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Freeze n' Read

Matthew Thornton Elementary School second graders Eva Collins and Arianna Dudley stopped what they were doing in gym class to sit down to read, as part of the school's Freeze and Read Program in January and February. See more photos page 19.

Photo by Chris Paul

Nutfield Publishing Celebrates 15 Years of Hometown News

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Debra Paul just wanted to know what was going on.

The young mother and new-to-Londonderry resident took her 5-year-old daughter to cheerleading practice and fell into conversation with another

young mom. "I told her I had just bought Sam a bicycle, and she said, 'Oh, you should have gone to the annual Toy Swap,'" Paul recalled. "I had no idea there was an annual Toy Swap."

She went home and reported the conversation to her husband,

Chris, who has an extensive graphic design and advertising background, and at the time was working at the largest advertising agency in Boston. They questioned how difficult it could be to produce a town newsletter.

Fifteen years and three

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Budget Committee Votes Their Preference for Warrant Articles

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council added a mechanism to the proposed FY16 budget for expending funds generated by the Airport Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District on a new traffic light on Pettingill Road.

With a vote of 5-0 during their Jan. 22 public hearing on the 2015 Warrant, the Council increased the budget by \$250,000 and increased anticipated revenues by \$250,000. Because the Town anticipates the TIF will generate significantly more revenue

than just the \$250,000 for the traffic light, the additions washed out, Town Manager Kevin Smith explained.

"We need a mechanism for those expenditures, and the most expedient was to add them to the operating budget and not have to go through the process of setting up separate funding," he said.

It's estimated the traffic signal will be installed in January of next year.

The change to Article 3 results in no tax impact and the amount approved does not become part of

the default budget.

The Budget Committee moved the amended budget of \$28.5 million to the warrant and voted 7-0 in favor of the article.

The Council additionally moved Article 9 to the warrant and voted 5-0 in support of both establishing and funding with an appropriation of \$28,000 a GIS (Geographic Information System) Capital Reserve.

In response to questions as to whether or not establishing the new fund and raising the appropriation for the fund should

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Stonehenge Road Workforce Housing Project Gets Re-Hearing

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

After consulting with the Town attorney and discussing the facts of the case, the Zoning Board of Adjustment voted unanimously to re-hear variance requests for a workforce housing project on Stonehenge Road.

The Board voted at their Dec. 17 meeting to deny developer Raja Khanna of Windham variances to allow construction of 24 units per building where 16-unit buildings are allowed, completion of the project over three years rather than six years, and a reduction of the minimum workforce housing occupancy requirement from 75 percent to 50 percent. The development is to be con-

structed at 30 Stonehenge Road and 113 Hardy Road.

The Board is subject to the requirements of the Workforce Housing Statute; and, as such, the Board was required to review the information the applicant presented, to request more information if necessary, and to consider the waiver for the project as a workforce housing development. The evidence presented by the applicant, primarily that the project wouldn't be financially viable without the waivers, requires the waivers be granted, according to documents requesting the re-hearing that Khanna's attorney, Kathleen Sullivan of Wadleigh, Starr and Peters of Manchester, filed with the Town on

Jan. 15.

According to a report from Russell Thibeault of Applied Economic Research, which the applicant presented to the Board when they originally considered his waiver requests, the project would have an additional construction cost of approximately \$4.5 million if the variances were not granted, resulting in a negative rate of return to investors of 1.9 percent.

"As long as we're not

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Butler, Reilly, Young File for Re-election; Deadline is Jan. 30

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Although the filing period does not close until Friday, Jan. 30, at 5 p.m., several residents have already announced their candidacy.

Jim Butler filed to run for re-election to the Town Council, where one seat is open; Gary Vermillion for

re-election to the Budget Committee, Sherry Farrell for re-election as Town Clerk, 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.

Other town positions

that are open include Trustee of the Leach Library, three-year-term; Trustee of the Trust Funds, two positions, each three-year-term; Town Clerk, three-year-term; and Budget Committee, three-year-term.

To file as a candidate for a town position, visit any of the town clerks at the Town Offices by Jan.

30 at 5 p.m.

School Board applicants must file with School District Clerk Mary Soares. Contact Soares at 247-1679 to schedule an appointment. Soares will also be in the School District Office on Jan. 30 from 3 to 5 p.m. to accept last-minute filings.

Residents will not be

able to register to vote during the period of candidate filing, now through Jan. 30. The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet at Town Hall on Jan. 31 from 10 a.m. until noon to register voters, the last day residents may register to vote before deliberative sessions. Residents must provide proof of cit-

izenship, identity and residency; or may sign an affidavit.

The School District's Deliberative Session is scheduled for Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. and the Town's Deliberative Session is to be held Feb. 7 at 9 a.m.

Residents may not register to vote at the deliberative sessions.

Two Men Arrested for Recent Burglaries in Londonderry

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Police arrested two men allegedly responsible for the recent burglaries of two local establishments.

Scott Lasser, 29, of Londonderry was arrested in Manchester on warrants out of Londonderry related to the burglary of the Stumble Inn on Rockingham Road, and Tyler Beliveau, 27, of Manchester was arrested soon after for allegedly burglarizing the Bacon Barn.

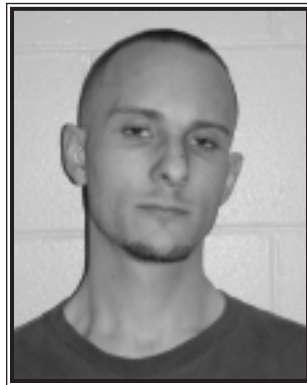
Police believe the two men were working together, with Beliveau serving as Lasser's lookout and transportation from the Stumble Inn.

On Jan. 19, officers

responded to an alarm at the Stumble Inn just before 5 a.m. and found the back door open. An officer saw a shadow walking by in the building and when officers attempted to make entry at the rear of the building, the suspect ran out the back door carrying a sledgehammer, according to Police Det. Chris Olson.

The suspect ran into the woods and police called for K-9 track, which was terminated after officers found Lasser's cell phone at the scene.

While detectives were responding to the burglary at the Stumble Inn, police received a call from the Bacon Barn on Sanborn Road reporting an



Scott Lasser



Tyler Beliveau

attempted burglary at the diner.

After Lasser was arrested and detained, Beliveau went to the Police Station to pay Lasser's bail. Beliveau was wear-

ing a jacket that matched the description of the jacket the suspect of the Bacon Barn burglary was seen wearing.

Police interviewed Beliveau and subsequently

arrested him for his role in the burglaries. Beliveau's boots matched the boot imprints at the Bacon Barn and he admitted to being there, Det. Adam Dyer said.

The boots Lasser was wearing when he was arrested in Manchester match footprints found at the Stumble Inn.

He was charged with burglary, resisting arrest, possession of burglary tools and criminal mischief.

While he was being interviewed, Beliveau attempted to delete messages on his phone, which resulted in an additional charge of falsifying physical evidence.

Having admitted to driving Lasser away from the Stumble Inn after he had burglarized the bar, Beliveau was additionally charged with criminal liability for conduct of another and conspiracy to commit, serving as his lookout during the crime.

Dyer said they expect to bring additional charges related to the burglary against Lasser, and that police believe multiple charges from throughout southern New Hampshire related to a string of burglaries in the area are pending.

Bail for both men was set at \$5,000 cash and they appeared in court last week.

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Curro: School Operating Budget is in Good Shape

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The general fund operating budget “is in good shape,” School District Business Administrator Peter Curro told the School Board at their Jan. 20 meeting.

Expenditures are anticipated to come in around \$1.7 million under budget, while revenues are expected to run about \$34,724 over what they were projected, which Curro attributed primarily

to the District’s receiving almost double the amount of Catastrophic Aid originally anticipated.

“All other accounts are pretty much in line,” he said. “At this point, we are projecting a conservative year-end general fund balance of \$1.7 million,” Curro said.

Winter weather, unforeseen emergencies and out-of-district placements could significantly impact that financial projection.

The only account that

is trending over-budget is the Information Technology (IT) account, which Curro said he planned for after they agreed to accelerate the introduction of some technologies into classrooms.

The primary accounts to cover the cost overruns are Salary Accounts, \$351,600; Retirement, \$80,854; Health Insurance, \$1.7 million; and Dental Insurance, \$102,115.

“We’ve got a long way to go; but as one board

member, I would like to say, looking ahead, I would like to see those excess funds go to fund balance. If we need that money for health insurance issues, it would be nice to be able to call upon them,” member Steve Young said.

Curro recommended the Board consider establishing a health trust stabilization fund to help eliminate the spikes in cost he anticipates they will start seeing.

“We may at the local level need to provide some sort of stabilization for that,” he said. “You would need initial money to go into the fund, then you would take the three-year average of rates and put 5 percent into the fund when it goes higher and if lower, money comes from the operating budget to the stabilization fund. It would operate like the Capital Reserve Fund; you are the agents.”

In other business:

Superintendent Nate Greenberg reported December enrollment for Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12 at 4,424 students, a decrease of four students from November, when the District had gained eight students.

The reduction is primarily due to students moving out of town. Enrollment in the same month last year was at 4,573 students.

Adams Road Property Owner Hopes to Preserve Stone Wall, Trees

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Heritage Commission considered potential right-of-way impacts related to the subdivision of a property on Adams Road, in part of the Town’s scenic Apple Way Corridor.

The road features a rock wall located in the town’s right-of-way that Richard Flier, who finalized his purchase of 41 Adams Road on Jan. 23, said he wants to see preserved.

“There are four trees growing out of the stone wall, and they’re the only trees growing on that side of the road,” he told members of the Commission during their Jan. 22 meeting.

Flier, who plans to

restore the small Cape on the property for his daughter and build a post and beam barn with an attached garage where he and his wife will live, hopes to preserve the farm-like appearance of the property and expressed concern that disturbing the wall could significantly alter the character of the scenic road.

“We’d love to just leave it the way it is,” he said.

Flier noted there are some safety concerns related to the wall and speed limit enforcement issues along the stretch. In order to build an access to the property, the Town is recommending Flier move the wall back to create the required site distance for

those exiting and approaching the access.

Instead, Flier told the Commission he would like to utilize a right-of-way on the property situated right behind the rock wall and remove a few stones to improve site distance, seeking waivers from the site distance regulations.

“If I just use the ongoing trail that goes into the property for farming and clean up the brush on the other side where the house is, I think it would be just fine; but the regulations require something different,” he said.

Flier said safety issues related to the wall could be remedied by enforcing a speed limit on the road of 25 miles-per-hour and stabilizing rocks along the wall that look insecure.

If the speed limit were enforced, it would be fine; but in many cases people go double the speed limit, he said. It’s only a matter of time before there’s an accident because when

two cars are speeding down the road they hit a spot where they can’t see one another coming. He said enforcement would improve safety and allow the wall to stay the way it is.

Members of the Commission expressed preference for Flier’s proposal to locate his access in the existing right-of-way, behind the stone wall, and to clean up scrubby trees and brush in the area, leaving the stone wall intact.

“I think you will have a hard time getting support from the Town on that. The town has to take the regulations seriously, particularly on the safety side of things,” said Geographic Information System Manager John Vogl.

“Certainly we want to protect the public, but we also want to consider things have been the way they are for 50 years and there has never been a problem,” Flier said.

“If we’re not successful in getting a waiver, we will have to make improvements for the site distance, the wall will have to be removed, and trees will have to be removed,” engineer Kevin Leonard of Northpoint Engineering said. “We would like some feedback if that happens.”

“This commission would not want to see that happen. We want to see as many trees preserved as we can. I would recommend you have a conceptual discussion with the Planning Board to feel them out on it,” said Art Rugg, chairman of the Planning Board. “Ultimately, the final decision is with the Planning Board.”

“It would just be awful if we lost those four or five trees,” Flier said. “We want to continue to pre-

serve the beauty and historic nature of what’s there now.”

In other business:

• The Heritage Commission voted unanimously to establish the goal of having a walkable trail in the town forest that is senior and stroller friendly by the Town’s 300th anniversary in 2019.

• The Londonderry Apple Way Corridor Management Plan, prepared by the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission with input from Vogl and the Commission, is complete and will be submitted to the New Hampshire Department of Transportation in early February.

Once the plan is accepted, the Town can move forward with publicizing the scenic way with signs and brochures.

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Editorial

Lots of Questions

State regulations governing a Workforce Housing mandate for towns did not pass behind closed doors. Londonderry did not vote to establish its zoning ordinances for workforce housing by randomly selecting words while hidden from public view.

So why is it so difficult for developers to understand the regulations in place, and why do they seek out properties that won't produce a big enough profit for their liking unless they receive a slew of variances.

And why do Londonderry boards respond repeatedly that turning down a variance request won't likely stand up in court. After the first instance, wouldn't it be time to do something about that?

New Hampshire communities have been told by the legislature that they need to provide workforce housing. According to the law, a municipality's existing housing stock is to be taken into consideration in determining compliance. If that housing is sufficient "to accommodate its fair share of the current and reasonably foreseeable regional need for such housing, it shall be deemed to be compliant," the law states.

A housing stock assessment should have been the first step for any community, with Londonderry no exception. And while plans are in the works – all these years later – to spend money to create a formal assessment, why the delay?

If the planned assessment could make Londonderry's position "legally defensible," in the words of Planning Board chairman Art Rugg, why hasn't this been done before now?

The out-of-town developers flocking to Londonderry with variance requests for workforce housing have one thing in mind – making a profit. That's the nature of business. But has even one prospective tenant come to a meeting to demand the town boards waive ordinance requirements so they can be part of a development with more units in less space?

The bottom-line purpose of the law is to make housing affordable to people who work in the community. What it has produced instead is a rush to make multi-family apartment development a lucrative option for builders, who stand to make more of a profit by cramming large numbers of housing units on property where they normally would have to respect frontage and density requirements.

Why did the town go through a seemingly endless number of meetings to come up with regulations they thought they could live with, only to grant variances the first time a workforce housing development was proposed, in fear their regulations would not stand up in court? Shouldn't that possibility have been addressed as the ordinance was written? Isn't that why towns hire an attorney?

Plenty of questions, and a dearth of answers.

Letters

Conservation Easement's Value

To the editor:

Londonderry voters at the 2015 Town Meeting sessions will consider a warrant article authorizing the Conservation Commission, subject to Town Council approval, to purchase a conservation easement on a 26-acre active horse farm, just north of the Londonderry Country Club.

The conservation easement has been appraised at \$640,000, but the owner is asking for only \$395,000, thus making a gift of almost a quarter of a million dollars to the town. Because the purchase will be made with dedicated conservation funds, there will be no impact on the tax rate, this year or in the future.

The conservation easement guarantees that the land will not be developed and will be open for public pedestrian access, but the current owner will continue to own and manage the farm. This is the same arrangement that is in place for three other important Londonderry farms: Sunnycrest, Moose Hill ("Mack's"), and the Merrill farm.

If the owner decides to

sell or transfer ownership of the farm, or dies, the town will have the right to acquire the ownership of the land. Because the right to develop the land has been extinguished by the conservation easement, it will have much less value, currently estimated to be \$118,000.

In our society and market economy, land value is set by what appraisers call the "highest and best use," which, in a town like Londonderry, is the most intensive development permitted by our ordinances. In fact, in recent months developers have succeeded in getting variances to exceed the maximum allowances in our ordinances. For this reason the farm is worth much more as a potential housing development, its "highest and best use," than it is as a farm that can never be developed. That "difference" in value is the value of the conservation easement.

So, should the town buy an easement on this farm that deliberately and vastly reduces its "value" – even though it does not increase the tax rate? That depends on what we mean by "value." If "value" means the ability to

turn a profit, the answer is "no," we cannot make money by causing an asset to be less attractive to the next buyer (unless, of course, the next buyer is us).

But, if "value" means something beyond "highest and best use," if it means things that are not accounted on financial reports, things like clean water, outdoor recreation, a place of peace and quiet; if it means maintaining our rural quality of life and keeping one more working farm, then, yes, we are buying a great deal of value, with this conservation easement (not to mention the owner's \$240,000 donation).

According to the Trust for Public Land, New Hampshire local governments now hold 901 conservation easements on over 50,000 acres. Nationwide the numbers just for local governments are 13,817 conservation easements on 1.1 million acres. While Londonderry may not be the only town to value its rural quality of life, we are in good company.

Mike Speltz
Londonderry

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Weather Impacts Scheduling:

As Nutfield Publishing prepared to go to press, a blizzard was forecast for southern New Hampshire, with up to 2 feet of snow anticipated. Governor Maggie Hassan declared a State of Emergency shortly after 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, and announced the closure of state offices Tuesday, Jan. 27. As of Tuesday snow was coming down at a steady clip. In the event of possible widespread power outages, this newspaper may have arrived late.

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Nutfield

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newspapers later, Nutfield Publishing is celebrating its 15th year in 2015. Deb Paul, publisher of the Londonderry Times, Nutfield News and Tri-Town Times, has built a business that reaches five communities 52 weeks a year with the news that impacts their towns. She took a few minutes this month to reflect on the journey.

The Pauls, who moved to Londonderry from Revere, Mass., didn't know how small New Hampshire towns worked. "I had no idea about Town Meeting, how the government worked, anything," Deb Paul said. Hungry to be informed and help others, she started a newsletter from her home.

"The first Londonderry Times came out in January 2000," she said. It was a monthly and the content was different than today, with more columns and less news, Paul recalled. But her tradition of mailing the paper to every home began in Londonderry, a practice that has continued for 15 years with two additional newspapers.

"We spend around \$500,000 a year now to print and mail the papers," Paul added.

Advertisers supported the fledgling paper and Paul went to twice-a-month publication. She hired "stringers" to attend meetings and persuaded a friend to be proofreader. "It was literally a mom-and-pop effort

out of my basement," she recalled.

When asked to go weekly, she complied. After two years of a weekly Londonderry Times, some Derry residents asked her for their own paper, "so we went into Derry (with the Nutfield News)," she said. "And one year after that, we started Tri-Town." The Tri-Town Times covers Chester, Hampstead, and Sandown.

Now the company has 15 employees, including a full-time editor who joined the staff in November 2006, and five full-time reporters, a webmaster, three staff in advertising, two bookkeepers, and a delivery driver.

The company moved out of the basement of the Paul home in 2004 and rented space in an office complex on Harvey Road near the airport. Nutfield Publishing is now housed in a colonial home they purchased at 2 Litchfield Road in Londonderry, which was "officially" converted to a commercial property from residential in 2011.

Deb Paul has no background in journalism, but said, "I do what I feel as a resident I would like to see in a newspaper. I want to be able to stay in my home, keep taxes down, help nonprofits."

Throughout the change from a small newsletter to three free weekly newspapers, Chris Paul has continued to play a major role in the operation, devoting his weekends to their production early on.



Deb and Chris Paul are pictured outside Nutfield Publishing's office at 2 Litchfield Road in Londonderry. The company is celebrating its 15th year in business.

He quit his Boston job when the Londonderry Times went weekly and traded in his commute for a daily role in the newspaper operation.

His title now is Art Director, and he's a familiar figure around the newspapers' five towns, taking photos at events.

The Pauls' older daughter Samantha is the graphic artist for the company and their son, Jonathan, is the bookkeeper. Their youngest, Jessica, now 13, "wants to be me," Paul said with a smile. "She comes in here and says, 'Mom, I could do your job.'"

It's a passion for Paul, who soon realized how her work would affect

people's lives. "One of our teachers' daughters needed a bone marrow transplant," she recalled. "We did an article. Someone took our paper to work, another person picked it up, and he was a match!"

She's also taken town governments to task on various issues, noting, "I feel I have to fight. If people see me fight, then they'll fight."

To that end, she's a supporter of her papers' Letters pages. "I've had people say to me, 'Why

don't you get rid of the letters?'" But Paul has resisted, saying, "That's like taking away someone's voice box."

The team has grown and persevered through many struggles, including several extended power outages. But they produced the newspapers anyway, once moving the operation to Editor Leslie O'Donnell's home because she had electricity, once to the Pauls' dining room and once to the Leach Library.

"We got out on time," Paul said.

The papers also survived her diagnosis with cancer in 2012. "I was ready to close - it was a challenge," Paul said quietly. But she was back at her desk days after her surgery, and she and the papers went on.

Paul has a particular interest in small businesses and said her papers reinforce the word-of-mouth publicity they need. She is in the process of forming a non-profit, Granite Local, to help them do just that. "It's a way to educate them, to help small businesses get more visibility in town," she said.

Paul herself is active around Londonderry and Derry. She's on the board of the Greater Londonderry YMCA; on the board of the Greater Derry Lon-

donderry Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Londonderry Women's Club; events coordinator for the Londonderry Historical Society; a member of the Downtown Derry Committee and the Derryfest Committee; and an appointee to the Londonderry Master Plan Implementation Committee, to name a few.

"That's it for now," she said, adding, "I've had to cut back."

In the future, Paul wouldn't mind adding more newspapers to cover a few more towns. And there is a future for newspapers, she said.

While young people aren't necessarily following the town, school, and state issues, they read the paper and know when they or one of their peers has been captured by Chris Paul's camera.

"When they own a house they'll be interested in taxes," she said. "When they have a child, they'll be interested in the School Board."

And she hopes to be the one providing the information. "Small, local newspapers," she said, "will never go away. People will always want to know what goes on in their backyard, and if change happens in enough backyards, then the world will be affected."

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Elementary Classes Enjoy Snowball Fight



Friday, Jan. 16, marked the second annual Indoor Snowball Fight at Matthew Thornton Elementary School, celebrating good student behavior. Every month, the school counts up the number of PAWS stickers earned in each class, and the class in each grade level that has the most stickers wins the coveted Golden Paw. PAWS stands for Positive Attitude, Act Responsible, Work and Play Safely and Show Respect. Along with the Golden Paw, students in that classroom earn a special privilege. This month the students made snowballs out of yarn and had the chance to go up against other classes. Students in grades 1 and 2 are shown battling it out. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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Scouts at Work Restoring Londonderry Grange Hall

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Boy Scouts are restoring the Grange Hall to its former glory, completing needed improvements and extensive renovations to earn their Eagle Scout rank.

Andrew Perry's project in 2012 to bring running water to the Grange was the catalyst of the troop's ongoing efforts to improve the hall, according to Andrew's father, Bill Perry, who serves as the Grange's executive board chair and building committee chair.

"This is a really great group of highly motivated young men who have taken an interest in preserving the building," said Perry, noting the site is on the State Register of Historic Places.

Londonderry Grange No. 44 was organized in 1875 with 24 charter members. Granges served as a meeting place for farmers and families to socialize and share ideas.

Built in 1909, the Londonderry Grange Hall had functioned without running water for 20 years before Perry's extensive plumbing work. He installed a donated water pump in the basement of the building, constructing a cement pad to elevate and protect the pump, then hooked up piping that runs out of the building, as well as up to two restrooms and the kitchen.

Following his brother, Thomas Perry, an assistant scoutmaster, decided to renovate the two bathrooms in the Grange, ripping out layers of tiling, the floor and subfloor,

installing new floors and tiling, installing new toilets, and adding a fresh coat of paint and tile to the walls.

In total, it was estimated Andrew's project to bring water to the Grange would have cost \$3,800 if contracted out, and Thomas' bathroom renovation would have cost roughly \$4,700.

Both projects took about three months to complete.

The brothers' grandfather and uncle own a business in New Jersey that donated materials for the projects, including two new toilets valued at \$339.

Before the brothers completed their projects, they said the Scouts, who are chartered by the Grange and use the building for their meetings, had to run across the street to use the bathroom.

Other improvements the troop has completed include Eagle Scout Matthew Nutt's kitchen renovation, Eagle Scout Jack McCullough's installation of new windows on the left side of the building, repairs to the wheelchair ramp at the rear of the building, new railings at the front entrance, and new storage shelves in the basement.

Perry continues to see interest among the scouts in taking on Eagle Scout projects focused on improving their historic meeting place.

"I have heard talk about restoring the stage at the hall and repairing the front steps," he said.

Zach Herrera recently started work on his Eagle Scout project, which is to



Thomas Perry stands in the boys' bathroom he renovated at the Grange for his Eagle Scout project.

clean out two closets at the Grange, re-organizing one for storage and the other into a small conference area where the scouts will be able to hold one-on-one meetings and interviews.

"The Grange is our charter representative, so it's nice to give back to them," said Thomas Perry, who is now helping Herrera on his Eagle Scout project at the Grange.

Herrera has already cleaned out the two closets and plans to install new shelves and filing cabinets. "There are a lot of old, expensive things in there we would hate to see damaged," he said.

For the other closet, Herrera plans to purchase a small table and chairs where scouts will meet with Scoutmasters for con-

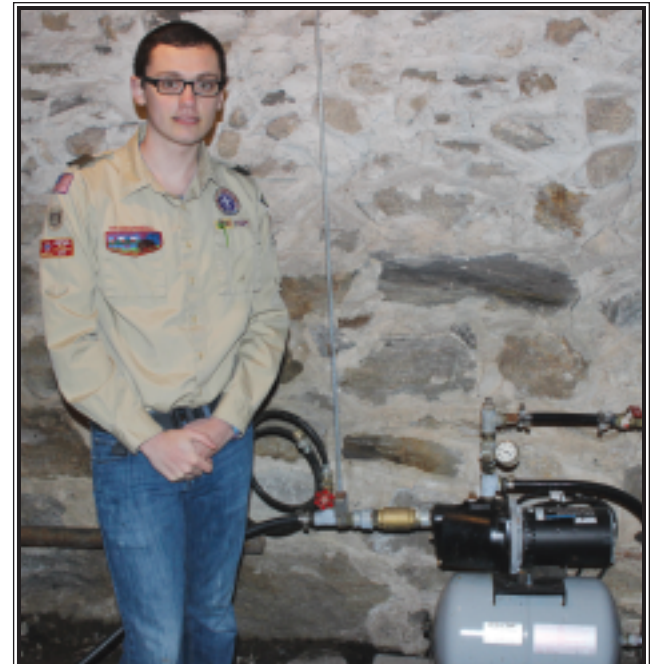
ferences to discuss advancement in rank.

Herrera said he will begin fundraising for his project soon and hopes to raise around \$800 for materials. He plans to donate any remaining funds to the Grange.

With all the improvements, the hall has become a much more desirable venue. Perry said groups can rent the hall for a modest cost - a suggested donation of around \$75.

Andrew Perry, an assistant scoutmaster who visited the Grange while home for the holidays from Lyndon State College in Vermont, said it feels good to see all the progress the troop has made.

"They've really brought the Grange back to life," Bill Perry said.



Andrew Perry is pictured by the water pump he installed in the basement of the Grange to bring water to the historic building for his Eagle Scout project.



Zach Herrera, in uniform, has been busy fundraising for his closet project at the Grange.

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Expansion to Local Senior Center on List for Future

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The town's Elder Affairs Committee discussed the need for an approximately \$500,000 expansion at the Senior Center.

Noting he hasn't heard a great deal of support for the proposed auditorium at the high school, Chair-

man Al Baldasaro said it's likely the project at the Senior Center also won't gain much support until some of the Town's bonds fall off.

The Senior Center expansion was moved out to FY19 and is ranked in the Town's 2015-2020 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) as a priority level 2 proj-

ect, meaning it should be completed in the next three years to maintain services.

Senior Center Director Catherine Blash said the expansion is definitely needed, with Tuesdays being a peak traffic day.

"There are some days you can walk in there and it's not that busy, but on

certain days, people are packed into the front of the Senior Center because there is an exercise program going on in the other room," Blash said.

In other business:

• Committee members, in conjunction with representatives from AARP, recorded training shows for seniors related

to a variety of health and safety issues, including emergency preparedness, fraud targeting the elderly, Medicare, fire, and fall prevention.

The Committee hopes to see the recordings replayed on cable access and plans to make the schedule of the recordings available to the pub-

lic.

• The Committee recommended with a unanimous vote that the Town Council re-appoint Baldasaro and fellow members Bonnie Roberts and Bonnie Ritvo, and alternate members Dolores Stoklosa and Karen Boone.

Health, P.E. Classes Find Ways to Use Technology

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Health and Physical Education teachers in the school district are using technology in the classroom to improve instruction and increase time on the court.

"Using instructional technology allows us to meet standards and guidelines while delivering better programs by gaining instructional time and varying assessments. There's no lost time because while stu-

dents are on the sidelines, they can participate by completing assessments," Physical Education teacher Neil Leavis told the School Board in a Jan. 20 presentation on technological integration in high school P.E. classes.

Students download applications on their smartphones or other devices that allow them to take quizzes that are immediately scored, with instant feedback sent to their email.

The application aggre-

gates test results in a way that allows Leavis to analyze the data and determine individual students' progress, as well as the progress of his class as a whole. And because there's less time dedicated to grading quizzes, Leavis has more time for instruction and to assess student performance in a more sophisticated way.

"We can see when 90 percent of students got an answer on a question wrong, which may indi-

cate that the question was poorly written," he said, noting student performance is easily available to case managers through sharable documents.

Because students can take their quizzes anywhere using their mobile device or an iPad, they have more time on the court when they get to class.

"When they didn't have enough nets to go around for everybody before, the kids would just sit and chat. Here, they're actively engaged," Superintendent Nate Greenberg said.

Board members asked if there's ever an issue with students not having access to a device.

"The biggest issue we have had is Wi-Fi connectivity. If the connection is not great, it makes it very difficult to run these types of programs," Leavis said. "Very few students don't have their own device. Research has shown three-quarters of all students are accessing the internet purely through a device."

Leavis noted the department has iPads to share with students and

that there are 20 iPads in the library that students may use. Standard pen and pencil quizzes are available, but Leavis said everyone in all his classes has had access to a device.

Member John Laferriere asked what Leavis and other teachers in the department are doing differently now that they have the ability to capture data.

"There's a lot more peer assessments," he said. "We're now able to get students to evaluate skills. They're asking, 'How can I evaluate my and others' performance?' And, 'How can I use those results to change my performance?' The evaluation piece is very good."

Laferriere asked how the District can use the technology elsewhere.

"Google Docs is being used throughout the district to share information about students and keep track of their progress, and at the elementary level, students in the primary grades are using iPads to access reading programs. They're

looking at speaking books where the words come up and are verbalized off the iPad. It's similar to someone reading to the kids," Greenberg said. "To some degree, this is in the experimental stage. It may be that there are certain programs or pieces of software that work better for social studies than math, etc."

Leavis said the program, which they built using guidelines from the Society of Health and Physical Educators, as well as information from articles in a variety of journals and from fellow P.E. teachers who have also integrated technology into their classrooms, has "been very seamless."

"If students are not afraid of integrating technology, we shouldn't be either," he said.

"I want to thank (Leavis) for doing this. He has done a great job, and the utilization of technology to increase instructional time has really impressed me," Greenberg said. "He has used this to create a really effective program and I'm really pleased with this."

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Food allergy is an immune system reaction that occurs soon after eating a certain food. Even a tiny amount of the allergy-causing food can trigger signs and symptoms such as digestive problems, hives or swollen airways. In some people, a food allergy can cause severe symptoms or even a life-threatening reaction known as anaphylaxis. Food allergy affects an estimated 6 to 8 percent of children under age 3, and about 4 percent of adults. While there's no cure, some children outgrow their food allergy as they get older.

It's easy to confuse a food allergy with a much more common reaction known as food intolerance. While bothersome, food intolerance is a less serious condition that does not involve the immune system. For some people, an allergic reaction to a particular food may be uncomfortable but not severe. For other people, an allergic food reaction can be frightening and even life-threatening.

In a true food allergy, your immune system mistakenly identifies a specific food or a substance in food as a harmful substance. Your immune system triggers cells to release antibodies known as immunoglobulin E (IgE) antibodies to fight the culprit food or food substance (the allergen). The next time you eat even the smallest amount of that food, the IgE antibodies sense it and signal your immune system to release a chemical called histamine, as well as other chemicals, into your bloodstream. These chemicals cause a range of allergic signs and symptoms.

Food allergy symptoms usually develop within a few minutes to an hour after eating the offending food. The most common food allergy symptoms include a tingling in the mouth; hives, itching or eczema; swelling of the lips, face, tongue and throat, or other parts of the body; wheezing, nasal congestion or trouble breathing; abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting or dizziness, lightheadedness or fainting.

In some people, a food allergy can trigger a severe allergic reaction called anaphylaxis. This can cause life-threatening symptoms, including constriction and tight-

ening of airways; a swollen throat or a lump in your throat that makes it difficult to breathe; shock, with a severe drop in blood pressure; rapid pulse or dizziness, lightheadedness or loss of consciousness. Emergency treatment is critical for anaphylaxis. Untreated, anaphylaxis can cause a coma or death.

See a doctor or allergist if you have food allergy symptoms shortly after eating. If possible, see your doctor when the allergic reaction is occurring. This will help your doctor make a diagnosis.

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School Board Approves Program of Studies for Middle and High Schools

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The School Board approved with a 4-0 vote the 2015-2016 Program of Studies for both the high school and the middle school at their Jan. 21 meeting.

Chairman Leitha Reilly was not present due to a work obligation.

LHS Principal Jason Parent said the continued focus of the school's Program of Studies is college and career readiness.

New courses the high school will be offering in the next school year include College Preparatory (CP) Anatomy and Physiology, CP Biology through Biotechnology,

CP Forensic Science, Advanced Placement (AP) Psychology, AP Studio Art, and Advanced Drawing, a college-level course.

The high school offers 10 courses that align with Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) courses and 16 Running Start courses through which students can earn high school and college credits.

Parent said enrollment for the Running Start courses is just under 200 students, and 120 students are enrolled in programs with SNHU.

Vice Chairman Nancy Hendricks asked if they know there is interest in CP Anatomy and Physiology, A and B, a rigorous course for students interested in pursuing a career in the medical field.

"We have 41 students

signed up for the course. The medical field is exploding and there's a strong need for Licensed Nursing Assistants," said Diane Malley, curriculum coordinator for math and science. "The course uses the same text as the college. The designation of A and B is really a pacing issue, it doesn't have to do with the level of study."

Superintendent Nate Greenberg noted the sequence of algebra and geometry has changed as well. Students will take Algebra I, then Algebra II and Geometry.

In addition to making more sense sequentially, Greenberg said the PSAT and SAT tend to be stronger on the algebra side.

"We want them to be prepared in those skills

before moving onto geometry," he said.

At the middle school, Principal Richard Zaccilli said one of the significant changes related to the school's Program of Studies for the next school year is a move from quarterly grade reporting to a trimester system of grades, with grades to be issued in November, February and June. Teachers will report to parents any difficulties students are having at the midpoint of each grading period.

The Program of Studies also includes an adjusted math flow chart to accommodate the changes to the sequence of math courses at the high school level, as well as the introduction of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

(STEM) discovery.

"STEM offers real-world learning and context to make connections between learning in the classroom and what is going on in the community," he said. "We had such a wonderful response supporting STEM during our college and career day. STEM expands the arts because it encourages students to wonder, to be curious, to create and design. Sixth-grade STEM will help students with critical thinking and problem solving."

Students will receive 24 weeks of health class, with sixth-grade students to also attend class in the school's Healthy Kitchen, which offers them a chance to work in the school's vegetable garden and learn where their food comes from.

OBITUARY

Gilbert Goding



Gilbert E. "Gil" Goding, 83, of Raymond died Jan. 19, 2015, at his home.

He was born on Oct. 12, 1931 in South Portland, Maine, a son of the late Wilfred and Zerfa (Swan) Goding.

He served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict.

He worked for the Boston and Maine Railroad for more than 42 years, retiring from sales and marketing in May 1996.

Prior to moving to Raymond, he was a longtime resident of Londonderry, where he and his wife raised their three sons. He was a part of the original Londonderry Gridiron Club that helped raise money for youth football in the community.

After his retirement, he cheered on his grandchildren at their sporting events, and loved to be outside, whether gardening, going for a walk at the beach, or sitting by a fire telling stories. He enjoyed spending the winter months in Florida with his wife, where they developed a close circle of friends, but he looked forward to returning to New England in the spring.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Joan (Leonard) Goding of Raymond; three sons, Stephen Goding and his wife, Rossana, of Raymond, Scott Goding and his wife, Amy, of Londonderry, and Shawn Goding and his wife, Pam, of Londonderry; seven grandchildren, Michael, Zachary, Morgan, Paul, Laurel, Trevor and Tess; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at Peabody Funeral Home in Londonderry on Jan. 24. The family plans to have a graveside memorial service in the spring at Pillsbury Cemetery in Londonderry.

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

New Hampshire State Police arrested a Nashua man last week after he crashed into a guardrail just north of Exit 5 of Interstate 93 and fled the scene.

John R. Banfield, 37, was treated briefly at Elliot Hospital in Manchester for minor injuries he sustained as a result of the collision on Jan. 21, according to a press release issued by State Police Sgt. S. Callinan.

Around 11:52 a.m., a

motorist alerted police to a hazardous operator driving a white Land Rover northbound in Londonderry on I-93. Soon after, Banfield crashed into the Exit 5 guardrail.

Witnesses to the crash told responding officers they saw Banfield running away from his vehicle southbound on the highway.

When police located Banfield, he provided a false name. Witnesses confirmed he was the driver of the Land Rover. Banfield had two felony

warrants out, one issued out of Hillsborough County, the second out of Maine.

He has been charged with Driving While Intoxicated-Drugs, Conduct After Accident, Disobeying a Police Officer, False Report to a Police Officer, Operating Under Suspension (for DWI), Possession of Controlled Drugs, and

the two felony warrants.

Banfield refused bail and is being held at the Rockingham County Department of Corrections. He was arraigned on Jan. 22 in Derry District Court.

Anyone with information related to the incident is asked to contact Sgt. Callinan at Troop B Barracks at 223-4381.

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dooming them and their financial investment, I don't think the amount of their profit should really concern us," member Annette Stoller said.

"I can't imagine we should have to make every project that comes before us financially viable," member Neil Dunn said. "I'd like to get some guidance from the Town attorney on that."

Additionally, the documents filed requesting a re-hearing claim the Board was heavily influenced by

testimony from members of the public that wasn't relevant to the waiver requests.

"There were some untrue assertions," Stoller said. "Particularly that everyone went along with the statistics that were presented."

"There were misstatements in the application and I would like those cleared up. But I would like some guidance from the Town Council, as well," Dunn said.

Building Inspector Richard Canuel told the Board it's possible they may be able to get some guidance

from the Town Council and town attorney with regard to whether or not the Town has met its fair share of workforce housing, noting it may be difficult to deny the variances without some hard data.

"On the night of the Board meeting, the Town was not in possession of any reports or findings concluding that the Town had met its regional need for workforce housing. The Planning Board has not recommended nor has the Town Council adopted findings concluding that the Town has met its regional need," the

documents filed with the Town argue.

That may not be completely true - the night of the meeting, Town Councilor Jim Butler advised the Board the study the applicant is relying on to prove Londonderry hasn't yet met its workforce housing obligation is outdated.

"We have over 200 workforce housing units in the pipeline," Butler told the board, noting there's a more updated draft of the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission's 2010 report. "A draft titled 'Moving Southern New

Hampshire Forward,' which covers 2010-2020, indicates Londonderry needs only 187 units to meet its fair share of workforce housing. In the pipeline now, we have over 200 units. If that's the case, I think, personally, we need to take a stand. I'm all in favor of helping out and having workforce housing, but I don't want to be abused as a taxpayer."

"We need to be careful with regard to what we're trying to do with this case," Chairman James Smith said. "One of the things I take out of what I've read and seen about

this is the very fact this ordinance is on the books means the Town, the Planning Board and the Council have made the determination the Town needs this type of housing. It's within their purview to change the Ordinance or withdraw the Ordinance or make a further determination if the Town has that need. But that's really not up to us to make that determination."

The re-hearing is to be scheduled for a meeting in February. The applicant and members of the public will have an opportunity to weigh in.

Warrants

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be separated into two separate warrant articles, Smith said the State's advice to pose the question as one warrant article is the preferred way.

The Budget Committee also voted to move Article 9 to the warrant and supported the article with a 7-0 vote.

Finally, the Council addressed an issue with Article 14, a citizen's petition to raise \$400,000 for four additional firefighters that they had moved to the warrant on Jan. 19.

Smith said the language of the article wasn't consistent with the language of the petition filed with the Town.

Councilor John Farrell asked if the Council remains unbound by the article to hire new firefighters or staff 10 firefighters on a 24-hour basis if the amended article were to pass. Smith said if passed, the Town would only be obligated to raise the \$400,000. The appropriation would become a part of the default budget.

"We just have to trust next year's council that they will be straight with

you. If we don't hire the firefighters, we'll have a lot of additional default to talk about," he said.

The council voted 2-2-1 in favor of Article 14 as amended, with Councilors Joe Green and Tom Freda voting against the article.

Council Vice Chairman Jim Butler abstained from voting, saying he has a family member who stands to gain financially from the decision.

The Budget Committee voted 6-1 in favor of the article, with Dana Coons voting against it.

The following are the Budget Committee's votes

on the remaining articles the Council passed to the warrant:

Article 2, Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund - the Budget Committee recommends with a vote of 7-0.

Article 4, Fund Special Revenue Account - the Budget Committee recommends with a vote of 7-0.

Article 5, Fund the Sewer Fund - the Budget Committee recommends with a vote of 7-0.

Article 6, Fire Department equipment - the Budget Committee recommends with a vote of 7-0.

Article 7, Roadway

Maintenance Trust Fund - the Budget Committee recommends with a vote of 7-0.

Article 8, Zoning Ordinance Update/Rewrite - the Budget Committee recommends with a vote of 7-0.

Article 10, Appropriate Funds to Capital Reserve Funds to Expand Cemeteries, to replace Highway Heavy Equipment, Fire Equipment and Highway Trucks - the Budget Committee recommends with a vote of 7-0.

Article 11, Police Department Personnel Costs - the Budget Committee

recommends with a vote of 7-0.

Article 12, Discontinue Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund - the Budget Committee recommends with a vote of 7-0.

Article 13, Purchase of Conservation Easement - the Budget Committee recommends with a vote of 5-2, with Dana Coons and Bill Mead voting against recommending the article.

Residents may amend the articles at the Town's Deliberative Session, which is to be held Feb. 7 at 9 a.m.

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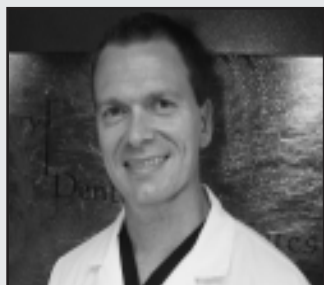
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LHS Grad Brings Music Therapy to Special Education Students

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Singing and dancing to beloved tunes like “If You’re Happy and You Know It,” students in Londonderry High School’s special education program enjoyed therapy through music last week, thanks to a senior project completed last year.

After learning there was no music therapy program in the Londonderry School District, Marissa Russell, now a freshman at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., sold “Music Heals” wristbands to fund music therapy sessions at the high school after seeing the benefits while working with a student in the special education department.

“One of the students I worked with was nonverbal and he threw tantrums a lot. I would sing quietly to him and play music for him and he would calm down,” said Russell, who is studying Psycholinguistics in college.

Russell, who plays a few instruments, including guitar, piano and ukulele, started her project by conducting research at the Manchester Community Music School, which has a music therapy program.

When her music therapy sessions with the student she was working with at the high school were well received by his parents and teachers, Russell decided to raise money to bring music therapy sessions to more students after she left.

With the profits from her “Music Heals” bracelets, Russell hired Elizabeth Ferguson of Granite State Music Therapy to lead six sessions at the high school this year.

In one of the sessions last week, Ferguson’s students wrote their own song as a class with her guidance.

“It was amazing, they all engaged and loved it so much,” she said. “We went around and each person got to add lyrics to the song and we put it to music to sing together. They were all so proud.”

Special Education teacher and Case Manager Debra Dunn told Ferguson the song she wrote with the students was printed out with the music and pictures to help those who have difficulty reading words.

For students who struggle to communicate with language, communicating through music can help them feel validated, according to Ferguson, who said it gives them the sense that everyone is listening.

“I use music as my tool to work on non-musical goals, such as speech and communication, cognitive, behavior, and physical,” she said. “Music makes connections across both sides of the brain. It helps build self-esteem. You don’t have to have any skill level or ability to participate. You can adapt any

musical experience to any individual to feel successful. Music is extremely sequential - it sets your brain up to finish something.”

While working with a smaller group of students on Jan. 22, Ferguson played from a set-list of the students’ favorite songs.

Carol Stone, a certified occupational therapist assistant, said she often uses music to calm one of the students in the group when he is having difficulty regulating himself.

“He definitely likes certain tempos more than others,” she said. “He really likes the guitar. It’s very calming for him.”

Ferguson works in several school districts in New Hampshire, providing services to students who need music therapy. Some School Districts are on board, and some just don’t



Elizabeth Ferguson of Granite State Music Therapy sings to students in Londonderry High School’s special education during a music therapy session.

Photo by Kaitlyn G. Woods

have the funding for it, she said.

It’s more mainstream in the mid-Atlantic regions, Ferguson said, saying New England is a little behind. New Hampshire has about 20 musical therapists, she

said.

Dunn said the response from her students to the music therapy sessions was really good and she is considering integrating music therapy into the special education summer pro-

gram.

“I think everyone relates to music on a different level, other than just listening. It really does have healing properties,” Russell said.



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Arts Council Hosts Café Focusing on Local Artists, Musicians

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Arts Council celebrated local artists and musicians at its Arts Café at the Leach Library last weekend.

Guests trickled in and out during the Saturday, Jan. 24 event to enjoy live performances and browse art displayed on the library's hanging system.

Crafts were displayed

around the room, including a hand-woven scarf by Londonderry weaver Kate Kilgus and a hand crafted, motion-activated lamp.

Arts Council Town Liaison Susan Hanna said the purpose of the event was to share with residents what the art community in Londonderry has to offer and to get more people involved with the Arts Council.

Although snowy roads

discouraged residents from leaving home, several did make the trip to enjoy fresh coffee donated by Coffeeberries while listening to performers Larry Casey, Dave and Susan Bastien, and Greg Descoteaux and Dan Sirois of "The Last Duo."

Natasha Gallagher, a high school junior, enjoyed the opportunity to see two of her pieces displayed alongside established Londonderry artists.

Gallagher, who has focused on her art in high school and hopes to pursue art studies in college, shared "Portrait," a charcoal on paper, and "Mountain on Lake," a watercolor on paper.

"This is the first time I have ever had any of my art displayed in a gallery," said Gallagher, who has loved art since she was young and most recently discovered a passion for working with watercolor.

Other featured artists included Hanna and Barbara Scott.

Anyone interested in joining the Arts Council may contact Hanna by email at artist@SEHstudios.com. The Arts Council meets the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Sunnycrest Room at Town Hall.



Husband and wife Dave and Susan Bastien perform together during the Londonderry Arts Council's Arts Café at the Leach Library.



Larry Casey performs during the Arts Council's Arts Café at the Leach Library last week.
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Greg Descoteaux and Dan Sirois of "The Last Duo" perform during the Arts Council's Arts Café at the Leach Library.

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Playoffs Arrive Early in Big LHS Boys' Hoop Battle

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

No, it's not at all normal for there to be New Hampshire high school boys' basketball tournament games on Jan. 23.

In truth, the Granite State's high school hoop playoffs don't start until March, but anybody who witnessed the undefeated Londonderry High boys' basketball squad's barn-burner of a road game against the tough Merrimack High Tomahawks Friday night, Jan. 23, will assure you that every moment of that regular-season contest felt like a high-pressure, tournament battle.

The two squads started the contest with every bit the intensity one would expect to see in a win-or-go-home tourney game, and that feverish level of play didn't waver much until the final buzzer sounded and the host Tomahawks missed the final shot of the night as they attempted to overcome a tiny, 52-51 Londonderry lead.

Coach Nate Stanton's now 6-0 Lancers led at the close of each quarter on the way to the 52-51 victo-

ry, but nobody in the joint could have thought they had the game under control at any juncture because veteran coach Tim Goodridge's now 4-3 Merrimack guys never surrendered an inch and kept battling literally up until that final buzzer blared.

The loss ended a three-game winning streak for the home-standing Tomahawks.

"I knew it was going to be a good battle," said Stanton. "I knew they were a tough team, a well-coached team, and this challenge was good for us. A playoff atmosphere is something we really need to experience."

Stanton was concerned that his crew would be rusty going into this much-anticipated game after having gone 13 days without playing a contest.

The Lancers didn't look like a team that had undergone a long layoff until the third quarter, when their usually steady shooting hands grew shaky on a bunch of high-percentage shots.

Hot-shooting guards Cody Ball and Jake Coleman led the locals to a 15-14 lead after one quarter and a 34-28 advantage at

the close of the first half, but the Lancers never enjoyed a lead larger than six points during those two stanzas.

Merrimack netted eight of the first 10 points scored in the third period as Londonderry struggled with its shooting and the hosts clamped down on defense, but the Lancers still managed to work their way back to a slim lead (40-39) by the end of the third.

The Tomahawks didn't even get a shot off during the first 2:10 of the fourth quarter, but the LHS squad was unable to pull away.

The hosts claimed a 43-42 lead with five minutes left, and that advantage soon grew to a modest three points before Cody Ball nailed a three-pointer that knotted the score at 45-45 with 3:58 left and brought a Merrimack timeout.

The teams then exchanged the lead and got knotted up at 47-47 and 49-49 before Londonderry senior forward Marc Corey sank a three ball that put Londonderry up 52-49, with 1:25 showing on the game clock.

The host Tomahawks

managed to get back with-in a point of the lead on a bucket with 14.1 seconds left, but the score wouldn't change again.

Merrimack senior guard Austin Franzen lofted a high shot up off the top left corner of the backboard, and a Lancer and a Tomahawk battled for the loose ball as that final buzzer sounded.

Ball, who scored 13 points in the first half, finished the evening with a game-high 18. Coleman, who had 11 at the half, wound up with 15. And Corey, who bagged a half dozen points during the opening half, finished up with 13 including that game-winning trey.

The Lancers didn't exactly have an easy time of it in their 75-67 defeat

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Londonderry High hoopster Brandon Radford lays up a shot during his team's hard-fought, slim road victory over the tough Merrimack High Tomahawks last Friday night, Jan. 23. Photo by Chris Pantazis

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LHS Wrestlers Snare Second at Timberlane Invitational

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It has been a long time since anybody bothered to speak in hushed tones when asking the

question, "When will some New Hampshire team surpass Timberlane Regional as the Granite State wrestling powerhouse?"

Well, the Londonderry High Lancers might not be there yet, but first-year coach Jason Cucolo has his LHS grappling crew working hard in that direction. And the Lancers may just have made a significant stride forward in that effort last Saturday, Jan. 24, when they gave the host Owls a run for their home title at the 27th annual Timberlane Invitational in Plaistow.

The host team won its own tournament's title for the 24th time in the last 25 years all right, tallying 191.5 points to best the other 13 competing teams. But Londonderry finished a strong second with a score of 179, with the third-place Bedford High Bulldogs with a tally of 116.

The Lancers had four grapplers win their respective weight class crowns - including 138-pounder Jean-Luc Lemieux, who was named the event's outstanding wrestler - and eight Londonderry wrestlers wound up finishing among the top four competitors in their divisions.

"We had a great showing, especially since we had three weight classes where we didn't have anyone," said Cucolo. "(The) 220 (class) has been a forfeit all year, and 285 is still injured, and 182 Sebastian (Rozczenko) had the SAT's. To finish 12.5 behind Timberlane with three less guys is a great showing."

All four of the Lancers' weight class champions posted perfect 3-0 records on the day, with Ryan Cabezas rising above the rest of the crowd in the 126-pound class, Lemieux racing to the top of the heap in his 138-pound division, Kyle Byrd winding up first in his 160-pound class, and Richard Bilodeau proving to be top dog in the 195-pound division.

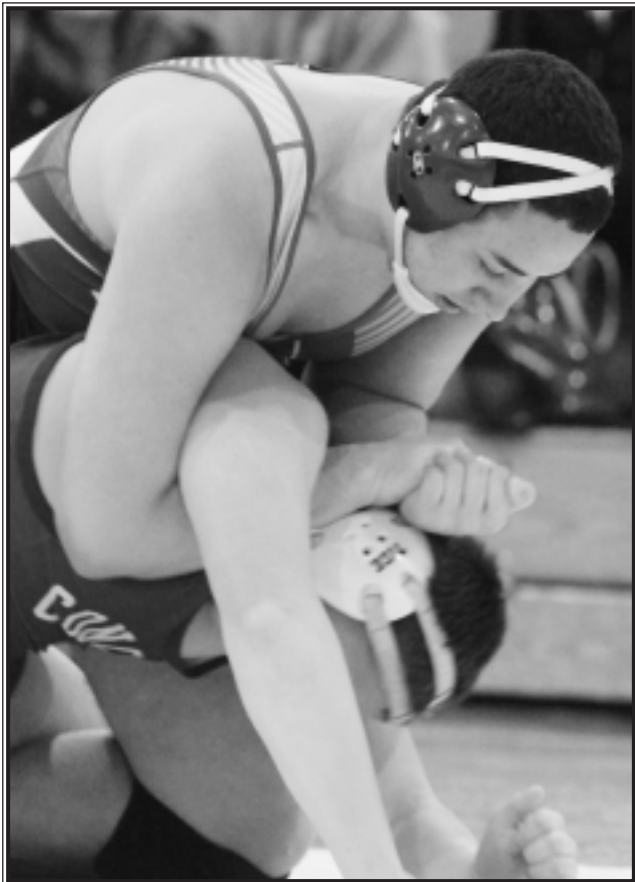
Cabezas vanquished Manchester Memorial's Devin Johnson in the title match in his division; Lemieux - who has now been named outstanding wrestler in two tournaments this winter - iced Chris Behn of Danvers, Mass. in the championship round in his class; Byrd bested Ian Routhier

of Goffstown for the 160-pound crown; and Bilodeau took care of business in a title bout with Ryan Belz of Bedford to win his class crown.

Additionally, Londonderry had Colin Reardon place second at 145 pounds, freshmen Kevin Robischeau finish third at 106 pounds and Craig Santos snag third at 113, and

Tyler Byrd wind up fourth at 120 pounds.

"I was very impressed with our guys' ability to wrestle back and finish strong," said Cucolo. "The guys showed a lot of heart and wrestled every match. An overall great day, but at the same time we are not satisfied and will continue to improve and get better each day."



Richard Bilodeau and his Londonderry High wrestling teammates put forth a strong performance at last weekend's Timberlane Invitational, finishing a close second to the tourney hosts for the team title. Photo by Chris Paul

Athletes of the Week

For the Week of Jan. 19



**Nick Byrne,
Sophomore, Boys'
Swimming**

This hard-working 10th grader has been a contributing member of the LHS team all season and has qualified for states in the 200-meter freestyle, the 200 individual medley, and the 500 free.



**Emily Buttafuoco,
Sophomore, Girls'
Swimming**

A talented sophomore, this young lady supports and encourages her teammates while excelling in numerous events. She has qualified for the state meet in seven out of eight events.

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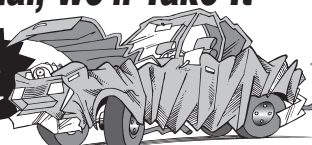
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Berube Leads LHS Lady Cagers to Blowout With Double-Double

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Junior low-post standout Ashley Berube proved to be an unstoppable force for the defending Division I champion Londonderry High girls' basketball squad in its 70-36 pumeling of the Merrimack High Lady Tomahawks at LHS last Friday night, Jan. 23.

Berube was dominant in netting 19 points and hauling down 19 rebounds in pacing her talented contingent to its sixth consecutive D-I vic-

tory. The win bounced first-year varsity coach Nick Theos' team's divisional record up to 8-1 and ended the 2-7 Merrimack squad's modest two-game winning streak.

The visitors managed to keep pace with their powerful hosts in the first period, with the Lady Lancers grasping a four-point lead of 18-14 when that stanza came to an end.

But Theos' troop outscored its guest by a 17-4 tally in the second period and held a 35-18 advantage at the halftime break.

The Lady Lancers then went on to outscore the Merrimack mob by margins of 15-6 and 20-12 in the third and fourth quarters respectively to collect the lopsided win.

The victorious hosts received scoring contributions from 10 sources, with Berube pacing the charge with her great numbers and Katie Balcom contributing 10 points. Jackie Luckhardt was good for eight points, Kat Wells and Jenna Conroy each netted seven, and Brittany Roche sank a pair of three-point shots

in contributing six points to the LHS evening of hoops.

The ladies drove their Division I record up to 9-1 with a 53-28 downing of the Nashua High South Lady Purple Panthers in the Gate City on a snowy Monday night, Jan. 26.

The LHS crew's seventh consecutive Division I victory made the host Lady Panthers' divisional mark 3-7 as the Nashua cagers suffered the fourth defeat in their last five D-I contests.

The team will be tested again Jan. 29 when they travel to Salem to face the 4-6 Blue Devils, and on Feb. 6 at home when they host the 5-5 Winnacunnet Warriors.

Next Friday night, Feb. 6, the girls and boys squads will visit their rivals at Pinkerton Academy. The Astro girls currently have a 7-2 Division I record.



Junior standout Ashley Berube netted 19 points and hauled down 19 rebounds in her Londonderry High team's mauling of Merrimack at LHS late last week.
Photo by Chris Paul

Lancer Icemen Come Back to Ice Trinity Pioneers, 7-2

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Two ice hockey teams evidently headed in different directions in New Hampshire high school's Division I met up at Saint Anselm College last Saturday night, and each proceeded ahead in their previous direction.

Coach Peter Bedford's Londonderry High hockey team bagged its fourth consecutive divisional victory in a 7-2 thumping

of the host Trinity Pioneers of Manchester, who suffered their third consecutive divisional defeat.

The victory made the LHS Lancers a solid 6-2 in D-I, while Trinity fell to a full four games below the .500 mark to 3-7.

The surging Lancers overcame a 2-1 deficit by potting six unanswered goals during the last two periods to run away with the decision. The victors received single tallies

from seven different sources, Lucas Poulin, Chris Marrello, Colby Austin, Nick Donnelly, Cooper Roy, Danny Bears, and Alex Laplante. Mike MacKenzie registered two assists and Patrick Maloney collected one.

The victorious locals peppered the Pioneers' net with 33 shots, and LHS goalie Cody Baldwin made 21 saves his contribution to the lopsided win.

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Lancer Tracksters Drive Toward Championship Meet

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School's boys' and girls' track and field squads moved one big step closer to the Division I championship meet by closing out the New Hampshire Indoor Track and Field League regular season at the University of New Hampshire's Sweet Oval in Durham Sunday, Jan. 25.

The meet gave ath-

letes who had yet to qualify for the state meet one more chance to do so, and athletes who have already qualified got the opportunity to enjoy another solid tune-up before the big divisional meet at Dartmouth College in Hanover on Sunday, Feb. 8.

BOYS

Senior star Starlin Ortiz showed off his considerable skills yet again and was a part of four

Londonderry first places - three of them individual wins - in giving the opposition a reminder of what he's capable of.

Ortiz won the 55-meter hurdles (time of 7.70 seconds, with teammates Eric Fairweather fourth and Trevor Guay fifth), the high jump (6 feet, 8 1/4 inches), and the long jump (20'6"), and teamed up with Guay, Fairweather, and Jimmy Zimolka on the victorious 4x160 relay

team (1:16.40).

The Lancers also had Kyle Foden snag third place in the shot put.

GIRLS

Starlin Ortiz's younger

sister Yorgelis also did the family, her team, and herself proud at the Sweet Oval that day by winning the 55-meter dash (7.30) and helping the Lady

Lancers' 4x160 relay quartet to a third place. Her relay teammates were June Cranmer, the aptly-named Ellie Goodspeed, and Natalie Howes.

Lancer Skiers Put Forth Fine Efforts on Crotched Mountain

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High girls' ski squad managed a solid fourth-place finish out of 11 teams and the LHS boy skiers wound up seventh out of 10 contingents during a big meet on Crotched Mountain in Bennington Friday, Jan. 23.

The Lady Lancers had standout Jaiden Evarts finish an exceptional second out of 71 female finishers, while the Lancer males' effort was paced by Max Dolliver.

GIRLS

The only girl skier to

finish ahead of Lady Lancer stalwart Evarts was Pinkerton Academy's Nicole Gonya with her winning time of 1 minute and 17.14 over two giant slalom runs.

Evarts was right behind her with a composite time of 1:19.19. Anna Sampson was the second Londonderry finisher (10th overall) with her time of 1:29.92. Bethany Costello was the third LHS scorer in 36th place (1:49.54), and Sarah Rettig was the fourth in 54th place (2:05.31). The Lady Lancers also had Jacqueline Peabody compete.

The locals tallied a team score of 334 to finish behind Exeter, Pinkerton, and Keene but ahead of seven other squads.

BOYS

The Lancer males had Dolliver finish 25th overall (1:37.58), with Jackson Lycars right behind him in 26th place (1:38.24), Mike Payson in 37th place (1:44.69), and Ethan Kusior in the 44th spot (1:52.31).

Londonderry's other competitors included Oan McGrath, Matt Montminy, Aaron Kenison, and Eryk Bean.

Boys Hoop

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of the Nashua South Purple Panthers at LHS this past Monday, Jan. 26, but it wasn't quite as much of a nail-biter as the nipping of Merrimack had been.

The hosts advanced their season record to 7-0 with the win, with South slipping to 3-5.

The Nashuans led by one point at the end of one period (13-12), but

the Lancers outscored their guests by a big 19-8 tally in quarter two to carry a 31-21 advantage to halftime.

Both offenses were plenty prolific during the second half, with South netting 46 points and the victorious hosts collecting 44.

Cody Ball scored 22 (with four, three-pointers), Marc Corey was good for 21, Jake Coleman contributed 18 points, and Brandon Radford

notched 14.

The team will be tested again Jan. 28 when they host the 2-6 Salem Blue Devils, and on Jan. 30 they travel to Winnacunnet to play the 3-4 Warriors. On Feb. 4 the boys will face the Tomahawks again at home.

Next Friday night, Feb. 6, both the girls and boys squads will visit their rivals at Pinkerton Academy. The Astro boys currently have a 7-1 Division 1 record.

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Londonderry Gymnasts Excel at Carnival for NEGTC

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A crew of talented gymnasts from Londonderry helped their New England Gymnastics Training Center (NEGTC) teams to success at the 2015 Winter Carnival held at Stratham Middle School recently.

The NEGTC Level 3 team took second place with an overall score of 111.22; the Level 5 team wound up third with a group tally of 107; the Level 4 girls bagged a fifth place with a team score of 106.75; the Level 6 team also took a fifth with a combined score of 72.950; the Level 9 crew ended up

seventh with a 48.35, and the Level 8 group took an eighth place with a team score of 79.20.

The gymnasts need an all-around score of 33.0 or above to qualify for the state meet in March.

A week earlier, the local center's Xcel Bronze team had taken a seventh place with a team score of 101.75, the Xcel Silver squad took an 11th place with a team score of 102.42, and the Xcel Gold group took a 10th place with a team score of 99.150.

In Level 3 Penguins' division competition, Faith Carrier placed 16th in the all-around with a number

of top-20 individual event finishes, and Sophia Mag-gee managed a 12th place all-around finish along with a third in vaulting.

In the Level 3 Snowflakes' division competition, Olivia Colliton placed ninth in the all-around and had a sixth on the uneven bars; Ella Houghton tallied an excellent second place all-around finish with a win in the floor exercise (score of 9.40) and a second on the balance beam; Lilly Maher was third in the all-around with a win on beam (9.45) and a second on vault, and Alyssa Parsons managed an 11th in the all-around.

In the Level 4 Icicles' division, Ava Ruppel took ninth in the all-around.

In Level 4 Penguins' division action, Marline Fitzgerald snared a fourth place in the all-around with a fourth place on floor and multiple fifth places; Lillian MacDonald ended up eighth in the all-around with a fourth on beam, and Alexis Small placed 14th in the all-around.

In the Level 4 Polar Bear division, Rachel Carrier ended up 13th all-around and notched a fifth place on the bars.

In the Level 5 Polar Bear class, Chloe Catino ended up a superb sec-

ond all-around with a win on bars (8.80) and several third places as well.

In the Level 6 Snowflakes' class, Seana Kelly got third in the all-around with individual event thirds on vault and bars.

Level 9 Snowflakes' division competition saw Camille Lamont end up ninth in the all-around with a sixth on beam, and Jill McIntire seventh in the all-around with a victory on vault (8.90) and a third place on floor.

In Xcel Bronze Icicles' division competition, Eva Sesin was 15th all-around, and in Xcel Silver Icicles' division action Megan Edwards snared 14th

place all-around and Shreya Ganapathy placed 12th all-around.

In Xcel Silver Penguins' division competition, Meghan Daileanes was fifth in the all-around with third places on vault and beam.

Excel Gold Snowflakes' division competition featured Jennifer Carrier finishing 15th all-around and fourth on floor, and Courtney Johnston managed a 13th place all-around finish with a fifth on floor.

The girls' are coached by Tim Madore, Mel Stoller, Nicki McCarthy, Justine Turner, Rryan Angers, Rick Hoag, Jodi Turner, and Georgia Dougherty.

Blood Drive, Bone Marrow Registry Jan. 30 at St. Jude's

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Saint Jude Parish is hosting a blood and marrow donor registry drive in conjunction with the Red Cross on Friday, Jan. 30.

The Jan. 30 event is being held at a time when blood donations are low and it is anticipated need for blood could be high, with flu season and major storms hitting the region, according to an email from Saint Jude parishioner Vinny Curro.

The church has been

hosting blood drives for over 25 years.

"Each pint collected helps up to three patients," Curro said. "Just recently, I was informed a local Londonderry resident was a donor for an 11-year-old girl, just before Christmas."

Volunteers for the drive make chili and clam chowder for donors to enjoy; and youths bake desserts and provide cheese and cracker and fruit and vegetable trays.

Each blood donor will each receive a \$5 Dunkin'

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"This is just one of three blood drives Saint Jude hosts each year," Curro said. "A year ago, we held the 'Triple Play' drive. We were looking for a living kidney donor for Rosemarie Meuse, a Londonderry resident and Saint Jude parishioner. I am proud to say that Rosemarie found a donor and we believe she was from this drive. Rosemarie is approximately 12 weeks post donation and recuperating wonderfully."

In addition to this

week's blood drive, Saint Jude's bone marrow donor registry drive serves as an important opportunity to help many whose only hope for a cure is a bone marrow transplant, such as retired Chief Stephen Soares, who served in law enforcement for over 40 years in Massachusetts and Vermont.

Soares' brother and children are not matches and doctors are now searching the "Be the Match" registry for an unrelated donor to save his life.

Those who are interested in joining the registry need only fill out paperwork at the church during the drive and submit to a swab of their cheek. Those with diverse ancestry are encouraged to join the registry as they are most likely to be a match to someone who shares their heritage. Bone marrow donation eligibility is for ages 18 to 44. Those who cannot attend the marrow registry can register at www.ribc.org/BeTheMatch and enter promo

code CHEEKSWAB4CHIEF.

The blood drive and marrow donor registry drive will be held at the Parish Hall at 435 Mammoth Road from 1 to 7 p.m.

Those who wish to donate blood must present their donor card or a valid form of identification.

Curro said the event will include a special memorial for Fr. Bob Couto, "a truly special person who helped so many in our community and beyond."

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Elementary Schools Spelling Bee Champs



Londonderry elementary schools have determined the winners of their respective spelling bees, held to decide what students would go on to the state competition later this winter in Concord. Each school held a spelling bee for its fourth and fifth grade students to determine the school winner. Above left, North Elementary School's bee took place Friday afternoon, Jan. 23, and first-place winner was Alisha Khahil, with Andrew Locke and Katia Chylinski coming in second as alternates; top right, Alyssa Beaulieu won at South Elementary School in 17 rounds Monday morning, with Isabel Schickler taking second place. At far right, Matthew Thornton Elementary School winner was Colby Lynch, with classmate Mackenzie Hoyt taking the alternate spot.

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Students Get Frozen on Reading



Throughout January and into February, the Matthew Thornton Elementary School Reading Department has been conducting a "Freeze and Read" program. Students and staff have been walking the halls with their favorite book in anticipation. Themed from Disney's "Frozen," the office and reading department wear Frozen crowns on days this will occur and an announcement is made to Freeze and Read, meaning everyone in the building should stop what they're doing and sit down to read a book. Second grade students stopped in the middle of a recent Physical Education class to read. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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Additionally: We will run the full versions of any calendar items online free of charge at www.nutpub.net. Please send items to calendar@nutpub.net.

Voter Registration

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at Town Hall on Saturday, Jan. 31, from 10 a.m. to noon to register voters and correct the checklist. Anyone who has not previously registered may do so for the Town and School Deliberative Sessions. Proof of citizenship, identity and residency is needed, or affidavits may be signed. Jan. 31 is the last day to register to vote before the Town and School Deliberative Sessions. No one can register at the sessions.

Kindergarten

Registration for the 2015-2016 school year is occurring for Moose Hill School. Any Londonderry child who will be 5 years old by Sept. 30, 2015 can be enrolled at Moose Hill. Call Moose Hill at 437-5855, stop in between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays or email the director, Bonnie Breithaupt, at bbreithaupt@londonderry.org to request a registra-

tion packet, or visit londonderry.org. Include child's name, birth date and Londonderry address. The kindergarten program has two sessions, morning from 8:45 to 11:20 a.m. and afternoon from 12:30 to 3:05 p.m. The session is determined by address.

Trash and Recycling

Due to the Tuesday, Jan. 27 snowstorm, trash and recycling pickups will be delayed by one day through Friday. Residents should not place trash barrels or recycle bins in the road where they will interfere with traffic and snow removal. Trash and recycling should be at the curb by 7 a.m. For more information, call 432-1100, ext. 137 or 193.

Drumline at Celtics

The 30-member Londonderry High School Marching Lancer Drumline will perform for the Boston Celtics at halftime on Friday, Jan. 30, when they play the Houston Rockets at 7:30 p.m. at the TD Garden. This

will be the ninth year the Lancer Drumline has been featured during halftime at a Celtics game. For more information contact: Andy Soucy, director, at 490-4907.

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.londonderrynh.org/Pages/LondonderryNH_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 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.

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.

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.

Potter's Bowl

Community Caregivers of Greater Derry hosts its 10th annual Potter's Bowl fundraiser from 5 to 8 p.m. Jan. 30 at Promises to Keep, Route 28, Derry. For \$40, select a handcrafted pottery bowl donated by local artists and all-you-can-eat soup donated by Derry area restaurants, along with breads and desserts. Take-away soup is sold at 7 p.m. for \$5. The event includes a 50/50 raffle, music, and silent auction of items donated by area artists. Buy tickets from Caregivers at 432-0877 or its office at 1 B Commons Drive, Unit 10, Londonderry. For

soup menu and auction items, visit www.comcaregivers.org.

Video Camp

The Londonderry Access 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 and begins at 9 a.m. Monday, Feb. 2. Anyone on the waiting list for Winter Session 1 will automatically be entered in Winter Session 2.

Blood Drive, Donor Registry

The Saint Jude Parish Community Service Committee sponsors a Red Cross blood drive and Bone Marrow Donor Registry Drive Friday, Jan. 30, from 1 to 7 p.m. at Saint Jude Parish Hall, 435 Mammoth Road. Homemade chili and clam chowder will be available, along with desserts,

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Student Achievement

Leaf of the Month, The Birch- es Academy's version of the Student of the Month Program, allows teachers and students to select qualities to be reflected in the school community. Teachers then select two students per class who best exemplify the trait of the month. Students are awarded their "Leaf of the Month" certificate at a weekly all-school meeting. The November awards were for respect. Among the students chosen in November were Bailey Ruel of Londonderry, front row second from left. Birches is a public charter school in Salem. *Courtesy photo*



Cold Weather Camping

Londonderry Troop 426 scouts camped out Friday night, Jan. 9, when the temperature the following morning was minus 2 degrees. The scouts tried out Jetboil individual cooking units for dinner and played manhunt into the wee hours.

Courtesy photo

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cheese and crackers, and fruits and vegetables. Those who cannot attend the marrow registry can register at www.ribc.org/BeTheMatch and enter promo code CHEEKSWAB4CHIEF. The bone marrow drive is for

ages 18 to 44 and seeks a match for retired Police Chief Stephen J. Soares. The drive is a memorial to Father Bob.

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; Jan. 30, spaghetti supper, 5 to 6:30 p.m. First Parish Church. Feb. 1, 9 to 10 a.m., breakfast, Church of the Transfiguration; Feb. 1, lunch, noon, Seventh Day Adventist Church; 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.

Eckankar Worship

Eckankar Worship Service is offered Sunday, Feb. 8, and continuing the second Sunday of each month

at the Holiday Inn, 2280 Brown Ave., Manchester from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 800-713-8944 or visit www.eckankar-nh.org.

HU Chant

A Community HU Chant will be held Thursday, Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m. and continuing on the fourth Thursday

of each month at the Holiday Inn, 2280 Brown Ave., Manchester. HU is an ancient name for God sung in many cultures around the world. The event is sponsored by Eckankar, Religion of the Light & Sound of God. For more information, call 800-713-8944 or visit www.eckankar-nh.org.

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7:11 a.m. Employee at Taco Bell/KFC, Nashua Road reports vehicle break-in.

10:27 a.m. Theft reported on Clark Road.

6:07 p.m. Attempted burglary reported on Hickory Hill Drive.

Tuesday, Jan. 20

9:58 a.m. Criminal mischief to vehicle on Charleston Avenue.

10:02 a.m. Panhandler at Citizens Bank, Nashua Road.

6:57 p.m. Caller reporting Dodge minivan parked at Shell Food Mart pumps on Nashua Road, with male operator asking people for money and screaming at young child inside vehicle.

7:30 p.m. John C. Hendrick, 31, Arlington Street, Lawrence, Mass., arrested on Nashua Road by Home Depot for Disobeying an Officer, Operating without a Valid License, Traffic Control Devices, Failure to Turn on Front Lights When Required, Lane Con-

trol, Unsafe Lane Change and Driving Under the Influence of Drugs or Liquor. Bail set at \$2,500 cash, with Derry Circuit Court date of Feb. 17.

Wednesday, Jan. 21.

1:23 a.m. Scott C. Lasser, 29, Laurel Hill Drive, Londonderry arrested on warrant for Burglary, Resisting Arrest or Detention, Possession of Burglary Tools and Criminal Mischief (vandalism). Bail set at \$5,000 cash with Jan. 27 Derry Circuit Court date.

4:26 a.m. Tyler Beliveau 27, Maple Street, Manchester arrested for Burglary, Falsifying Physical Evidence, Criminal Liability for Conduct of Another, and Conspiracy to Commit. Bail set at \$5,000 cash, with Jan. 22 Derry Circuit Court date.

8:17 a.m. Assist Derry Police with subject from Pinyon Place who took off in 2011 Blue Chevy 1500 five or 10 minutes ago, intoxicated, made suicidal reference, may be headed toward Manchester. Derry Police has subject on Scobie Pond and

Julian; shots fired.

12:06 p.m. Items taken from vehicle at LAFA complex, Nelson Road.

Thursday, Jan. 22

10:43 a.m. Shannon Preutti, 36, Main Street, Pembroke arrested on warrant for False Report to Law Enforcement. She was already being held at the Valley Street Jail and refused services of bail commissioner.

11:05 a.m. Shawn R. Cochrane, 44, Lady Lane, Salem arrested on warrant for Issuing Bad Checks and Theft by Deception. Cochrane was released on personal recognizance bail with Derry Circuit Court date of Feb. 24.

Friday, Jan. 23

8:18 a.m. Robert J. Brearley, 35, 136 Myrtal St., Apt. FL-2, Manchester arrested on warrant for Criminal Threatening (intimidation, etc.). Bail set at \$1,000 personal recognizance plus \$40 bail commissioner fee, with Derry District Court date of Feb.

17.

10:27 p.m. Gunshots were reported on Woodland Drive. Found to be fireworks at Mammoth Road residence.

Saturday, Jan. 24

1:18 a.m. Jawn Marc St. Gelas, 35, 9 Waterville Drive, Merrimack arrested on warrant for Con-

duct After an Accident and Open Container of Alcohol. Bail set at \$2,000 personal recognizance plus \$40 bail commissioner fee, with Derry District Court date of Feb. 24.

1:21 a.m. James David Swazey, 28, 2B Karen Lane, Londonderry arrested in motor vehicle

stop at Meadow and Mohawk drives for Disobeying an Officer, Driving Under the Influence of Drugs or Liquor, Speeding and Yellow Lane. Bail set at \$3,000 personal recognizance plus \$40 bail commissioner fee, with Derry District Court date of Feb. 3.



Lions' Winner

The Londonderry Lions conducted a fundraiser raffle during its Christmas Tree sale season to benefit local Lion community projects. Pictured are Rick Spracklin, president of the Londonderry Lions, presenting the award to raffle winner Joseph Maio Jr., a student at the University of New Hampshire. Maio received 150 gallons of home heating Oil. The winner was chosen during the Lions' Jan. 12 general membership meeting.

Courtesy photo

Londonderry School Deliberative
is 7 p.m. February 6

Londonderry Town Deliberative
is 9 a.m. February 7



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