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## Congressional Recognition

U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-NH, left, Congressman Frank Guinta, R-1st Dist. NH, second from right, and Gov. Maggie Hassan, look at an album of photos with Alfred Speckman, second from left, who served with the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) during World War II. He was among those honored for CAP service at a Saturday ceremony at the New Hampshire Aviation Museum. See story page 12.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

## No Contested Seats in Town, School Board Elections

KAITLYN G. WOODS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Candidate filing closed Friday for Londonderry school district and town seats, with no contested races.

Candidates running for election with the Town are

Jim Butler, who filed for re-election to the Town Council; Gary Vermillion, for re-election to the Budget Committee; Sherry Farrell, for re-election as Town Clerk; James Hooley, for election to the Budget Committee; and Carole

Introne and Betsy McKinney for re-election as Trustees of the Trust Fund. Leitha Reilly and Steve Young filed for re-election to the two seats open on the School Board.

Election Day is Tuesday, March 10.

## Town, School Deliberative Sessions Arrive This Weekend

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Both the Town and School District Deliberative Sessions take place this week.

The School District's Deliberative Session will be held Friday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria, and the Town's Deliberative Session is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 7, at 9 a.m.

Residents will not be able to register to vote at the Deliberative Sessions.

Residents may propose and vote on revisions to the articles at the Deliberative Sessions.

Articles on the School District warrant to be considered are:

Article 2, to raise and appropriate \$67.5 million as the District's operating budget, which represents a \$12.59 per thousand impact on the tax rate. The budget includes a reduction of 49.5 hours of daily instructional assistant hours, totaling \$115,000 in savings, to address declining enrollment and downshifted costs from the State.

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,

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## Fires Ravage Murray's Auto, Town Seeks Court Action

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Local and state fire officials are investigating a fire at Murray's Auto Recycling that ravaged the 55 Hall Road salvage yard last week. A second fire broke out in the auto junkyard a day later.

Londonderry Fire Marshal Brian Johnson and two fire marshals from the state are leading the investigation, and Police Chief William Hart said police are assisting with the investigation where appropriate.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation at press time by the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office, Londonderry Fire and Londonderry Police.

"It's completely gone,"

owner Edward Dudek said of his garage and salvage yard. "We're just waiting on the insurance and to hear that the investigation is complete. We can't touch anything because it would jeopardize the claim. Once we get the okay, we can start cleaning up - we're hoping by (this) week.

The day before the fire, on Jan. 28, the Town filed a petition for injunctive relief against Murray's in Rockingham Superior Court due to compliance difficulties they have had with the salvage yard (see related story page 2).

Town Manager Kevin Smith said Dudek failed to comply with multiple conditions in his license agreement with the Town.

"The petition asked the court to order Dudek

to stop what he's doing and comply with the conditions of his license and give the Town the authority to revoke his license, if necessary," Code Enforcement Officer Richard Canuel said.

Revoking the license would be a decision of the Town Council.

Additionally, Murray's recently reached a negotiated agreement with the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) related to a lawsuit CLF filed against

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# Town Takes Murray's Auto Recycling to Court Over Lack of Compliance

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The Town of Londonderry has filed a petition for declaratory judgment, injunctive relief and enforcement of statutory penalties against Ed Dudek and Murray's Auto Recycling due to ongoing compliance difficulties they have had with the salvage yard.

Town Manager Kevin Smith said Dudek failed to comply with multiple conditions in his 2014 license agreement with the Town.

Dudek, who began operating the salvage yard in 1998, said he did not wish to comment on the petition at this time.

The Town filed the petition in Rockingham Superior Court on Jan. 28, just one day before the salvage yard burned down in a two-alarm fire, which re-ignited hours after firefighters extinguished the initial blaze and left the scene (see related story page 1).

Code Enforcement Officer Richard Canuel said the Town petitioned to

revoke the auto salvage's license after numerous written notices of violation and a lawsuit against the business owner to compel him to install fencing, as required by his license.

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Having had an established history as a commercial junkyard located in an area of Londonderry zoned exclusively for residential use, Murray's was considered by the Town since at least 1987 to be a "nonconforming use" under its Zoning Ordinance.

Each year, Dudek is required to go before the Council for a public hearing on the renewal of his junkyard license, which has a long history of being contested by his neighbors.

The Council may impose reasonable conditions on the licenses and

is authorized to initiate proceedings for the enforcement of state and local junkyard regulations against violators, including obtaining a mandatory injunction to end the violations.

Since acquiring the salvage yard, Dudek has been the subject of dozens of citizens' complaints, many of which have resulted in official Notices of Violations and action by Canuel, according to the petition.

Additionally, multiple lawsuits have been filed against Dudek, including a lawsuit filed by neighbor Gerard Adams of 54 Hall Road against the Town, appealing the Town's decision to renew Dudek's license; a lawsuit filed by the Town against Dudek to enforce fencing requirements, zoning restrictions and previous court-ordered settlement terms; and a lawsuit filed by Dudek against the Town appealing the Council's denial of his 2002 license renewal because of concerns about alleged groundwater pollution on the site, and for stacking automobiles higher than

the yard's 6-foot fencing requirement.

In April 2014, the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) filed a federal lawsuit against the salvage yard alleging violations of the Clean Water Act. Murray's Auto Recycling recently reached a negotiated agreement with the CLF, which requires the salvage yard to develop and regularly update a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP); as well as hire a qualified engineering consultant to develop the SWPPP, to install and implement control measures, to pay five installment payments totaling \$23,000 to the New Hampshire Rivers Council for environment restoration of or other benefit to the Merrimack Watershed, and to pay CLF's legal fees and costs, which total \$33,000.

As a condition for the 2014 renewal of Dudek's license, the Town required Dudek to install fencing to conceal the salvage yard and cars stacked on the property; and to follow an "anti-stacking" provision limiting the

height of piles of stacked cars on the property so that they aren't visible above the fence.

"Any failure to comply with any condition shall be grounds for the Town Council to consider revocation of the license," according to the license conditions.

After the Town renewed Dudek's license in October, Canuel periodically observed operations at the salvage yard and observed that vehicles were stacked high enough to render them visible from outside the property, and that fabric had not been installed on top of the fence near the front gate, as required by the license.

Canuel delivered a Notice of Violation on Nov. 3, warning Dudek that if the salvage yard were to violate the anti-stacking provision prior to being renewed in 2015, the Town would use the repeat violation as a basis for denial.

Dudek's non-compliance continued through December, prompting neighbors to complain at several Town Council meetings of the violations, particularly that stacked cars were visible above the fence.

On Jan. 15, town personnel observed that the stacked cars covered by

tarps remained plainly visible from outside the junkyard; and on Jan. 21, Canuel issued to Dudek a second Notice of Violation.

In its petition, the Town requested the Court declare that the Town Council may revoke Dudek's license to operate Murray's Auto Recycling due to the violation of the "anti-stacking" condition and fencing requirements of his 2014 junkyard license; as well as order Dudek to cease and desist all business operations until he complies with the license conditions, the statutory fencing requirements and the Town's Zoning Ordinances.

Additionally, the Town petitioned the Court to declare Murray's Auto Recycling a nuisance for its failure to comply with license conditions and fencing requirements of the junkyard statute, subjecting the salvage yard to abatement; and to order Dudek and Murray's Auto Recycling to pay the Town statutory penalties in the amounts of \$275 for the first offense and \$550 for each subsequent offense.

When asked if the Town plans to revoke Dudek's license to operate at his 55 Hall Road salvage yard, Canuel said that will be a decision for the Town Council.



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# ALERT Seeks Funding to Put Emergency Radio Station on Air

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

**A**LERT - A Londonderry Emergency Response Team - is fundraising to launch a community radio station.

The low-power FM station would serve as a new platform for the non-profit to raise awareness for its mission and work in the community, and to broadcast announcements and information during emergency events.

"The key to having a station is having an audience," said ALERT Com-

munications Director Remi "Bill" Fortin, who hopes to engage the community to the station by also airing music, sports and entertaining programs produced by members of the community.

Additionally, Fortin spoke about the potential to broadcast informational programs detailing safety tips from the Fire and Police Departments and his hope for a partnership with the School District's station, LEO 103 Radio, which reaches the north

end of town, up to about Litchfield Road.

"We want to get people interested and keep them interested. We're hoping this is something the high school kids can put content into," Fortin said. "We want people in Londonderry to feel they're part of this, and hopefully we can also drive more interest in volunteering with ALERT, because it takes a lot of volunteers to open a shelter and to do a search and rescue."

ALERT is made up of

volunteers who help with search and rescue operations, disaster response, emergency shelter operations, educating the public on emergency preparedness and prevention, and traffic control at large public events and during emergencies.

The mission of ALERT's new station, FM 95.1, is to provide the community with emergency notifications, shelter status, and safety information. The radio station is to be housed at South Fire Station.

"We're hoping to reach up to the intersection of Route 111 and Route 128, and some of Windham. Our shelter is a regional shelter that we open not only for Londonderry, but also for all the surrounding towns," Fortin said.

In founding the station, ALERT will have to purchase several pieces of expensive equipment, including a transmitter, antenna, emergency messaging system, cable, computer and software.

To help get the station

up and running, donors may send a check, made payable to ALERT, to Remi "Bill" Fortin at 7 Shasta Drive, Londonderry, NH 03050.

ALERT will recognize corporate sponsors on the air and may direct listeners to the company's website or Facebook page.

"We need to raise about \$8,000, but I have been able to secure \$1,075 so far. I'm excited about that," Fortin said. "Our goal is to put our new broadcasting station on the air as soon as possible."

# Sullivan Runner-Up for Assistant Principal of Year

KAITLYN G. WOODS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

**T**he New Hampshire Assistant Principal of the Year Committee announced that Londonderry High School Assistant Principal Katie Sullivan is runner-up for the award.

Sullivan received an award for her accomplishment during a luncheon at Church Landing in Meredith honoring all the nominees.

"It was a very nice reception and they had wonderful remarks to share about all the educators nominated," LHS Principal Jason Parent said. "We're very proud of her."

"I'm happy just to have been nominated by my peers," Sullivan said when she learned in December she was a final-

ist for the award.

Sullivan earned her degree in Health and Physical Education from Keene State College in 1995 and started as a Health teacher at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School in Derry that same year. She went on to earn her Mas-

ter's in Counseling, then took a job as a counselor at Matthew Thornton Elementary School.

After earning her second Master's in Administration, Sullivan began her nine-year career at the high school.

Sullivan has shown

leadership and a commitment to the school and community through her work with the Pay it Forward Group and Response to Intervention Team. She said her relationship with kids is "number one"

and describes her work at the high school as "a lifestyle," calling the students and her co-workers family.

Parent said Sullivan's "connection with the students, staff and communi-

ty is like none other," and that she has a great sense of the pulse of the building and has had a tremendous influence on the culture and what Lancer Nation is all about.

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Moles, known medically as nevi, are clusters of pigmented cells that often appear as small, dark brown spots. However, moles can come in a range of colors and can develop virtually anywhere on your body. Most moles are harmless, but in rare cases, moles may become cancerous. Monitoring moles and other pigmented patches is an important step in detecting skin cancer, especially malignant melanoma. Not all melanomas develop from pre-existing moles, but many begin in or near a mole or other dark spot on the skin.

Scientists don't know why moles develop or what purpose they serve, if any. Most moles are harmless and don't require special care, but some people have unusual-looking moles, called dysplastic nevi, which are more likely to turn cancerous than ordinary moles are.

Although the typical mole is a brown spot, moles come in a wide variety of colors, shapes and sizes. Moles are usually flesh-colored, reddish-brown or medium to dark brown. They can vary in shape from oval to round. They can be as small as a pinhead or large enough to cover an entire limb. Moles can develop virtually anywhere on your body, including your scalp, armpits, under your nails, and between your fingers and toes. Most people have between 10 and 40 moles, although the number you have may change throughout life. New moles can appear into mid-adulthood, and some moles may disappear as you age. The surface of a mole can be smooth or wrinkled, flat or raised. Sometimes a mole may start out flat and brown and later become slightly raised and lighter in color. Some may become raised enough that they form a small stalk, which eventually may wear away. Others may simply disappear.

Several types of moles have a higher than average risk of becoming cancerous. They include large moles that are present at birth are called congenital nevi and may increase your risk of malignant melanoma, a deadly form of skin cancer; moles that are larger than 1/4 inch (or larger than the diameter of a pencil eraser) and irregular in shape, known as atypical (dysplastic) nevi, which, tend to be hereditary or if you have many moles (20 or more) you're at a greater risk of developing

melanoma.

Although most moles develop by age 20, they can continue to appear until midlife. There are also certain times in your life when moles are more apt to change; for example, they're likely to become darker, larger and more numerous because of hormonal changes that occur during adolescence or pregnancy. If you have signs or symptoms which include painful itching or burning; oozing or bleeding; scaly, crusty or suddenly becoming a different shape, size, color or elevation, see your doctor.

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# Editorial

## Winter All At Once

Winter was treating us so well this year, with those of us wanting snow having to deal with disappointment as the weather warmed and the days felt and looked almost like spring.

Then things changed. All at once.

It's almost as if in one week we were treated to a giant game of catch-up, with 2 feet of snow at one shot, blizzard conditions, heavy duty wind gusts and ice. And then more of the same. And then more.

The amount of snow settling in around here can make those of us who tend to focus on the worst be nervous about what a spring thaw and spring floods might bring into our basements and yards and roads.

Meanwhile, the often subzero wind chill makes being outside a brisk adventure.

But adventure is what winter is all about, and events coming up invite us to venture outdoors to enjoy what the season can offer.

Londonderry offers the annual Musquash Conservation Area Field Day on Feb. 7.

This free event offers a chance to learn about the outdoors in winter – information about local wildlife and winter botany will be offered – as well as to enjoy the conservation area with its opportunities for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

And the day includes one of the

highlights of winter festivals – an open fire and refreshments.

Don't stop there: conservation areas in all of our towns are equally fine settings for winter snowshoe and cross-country visits.

Derry's annual Frost Festival, set for the weekend of Feb. 13-15, brings a wealth of outdoor events. Whether your taste runs to snowboarding or snowshoeing, or you've always wanted to learn how to ice fish, the Frost Festival offers plenty of free fun. And if you are more inclined to the observational, the ice sculptures come complete with free hot chocolate.

There's a theme here. We live in an area replete with opportunities for winter fun – and you don't have to spend your money on ski passes to enjoy it. Plenty of winter outdoor activities can be had for little to no money right in our own backyard – and you get the benefit of enjoying the stark but striking winter landscape and getting exercise at the same time.

Just bundle up, pay attention to windchill, and be careful.

And if you check your mailbox – and wow, even the U.S. Post Office stayed home one day last week – you just might find seed catalogues. So if staying warm indoors is your activity of choice, it's a great time to think about what to grow in a garden. After all, spring has to come sometime.

# Letters

## No on Auditorium

To the editor:

Please vote "no" on the \$500,000 issue in regards to the building of an auditorium. That sum of money would be a start on a fund for low-cost incoming housing for senior citizens.

I love Londonderry and have paid taxes here for 37 years. I feel education here is excellent and was proud to have been a part of it. I do not feel an auditorium would make it better.

Granted, Derry's school system has one, but Derry also has five low-cost housing places for seniors. Do I have to move to Derry in my last years?

There are many seniors in this town. We deserve better treatment by our representatives. I have to say I voted for all those on the council. I put my trust in their competence, kindness, and decision-making. I thought the new apartments were being built with low-cost housing for seniors in mind, so I called to put my name in.

From the town offices, I learned the new apartments off 102 in the back of Avandi's on Button Drive is a developer with apartments for \$1,300 a month - not low-cost for seniors. I would have to call the developer.

I phoned the Senior Center, and I learned that senior housing was put aside because there were no federal funds available to help. Are there federal funds for an auditorium? I think it's only taxpayer dollars. I hope I'm wrong.

As a result, low-cost senior housing has been put aside. "Put aside."

Interesting words. Those of us, and we are many - over 65 - have been put aside.

I phoned the council member in charge of senior affairs. I know the man to be a good person and a fellow church member. I even taught one of his children. It's been over two weeks without a return call. I urge others to call him in hopes he will respond to someone.

We all grow old. Elders deserve respect. We deserve low-cost income housing.

Please hear my words.

A lifetime is short, and while we are here, we should help each other. Age should not be a factor.

Joan Chmielorz  
Londonderry

## Forest Park

To the editor:

Ann Chiampa, a former member of the Londonderry Heritage Commission, visited Evergreen, my woodland garden, last June. After her tour, she introduced herself and told me her community was trying to decide how it should best use the small town forest near the intersection of Route 128 and Pillsbury Road. She asked if I would look at the site and make some suggestions.

I am a landscape designer, and I walked through the forest and the land around it last summer. I came to two major conclusions:

First: the forest's use should relate to its location.

The forest is fortuitously located next to an attractive, spacious, still-

almost-rural town center comprised mainly of public or quasi public infrastructure - schools; churches; a cluster of historic structures, including an 18th-century Cape; a prominent Common with war memorials. The town center is virtually unmarred by residential and commercial development, and it's partly surrounded by open fields and large, lovely apple orchards. The town forest abuts both the Common and the orchards, and is easily and frequently accessed by roads connecting all three parcels.

This context suggests that the forest should not be used for forestry but instead should be groomed into a woodland park to complement the Common and the orchards by being a naturalistic extension of both. Like the Common, the orchards and other open areas nearby, a groomed forest would be a fine venue for walking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and similar outdoor recreation. It would also be a welcome shady respite on hot, summer days.

In contrast, forests dedicated to long-term timber production are not and cannot be as attractive as woodland parks. They're necessarily scruffy woodlands, of many different sizes of trees, managed not for beauty but for timber. Forestry should be practiced in sites more isolated than this one.

Second: the town forest's design should be determined by its existing aesthetic assets. No one will mistake the town forest for the White Mountains: It has no waterfalls,

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**Correction:** McKenzie Hoyt's name was misspelled in the caption for the Matthew Thornton Elementary School spelling bee in the Jan. 29 edition. The school provided the incorrect spelling.



# Investigation Continues into Police Shooting of Derry Man

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The New Hampshire Attorney General's office continues to investigate the fatal shooting of a Derry man by a Derry police officer, while stating that the officer's name would not be released until the investi-

gation was concluded.

Asst. Attorney General Benjamin Agati said Friday that the investigation into the shooting of Andrew Toto Jan. 21 is continuing.

Toto's wife, Jean, summoned police through a 9-1-1 call after Toto left their home allegedly depressed and suicidal and

with a shotgun. The officer caught up with Toto on Scobie Pond Road and Toto is alleged to have opened fire on the officer from behind his truck, to which the officer responded.

Toto, 54, was taken to Parkland Medical Center and pronounced dead. In

an autopsy conducted the next day, Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Thomas A. Andrew determined that Toto's cause of death was a single gunshot wound to the chest and the manner of death was homicide.

Agati later said that Toto fired on the officer

from about 150 feet away, and that the officer's actions were based on "training and instincts."

Derry Police Capt. Vern Thomas said he could not name the officer in the case because the case is being handled by the Attorney General's office, which handles all cases involving officers and deadly force.

Agati said he did not have a "solid timeline" for

when the name would be released. "We are dotting every I and crossing every T," he said.

The investigation remains ongoing and a report will be released at the conclusion of the investigation. Those with information related to the shooting incident may contact Sgt. Brian Strong at the New Hampshire State Police Major Crime Unit, 223-4381.

## Man Pleads to Multiple Sexual Assault Charges

KAITLYN G. WOODS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A Londonderry man accepted a plea bargain for charges related to the repeated sexual assault of a minor he knew over a period of five years.

Gregg Amnott, 43, of 7 Dan Hill Road pled guilty to four charges of aggra-

vated felonious sexual assault and one count of felonious sexual assault.

Amnott pled guilty on Jan. 26 to committing abusive acts over a period of time between June 2002 and September 2006, when the victim was under the age of 16 and under the age of 13.

The abuse was report-

ed in May 2012.

Attorney Brad Bolton, who prosecuted the case, said he was satisfied with the outcome.

"We are glad we were able to spare the victim from going to trial," he said.

According to the plea agreement, Amnott is to serve 10 to 20 years for

one charge of aggravated felonious sexual assault, followed by five to 10 consecutive years for an additional charge of aggravated felonious sexual assault. The remaining two aggravated felonious sexual assault charges are to be suspended.

Additionally, Amnott will be required to enter a sex offender program with lifetime supervision and is not to have any contact with the victim or her immediate family.

The remainder of the charges are to be suspended for 10 years after he is released from prison.

Amnott is scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 12.

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rushing streams or any other major water features; no ledges, cliffs, or other ornamental rock; no mountain vistas; and no remarkable shrubs or ground covers - in short, almost no existing natural

gifts that could be major features of a naturalistic garden.

But the forest does have some grand old trees, mainly oaks and white pines. Unlike smaller trees, they're big enough to have (or begin to have) interesting textured bark, sculptural root flare, and simply the

presence that comes from nothing more than size and old age.

These big trees are the major ornamental, or aesthetic, assets of the town forest, and could be the major features of a forest park.

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## Murray's

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the auto salvage in 2014 seeking declaratory judgment and injunctive relief to correct Murray's alleged violations of the federal Clean Water Act. CLF alleged Dudek Auto has been discharging storm water to wetlands adjoining Little Cohas Brook and has not applied for a stormwater permit for the facility at least since 1998.

The negotiated resolution requires Dudek Auto to develop and regularly update a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), as well as hire a qualified engineering consultant to develop the SWPPP, to install and implement control measures, to pay five installment payments totaling \$23,000 to the New Hampshire Rivers Council for environment restoration of or other benefit to the Merrimack Watershed, and to pay CLF's legal fees and costs, which total \$33,000.

In last week's fire, firefighters had to overcome significant hurdles to extinguish the blaze that ravaged the property.

The fire burned during the early morning of Thursday, Jan. 29 and into the day, spreading quickly through hundreds of cars at the Hall Road salvage yard.

When crews arrived on the scene a little after midnight, the barn structure used as a garage to service cars was already

engulfed in flames, Battalion Chief Mike McQuillen said.

Crews arriving on the scene discovered hydrants in the area were frozen and called three tankers to assist. Realizing it would be more effective to use a static water source nearby, firefighters used chainsaws to cut a hole into the water at Little Cohas Brook and drafted the water out, pumping it to the scene, Battalion Chief Jim Roger said.

In addition to the extremely low temperatures, firefighters overcame challenges related to the unique nature of the property, including the threat of hazardous and highly flammable materials stored in the garage, and access that was limited by hundreds of cars stacked into tall rows packed tightly together on the property.

The fire went to two alarms and firefighters from 10 neighboring communities assisted on the scene, including Litchfield, Windham, Auburn, Bedford, Merrimack, Derry, and Manchester. Salem, Hudson and Nashua assisted with station coverage.

Of the 40 to 50 firefighters at the scene, 21 were Londonderry firefighters.

Generally, the fire department drops staffing down to eight firefighters after 8 p.m.; however, the night of the fire, the stations were fully staffed due to the snowstorm,



Firefighters battle a blaze at Murray's Auto Recycling on Hall Road in the early hours of Wednesday morning, Jan. 28. The fire broke out again the following day. Photo by Chris Paul

according to McQuillen.

"Being fully staffed means we are able to pull apparatus and work at full capacity," he said. "Having one person on the truck to assist in setting up so we can deploy water makes it happen that much quicker."

"When you drop down to two firefighters at Central Station, there's an exponential decrease in manpower," Roger said.

It took a little over an hour for firefighters to bring the blaze under con-

trol.

To allow firefighters to get water to the flames, vehicle operators pulled the stacks of smoldering cars apart, some of which had been located up against the rear of the garage.

"It was very labor intensive," McQuillen said. "There were a lot of car parts, tires, and plastic inside the automobiles. One thing we recognized early on was the need to perform air quality monitoring to make sure fire-

fighters were safe on the scene and that there was no spreading of toxic smoke to residents in the area. Using equipment we were able to purchase through grants, we were able to check the perimeter and make sure the situation wasn't changing."

McQuillen said the air toxicity never reached elevated levels that would have been a safety concern for neighbors in the area.

In addition to monitoring air quality, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services was on the scene monitoring the situation and determining if hazardous fluids stored in the garage, such as antifreeze and oil, were running off into the wetlands.

The fire is believed to have originated in the garage workspace on the property. McQuillen said it will be difficult to identify a cause due to the extensive damage caused by the fire.

On Jan. 30 at 1:30 a.m., firefighters responded to a second fire at the salvage yard.

"When we got there, there were three stacks of cars that were burning, about 10 cars per stack. We set up and called for additional tankers. We worked well with the property owner, who provided a loader so we could break up the piles," Roger said.

The department called

to the scene seven tankers from Litchfield, Pelham, Hooksett, Auburn, Windham, and Goffstown. Nashua, Salem and Bedford provided station coverage.

"The night of that fire, we were at a staffing drop-down. It does make a difference. Even one firefighter less responding takes a whole function away from what we're going to do on the ground," Roger said.

Roger said nine Londonderry firefighters and 23 firefighters from neighboring communities extinguished the fire by 4 a.m.

"We think it could have been started by some embers from the fire that got back in a rear pile of stacked cars. It was congested in the yard and the cars were stacked closely in the back," Roger said.

When asked if the auto salvage had violated town ordinances by stacking vehicles on the property so closely together, which contributed to the rapid spread of the fire on the property and made it difficult for firefighters to access, Canuel said stacking the vehicles was permitted.

Despite the hardship Dudek has suffered, he said Murray's is still open for business.

"We have our inventory of vehicles and parts for sale and we're still accepting vehicles. We can do everything but process the cars," he said.

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# It Will Happen Again – Prepare for Power Outages

KAITLYN G. WOODS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

**L**auren Collins laughed when asked what the biggest mistake is that people make in a power outage.

“False assumptions,” she said. “Most of the time, we get it on and back quickly. But we still urge people to be prepared for days.”

It was bound to happen. It’s bound to happen again. Collins, the media spokesperson for Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH), and her counterpart, Seth Wheeler at the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, have advice for the next time area residents find themselves in the dark.

Collins likes to quote the old proverb, “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” The Boy Scouts say it even more succinctly, she added: “Be prepared!”

When the utility companies see in the forecast that a storm is imminent, they urge customers to prepare, Collins said. That includes the basics such as shopping for supplies. But also, she said, “You need to be aware of what you rely on power for.”

For example, homeowners who have a well may not realize that without electricity they can’t wash, make a cup of tea - or flush the toilet. “When you suspect an outage, be sure to get a supply of water, even if it means filling your bathtub,” Collins advised.

After the string of outages in the past 10 years, including a Mother’s Day flood, Easter flood, ice storm and a Snowtober, many Granite State residents invested in generators. But there are still safety procedures that must be observed, Collins said. “Make sure the generator is outside, away from your house,” she said. People are getting better about that, but still, Collins said, “One time is one time too many.”

It’s also imperative to make sure the generator is properly hooked up, Collins warned.

“That’s essential for your safety, your neighbors’ safety, and our workers’ safety,” she said.

Wheeler said one mistake customers make is not shutting things off. “Often they don’t go around the house and turn off all the appliances,” he said. “It’s important, especially when you have a lot of things on at once.”

Homeowners should leave one light “on” to let them know when the power comes back on, but other than that, they should turn things off. “When the power comes back on, there could be a temporary ‘surge’ from all that demand on the service,” he said.

Wheeler said, “Another thing to stress with generators is to have the transfer switch inspected. If you install the generator on your own, the Co-Op will come out and inspect it for free.”

It’s also important to have a generator properly vented, Wheeler noted. During the Thanksgiving storm and outage this past November, a woman in Nottingham died because she was running the generator from her garage and didn’t have it vented. “She died of carbon monoxide poisoning,” Wheeler said. Even keeping the garage door open isn’t good enough, he warned.

“We encourage people to locate them outside,” Wheeler said.

But Granite Staters as a whole are getting better at their storm preparation and response, and that’s a good thing, Collins said.

Older and middle-aged New Hampshire residents often note that there weren’t as many power outages in their youth, and Collins allowed that was probably true. “But the ‘now’ is that we have a lot more people, a lot more utility customers, a lot more circuits,” she said.

And a lot more trees, Collins said, pointing out that New Hampshire is the most forested state in the union.

People are also more dependent on electricity, she said. “If the power is out now, you feel it more,” she said. “Most of us are ‘plugged into’ something. We are far more inconvenienced.”

And Collins, mother of three, has a special tip for parents: Have a plan for the kids. “There is a crazy component,” she

said.

Tips from the PSNH Web site include the following:

- Never install a generator inside a home or in any other enclosed space - even if windows are wide open. Generator exhaust contains carbon monoxide, a poison you cannot see or smell. Using a generator indoors can kill within minutes.

- Locate a generator well away from your home, making sure exhaust cannot easily enter in through windows or doorways.

- Never try to power your house by plugging a portable generator into a household outlet. This can feed electricity back into the power lines - enough to electrocute a line worker, or a neighbor on the same circuit.

- The safe way to connect a generator to existing wiring is to have a licensed electrical contractor install a transfer switch. When improperly installed, home generators of any size - even “small” - can backfeed enough power onto the electrical grid, where it is “stepped up” to very high voltages.

The New Hampshire Electric Cooperative adds the following tips:

- Never touch a downed power line. Always assume every line is energized and dangerous.

- Stay away from downed wires and trees that might have wires caught in them.

- If you’re in a vehicle

and downed wires are on the car or across the road, stay in your car until emergency crews arrive to handle the energized wire(s).

- Keep your distance from any downed power line.

- Don’t drive over downed lines, and if a downed line is in or near water, keep your distance from the water, even a little puddle.

- Whether a power line is down or not, don’t touch anything that might be in contact with it, such as a tree limb.

- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. First use perishable food from the refrigerator. An unopened refrigerator will keep foods cold for about 4 hours.

- Then use food from the freezer. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours (24 hours if it is half full) if the door remains closed.

- Use non-perishable foods and staples after using food from the refrigerator and freezer.

- If it looks like the power outage will continue beyond a day, prepare a cooler with ice for freezer items.

- Keep food in a dry, cool spot and keep it covered at all times

- Turn off and unplug all unnecessary electrical equipment, including sensitive electronics.

- Turn off or disconnect any appliances (like stoves), equipment or electronics you were using when the power went out.

When power comes back on, surges or spikes can damage equipment.

- Leave one light turned on so you’ll know when the power comes back on.

- Eliminate unnecessary travel, especially by car. Traffic lights will be out and roads will be congested

- Never use a generator, grill, camp stove or other gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal-burning devices inside a home, garage, basement, crawlspace or any partially enclosed area. Locate unit away from doors, windows and vents that could allow carbon monoxide to come indoors.

- The primary hazards to avoid when using alternate sources for electricity, heating or cooking are carbon monoxide poisoning, electric shock and fire.

- Install carbon monoxide alarms in central locations on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas to provide early warning of accumulating carbon monoxide.

- If the carbon monoxide alarm sounds, move quickly to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door.

- Call for help from the fresh air location and remain there until emergency personnel arrive to assist you.

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# Entries Sought for Annual Mack's Apple Pie Contest

KAITLYN G. WOODS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Mack's Apples will host its annual Apple Pie Contest on Valentine's Day.

"We always have it sometime in February. We've only missed one or two contests in the last 25

years," said Evelyn Keller, store manager at Mack's Apples farmstand. "We have contestants from all over town, and some people from out of town."

Most of this year's entrants are from Londonderry, with some from Derry, Litchfield, Hudson

and even as far as Massachusetts.

"It's a good crowd," Keller said.

This year's event will honor the Londonderry Police and Fire Departments.

"They will be coming down to speak with the crowd about the history of the departments during the time the judges finish tallying the scores," said Keller, explaining it will be an opportunity for guests to learn about the heroes in town.

There will be about eight judges to taste pies in two categories, traditional pie (two-crust pie with apple filling) and untraditional pie (mostly apple filling, but nuts and other ingredients allowed).

Judges are not allowed to eat the pie with ice cream.

"We want no distractions from the pie," Keller

said. "The hardest part is not eating the whole slice."

After the contest is over, Keller said they slice up the pies and everyone gets a taste.

Entrants must be at least 16, and no commercially-baked pies are accepted.

So far, a total of 30 pies have been entered into the Feb. 14 contest. The contest generally sees between 40 and 50 pies at judging.

Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to stop by Mack's Apples to fill out the paperwork, or call the farm stand at 434-7619.

The pie contest begins at 2 p.m., but entrants should bring their pies to Mack's by 1:30 p.m.

"We encourage everyone to come down and watch. It's a lot of fun," Keller said.



*The annual apple pie contest at Mack's Apple is scheduled for Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. There's still time to enter a pie for this year's contest.*



*Andy Mack Jr., left, was master of ceremonies for last year's Apple Pie Contest. He is pictured chatting with longtime judge Hank Peterson.*

## LHS Teachers Gear Up for Feb. 5 Talent Show

KAITLYN G. WOODS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School teachers will perform in this year's school talent show to raise money for the math team, as well as for local charities that help local families.

A mix of serious performers and those who are participating just for fun are expected to take the stage for the sixth annual show, according to Mike Wenger, a math teacher and advisor to

the math team.

The Feb. 5 event will feature performances by about 20 teachers, as well as art displays created by teachers and students at the school.

"We have four art teachers who will be putting work on display, as well as artwork by some of their students. The wood-working teacher will also be displaying some of his own work and some by his students. There will be photography and there are some

women that do crafts. There will be quite a variety to display," Wenger said.

Funds raised from the event will benefit the math team, as well as Warm Homes and Little Acts of Kindness.

"We're hoping to bring in between 150 to 200

guests for the event," Wenger said.

Tickets for the show are \$5 if purchased in advance at the Welcome Center in the front of the high school, and \$6 at the door.

The talent show will be held at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria.



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# Storms Keep Coming and Snow Keeps Piling Up

KAITLYN G. WOODS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Local government and schools shut down while winter blizzard Juno blanketed the Town with over 20 inches of snow last week.

And the snow didn't let up - a second, less substantial storm moved into the region on Jan. 30, followed by a third storm on Feb. 2, which dumped another foot of snow on the region.

Governor Maggie Hassan declared a State of Emergency on Jan. 26 urging residents to stay off the roads and take precautions.

Even the post office closed down on Jan. 27 during the storm, which brought as much as 4 inches of snow per hour in some parts of the state, and high winds exceeding 50 miles per hour, according to a statement from Hassan.

Schools closed on Jan. 27 and remained closed on Jan. 28 to facilitate the snow removal efforts, and the Town Offices delayed opening on Jan. 28. But while school was closed once again on Monday, Feb. 2, it reopened on schedule, except for canceling morning Kindergarten, on Tuesday, Feb. 3, and some parents were upset by that decision.

After a school bus with no students on board got stuck in a snow bank on the way back from dropping students

off at school Tuesday, many parents took to social media, complaining that the School District made the wrong call and that the roads were too dangerous. Neighboring towns had two-hour delays in opening.

Some Londonderry parents said they decided to keep their children home from school.

Superintendent Nate Greenberg said the bus driver had pulled himself off Noyes Road because he wasn't sure a snow plow saw him.

The District also ran into issues with buses arriving to bus stops late, where children were waiting in the cold.

"We ran into a problem this morning where we had some drivers that were out and that created a little bit of an issue for us," Greenberg said. "We cancelled morning Kindergarten with the idea we could shift the morning drivers to grades 1-12, and they ended up running a bit slow. All the buses showed up, but a number of them ran a bit late. We do wish it had run a bit smoother." For the first storm, the Juno blizzard, Fire and Police reported residents heeded the warning and they weren't called to any significant traffic-related incidents during the blizzard.

"People stayed off the roads, which helped tremendously," Town Manag-

er Kevin Smith said. "Crews were out there cleaning up well in excess of 24 hours. By yesterday afternoon, most of the roads were as clear as they could get."

Overall, Public Works Director Janusz Czyzowski said the storm cleanup went well.

Crews were called out at 2 a.m. on Jan. 28 and worked through the night and the next day cleaning off the roads. Three or four illegally parked cars were towed to facilitate clean-up efforts.

The Town called in its 11 person crew, as well as three part-time employees and two contractors to assist with snow removal. Crews utilized the town's full fleet of plows, as well as the plows brought in by the contractors.

Czyzowski said the department's budget wasn't severely impacted as a result of the storm as they budget for about 20 storms each year.

"The biggest challenge was the wind. Every time we would clean an area off, the wind would drift snow back into the road," Czyzowski said. "It helped that people stayed off the roads."

Smith noted the warmer temperatures on Jan. 29 helped clear much of the residual snow off the secondary roads.

"For as big a storm as it was, that helped make cleanup go that much quicker," he said.

After a brief rest on Thursday, Jan. 29, crews were called back out at 1 a.m. Jan. 30 to continue snow removal efforts as a new snowstorm moved in.

"Hopefully they will get some rest over the weekend," Czyzowski said as cleanup efforts were winding down.

Unfortunately, however, crews did not get a break.

On Monday morning, they were called out at 3 a.m. and continued snow removal through the day and into the night, according to Czyzowski.

"Our crews worked all night clearing the roads and into Tuesday morning," he said. "We had help from five contractors who always come in when there's a storm like this. The roads look pretty good. It's hard right now because it's so cold the salt doesn't work and the snow on the roads gets packed by traffic. We have to wait until the sun warms up the roads to get to the bottom and scrape it off."

And more snow was expected on Wednesday and Thursday, after the Londonderry Times went to press.

"Even if it's just a few inches, we still have to go out and clean it," Czyzowski said. "We can't complain, though, December and January were very mild this year."

Londonderry Fire Battalion Chief Mike McQuil-



Mountains of snow line the parking lot at the Londonderry Police Station after the two major snow storms this past week. Photo by Chris Paul

len said during the Jan. 27 storm, fire personnel were called to the Century Village condominiums on Winding Pond Road when snow covered power vents there and exhaust backed up, which can cause carbon monoxide exposure and even fire.

"People noticed it was creating an odor in the residence," McQuillen said, noting the department is working with the property managers to clean out the exhaust pipes. "The Fire Marshal put out a notice to pay

attention to power vents, which come out of the home where the furnace is. A lot of those vents get covered - they're 2 or 3 feet off the ground and the newer models release lower temperatures that don't melt the snow." The remainder of calls fire personnel responded to during Juno were medical-related.

In anticipation of both major snow storms, the Fire Department scheduled additional staff to assist with plowing during medical calls.

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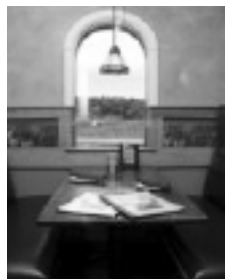
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# Deliberative

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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 9, to raise and appropriate \$500,000 for architecture and engineering costs for a community auditorium, which would result in a tax impact of \$.14 per thousand.

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

Article 11, a citizen petition to raise and appropriate \$451,552 to adopt a policy to create clarity with regard to establishing bus stops for elementary school students. The School Board voted against supporting the article. The dollar amount proposed for the warrant article was calculated by Business Administrator Peter Curro, who said the District would need to purchase eight additional buses, as well as software to implement the policy.

Article 1 is the election of officers.

Articles on the 2015 Town Warrant include:

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 article.

Article 3, to raise and appropriate \$28.57 million as the Town's operating budget. The Town's default budget is \$28.59 million, the same as last year. If passed, the article 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. Councilor Joe Green voted against the budget.

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

ment, maintenance, operation and repair of constructed sewer systems. The article would result in no impact to the tax rate as it is 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 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 recent Zoning Audit. The article would have no tax impact and is recom-

mended by the Town Council and Budget Committee.

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

tinue the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund, created in 1996. The funds in the account would be transferred to the Town's General Fund. The article results in no tax rate impact and is recommended by the Town Council and the Budget Committee.

Article 13, to authorize the Conservation Commission to purchase as a conservation easement a 26.3-acre property on Kimball Road owned by Leah Doyle for \$395,000. The appraised value of the proposed conservation easement is \$640,000. The article would result in no tax impact. The Town Council voted 3-2 to recommend the article and the Budget Committee voted 5-2 to recommend the purchase.

The property is expected to decrease in value to around \$118,000 once purchased as a conservation easement. Councilors Tom Freda and Joe Green voted against the article, as did Budget Committee members Dana Coons and Bill Mead.

Article 14, to raise and appropriate \$400,000 to add four additional firefighters/paramedics to the Fire Department. The Town Council voted 2-2-1

on the article, and the Budget committee supported the article with a 6-1 vote. Town Councilors Joe Green and Tom Freda voted against recommending the article, which would have a tax rate impact of \$.11 per thousand, saying the department must first address overtime costs. Budget Committee member Dana Coons also voted against the article. Councilor Jim Butler recused himself from the vote as he has a family member who stands to gain financially from the appropriation.

Town Manager Kevin Smith said if the article passed, the Town would only be obligated to raise the \$400,000, and the appropriation would become a part of the default budget.

Articles 15 through 20 authorize the Town Council to call special meetings on cost items, should they fail in the election. Article 1 is election of officers.

If all articles on the Town's 2015 Warrant pass, the Town tax rate would be \$5.17 per thousand. If all articles on the School District's 2015 Warrant pass, the School tax rate would be \$15.73 per thousand.

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# Founding Members of Civil Air Patrol Receive Congressional Gold Medal

KAITLYN G. WOODS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Congress honored unsung heroes for their service in the New Hampshire Civil Air Patrol (CAP) during World War II with the Congressional Gold Medal.

The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest honor Congress can bestow on an individual or group.

"We're deeply proud of you. You performed your

duties with distinction, but all too often had to go without recognition," Governor Maggie Hassan told honorees and their guests during a Jan. 31 ceremony at the New Hampshire Aviation Museum in Londonderry.

Surviving members of CAP, now in their 80s and 90s, who were awarded the CAP Congressional Gold Medal are Rita B. Carter, Daniel Harvey, Sally Cald-

well Stockwell, Alfred Speckman, Richard T. Fowler, Verna (Grant) Martin, George A. Eaton, Wylie Apte, Sr., Henry "Hank" Munroe, David B. Watson, Flora Langley Goodrich, Joseph Michael Verna and Robert Whitney.

"None of the recipients today were drafted. Some were too young, some too old, and some were women who couldn't join the Armed Forces at the time," Northeast Region Civil Air Patrol Commander Col. Dan Leclair said at the ceremony. "Knowing they could lose their life didn't stop them. They knew the risks, but kept on flying. They served for little or no recognition and no reward. They did it because they loved their country and to protect their homeland."

U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-NH, who was a driving force behind the legislation to finally recognize the founding members of CAP with the Congressional Gold Medal, told honorees that although the award is delayed, it's appropriate they are honored with Congress' highest civilian honor.

When asked how it felt to finally be recognized for her service after so many years, Carter, who was a pilot, said she thought, "Why me? Others did so much more."

Carter, who joined CAP because as a woman, she



Gov. Maggie Hassan, left, U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-NH, Congressman Frank Guinta, R-1st Dist. NH, and Col. Laurie Farris present Rita B. Carter with the Congressional Gold Medal for her service as a member of the Civil Air Patrol during World War II. Photos by Kaitlyn G. Woods

couldn't join the Armed Forces, said she remembers staying up all night at times to provide others who were serving a sense of security, knowing someone was watching out for them.

"They're family," she said of the men and women she served with and was honored alongside during the ceremony.

Holding her Gold Medal following the ceremony, Stockwell said, "it feels awesome."

"I'm so humbled to be in your presence," Col. Laurie Farris told the female fliers. "I started flying in 1987, and you paved the way for me. So, I thank you for that, and we've only gotten started."

CAP was founded in

1941, less than a week before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor that led to America's involvement in World War II, Col. Robert Shaw, New Hampshire Wing, Civil Air Patrol commander, told attendees at the ceremony. With New Hampshire leading the way, CAP recruited pilots to conduct combat and humanitarian missions, to conduct search and rescue missions, and to assist with border patrols.

"I'm not surprised New Hampshire led the country in recruitment to the Civil Air Patrol," Hassan said. "It's a reflection of our state. When we see something that needs to get done, we do it."

Of the 59 members who died during World

War II, 26 were lost at sea and seven others were seriously injured while carrying out their civilian combat missions.

Hassan told CAP Gold Medal recipients and their families that the threat of U-boat attacks along the coast during the war was real, and something her mother told her she was frightened of as a young girl in Rhode Island.

"My great-grandmother would tell my mother that the Civil Air Patrol had it under control. The work you did was real and important, and it has not been recognized to the extent it should have been," she said. "Our country is safer and our freedom is stronger thanks to your service."



Matthew Munroe, 10, wears the jacket his grandfather Henry "Hank" Munroe wore while serving as a member of the Civil Air Patrol during World War II. Munroe's family accepted his Congressional Gold Medal during a ceremony last weekend.



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# —LONDONDERRY SPORTS—

## Lady Lancer Cagers Make D-I Record 11-1 with Victories

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A 22-point drubbing of Salem followed by a sloppy 11-point besting of Winnacunnet last week sent the Londonderry High girls' basketball squad into this week with an 11-1 record and hefty winning streak in tough Division I.

LHS first-year varsity coach Nick Theos could be thankful for many things following his team's 63-41 drubbing of the Salem High Lady Blue Devils on the road Thursday night, Jan. 29.

Theos watched his Lady Lancers sprint out to leads of 21-8 after one quarter and 39-20 at the half, and nine Londonderry players got involved in the scoring as the locals shoved their Division I record up to 10-1 with their eighth straight D-I win. Salem slipped to 5-6 with the defeat.

LHS sophomore guard Kelsey Coffey scored 16 points - including four three-pointers - in the first half alone to help Londonderry to its 19-point half-time advantage.

Point guard Jackie Luckhardt recorded a

double-double (12 points, 10 assists) while low post stalwart Ashley Berube managed the same impressive feat as well (14 points, 10 rebounds).

Including Coffey's four treys, the victorious Lady Lancers sank a total of eight three-point buckets in downing their hosts.

The LHS cagers then found themselves back on their own court Saturday afternoon, Jan. 31, playing host to a Winnacunnet High of Hampton Lady Warriors' crew with a modest 5-5 D-I record.

Londonderry won by a 58-47 score, but Theos' crew wasn't on top of its game by a long shot - playing uncharacteristically passively on a Saturday afternoon after the game was snowed out the night before.

"I saw several chances where we could have put them away, but give Winnacunnet credit. They kept working and hitting shots and staying in it," said Theos.

The Lady Lancers led by eight points (16-8) after one period and nine (27-18) at halftime.

It looked as though the hosts were running away

with the game during the first five minutes of the third stanza, building their advantage up to 17 points at 38-21. But Winnacunnet responded by nailing three consecutive three-point buckets down the stretch in that period, and after three periods had been completed the LHS lead sat at 44-34. And it was still very much a game.

Londonderry's advantage bounced between seven and 11 points during the entire fourth quarter, and the hosts would up being able to get the win by double digits, to Theos' pleasure.

"It was definitely a very sloppy win, but I still

like this team a lot, and if you can get through a game like this and still win by double digits, you must be doing something right," said Theos.

Berube led the LHS offensive charge by scoring 15 points, Luckhardt was good for 14, Brittany Roche netted nine, and Coffey contributed eight.

The Lady Lancers will travel to Derry on Friday, Feb. 6 for the annual Ball Family Trophy game against rival Pinkerton Academy. The Lady Astros currently have a 7-3 Division 1 record and are coming off of a tough loss to the Nashua North Lady Titans in the Gate City.



LHS senior basketball player Brittany Roche looks to drive the baseline against Winnacunnet.

## LHS Has 15 State Scholar/Athlete Honorees

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

An impressive crew of 15 Londonderry High School senior student-athletes will be gaining recognition and honors later this month when they travel to Concord to receive New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association

(NHIAA) Scholar/Athlete Awards.

The annual ceremony was slated to take place Monday morning, Feb. 2, at the Capital Center for the Arts in Concord. But a snowstorm postponed the event to Feb. 18.

The honorees are nominated by their athletic directors and must be

senior student-athletes who are currently active in at least two NHIAA-recognized varsity sports. In addition, they must hold a B+ grade point average and demonstrate strong leadership qualities by serving as positive role models to peers and participate in community service.

The LHS Lancer recipients are Megan Butler, Tom Cranmer, Jackie Curtin, Jonathan Deschamps, Eric Fairweather, Mariska Feenstra, Natalie Howes, Colby Joncas, Michaela Kewley, Emily Lupo, Fred MacKay-Wright, Madison Milton, Andrew Mitchell, Matt Rimol, and Rebecca St. Pierre.

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# Lancer Gymnasts Finish Up Second at Pinkerton Meet

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Coach Heather Tuden's Londonderry High gymnastics squad finished a solid second to its powerful host in a five-team meet at Pinkerton Academy on Thursday night, Jan. 29.

The defending state champion Pinkerton Lady Astros tallied a superb team score of 136.75 to win the meet handily, but Tuden's Lady Lancers notched a fine score of 128.8 to easily outdistance the Salem High Lady Blue Devils (121.35),

Bishop Guertin of Nashua (112.2), and the Dover High Green Wave (109.5) in winding up second.

Tuden and her assistants Emily Panacopoulos and Rachel Blais, wound up with plenty of reasons to be pleased with and proud of their charges.

"With only having one practice this week due to the snow, we feel the girls

did great," said Tuden. "Pinkerton has a lot of talent on their team, but then again so do we. It will all come down to how the girls compete at states."

The Lady Lancers' top individual performances came from veteran stand-out Jill McIntire, who won the floor exercise competition with her score of 8.85 and tied for third

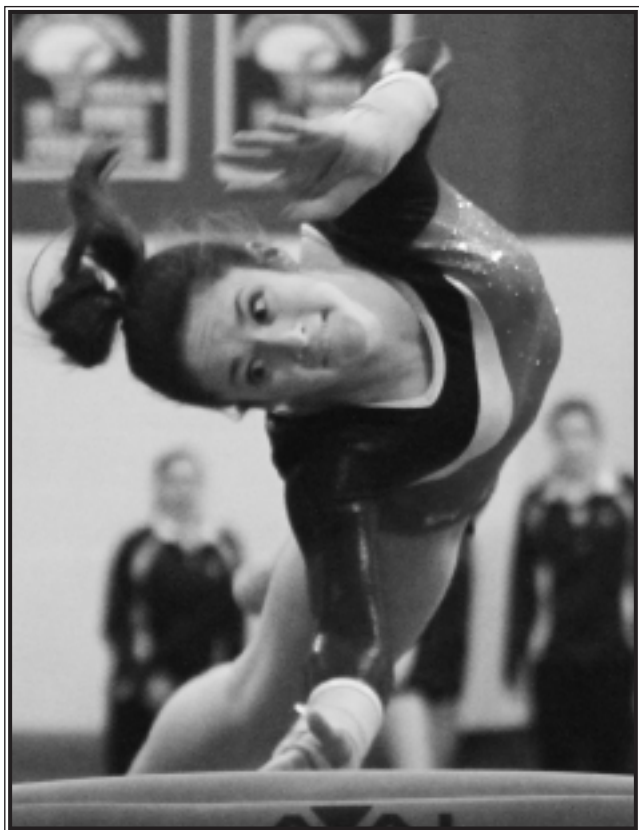
place on vault (9.0).

"We had strong vaults from Jill, Maddie Baumann, Mira Kutney, and Taylor MacKenzie, and Jordan Dufresne, Courtney Bahatuan, and Maddie Baumann put up solid bar scores," said Tuden.

On balance beam, Londonderry had Tyla Kelley, Jessi Pignone, Camille La-

mont, and Gianna DelViscovo put forth strong efforts, and along with McIntire's win on floor the Lady Lancers got impressive floor efforts from Rachel Larkin, Pignone, and Kutney.

"Other competitors who did well, included Skylar Roy and Hailey Endyke," added Tuden.



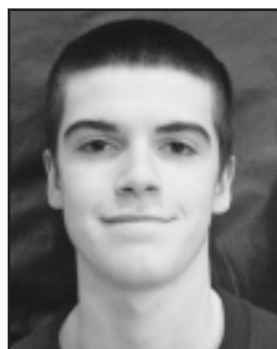
Lady Lancers' gymnastics veteran Jill McIntire notched a 9.0 on vault, which garnered her a third-place tie on that event.



Sophomore Rachel Larkin scored a 7.6 during her floor performance, helping her team to a second-place finish. Photos by Chris Paul

## Athletes of the Week

For the Week of Jan. 26



**Jake Coleman,**  
Sophomore,  
Boys' Basketball

Coleman has been playing great all season, but lately he has been showing why he may be one of the best sophomore guards in the state. Over the last week, he is averaging just under 16 points per game and has hit some big shots for the team.



**Mira Kutney,**  
Freshman, Gymnastics

This talented ninth grader has been the Lady Lancers' consistent all-around competitor this season. She always puts up strong scores on all the events, and her strong work ethic and sense of humor always keep the team going with smiles on their faces.

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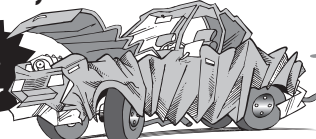
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# Boy Hoopsters Slam Salem By 80-52, Stay Undefeated

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Coach Nate Stanton and his blistering-hot Londonderry High School boys' basketball squad expected to enter this week contemplating multiple strong performances from last week. But Mother Nature had different ideas.

Stanton saw his undefeated Lancers trounce

the struggling Salem Blue Devil hoopsters (2-7 record) by an 80-52 tally at LHS Wednesday night, Jan. 28. But a planned trip to Winnacunnet High School in Hampton to play the Warriors late in the week was cancelled due to a heavy snowstorm on the seacoast. That contest's reset date had not been announced at Londonderry Times

press time.

In the Salem contest, the 7-0 locals grasped a 14-5 lead after one period had been concluded, and then senior guard Cody Ball pumped home 14 of the Lancers' 30 second-quarter points to help his side to a 44-24 halftime advantage.

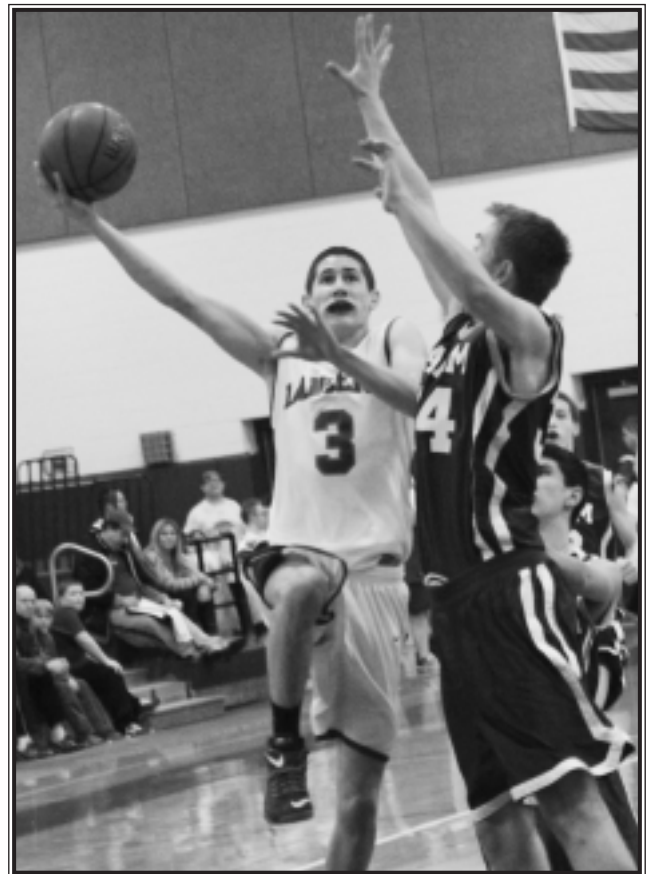
The hosts then went on to outscore their scuffling guests - who came

into the evening having lost six of their previous seven Division I contests - by a 36-28 margin in the second half to win the game by 28 points.

Saint Anselm College-bound standout Ball netted 30 big points in the contest - matching his season high - with Marc Corey tallying 16 and Jake Coleman collecting 14. Ball, Corey, and Coleman each sank a pair of three-point shots for the victorious locals.

Senior forward Joey Kwiatkowski saw limited action during his first game back from a knee injury suffered a few weeks ago.

The Lancers will travel to Derry on Friday, Feb. 6 for the annual Ball Family Trophy match up against rival Pinkerton Academy. The Astros hold an 8-1 Division 1 record.



*Londonderry High senior hoop star Cody Ball drives to the bucket for two of the 30 points he scored in his team's win over Salem last week.*

## Lemieux Leads Lancer Grapplers to Third at Bay State Tourney

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High senior wrestling star Jean-Luc Lemieux improved his personal season record to 33-1 and helped his Lancer grapplers to a third-place team finish at the Methuen (Mass.) Wrestling Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 31.

Lemieux won his 138-pound weight class title at the invitational by posting a perfect 4-0 record, pinning Nashua South stalwart Patrick Sullivan in the championship match to take the divisional crown.

The powerhouse team from Mount Anthony Union in Vermont took the team title with an overall score of 300, with Springfield Central of Massachusetts winding up a distant second (233) and LHS collecting third (180). All in all, 17 teams from four New England states competed at that event.

Lemieux was the lone Lancer to snare a first place in a weight class, but his teammates Ryan



*Lancers' senior star wrestler Jean-Luc Lemieux continued his excellent 2014-15 season at a tourney last week. Photo by Chris Paul*

Cabezas and Kyle Byrd each bagged second-place finishes, and Tyler Byrd, Mahdi Achab, and Richard Bilodeau all snagged third places.

Cabezas finished with a 3-1 mark in placing second in his 126-pound division, and Kyle Byrd also wound up at 3-1 on the day in claiming second in his 160-pound class.

Tyler Byrd registered a 3-1 mark in taking third in his 120-pound class, Achab was a strong 4-1 in going third at 170 pounds,

and Bilodeau finished at 3-1 in placing number three in his 195-pound division.

Additionally, the third-place Lancers got individual fourth-place finishes from Kevin Robischeau at 106, Craig Santos at 113, and Sebastian Rozczenko at 182 pounds, and a fifth place from Jake Barr in the 152-pound class.

The Lancers were scheduled for a dual meet against Manchester Memorial on Thursday, Jan. 29, but it was postponed.

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# LHS Hockey Drops Two Decisions, Slips to 6-4 in D-I

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Coach Peter Bedford and his Londonderry High hockey squad headed into last week able to boast of a four-game winning streak in tough Division I.

But when the span was over, Bedford and his boys were lamenting the two-game losing skid they suddenly found themselves saddled with instead.

The Lancers saw their Division I winning streak

end at four games and their divisional record slip to 6-3 with a 6-3 loss to the undefeated Bedford High Bulldogs at Saint Anselm College on Wednesday night, Jan. 28.

However, it looked as if Londonderry would be

able to jump right back on the winning track Saturday, Jan. 31, when it played host to the injury-saddled Manchester Central Little Green at the Salem Icenter. But Central had different ideas.

The Queen City ice-

men entered the evening with a 1-8-1 record, having lost their last six divisional contests and not won a game since the week before Christmas.

But the Little Green altered all of that by pulling out a hard-fought,

5-4 overtime win over their hosts, thus shoving Londonderry's D-I record to 6-4.

The Lancers are scheduled to face the undefeated Salem High Blue Devils on Saturday, Feb. 7 at home.

## Lancer Tracksters Make Good Use of Final Tune-Up

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Some of Londonderry High School's top male and female track and field athletes took full advantage of their final tune-up opportunity for

this coming Sunday's Division I championship meet by competing at the last New Hampshire Indoor Track and Field League Meet of the season at the University of Southern Maine in Gorham on Sat-

urday, Jan. 31.

There was no team scoring, but the Lancer athletes still gave it their all as individuals in keeping their skills oiled and ready for the championship competition at

Dartmouth College.

The Lady Lancers received event victories from Yorgelis Ortiz in both the 55-meter dash (7.36 seconds) and the long jump (16 feet, 11 inches).

Natalie Howes regis-

tered a second place in the 55-meter hurdles.

On the boys' side, Yorgelis Ortiz's older brother Starlin won the high jump (6'6") and placed second in the long jump; the 4x400 relay quartet of

Derek Davies, Mark Gigliotti, Lukas Charbonneau, and Keith Perry bagged a second; and the 4x800 team of Davies, Charbonneau, Perry, and Declan Hotter also managed a second place.

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## Local Gymnasts Shine at Judge's Cup Competition

CHRIS PANTAZIS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Spectrum Gymnastics Academy of Londonderry took its competitive teams to a Judge's Cup competition in Brentwood recently and saw its hometown athletes excel.

Highlights of the meet for the home team included a second-place team award for the Level 7 crew.

In Level 3 action, Ava Seaman nabbed a fourth place on vault; April Edmunds snagged a third on vault and a fifth on the balance beam; Kaitlyn

Murch went top 20 in the all-around; Katie Gregoire wound up fourth in the floor exercise; Amanda Robinson finished third on bars and fifth on floor; Victoria Savage had two top-10 finishes; Emily Smith had a pair of top-15 finishes, and Lexi Apholz had three top-12 finishes.

In Level 4 competition, Londonderry gymnasts who excelled for Spectrum included Quinn Brown with three top-20 efforts; Nicole Stone with two top-20 finishes; Maeve Ryan with a second place on the uneven bars, and Lilly Haggett with a

fifth on the bars.

In Level 5 competition, Marissa McKay went top 10 in two events and Reyanna Broadhurst had a pair of top-15 finishes.

Lilly Tharrington got two top-15 finishes on Level 6; Level 7 stalwart Maddie Croteau bagged a first on bars, a second on vault, and a third in the all-around; and Level 8 standout Ashley Griffin claimed a third on vault.

And in Xcel Gold division action, Ashley Greenwood nabbed fifth place on the bars, and Jordan Galluzzo had a trio of top-10 finishes.

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# North School's Lillian Pirog to Retire After 35 Years

KAITLYN G. WOODS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After a successful 35-year-career in elementary education, Lillian Pirog will retire on a high note and begin an exciting new chapter teaching online courses.

"I love change. Change is good, you learn from change," she said.

Although Pirog is eager for new challenges, travel, and more time to spend with her adult children, she is sad to say goodbye to her co-workers and students, who have become like family.

"I will miss them terribly, but I know we'll keep in touch," said Pirog, who plans to continue tutoring students and volunteering at the school, if called upon. "I will stay close for my colleagues. Many have become very close friends."

After earning her Bachelor of Arts at the University of Notre Dame College, Pirog started her career in education in 1973 as a third-grade teacher at Westside Catholic Regional with an annual starting salary of \$6,500.

"I started out as a journalism major and wrote on the school newspaper at Notre Dame. It wasn't until my junior year that I fell into education," she said.

Pirog taught for the Catholic Diocese of Manchester for five years before accepting a position as a fourth-grade teacher at Golden Brook School in Windham, where she enjoyed teaching until she decided it was time to take a break from her career and start a family.

"That was the best decision, to be a stay-at-home mom. I loved it,"

said Pirog, who spent the following five years focused on raising her two children, Erika and Michael.

Then, in 1992, a former colleague from Golden Brook School, James Gratton, who was the Principal at North Elementary School in Londonderry, called Pirog back to teaching.

"I have been at North School ever since," said Pirog, who was the last Readiness teacher in the District and served as a "grade 2 and 3 loop teacher."

"I bonded so strongly with my looping kids," said Pirog, who would have a class of students for both second and third grade in what is known as looping. "We didn't lose any time because I really knew them. When they came in the second year, I knew exactly what they needed and they couldn't give me the baloney because I knew them so well. Letting go at the end of the second year was really hard."

Pirog said the experience taught her how important it is to get to know the whole child.

"There's so much emphasis on curriculum and the Common Core. Yes, that's important, but if you don't take time to get to know the child, it's meaningless," she said. "And that's why looping was so great. Once you know the child and where they're coming from, you can put that toward the curriculum."

Pirog said her advice to young teachers just starting out would be to "never forget what it's like to be a child."

After 10 years as a

looping teacher, Pirog was ready for the next challenge and went back to graduate school in 2010. After earning her Master's degree in computer technology education at Lesley College in Cambridge, Mass., Pirog started writing grants to get Smartboard technology in her classroom.

Now, Pirog is passionate about technology in education and preparing her young students for the changing landscape, taking her third-graders into the computer lab to practice typing.

She is completing online courses to earn her certification to teach virtual classes in New Hampshire and Massachusetts and looks forward to beginning her second teaching career outside the four walls.

But not before taking a year off to travel - Pirog said she is planning trips with her children to New Zealand (she's a big fan of J.R.R. Tolkien's fantasy novel "The Hobbit"), Australia and Ireland, where she hopes to learn more about her heritage.

As she looks back on her career, Pirog said what she's most proud of and what gives her the greatest sense of accomplishment are the relationships she has formed with her students and their parents over the years - to know she has "touched a lot of hearts."

"I have had former students track me down and thank me, or stop me in a store with their young children," said Pirog, who enjoys maintaining those connections and takes pride in her students' accomplishments.

A nominee for Science Teacher of the Year in 2005, co-vice president of the teachers' union and a driving force behind the Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) program at North School, Pirog, who has taught every grade but fifth, will be missed, North Principal Paul Dutton said.

"Lillian has been an integral part of our community for the past 23 years. We'll miss her greatly, but at the same time, all of us want to wish her the best as she wraps up and awaits her adventures in the future," he said. "I'm sure there will be a lot of celebrations between now and the end of the school year, recognizing and celebrating all she has done for the school."



North Elementary School teacher Lillian Pirog has announced that she will be retiring later this year after 35 years in education. Photo by Chris Paul

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# Londonderry Youths' SMARTwheel Hopes to Launch Soon



Londonderry entrepreneurs TJ Evarts, Jaiden Evarts, and Bryeton Evarts are fundraising to launch their SMARTwheel product. Courtesy photo



Local inventors are in the midst of fundraising and marketing their SMARTwheel and various add-on functions, all geared to prevent distracted driving.

KAITLYN G. WOODS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry's SMARTwheel entrepreneurs are fundraising to launch their product after putting on hold a deal with an investor from the television show "Shark Tank."

"It's really important to us that the product work for any new driver or anyone who wants to use it," said SMARTwheel co-founder TJ Evarts, explaining the "Shark Tank" investor wanted them to license their technology, which has even captured the attention of President Obama, to auto manufacturers. "A lot of teens don't have new cars. We want this to be something they can use in any car."

Evarts, who was involved in the Londonderry High School robotics

program, and co-founders Jaiden Evarts, 17, and Bryeton Evarts, 14, his sisters, were homeschooled in Londonderry.

Displaying an early passion for technology and engineering, Evarts served as the 2012 captain of the Londonderry High School robotics team, leading it to win the Granite State Regional Chairman's award, the most prestigious award in the robotics program.

Now, a high school graduate, Evarts' primary focus is on bringing the technology he developed with his sisters to market.

The purpose of the intelligent steering wheel cover, which slips over any steering wheel, is to save lives by preventing distracted driving, particularly among teens.

Synced to a smartphone application, the SMARTwheel sends information about a driver's performance to a third party.

"It allows cell network access and real-time alerts. Parents want to be able to see what's happening. This gives them eyes in the car," Evarts said.

Additionally, if a driver using the SMARTwheel deviates from safe hand positions, indicating they are distracted, the device beeps to alert the driver.

If a driver takes the SMARTwheel off their steering wheel, the event is recorded to the app.

When asked his thoughts on feedback from an investor on "Shark Tank" that teens won't like the device, Evarts said he has

been working with insurance companies to provide discounts for those who use SMARTwheel and adding cool features, such as a Siri-type app that allows drivers to do what they want, but safely.

Evarts, who founded the company with his sisters Jaiden and Bryeton, was excited to announce last week that the company was launching a new line of features that transforms the SMARTwheel into one device that rules everything.

The SMARTwheel Genius, for example, is a full-blown SMARTwheel with gesture recognition technology that allows the driver to control their vehicle and mobile device with simple taps and swipes without having to look down at the wheel.

"It's a big jump, but we're really excited to offer those features," he said, describing three different versions of the original model they hope

to see on the market. "We're really close to a final prototype and most of the manufacturing is lined up."

In addition to the updated SMARTwheel models, the company is working on developing an anti-drowsy function that would alert drivers if their performance indicates they are beginning to nod off behind the wheel.

So far, SMARTwheel has raised a little over \$2,000 of its \$50,000 goal through crowd-funding website INDIEGOGO.

Evarts said he had an exciting opportunity to attend the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Nev., where he had the unique opportunity to promote his product and make important connections in the industry.

"Stay tuned," he said.

Moving forward, with the funds they generated through INDIEGOGO, Evarts said they need to start

purchasing units and soliciting interest.

"We need to refine how we describe the product and launch the product," he said. "Initially, they are being sold online through our website. We won't probably get into retail until next year. We expect to see a lot of sales through partnerships with driver's education schools and insurance companies."

The target retail price for the first version of the SMARTwheel is \$199; but, the technology is available for \$109 on the company's website for those who want "to jump on-board early" with an investment.

For more information about SMARTwheel or to purchase a device, visit their website at [www.smartwheel.usa.com](http://www.smartwheel.usa.com).

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## Soup's On at Potter's Bowl



Over a dozen varieties of soup, along with breads and desserts, awaited attendees at the 10th annual Potter's Bowl, held Friday, Jan. 30, at Promises to Keep in Derry as a benefit for Community Caregivers of Greater Derry. That organization recently moved from Derry to Londonderry. Plenty of silent auction items were available for people to bid on, and Laura Wicik, a potter from Pinkerton Academy, displayed her craft while guests filed into the hall. For the price of admission, guests were able to choose a handcrafted soup bowl to keep and enjoy multiple servings of soup and bread. At the end of the night, remaining bowls were sold for \$1 each.

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**Additionally:** We will run the full versions of any calendar items online free of charge at [www.nutpub.net](http://www.nutpub.net). Please send items to [calendar@nutpub.net](mailto:calendar@nutpub.net).

## Musquash Field Day

Snow or shine, Musquash Field Day takes place Saturday, Feb. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Musquash Conservation Area. Explore trails, hike to cellar holes, learn winter botany, find out about local wildlife and forestry from the county forester, and enjoy refreshments around an open fire. Snowshoes will be provided by EMS of Manchester, weather permitting. The event is sponsored by the Londonderry Conservation Commission and the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension. To reach Musquash, take High Range Road to Hickory Hill Drive.

## Free Children's Clothing

St. Gianna's Closet gives out children's clothing of all sizes free to any family in need. Call Liz at 247-8654 to arrange a pick-up time to receive clothing. Donations of gently used children's clothing are accepted. Drop-off locations are St. Mark's Church in Londonderry and St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry during office hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and at 5 Isabella Drive in Londonderry.

## Talent Show

The Londonderry High School Teacher Talent Show

will be held Thursday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. in the LHS cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. They are available for purchase at the Welcome Center in the front of the school. In addition to the show, art, photography, woodworking and crafts will be on display.

## 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](http://www.etzhayim.org) for more information.

## Holiday Closure

The Leach Library will be closed Monday, Feb. 16, for Presidents' Day.

## 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 Stephen 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.

## 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.



## Celtics Performance

The Londonderry High School Marching Lancers Drumline performed at halftime at the Friday night, Jan. 30 Boston Celtics game. The 28-member group arrived in Boston at 5 p.m., watched warmups at court side, and performed at halftime. This was the ninth year the Lancers performed for the Celtics.

*Courtesy photo*

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.

## 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](mailto:bbreithaupt@londonderry.org) to request a registration packet, or visit [londonderry.org](http://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 Mammoth 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.londonderry.org/Pages/London-](http://www.londonderry.org/Pages/London-)

[derryNH\\_Senior/index](http://derryNH_Senior/index) or Friends of the Londonderry Senior Center on Facebook.

## Chinese New Year

The Leach Library celebrates the Chinese New Year on Monday, Feb. 9, from 4 to 5 p.m. Children will hear stories about the Chinese Zodiac, learn what happened to "Goldy Luck and the Three Pandas" and learn a few Chinese words. All participants will leave with a plush dragon and bookmark with Chinese characters to color at home. Advance registration is required and begins at 9 a.m. Monday, Feb. 2. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

## Snowshoeing

Venture Crew 145 hosts a snowshoe or hike with the group Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. at

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Londonderry United Methodist Church, 258 Mammoth Road. Snowshoes will be provided with advance notice. Meet at the church back parking lot. The co-ed Venture Crew is for ages 14 through 21 and meets one Sunday a month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Londonderry United Methodist Church. For further information, visit: Crew145NH.Scoutlander.com or call Cheryle Perry 425-0061.

### 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 Ac-

cess Center holds its first video camp during February vacation. The camp is open to middle school students 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.

### Children's Programs

The Children's Room at the Leach Library will offer the following programs as part of Winter Session 2: Craft Time, Toddler Time and Shake, Move & Read. Winter Session 2 will run Feb. 11 through March 5.

Advance registration is required. Anyone on the waiting list for Winter Session 1 will automatically be entered in Winter Session 2.

### 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 the '50s through '80s at the Valentine's Day-themed concert. Admission is \$20 per person, \$35 per couple and

includes popcorn, chips, pastries and coffee. Soda and water will be sold. Alcoholic beverages will be allowed; B.Y.O.B. Gift certificates, 50/50 drawings, and prizes are featured. For details or to purchase tickets, call Jerry at 434-5307.

### 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. 8, lunch, noon, Seventh Day Adventist Church; Feb. 8, dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m., Church of the Transfiguration; 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.,

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# Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

**Tuesday, Jan. 27**

**11:28 p.m.** Caller on Vista Ridge Drive reporting vehicle in parking lot blaring music, subjects outside singing along loudly.

**Wednesday, Jan. 28**

**4:24 p.m.** Tools stolen from vehicle on Constitution Drive.

**11:57 p.m.** Structure fire at Murray's Auto Recycling, Hall Road. Two callers reported building fire.

**Thursday, Jan. 29**

**1:55 p.m.** Caller on Trolley Car Lane said neighbor is snowblowing snow onto her property.

**3:19 p.m.** Caller on Trolley Car Lane reporting neighbor's plow driver is driving into the snow bank to knock it down, as truck does not have plow. Putting snow in area that when highway crews come around to plow, will block her in.

**3:32 p.m.** Christopher

James Marsh, 49, Winterwood Drive, Londonderry arrested on warrant for Theft/Shoplifting. Bail set at \$2,000 personal recognizance, with Derry Circuit Court date of March 3.

**9:47 p.m.** Londonderry Fire responding to smell of propane on Pinyon Place.

**Friday, Jan. 30**

**1:35 a.m.** Caller reporting Murray's Auto Recycling, Hall Road building is on

fire again. Londonderry Fire advised.

**4:01 p.m.** iPhone reported stolen from car while parked at Recreation Fields.

**7:06 p.m.** Caller on Kendall Pond Road reports neighbor riding snowmobile on her property.

**9 p.m.** Report of jewelry taken from house on Chandler Drive.

**11:40 p.m.** Londonderry Police report large snow drifts in road at Harvey and Pettengill roads. Town Highway advised.

**Saturday, Jan. 31**

**3:24 a.m.** Large snow drifts on Mammoth Road. State Highway called, will be sending crews out at 5 a.m.

**11:12 a.m.** Theft of gar-

bage can on Mammoth Road.

**1:01 p.m.** Caller reports pocketbook taken from car last night on Westminster Drive.

**7:25 p.m.** Caller reports human footprints and large blood trail in orchards in area of woodline at Hovey Road and Dragonfly Way. Caller thinks someone is trapping coyotes; has seen traps there in the past. Police followed trail toward Gordon Drive. Unable to locate and will check in daylight.

**8:37 p.m.** Caller on Rain-tree Drive reporting group of juveniles running through neighborhoods, ringing doorbells and banging on windows.

## Storms

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"Each station utilized a utility truck with a plow to help open up the driveways of the homes they responded to," McQuillen said. "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."

During the Feb. 2 snowstorm, fire crews responded to several motor vehicle accidents, including a tractor-trailer unit that crashed on Mammoth Road.

Crews responded to calls of the crash at 8:47 p.m. Monday, closing Mammoth Road, Valley Street and Windsor Boulevard because one of the truck's saddle tanks, which hold between 50 and 100 gallons of diesel fuel, split as a result of the crash, according to McQuillen.

An ambulance transported one person to the hospital, and the Fire Department notified the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) to address the diesel fuel spill.

"Our crew worked to contain the spill and the

DES was notified," McQuillen said. "If there's a spill of anything over 10 gallons, we need to notify the DES so they can come down to take a look, and the trailer company hires a mitigation company to mitigate where the fuel spilled. That's all still in

progress."

Fire crews additionally responded to a handful of motor vehicle accidents Tuesday morning, Feb. 3.

"As you're coming to intersections, the snow banks are so high you can't see what's going on," McQuillen said.

The Town Council meeting of Feb. 2 was rescheduled for Feb. 9 at 7 p.m.



Mounts of snow are staring to grow around town, especially at area school parking lots.

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## TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

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Minutes 7:00 P.M.

Case No. 8/20/2014-2 (Continued)

7:01 P.M. Robert Casey requests a relief of administrative decision in accordance with the provisions of RSA 676:5. 26 Pine Street, 3-70, AR-I.

Case No. 2/18/2015-1

7:05 P.M. Jack Szemplinski (owner, 62 Rear Adams Road) and Harold Kicza (owner, 86 and 88 Adams Road) request a variance to allow a subdivision to create a lot with less than 30,000 square feet of contiguous non-wetland area as required by Section 2.3.1.3.1.4.3. 62 Rear Adams Road, 6-113-1, AR-I; 86 Adams Road 6-90, AR-I; and 88 Adams Road, 6-90-1, AR-I

Case No. 2/18/2015-2

7:10 P.M. Stage Crossing, LLC requests a variance to allow creation of a lot in the AR-I zone with only 99.6 feet of frontage where 150 feet is required by Section 2.3.1.3.2. 122 Hovey Road, 12-137, AR-I.

Case No. 11/19/2014-4 (Rehearing)

7:20 P.M. First Londonderry Associates, LLC requests a variance to allow 24 dwelling units per multi-family building where a maximum of 16 units is allowed by Section 2.3.3.7.3.1.2. 30 Stonehenge Road and 113 Hardy Road, 12-120 & 131, AR-I.

Case No. 11/19/2014-5 (Rehearing)

7:20 P.M. First Londonderry Associates, LLC requests a variance to allow the percentage of workforce housing units in a multi-family workforce housing development to be limited to 50% where a minimum of 75% is required by Section 2.3.3.7.1.1.4. 30 Stonehenge Road and 113 Hardy Road, 12-120 & 131, AR-I.

Case No. 11/19/2014-6 (Rehearing)

7:20 P.M. First Londonderry Associates, LLC requests a variance to allow phasing of a proposed workforce housing development over three years where otherwise limited by Section 1.3.3.3, and to exempt such development from future implementation of growth control regulations as provided in Section 1.4.7.2. 30 Stonehenge Road and 113 Hardy Road, 12-120 & 131, AR-I

Election of Officers

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