lancer game.

Ball finished that opening half with two points, but to nobody's surprise he began hitting shot after shot during the second half and finished up with an impressive 22 points.

The only other player - for either team - who did more scoring was LHS sophomore guard Jake Coleman, who kept his team going step for step with Pinkerton while Cody Ball struggled and standout senior forward Marc Corey was relegated to the Lancers' bench by LHS coach Nate Stanton following what the coach called "a practice issue."

Coleman finished the night with 25 points, Ball bagged 22, and Corey contributed eight in the second half as Londonderry shoved its Division I record up to a perfect 9-0.

Pinkerton fell to 8-2 in the tight division after

winning three consecutive divisional contests.

The teams were tied at 11-11 after one quarter and 25-25 at halftime, but the visiting Lancers grasped a four-point advantage of 46-42 heading into quarter four.

Stanton's squad never owned what one might call a "comfortable" lead in this battle, but it grasped a seven-point advantage of 65-58 with a little less than two minutes to go. And Londonderry dug in even harder on defense and didn't let its host get any closer than four points down the rest of the way.

Coleman's great offensive work in the first half - 14 points - paced the Lancers until Ball, who was both stoic and business-like when his shots weren't falling in the first half, and Corey got down to the business of pumping home points in half number two.

"Jake came up absolutely huge for us, and



Sophomore guard Jake Coleman had a huge game for his Londonderry Lancers against Pinkerton late last week. Photos by Chris Paul

our defense also came up from center David Faulks, big, especially late," said Stanton.

Pinkerton wowed the big crowd with electrifying above-the-rim play and collected performance won the day.



Recently back from an injury, LHS senior Joey Kwiatkowski took two PA players strong to the hoop last Friday evening.



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Lady Lancer Cagers Get Past PA, Keep D-I Streak Rolling

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Sophomore guard Kelsey Coffey came up with some clutch offensive work, and she and her teammates kept their noses to the grindstone on defense all night in handing their London-

derry High girls' basketball squad a 44-39 defeat of the rival Pinkerton Academy Lady Astros in Derry on Friday night, Feb. 6.

After the two teams adjourned for halftime with Londonderry grasping a 14-13 lead, Coffey

cranked up her personal offense and netted all of her game-high 17 points in the second half - nailing a handful of three-point buckets in the process - to help push her now 12-1 squad to its 10th consecutive Division I victory. Pinkerton slipped to 7-4 in its tough class with the defeat.

"A tough-fought game, but rivalry games always are," said LHS first-year varsity coach Nick Theos. "Defensively, the girls worked hard and followed the game plan, but offensively we struggled for the first half until the outside shots started to fall."

The LHS girls' win was also significant because it began Londonderry High's two-game sweep of Ball Family Trophy games at Pinkerton that evening, with the Lancer boys following up with a tight victory in the night-cap before a near-capacity crowd in PA's Hackler Gymnasium.

The girls' contest was tight from start to finish, with both teams struggling mightily with their shooting throughout the first half and the 27 combined points being in the first two quarters.

Pinkerton missed its first 10 shots from the

floor in the opening quarter, while Londonderry sank just one of its first six tries from the field.

The Lady Lancers ended up going 4-for-14 from the field in the first period, while PA stood at 1-for-14 in that same span, and the score sat at 8-5 in Londonderry's favor after a frustrating period.

The PA bunch ended up outscoring its guests by a modest 8-6 tally in quarter two, leaving the halftime score at 14-13 in Londonderry's favor at the break.

But Coffey and senior swing player Brittany Roche both had their shooting hands warm up for the Lady Lancers in quarter three, which ended with the visitors grasping a 29-26 lead.

Coffey came up big again with long-range and free-throw shooting in the fourth period, with she and her teammates building their way up to their largest lead of eight points (39-31) midway through that vital stanza before winning the contest by five points at 44-39.

"Kelsey Coffey takes and makes big shots at big times, and Brittany Roche did everything for us, including score at opportune times. Another hard, tough win," said



Sophomore guard Kelsey Coffey's hot shooting during the second half helped her Lady Lancers to their slim win over Pinkerton. Photos by Chris Paul

Theos.

Along with Coffey's 17 points, the victorious LHS side received nine from

Roche and six apiece from that duo's fellow starters Ashley Berube and Tara Burke.



Londonderry High point guard Jackie Luckhardt battles a Pinkerton rival for control of the ball during the Lady Lancers' slim win in Derry last Friday.

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Lancer Wrestlers Push Timberlane Troop to the Wall

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School wrestling squad's years-long push to shove the legendary grappling juggernaut from Timberlane Regional High School of Plaistow right to the wall of defeat moved directly to the threshold of that accomplishment on the road Wednesday, Feb. 4.

First-year coach Jason Cucolo's Lancers gave it just about everything they had in the dual meet on the host Owls' home mats, but when the final points were tallied the Timberlane troop collected the slimmest of victories - 31-30 - over its determined guests.

Londonderry had to frustratingly surrender forfeit losses in both the 220- and 285-pound weight classes - as it has all season - which wound up making a massive difference in the tight meet, with the locals snaring class wins in seven bouts.

Cucolo's LHS crew received victories from Mahdi Achab at 170 pounds (an 8-4 decision), Richard Bilodeau in the 195-pound bout (fall at 1:25 mark), Kevin Robis- cheau at 106 pounds (11-6 decision), Craig Santos in the 113-pound contest (10-2 major decision), Tyler Byrd at 120 pounds (9-1 major decision), Ryan Cabezas in the 126 bout (10-2 major decision), and

Kyle Byrd at 160 pounds (fall at 1:22).

Another noteworthy battle came at 138 pounds, where Timberlane senior star Dan Scalzo - whose uncle, Tom Mersereau, is a 1983 graduate of Londonderry High - squeaked out an 8-7 decision against LHS senior star

Jean-Luc Lemieux in giving the Lancer stand-out just his second loss of the season.

"As always, I am very proud of my guys for their fight and effort each match," said Cucolo. "No one gave up a pin, and they fought the entire match. As always, we are up against two forfeits, and that means we give 12

points to every team we face. And to only lose by one point to Timberlane, at home, says so much for the guys and their mental-toughness."

Last Saturday, Feb. 7, the wrestling crews from Bedford High School, Salem High, and Windham High School all came up empty in their attempts to challenge the host Lancers in a four-team meet at LHS.

Londonderry bounced Bedford (55-22), scorched Salem (63-3), and wall-opped Windham (60-21) in going a perfect 3-0 on the day.

And snaring perfect 3-0 marks as individuals by beating all opponents they faced in the meet were Lancers Tyler and Kyle Byrd, Cabezas, Lemieux, Sebastian Roszczekno at 182 pounds, Bilodeau, and Robis- cheau.



Skilled veteran Mahdi Achab, left, was one of seven LHS wrestlers to win bouts during their slim loss to Timberlane in Plaistow last week.

Pinkerton Has Ball Trophy Lead

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School sweep of girls' and boys' basketball contests at Pinkerton Academy last week was noteworthy in quite a few ways. But the PA Astros still grasp a 6-5 lead in the Ball Family Trophy games.

Pinkerton claimed an early 2-0 lead over the LHS Lancers in the 2014-15 Ball Trophy competition when its boys' and girls' track and field squads both beat their Lancer rivals in indoor track league action on Dec. 20. That gave PA a jump toward a fourth consecutive season of claiming the Ball award.

The Ball Family games then continued on Jan. 7 when the PA and LHS wrestling squads met up at Londonderry High, and the

host Lancers won handily.

Next, the two schools' hockey teams faced off on Jan. 10 at the Salem Icenter, with LHS taking that victory to tie up the Ball competition at 2-2.

On Jan. 16 the Pinkerton and Londonderry swim teams dove into action against each other in the Lancers' home pool, with PA winning the boys' event and LHS snaring the girls' win. Those two outcomes left the Ball Family Trophy count at 3-3.

The two schools' girls' gymnastics contingents then battled at Londonderry on Jan. 27 with Pinkerton winning handily to snare a 4-3 lead in the Ball Trophy tally.

The LHS and PA ski teams hit the slopes as parts of larger meets on Feb. 5 at Mount Sunapee in

Newbury, with Pinkerton's contingents tallying a sweep to put their school up 6-3 in the Ball Trophy count.

The Lancer and Astro basketball teams then played a double-header at Pinkerton Friday evening, Feb. 6, with the LHS crews sweeping the two games by slim margins to make the trophy tally 6-5.

The remaining Ball Family competitions are unified basketball - set to be played at LHS on Friday afternoon, Feb. 13, and spirit next month.

The winter Ball Family games and spring Beeman Trophy games between the two schools were added in the early 1990s after the fall Mack Plaque contests, begun in the autumn of 1983, had proven to be popular in the two communities.

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Londonderry High Icemen Fall Hard into a Losing Skid

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School ice hockey squad has slipped into a frustrating patch recently, and coach Peter Bedford's bunch dropped its third and fourth consecutive decisions to streaking opponents last week to slide to the .500 mark at 6-6.

The Lancers took one-goal losses on the chin from both Concord and Salem during that span, in seeing their 2014-15 Division I record fall from 6-4 to the .500 level.

The Lancers skated into their significant Division I road contest

against the hot Concord High Crimson Tide (five wins in a row) at the Everett Arena in the state capital Wednesday, Feb. 4, aiming to end their two-game losing streak in the division. But the LHS squad's frustrating skid continued in a 2-1 loss to the 9-2 Tide.

The 6-5 locals pelted 36 shots on Concord standout goalie Ben Nelson but only managed to get Cooper Roy's second period back-hander past the veteran keeper. Defensively, however, the Lancers held the Crimson Tide to a mere 16 shots on

goaltender Cody Baldwin, and the hosts managed to score just enough to bag divisional victory number six in a row.

The first period featured intense, high-speed action, with both sides smacking eight shots on the opposing cage. But the only goal scored was potted by the Tide with 9:37 left in that stanza. However, the Lancers headed to their locker room knowing that they'd be starting the second period with a power-play when Concord keeper Nelson was caught tripping a Londonderry player as time expired.

The visiting icemen enjoyed a handful of power-plays during the middle stanza - including a 5-on-3 - but snagged the game-tying goal with the teams at even strength when Cooper Roy was set up by teammate Patrick Maloney with 8:13 left in the period.

Londonderry enjoyed a huge, 15-3 advantage in shots on net during the second, but 1-1 was where the score sat, rolling into the final 15 minutes of play.

The Crimson Tide didn't manage to put even a single shot on LHS keeper Baldwin during the first six minutes of the third stanza, but the hosts potted what would prove to be the deciding goal on a power-play with 8:46 remaining on the game clock. And that would be it on the scoring.

"We cleaned things up after the first period and didn't play a bad game," said Bedford. "We did some good things. It wasn't like we played a bad game, we just didn't finish."

And Londonderry didn't enjoy any more success in its hunt for a victory when it faced off



Londonderry High hockey player Patrick Maloney tries to keep the puck away from a Concord rival during the Lancers' slim loss to the Crimson Tide in the state capital last week.

against the blistering-hot Salem High Blue Devils at the Salem Ice Center - the home rink of both squads - last Saturday night, Feb. 7.

The Lancers showed their typical fight in battling their way back from a 2-0 deficit with third period goals from Alex

Laplane and Maloney. But the Blue Devils intensified the LHS side's recent frustration by skating off with a 3-2 win when the final buzzer sounded.

LHS keeper Baldwin made 18 saves in the tough loss, while Salem star goalie Sam MacDonald turned aside 22 Lancer blasts.

State Postpones Championships

Local athletes in a pair of demanding sports saw their state championship events postponed by the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA) last week due to snow.

The NHIAA Indoor Track and Field Championships were slated to

take place last Sunday, Feb. 8, in Dartmouth College's Leverone Field House. But with so many schools having to travel long distances, the event was postponed until this coming Sunday, Feb. 15, at that same venue.

Additionally, the Division I girls' alpine team

ski championships, which were slated for Monday, Feb. 9, at Mount Sunapee in Newbury, were moved to Tuesday, Feb. 10, at Cannon Mountain in Franconia.

For more information fans can visit the state site at NHIAA.org.

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Lady Lancer Gymnasts Enjoy Their Senior Night and Win

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Coach Heather Tuden's Londonderry High girls' gymnastics squad had no trouble with the Goffstown High Lady Grizzlies, Exeter High Lady Blue Hawks, or the Dover High Green Wave during the local contingent's senior night meet at LHS on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

Tuden's troop tallied a team score of 130.85, way ahead of second-place Goffstown (119.40), Exeter (115.90), and Dover (101.35), to reign supreme in its home gym that

evening.

The hosts took first places in every event and even swept several, with veteran standout Jill McIntire winning on vault (score of 9.2), uneven bars (7.9, tied with teammate Maddie Baumann), and in the floor exercise (8.6), with teammates Mira Kutney winning on balance beam (8.7) and Baumann ending up tops by herself in the all-around (32.45).

Second places were snagged by Lady Lancers Courtney Baharuan on vault (8.7), Baumann on beam (8.6), and Maddy

Britting on floor (tied, 8.2), with third places collected by Rachel Larkin and Jordan Dufresne in a tie on the vault (8.3) and Baharuan on both bars (7.8) and beam (tied at 8.2).

"We also had strong vaults from Skyler Endyke, Maddie Baumann, and Taylor MacKenzie," said Tuden. "On bars, Gianna DelViscovo and Jessi Pignone contributed to the win. Hailey Endyke, Tyla Kelley, Camille Lamont, and Skyler Endyke put up strong scores on the beam. On the floor, Skylar Roy, Rachel Larkin, and Hailey Endyke also

helped to dance the Lancers to their victory."

It wound up being a particularly special evening for one of the Endyke girls.

"We are graduating one senior this year, Hailey Endyke," said Tuden. "She competed on beam and floor for the Lancers consistently for the past four years. We will truly miss her, and we wish her the best of luck with all of her future endeavors."

The the 2014-15 Gymnastics State Meet will take place on Saturday, Feb 14, starting at 2 p.m. at Salem High School.



Mira Kutney and the Londonderry High girls' gymnastics squad had a wildly-productive senior night last week, winning handily.

Miss New Hampshire Outstanding Teen Competition This Weekend

On Feb. 14 and 15, 23 young women will be competing in the 11th annual Miss New Hampshire's Outstanding Teen Competition at Pinkerton's Stockbridge Theatre in Derry.

Derry residents competing for the title include: Outstanding Teen Contestant at Large Morgane Vigroux, a student at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School, who will sing "Good Morning Baltimore" from the Broadway musical "Hairspray;" Tegan Gregson, Miss Seacoast's Outstanding Teen and a student at Pinkerton Academy, who will tap dance to "Fabulous Feet" from the Tap Dance Kid; and Shawna Gile, Miss Manchester's Outstanding Teen and a student at Pinkerton Academy, who will perform a Latin dance to "Live it Up" by Jennifer Lopez, featuring PitBull.

From Londonderry is

Kenzie Goode, a student at Londonderry Middle School and Miss Kingston's Outstanding Teen, who will tap dance to Michael Jackson's P.Y.T.

Other local contestants are Skylar Reinert of Hooksett, Miss Salem's Outstanding Teen and a student at Pinkerton Academy, who will do a lyrical dance to "The Impossible Dream" by Luther Vandross; Miss Londonderry's Outstanding Teen Kaitlin Soucy of Manchester, a student at Manchester West High School, who will dance ballet en pointe to "Smooth Criminal;" and Miss Greater Derry Outstanding Teen Brooke Mills of Concord, a student at Concord High School and who will sing "Think of Me" from "Phantom of the Opera."

On Feb. 14, the first preliminary competition begins at 2 p.m.; the evening preliminary com-



Kenzie Goode



Kaitlin Soucy

petition begins at 7 p.m.

During the Preliminary Competitions the scoring is: Interview 25 percent, Talent 35 percent, Evening-wear/On-Stage Question 20 percent, Life Style and Fitness 10 percent and Scholastic Achievement 10 percent.

The top 10 will be announced Sunday, and they will compete again, with 35 percent of each contestant's score carried forward from the preliminary as a composite score. Talent will be

worth 35 percent, Eveningwear 15 percent and Fitness competition 15 percent.

The young women will vie for more than \$4,000 in scholarships and the right to compete at Miss

America's Outstanding Teen in July in Orlando, Fla.

New Hampshire's Outstanding Teen Competition is for girls ages 13 to 17 and is the "little sister" program to the Miss America Organization. The competition is intended to encourage and reward talent, communication skills, community service, and academic achievement. The Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program, Inc., the official state chapter of the Miss America Organization, sponsors the teen program.

Miss New Hampshire 2014, Megan Cooley, and

Marc Willis will serve as co-emcees of the event and Miss New Hampshire's Outstanding Teen 2014, Caroline Carter, will crown her successor. The program's producer is Miss New Hampshire 2003, Candace Glickman. Pattie Lamontagne chairs the event with her co-chair, Miss New Hampshire 2005 Audra (Paquette) Burns.

Tickets are available at the door at \$32.50 for adults and \$17.50 for students under 18 or seniors over 62. The ticket allows entrance to both Saturday preliminaries at 2 and 7 p.m. and the finals on Sunday at 4 p.m.

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Musquash Field Day Brings Out the Crowds Saturday

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission hosted its annual Mus-

quash Field Day last weekend, offering residents a chance to get out and enjoy winter sports in the conservation area.

"We're trying to introduce and make the Londonderry population familiar with the Musquash," Commissioner Mike Considine said of the Feb. 7 event. "It's a great resource."

Rockingham County Forester Fred Borman led a nature walk on trails in the Musquash, pointing out features of the property and identifying varieties of trees. And Eastern Mountain Sports at the Mall of New Hampshire lent snowshoes for attendees to use during the field day.

About 75 to 80 people walked the one-mile trail out to the event to enjoy hot dogs, hot chocolate, apple cider, baked goods, and other warm refreshments. The Commission used a sled to haul a propane grill and the hot dogs out to the site.

Considine said the

turnout was good, although they have seen higher turnout in previous years, with about 125 people coming out for the event.

In addition to getting residents more familiar with the conservation area, Considine said the

event offers the Commission an opportunity to share the variety of uses permitted on the trails.

"We want to get people to know what's there and about the trails and activities they can access," he said.

Popular sports that

are permitted on the trails in the winter include cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and mountain biking.

"It was great skiing on the way in," Commissioner Eugene Harrington said.



Conservation Commission Vice Chairman Eugene Harrington skis into Musquash Field Day.
Photo by Kaitlyn G. Woods

Council Holds Hearing on Mohawk Drive Rezoning

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council held its first reading of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance that would rezone parcels on Mohawk Drive to accommodate an upscale wine bistro (see related story page 7).

The Planning Board unanimously approved rezoning 6 and 8 Mohawk Drive from Commercial-IV to its previous zoning classification of Commercial-I at their Feb. 4 meeting.

The proposed re-zoning is consistent with the zoning of the adjacent lots; therefore, planning staff recommended the amendment, according to a memorandum Town Planner Cynthia May presented at the Planning Board's public hearing on the re-zoning request.

The proposed bistro is to be housed in a long,

townhome-style structure to be built on the property, which would feature a courtyard inside and an upstairs area that would accommodate large groups and additionally serve as an art gallery.

In order to establish upscale gardens on the property, which are part of the developer's concept for the restaurant, his design for the site takes advantage of setbacks on the property and features a unique, curved design for the parking lot that increases green space.

To take advantage of the setbacks, the property must be re-zoned from Commercial-IV to Commercial-I.

"The move to the standard setback line for a residential structure allows for the relocation of the septic field, and we cannot have the garden over a septic field," developer

Cornelius de Jong said. "The parking curves inward to increase green space on the property. It's a very clean design and we're trying not to impact the wetland on the site. We're moving parking in, which goes over the setback lines. What we create by doing this is a grand street facing that is set back significantly and allows great opportunity for green space and landscaping."

De Jong added the rezoning is consistent with the area and would provide an opportunity to develop the site by rights.

"We're trying with the entire project to clean up the site and make it cohesive with its environment," he told the Board.

The Town Council will hold a public hearing for the zoning amendment at its March 2 meeting.

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LHS Teachers Show Off Their Talent



Londonderry High School teachers displayed their hidden talents last week at the annual Teacher Talent and Art Show, which benefited the math team. Above left and clockwise, performers included student Kaitlyn Quirk singing with teacher Casey Roop; teacher Steve Juster performs a magic trick with student Maddy Laudani; Kristine Holleran displays her Best in Show Chinook; Roop and William Prince play an Eagles medley; Karen Robinson knits; Andy Kiniry plays guitar; and student Ellen Kester sings.

Photos by Chris Paul

Deliberative

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would result in a tax rate impact of \$.07 per thousand and was recommended by the Town Council and the Budget Committee.

Article 8, to raise and appropriate \$120,000 to update and rewrite the Zoning Ordinance in accordance with the recommendations of the Town's Zoning Audit. The article would have no tax impact and is recommended by the Town Council and Budget Committee.

Article 9, to establish and fund with an appropriation of \$28,000 a new Geographic Information System (GIS)

Capital Reserve to develop, maintain, enhance or acquire data, software and/or hardware resources to be used by or integrated with the Town's GIS program and to appoint the Town Council as agents to expend the reserve. The article would have no tax impact and is recommended by the Town Council and the Budget Committee.

Article 10, to appropriate \$295,000 to the Capital Reserve Funds to Expand Cemeteries, to Replace Highway Heavy Equipment, Fire Equipment and Highway Trucks. The article would authorize the Town to use June 30 Fund Balance toward the appropriation

and would have no tax impact. The Town Council and Budget Committee recommend the article.

Article 11, to raise and appropriate \$105,000 to hire one or more additional full- or part-time police officers to fulfill the functions of school resource officer. The article results in a tax rate impact of \$.03 per thousand and is recommended by the Town Council and the Budget Committee.

Article 12, to discontinue the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund, created in 1996. The funds in the

account would be transferred to the Town's General Fund. The article has no tax rate impact and is recommended by the Town Council and the Budget Committee. Moving forward, the Town plans to lease its ambulances, according to Smith.

Articles 15 through 20 authorize the Town Council to call special meetings on cost items, should they fail in the election.

If all articles on the Town's 2015 Warrant pass, the tax rate would be \$5.17 per thousand. The Town's election is March 10.


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Supervisors of Checklist

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at Town Hall on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 10 a.m. to noon to register voters and correct the checklist. Anyone who has not previously registered may do so for the Town/School Election. Proof of citizenship, identity, and residency is needed, or affidavits may be signed. This is the last day for anyone not previously registered to do so before the March 10 Town/School Election. Registrations will be accepted at the election with documentation.

Renew

Renew free used clothing giveaway opens Feb. 14 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road, Derry. Arrive by 10 a.m. Derry residence is not required. Enter at church marquee; Renew is at right. Each household is limited to 20 of the newest items, plus a reasonable number of older clothes. Donations of good condition modern clothing may be placed in bins by the door at any time. No money donations are accepted in return for clothing. Contact Renew at "Renew Derry" on Facebook, by emailing renew-clothing@yahoo.com, or calling the church secretary at 434-1516.

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The Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Road offers a hot lunch Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in cooperation with Rockingham Nutrition Meals On Wheels. Meal calendars are available at the center. Bingo is offered after lunch Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Meals are pre-ordered one week in advance, with a \$2 donation paid at the meal. Once a month, a special meal includes additional items, at a suggested donation of \$3. Seniors interested in participating can meet with the Meals on Wheels site manager or get additional information at the senior center front desk. For information, call 432-8554.

Social Media

At 7 p.m. Feb. 26, Wayne Kutzman will give a free talk titled "Using Social Media" at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry. He will examine origins of social media, where it's going, use of key platforms, and what drives the changes in the economy to enable web-based social interactions to be center-stage. Kurtzman, former president of Etz Hayim, is Global Manager of Social Media Listening, Insights and Technology for Pitney Bowes. He teaches social media at University of Tennessee. This talk is part

of a series, "Key Issues in Contemporary Judaism." For details, see www.etzhayim.org or call 432-0004.

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Middle East Scholar

Dr. Mordechai Kedar, an Islamic scholar, will speak at Etz Hayim Synagogue, at 1 1/2 Hood Road, Derry on Monday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. The presentation is sponsored by The William Einhorn Interfaith Education Fund, the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire and NH-4Israel. Dr. Kedar opens a window into the Muslim and Arab world, past and present. The Interfaith Education Fund was started by Bill's wife, Miriam Gitterman, at his request, so that the Interfaith conversation between his synagogue and its neighbor, the Church of the Transfiguration, could continue. Visit www.etzhayim.org for more information.



Residents Honored

The Town Council recognized Kent Allen, above left, as Volunteer of the Year for his efforts to clean up the Town Forest, Town Common and Town Pound; and Gladys Frederick as Citizen of the Year for her generosity to all members of the community, at Saturday's Town Deliberative Session. Frederick recently retired from her post as director of Londonderry Senior Citizens Incorporated after serving seniors in the community for over a decade and leading fundraising that enabled the group to invest \$56,124 in the Senior Center. Allen voluntarily cleared bittersweet, brush and brambles to improve access to the Town Forest and Town Common. He also cleaned the Town Pound and put a wreath on it. With them are Council Chair Tom Dolan, at left, and Councilor Jim Butler, above right. *Photos by Chris Paul*

Abraham Lincoln

Leach Library hosts a free program for adults titled "A Visit with Abraham Lincoln" on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. in the lower level meeting room. Lincoln will be brought to life by historical re-enactor Steve Wood. He will recount the early days of Lincoln's life and will discuss debates with such people as Steph-

en Douglas, Lincoln's run for presidency, and the Civil War before ending with a reading of the "Gettysburg Address." Light refreshments will be served.

Critters N' Creatures

Mona Headen and Critters N' Creatures come to the Leach Library on Monday, Feb. 23, from 11 a.m. to noon to talk about how animals deal with the cold of

New Hampshire winters. Topics such as hibernation, brumation and other adaptations will be discussed, and there will be an opportunity to pet an animal. Live animals may include a hedgehog, bat and turtle. Advance registration is required and begins at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

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Scavenger Hunt

During February vacation, Monday, Feb. 23, through Saturday, Feb. 28, the Children's Room at the Leach Library will offer 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 prize.

Holiday Closure

The Leach Library will be closed Monday, Feb. 16,

for Presidents' Day.

Vacation Craft

For February vacation, starting Monday, Feb. 23, through closing on Saturday, Feb. 28, children will have a chance to create a puppet at the Leach Library. Stop by the Children's Room desk to pick up the supplies and create a puppet at the library or at home.

Kindergarten

Registration for the 2015-2016 school year is occurring for Moose Hill School. Any Londonderry child who will be 5 years old by Sept. 30, 2015 can be enrolled at Moose Hill. Call

Moose Hill at 437-5855, stop in between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays or email the director, Bonnie Breithaupt, at bbreithaupt@londonderry.org to request a registration packet, or visit londonderry.org. Include child's name, birth date and Londonderry address. The kindergarten program has two sessions, morning from 8:45 to 11:20 a.m. and afternoon from 12:30 to 3:05 p.m. The session is determined by address.

Art Classes for Seniors

A variety of art classes are planned in February for seniors at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mam-

moth Road. Pre-registration is required, with payment at sign-up. Classes are in ceramics, pastels, jewelry making, valentine art, and a paint afternoon. Call for details on the classes, as well as for information on line dancing and Bingo, at 432-8554. Visit www.londonderryNH.org/Pages/LondonderryNH_Senior/index or Friends of the Londonderry Senior Center on Facebook.

Worry Cycle

On Tuesday, Feb. 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Londonderry Middle School cafeteria, the Londonderry School District Wellness

Committee presents "Anxious Kids, Anxious Parents: How to Stop the Worry Cycle" with licensed clinical social worker and psychotherapist Lynn Lyons. She specializes in the treatment of anxiety disorders in adults and children and has an interest in breaking the cycle of worry in families. To register for the event, email dconroy@londonderry.org or call 432-6925, ext. 3140.

Video Camp

The Londonderry Access Center holds its first video camp during February vacation. The camp is open to middle school stu-

dents and will run Feb. 23-27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students will learn studio and field production. To sign up or for more information, contact Erin at 432-1147. The last day to register Feb. 13.

Lions Club Concert

The Londonderry Lions Club hosts a concert from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Lions Hall, Mammoth Road, to benefit Londonderry High scholarships, local sight and hearing, and Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. Bobby and the Sharptones will perform classic rock and roll from

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Free Meals

The Community Meals Network offers the following free meals, all in Derry. Derry residency is not required. Weekdays, 4 to 5 p.m., dinner, Sonshine Soup Kitchen; Feb. 15, lunch, noon, Seventh Day Adventist Church; Feb. 15, dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m., Etz Hayim Synagogue; Feb. 19, dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m., West Running Brook Middle School. Feb. 21, dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m., St.

Luke's United Methodist Church; Feb. 22, lunch, noon, Seventh Day Adventist Church; Feb. 27, spaghetti supper, 5 to 6:30 p.m.,

HU Chant

A Community HU Chant will be held Thursday, Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m. and continuing on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Holiday Inn, 2280 Brown Ave., Manchester. HU is an ancient name for God sung in many cultures around the world. The event is sponsored by Eckankar, Religion of the Light & Sound of God. For more information, call 800-713-8944 or visit www.eckankar-nh.org.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

The Londonderry Town Council will hold PUBLIC HEARINGS on the following items:

1. Ordinance #2015-02 - An Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Relating to Rezoning Map 6, Lots 37 & 38 6 and 8 Mohawk Drive
2. Resolution #2015-01 - An Amendment to the Adoption of Airport Area Infrastructure District

The Public Hearings are scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053. A copy of the proposed amendments may be viewed at the Town Manager's office during regular business hours and online at www.londonderrynh.org.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday, Feb. 2

9:13 a.m. Report of theft of mailbox on Jan. 29.

12:33 p.m. Department of Public Works (DPW) reports cars parked in road on Winterwood Drive impeding snow removal.

12:34 p.m. DPW reports cars impeding snow removal on Capitol Hill Drive.

12:35 p.m. DPW reports cars impeding snow removal on Constitution Drive.

12:26 p.m. DPW reports cars impeding snow removal on Boulder Drive.

6:05 p.m. Town Highway reporting vehicle preventing snow removal on High Range Road and Quentin Drive.

8:59 p.m. Caller on Hall Road reporting plow is plowing snow into road and into caller's yard.

Tuesday, Feb. 3

10:14 a.m. Vacant school bus in snowbank at Noyes and Rockingham roads.

1:30 p.m. Christopher J. Davis, 49, Berkshire Lane, Londonderry arrested on warrant for Stalking. Bail set at \$5,000 personal recognizance, with Derry Circuit Court date of March 24.

5:21 p.m. Burglary reported at residence on Cardinal Circle.

Wednesday, Feb. 4

8:07 a.m. Jason Lemire, 29, Fieldstone Drive, Lon-

donderry arrested for Simple Assault. Bail set at \$1,000 personal recognizance, with Derry Circuit Court date of Feb. 10.

5:43 p.m. Anvar Dmitri Bieler, 18, Windsor Boulevard, Londonderry turned himself in on warrant for Receiving Stolen Property. Bail set at \$10,000 cash, with Derry Circuit Court date of Feb. 5.

Thursday, Feb. 5

4:38 a.m. Caller on Ross Drive reporting vehicles gone through less than an hour ago.

3:12 p.m. Kayla McQuarrie, 24, Stage Coach Circle, Londonderry arrested on warrant for Tampering with Witnesses and

Informants. She refused services of bail commissioner, and was arraigned in Derry Circuit Court on Feb. 6.

Sunday, Feb. 8

7:26 a.m. Damage to gate at Parking Lot C, Manchester Boston Regional

Airport.

10:53 a.m. Caller reports plow truck clipped telephone pole and damaged it on Hardy Road.

1:07 p.m. Employee at Convenience Plus Londonderry, Rockingham Road reports male subject has been at store for

more than an hour, asking people for money. He has a white truck parked at one of the gas pumps.

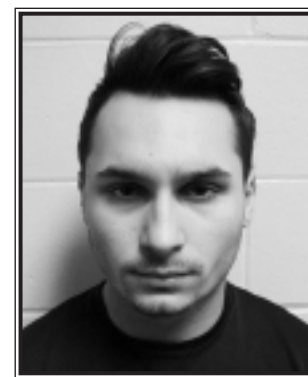
5:54 p.m. Caller reports snowmobiles driving in road heading north on Route 28 from Derry town line.

Teen Arrested for Car Burglaries

KAITLYN G. WOODS
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A Londonderry teen was arrested last week for his alleged connection to a rash of car burglaries at athletic fields.

Police arrested Anvar Bieler, 18, when he was found to be in possession of a cell phone that had been reported stolen from a car parked near the Londonderry Athletic Fields Association (LAFA)



Anvar Bieler

fields behind Central Fire Station, according to Det.

Chris Olson.

Bieler was out on bail for burglary and criminal trespass charges when he was arrested and additionally charged with receiving stolen property.

He was arraigned in Derry District Court on Feb. 5 and held on \$10,000 cash bail.

Olson said Bieler's bail amount reflected the fact that he was out on bail when the subsequent arrest occurred.

Firefighters

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the citizen's petition for Article 14, which would increase daily staffing levels from nine to 10 firefighters on a 24-hour basis.

Siekmann's original warrant article would have required the Town to raise and appropriate \$400,000 for the four additional firefighters.

Fire Chief Darren O'Brien said if he staggers his hiring of the new firefighters through the year, the Town is able to minimize its funding request for the additional firefighters in the first year.

Town Councilor Joe Green said he is opposed to the article because adding the four firefighters won't address overtime costs that continue to run over-budget.

"This council would never do anything to harm the safety of residents," he said. "What we need to do is get the message out to the responsi-

ble people in the room that we don't want to keep throwing taxpayer money at the problem."

Green argued the Town is essentially paying for the firefighters twice by raising money to add firefighters to the budget before coming to an agreement to re-work shift schedules that would address overtime costs.

"Several years ago, we agreed we'd change the way we staff due to certain contractual obligations. We have gone from \$300,000 in overtime to over \$850,000 in the overtime line. When the taxpayer pays their taxes, they're already paying the \$400,000, and now the \$263,144 for additional firefighters," Green said. "This is not about whether or not we want to put them on. This is an excellent department, we just need to get everyone on board and stop paying twice for something."

"People have to consider the extent of development coming to town

and how it affects our services," said Town Councilor Jim Butler, who stepped down from his council position when Article 14 was discussed so that he could comment as a voter. "We have to be progressive. Over the last 15 years we have been taking money from the Fire Department. We're sending two-man engines out to fires, which means there's no one to man the pump - that's a liability for us and not a good practice. With everything going on, I think we need to get ahead of the curve."

"We're in good shape in other departments," he added. "I think we can make adjustments and it

won't hurt our pockets too much. It's the right thing to do at this stage in the game, and it will cost us more to do it down the road. Let's do what's right not only for taxpayers, but also for the men and women who serve our community."

State Rep. Al Baldasaro, R-Londonderry asked about the Town's mutual aid agreements with neighboring towns, and how heavily Londonderry is relying on other communities for assistance with major fire events.

O'Brien said the Department is finding it has to utilize mutual aid more often for emergencies in Londonderry.

"The very basis of mutual aid is each community can provide for its own basic needs," said Al Sypek of Constitution Drive. "When towns have not provided for their basic needs, the surrounding communities said they wouldn't give them mutual aid until they provide for those basic needs."

"The reason we have overtime is because we don't have enough staffing. If we don't have enough people, we have to pay them overtime," said O'Brien, who noted the need for paramedics sometimes requires the department to pay overtime to have someone with that

qualification staffed when both of their paramedics are out. "Are all of the new hires going to be paramedics? No. But if this passes, we would want to have a paramedic so if people are out we would have that extra support so we wouldn't have to go to overtime."

Following the meeting, the Town Council voted 2-2-1 to support Article 14, as amended, with Green and Tom Freda voting against the article and Butler abstaining, as his son is the President of the Londonderry Firefighter's Union.

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NEW PLANS

A. Elizabeth Cross (Owner) and Cross Apple Farm, LLC (Applicant) - Public Hearing pursuant to RSA 231:158 for potential improvements along Adams Road, a state designated Scenic Road, associated with a proposed two-lot subdivision at 41 Adams Road (Map 6 Lot 81, Zoned AR-I).

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