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Lancer Power

Members of Lancer Nation participated in the annual winter season Pep Rally at the Londonderry High School last Friday, Jan. 11. There were many team building events, like the tug-o-war, pictured, at the event. See more page 19. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Budget Committee Recommends School District Warrant Articles

RACHEL CISTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In a marathon meeting on Monday, Jan. 14, the Londonderry Budget Committee voted to recommend all of the warrant articles put forth by the Londonderry School District to appear on the March town ballot.

The meeting was held in conjunction with Town Council to discuss the town warrant articles, though the Budget Committee chose not to take action on the town articles until Town Council holds its final discussion on Jan. 21.

The committee voted

4-2, with one member absent, in favor of Article 2 - the School Board's amended budget. The budget now sits at \$74,316,200, with an estimated tax impact of \$13.26. If the article does not pass, the district's budget will be

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Cross Farm 55+ Expansion Approved With Conditions

MIKE BYERLY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the end of the third public hearing by the Planning Board on the proposal to add 86 dwellings, a clubhouse, several private roads, an entrance on Adams Road, and improvements on Route 102, the Planning Board voted to approve the expansion with a couple of conditions. The plan is for phases 2 and 3 of a multi-phase Cross Farm project.

Much of the discussion focused on the proposed entrance along Adams Road which adds a second entry/exit point to

the development as a complement to the entry-way along Route 102.

The discussion on how many and where to place entranceways for the development has been ongoing with the Planning Board and Town Council for several years. As originally proposed, the only access would have been along Adams Road.

Based on concerns about added traffic on a road ill-suited to handle it, in July 2017 the town stepped in to buy a 2.8-acre parcel along Route 102 that would allow Cross Farm to have its pri-

mary access there. The town purchased the lot and then flipped it to Cross Farm in a wash sale.

The secondary exit along Adams Road was maintained in the plan to provide a second access point for emergency vehicles and to provide an alternative to using the Route 102 exit for residents not comfortable exiting onto that busy road.

During public comment, resident Sandra Lagueux, who lives on Fiddlers Ridge Road, asked on behalf of the residents along Adams that a gate

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School Board Recommends New Budget with Growth Alignment

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Jan. 10, Londonderry School officials presented their proposed spending plan and recommended operating budget numbers, along with a list of related warrant articles.

This plan represents the local economic support needed to meet the expectations and goals of the Londonderry School District for the next fiscal - 2019-2020 - school year, as well as to prepare cost effectively for future school district growth.

Scott Laliberte, Superintendent of Schools for Londonderry has stated, "Our primary focus in this budget cycle is ...to build on our strengths in prepa-

ration for the considerable growth ahead. One need only take a short ride around town to see the seeds of growth in our community, and the proper time to prepare for that growth is now, when it is beginning to take root."

Laliberte reports, "We would like to continue our efforts, begun last year, to develop the capacity to adapt to any changes that come our way in the next few years, whether from new development or turnover of existing housing."

At the meeting, the school board and district officials proposed fiscal 2020 budget numbers of \$74,316,200 as the general fund operating plan. While the budget is

increased by a bit more than 1% from the previous year, due to additional resources - such as from a memo of understanding with Hookset for tuitions - the projected tax rate impact of the General Fund Budget is actually decreased by 6¢.

If approved by voters at the polls, this budget plan would address the growing district educa-

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Old Home Days Anniversary to Align with Nutfield 300th Celebration

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Londonderry's is about to kick off the area's historic Nutfield 300th anniversary. The Tricentennial celebration includes former Nutfield Towns – Londonderry, Derry, Windham and the Derryfield area of Manchester.

Specifically, the April 12, marks the anniversary date of Nutfield's founders day which occurred in 1719 as Rev. James McGregor gathered the first settler families – those he had brought from the Ulster, Ireland area – under a gigantic oak tree on the eastern shore of Beaver Lake in what is today the Town of Derry.

That June was a key survival time for the settlers, as they needed to produce food to live. The settlers brought with them foodstuffs and cultivated the first potatoes in North America; the homesteaders also sowed such plantings as barley and

beans in the common field near the Hoodcroft area of Derry.

By the fall of 1719, over 70 families of mostly Scots-Irish heritage were settled in Nutfield and it was there they obtained legal rights to the land and incorporated the area in June, 1722. The immigrants changed the Nutfield name to "Londonderry" to honor the Irish town that was previously their home. The Town of Londonderry in 1722 also included the area that is today the Town of Derry.

It was during this time, that Londonderry Linen fabrics became famous globally as the settlers brought Linen weaving skills from their home country; the settlers developed famous Linen fabrics — creating linen clothing for such people as President George Washington.

Londonderry has plans to coincide parts of the Nutfield 300th celebration with the traditional Old Homes Days festivi-

ties. Kathy Wagner who is Chair for the Old Home Days committee in Londonderry has been planning to make the Old Homes Days 2019 anniversary extra special with inclusion and recognition of the Nutfield 300th celebration. "We are planning on doing our normal five days of fun," Wagner points out, "The parade is going to be larger this year, and we've booked at least eight bands so far."

Old Home Days, one of the oldest consecutive celebrations in N.H. has been an age-old Londonderry tradition. This year, the Nutfield 300th will tie in with the 120th anniversary of Old Home Days.

The Old Home Day Celebration will begin on Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2019 and end on Sunday, Aug. 18, 2019.

Old Home Days were started by N.H. Governor Frank Rollins in 1899 to help the small farming towns like Londonderry at that time, deal with a population shift from rural N.H. by inviting former residents, friends and family to come back "Home" to the Granite State.

Since September 2018, the Town's volunteer Old Home Day Committee has been actively planning their 120th celebration, an event that typically attracts over 10,000

people. The five-day happening always delivers old-fashioned enjoyment for past and present residents of all ages.

Paul Lindemann, is one of the key leaders for 2019 Nutfield 300th Celebration and has organized a Nutfield 300th website to overview work in progress for the anniversary.

Lindemann has pointed out that there is a lot of international attention for the Nutfield anniversary, and quite a few visitors from Northern Ireland's Ulster Scots-Irish community will travel to our area for the Founders Weekend April 12-15 celebration.

Lindemann was involved helping the

Northern Ireland Media production agency produce high quality Scots-Irish history related videos that included their visit to the Nutfield area. These videos will have their first public showings on Jan. 14 and will coincide with viewings in Northern Ireland and in Belfast, Maine - where locals are also marking Scots-Irish migration celebrations.

There are quite few memorabilia pieces tied to the 300th celebration including a history book that overviews Nutfield's founding and the area's evolution into Londonderry and the Greater Derry area.

School

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tion needs to support special education, buildings, grounds and appropriate services. The recommended strategic plan supported by the recommended budget is based upon the following priorities:

- Building space for academics, arts and athletics
- Long-term planning for increased learning opportunities for all students
- Improve all communications, internal and external
- Implement continuity of curriculum preK-12
- Personalize learning to meet the needs of all students with regard to individuality, diversity and learning styles

These priorities are focused to represent the needed evolution of the examined requirements the district has made, to insure student education is optimized and costs are balanced to meet tax payer anticipations.

The School Board and District see the plan as an opportunity to move forward and continue to examine the district's current practices and procedures aligned to two key challenges:

1.) That all District functions focus on building from the strengths of instructional practices to provide deeper learning experiences for students.

2.) That District management systems include ongoing evaluation of the most efficient and cost-effective tools and processes possible.

With guidance from this approach for the recommended Strategic Plan, school officials believe they are able to build a fiscal year budget that is responsible to Londonderry students and the taxpayers.

Residents will be able to attend public sessions to discuss budget and warrant articles amendments.

Time is scheduled for this at the annual school district Deliberative Session on Friday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Londonderry High cafeteria.

After that, voters will cast ballots on the budget and warrant articles at

the polls March 12. In addition, residents will also choose three-year terms for a school board member, a school district clerk, a school district moderator and a school district treasurer. The superintendent summed up the plan, "Our intent is to build upon the considerable capacity of our academic programs, while always maintaining our commitment to fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers of Londonderry. The budget is set up to address specific challenges, while building on what works for Londonderry as a school district. The plan is an opportunity to do that within our current structure, with ideas of different ways of doing things, to use resources we have."



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Town Prepares For Upcoming Deliberative Sessions

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Residents have two upcoming opportunities to voice their opinions on the warrant articles that will appear on the March town and school district ballots.

Both the Londonderry School District and the town will be holding deliberative sessions in February to give the voters a chance to discuss, debate and potentially amend the warrant articles that have been presented by either the Town Council or the School Board, including both departments' operating budgets.

Londonderry is one of

a number of towns in the state that have switched from the traditional "town meeting" format to a two-session one that allows for debate and discussion at the first session and a final vote during the second.

The deliberative session allows residents to have a say in what appears on their ballots and what changes are made to them. Many articles presented by town or school officials can be amended during this session - including annulling them by removing all of the words except the phrase "to see". Some articles, such as zoning changes or articles that

are mandated to appear on the ballot cannot be changed in this way.

Residents will also be able to learn about and discuss two citizen petitioned articles that have been added to the town ballot. Citizen articles can be amended, however, a state law passed in 2018 forbids changes to citizen articles that would "substantially alter the intent of the article as petitioned," meaning that unlike articles from the governing body, citizen petitioned articles cannot be cancelled out at the deliberative session.

Article 25 would raise and appropriate \$20,000

to allow the Grange to finish repairs to the roof, repair substantial water damage inside the building and update the building's septic system.

Article 26 would allow businesses in Londonderry to participate in the state's Keno603 program by giving the OK for keno gambling to begin in town.

Warrants up for discussion at the school district's session include the district operating budget, the contracts for both the Londonderry Education Association and the Londonderry Association of Allied Health Professionals, the creation of a Technology Infrastruc-

ture fund, deposits into several reserve funds, as well as the creation of a new position within the district - the Security Systems Technician position.

One warrant will be discussed at both the school and town sessions - allowing the school district to release the former SAU office building to the town. The building is located on town-owned property. This article will have to pass on both the school and the town ballots to be enacted.

At the Jan. 14 budget session, Town Manager Kevin Smith encouraged residents to participate in the sessions, saying

the comments help "keep government honest."

"I sincerely want to thank everyone who came out and made comments," he said. "This is healthy discussion, and it's greatly appreciated."

The school district deliberative session will take place on Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Londonderry High School cafeteria, and the town session will take place the next morning - Feb. 9 at 9 a.m. also in the Londonderry High School cafeteria.

The second session - the final vote - will take place on March 12 between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. in the Londonderry High School Gym.

Auditors: No Major Changes To 2018 Statements, Balance Sheet 'Strong'

RACHEL CISTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Auditors examining the town's financial statements from Fiscal Year 2018 found the accounts "well-maintained" and did not have to propose significant changes to the statements.

The information was presented by Scott McIntire of Nashua-based firm Melanson Heath and Co. during public comment at the Town Council meeting on Monday, Jan. 7.

"Our perspective on the audit is that it went really well," McIntire told council members. He said the firm began the audit process in June when the fiscal year

ended. "When the books closed in August, we found the accounts were well-maintained and reconciled," he said. "No significant entries were needed as a result of the audit."

In the report, which can be found on the town's website, it lists the Unassigned Fund Balance - money in the town's General Fund that has not specifically been set aside for another purpose - at just over \$5.6 million. McIntire noted that this is a drop of about \$2.7 million from Fiscal Year 2017.

However, he noted, the drop in that fund had been anticipated and was caused by use of that fund to pay for projects

in town.

The statement notes that the "outflow" - money paid out for operating or other expenses - was approximately \$2.9 million more than the money coming in, which required the town to use some of that unassigned fund balance to make up the difference.

The statement also shows a general drop in revenue for the town of about \$550,000. McIntire said much of the drop can be attributed in part to less than anticipated results in the town's Tax Increment Financing District.

A TIF district is a specifically defined tax district that can be used to spur commercial

development in an area that may not otherwise see it. When a TIF district is created, tax rates for the area are "frozen" at current rates. The revenue comes in when new businesses are constructed in the district. The "incremental" increase in tax revenue is then used to fund infrastructure improvements like sewer and road improvements.

Londonderry's TIF district is located along the southern end of Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, in the Pettengill Road area.

According to the audit report, the TIF district was expected to both raise and spend about \$1.25 million, but

\$640,000 remained both uncollected and unspent at year end.

The report also cited a decrease in property tax revenue due to about \$600,000 in abatements and a property valuation error of about \$600,000 that occurred during the tax rate setting process in October 2017.

However, McIntire notes, the town did not spend all of the money that had been set aside in the budget, cutting expenditures by just over \$1.4 million and ending the fiscal year with \$883,926 left over.

McIntire said the firm did have some suggestions for the town related to new accounting stan-

dards set forth by the Government Accounting Standards Board, but noted that they were just "suggestions for improvement" and repeated that the audit did not find any major issues with the town's financial statements.

The report states that the town's "economic outlook continues to be very strong", a statement McIntire agreed with, considering Londonderry carries an Aaa rating from Moody's Investment Services - the second highest rating.

"It's a strong balance sheet," he said, "and one that's reflective of a community with a high rating like Londonderry."

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Editorial

King's Dream Today

The third Monday in January is set aside to honor the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a man known for his historic "I Have a Dream" speech made 56 years ago this month. It was a moment that would forever change the United States of America.

After the historic March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, King stood before a sea of 250,000 people gathered below the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. He rose to the occasion, departing from his prepared speech to deliver a passionate message, words that would become the most pivotal and signature moment of the civil rights movement.

King used his spirit and exceptional speaking skills to prompt United States citizens to begin transforming their views on race. Though there have been strides made since, sadly his dream is not yet fully realized.

Still it was King who set in motion the forces for change. So long as there are more of us who believe in this change, this dream for equality and acceptance can still be realized.

Unlike a lot of the influencers of today's political climate, King did not necessarily want to be the center of attention. In fact, the spotlight made him quite uncomfortable, but he did whatever was needed to propel the movement.

King made every effort to let his message be the focus, not himself. Having a background as a preacher, this humility helped him understand that a lesson should have more substance than style.

Regardless, King had remarkable style, whether he could help it or not.

King's message was powerful, and yet it was simple. It was rooted in the American ideal: equality, opportunity, and justice for all, and for America to realize that in all things we are truly created equal. He fought, peacefully, for acceptance among all people and among all economic levels, and for all Americans to have the chance to pursue the American Dream.

Sadly, King's message still falls on some deaf ears over half a century later. Still, if he were alive today, King would not abandon his vision for America. He would double his efforts to counter the violence and hatred through more peaceful demonstrations, knowing that fighting fire with fire would only end in disaster. This is an example we should strive to live by.

Nearly six decades later, in today's heated and delicate political climate, King's dream faces obstacles, just as it did on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial that historic day. But, much like the spirit Martin Luther King Jr. had, it will overcome and endure whatever the times have to throw in its way. It must.

Though his life was tragically cut short, King's dream for America lives on through those of us who believe in what is right. To those who keep this dream alive, this is a time more than ever to follow King's lead and be an example for good, to never give up, and to work towards an America that will one day see this dream fully realized.

Letters

Response to Letter

To the editor,

I read Chris Paul's letter (Londonderry Times, Jan. 10), initially with surprise that became concern.

Aside from the obvious issue of nepotism, there is the likelihood of a conflict of interest between a Planning Board Member who owns a business having contract opportunities and agreements that may be directly affected by Board decisions. Perhaps the new member plans to recuse himself from all hearings that involve developers that have, or plan to have, substantial contracts with him.

Didn't we travel this road before (Londonderry Times, Sep. 11, 2014) and with the same person being the subject?

I do not have legal training to know whether or not this is truly an issue, but the optics alone do not look good!

David J. Ellis

Londonderry

pinch our personal finances. I no longer have children in the school system, but I am still very much willing to pay my share. Also, Londonderry is known for its good school system, let's not jeopardize this reputation.

Jane Cooper

Londonderry

To the residents of Londonderry;

I am a senior citizen who has lived and voted in Town for 59 years. I would like to participate in the Town and School Budget Hearings in Daylight Hours. I, for one, do not drive at night. With so many Senior Housing Units being occupied, they might feel the same way. This could be the reason turnouts are so low.

K. Webber

Londonderry

Happy New Year

To the editor,

Did I miss something at the Jan. 7, Town Council meeting?

What has happened to our town giving first consideration to incumbents, who have made it known they would like to be reinstated?

Especially those who have given so much of their time and input.

Specifically, the Planning Board appointments. Why did the Council ignore the fact that, Leitha Reilly, and Ann Chiampa, wished to be reinstated?

I would like to express

my disgust with the manner in which the Council appointment and alternate positions was executed.

Why wasn't Leitha or Ann given first consideration since both expressed a desire to be reinstated?

Why didn't ANY council member bring to light that both wanted to be considered for reinstatement before Jake Butler was voted in.

Leitha, who appeared before the Council at the Dec. 17 meeting, stating her intention, as she would be unable to attend the next Council meeting on Jan. 7.

Joe Green was present at both meetings, John Farrell stated he was not at the Dec. 17 meeting, but watched it. Surely he heard Leitha's statement.

Why on other board positions: Recreation, Zoning, etc... was it asked first if any incumbents wished to be reinstated, before taking a vote? This did not happen for the planning board positions.

NOT one of the Council members: Combes, Farrell, Green and Dolan or the administration present mention this prior to the vote for the planning board position. Double standard?

I believe in fair play and decency. I do not feel this is what happened at the Council meeting on Jan. 7.

Both incumbents gave their all to the planning board, with excellent attendance and input as well.

Is this how we (Londonderry) show our appreciation?

What a waste of talent.

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On School Budget

To the editor,

First let me say how very much I appreciate your paper and all the hard work that goes into it. We are lucky to have you. But my goodness, this last editorial was loud and clear about how you feel about the school budget (unless of course I miss understood you). Why oh why does the school budget get so attacked? These children are our future and deserve the very best education we can provide, even if we have to

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Correction: In last week's issue, we reported that the filing period for local office closed on Feb. 2. The filing period actually closes one day earlier, on Feb. 1 at 5 p.m. Feb. 2 is a Saturday and the town offices will be closed. We regret the error.

School Board Announces Retirement of Principal Richard Zacchilli

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

With both sadness and cheer, the Londonderry School Board accepted the retirement letter from the Principal of Londonderry Middle School, Richard Zacchilli who will retire at the end of the school year. Mr. Zacchilli spent 39 years as a teacher and administrator in N.H. schools and has been with the Londonderry School district as an administrator for over 25 years.

Zacchilli began his teaching career as a fifth grade teacher at Winnisquam Middle School in Tilton, N.H. where he was also the basketball and baseball coach for Winnisquam High School. In

1986 he served as a fifth grade teacher, assistant principal and athletic director at Hampstead Middle School.

Zacchilli came to Londonderry in 1994 serving as assistant principal at Matthew Thornton Elementary School, which at that time, was the largest Londonderry elementary school with 1,100 students in grades one through six. He also became a Principal for Moose Hill.

He was then appointed Principal of the North Elementary School where he served until 2010, but before he left, the kids, teachers and staff threw him a famous surprise goodbye party.

As the story goes, at the last school assembly of the 2010 year at North



Richard Zacchilli

Elementary school, Zacchilli was tricked into dressing up as a rock star, and while he was dressing up in rock star gear - comprised of a custom-made red-fringed vest, a Red Sox baseball hat and an inflatable guitar, the students quietly headed to the assembly with their

teachers. They had to suppress their excitement, so they would not spoil the surprise. The students wore a cardboard "Mr. Z" style wide tie and most kids carried a "Mr. Z" mask.

As Zacchilli entered the gym for the assembly the students rose up singing "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow," and he found he was surrounded by applauding staff and students wearing black paper mustaches, one of his trademark features.

The staff also wore wide neckties and many of the female staff borrowed loud ties from their husbands' closets for the special occasion. One by one, the students dropped off their signed paper ties into a container that

was later left on Zacchilli's desk, a treasure he took to his new position as Middle School Principal.

Mr 'Z' has always had good spirit to support a good cause and at the Middle School about 5 years ago, students got Principal Zacchilli in a sticky situation to support literacy. The school's "Stick to Literacy" efforts gave students a chance to buy a piece of tape for \$1, and the school's Literacy Committee hosted an event to stick Principal Zacchilli and gym teacher Marcel Caron to the gymnasium wall. The two men stood on chairs as students filed into the gym with tape in hand to stick them to the wall.

During Mr. Zacchilli's

administration time, the Middle School developed much academic respect with certain educational programs and different types of events including STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) projects.

The School Board and the many kids he connected with - during his time as an administrator in Londonderry school system - will miss his good sportsmanship, his passion, expertise, management skills and strong character.

The only Londonderry grade school Zacchilli has not been involved in is South Elementary School, so maybe he will reconsider his retirement to complete his card for all the schools.

Letters

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Perhaps Jake Butler should have been offered the alternate position instead of Leitha. Hopefully others will express their concern to our Town Council that this is not acceptable.

Welcome to the future!
Deanna Mele
Londonderry

Response to Letter

To the editor,
First, I applaud Mr. Moskowitz assessment of the facts! However, I would like to expound on what is viewed as accomplishments.

1) "Revised tax policy benefiting many Ameri-

cans". While it is true in the first year Americans may see a tax reduction. The way this is structured, over 10 years, in final years will see ~ 70% of the cuts go the top 1%. From Forbes: "So where is all the money saved from corporate tax cuts going? First, to company's bottom lines and second to stock buybacks, which were recently at a record high. So far, in 2018, the 500 corporations in the S&P Index have received \$30 billion from the corporate rate cut". This has fueled the massive increase in the Federal Debt, now UP 2.3 TRILLION since 2016.

I know, I know, which is better: a Tax and Spend or Spend and NO tax policy?

3) "Elimination of some unnecessary or restrictive regulation". This should be concerning to most people, as many of these were enacted by Congressional review. Again, what is laughable is; with Trump now at TWICE the amount of Obama's Executive Orders, I do not hear anyone shouting: who does he think he is; a King, a Dictator?

2) "Funding the DOD to 750 Billion". As you may recall, Republican's demanded spending cuts, as the term everyone was programmed with was "Financial Cliff. This was in exchange for passing a budget deal. You may also remember it as the dreaded "Sequestration". Funny, the Federal debt

then was 15 Trillion, now at ~22 Trillion and it doesn't even get so much as a mention. Hmmm?

This brings me to "Da WALL". Big Political farce, Biggest CON job ever, or The Sting if you prefer. All you NEED to remember about it is: Republicans had control of the House, Senate and Presidency for the last 2 years. That's

previous 2 Years! At any time they could have passed a bill, or even stapled it to the back of the massive tax cut giveaway (CBO estimates 3.5 TRILLION in added Debt) but they didn't! Now, after America said enough is enough and voted to FLIP the House, it's a GD Crisis. OH Please! Does this Clown in the White house

really believe everyone is as ignorant as his base? What has it done? Well, it sure has removed the spotlight from the Mueller investigation for a few weeks.

Whatever it is: Economic Collapse, Mueller Report, 2020, it can't come fast enough!

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Conservation Weighs In On Proposed State Wetland Regulation Changes

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Conservation Commissioner Mike Speltz updated fellow commissioners on a meeting of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) with the N.H. Department of Environmental Services (DES) to provide feedback on proposed new wetland permit rules. Representatives from 15 conservation commissions, most in Southern N.H., attended.

Today, wetland permits fall into three categories

depending on scope, location, nature of the wetland disturbed and total disturbed area. The first, called "permit by notification," is only reviewed by DES with a notification sent to the local conservation commission.

The second, "minimum impact expedited," provides an opportunity for the local conservation commission to provide comments to DES before they make a determination on an application. The third, "standard dredge and fill," also provides an opportunity for the local

conservation commission to provide comments to DES before they make a determination on an application, but has a longer review period.

NHACC expressed strong concerns to DES about several aspects of the proposed changes. One proposed change loosens the criteria that allows for minimum impact expedited applications.

DES said that it reviewed past such applications and found that in the vast majority of cases, conservation commissions had no comments,

so they altered the criteria to make these permit by notification types. NHACC countered that the new criteria are overly broad and will cause some important applications to bypass review by the local conservation commission who best know the local conditions.

DES is also looking to introduce a new process to determine "priority resource areas" as a way to determine which wetland applications qualify for notification only, minimum impact or standard applications. NHACC said that the data used to evaluate the wetland areas is only for ones that DES knows about and there could be gaps in their knowledge of the local areas.

DES is also proposing to offer an expedited review and approval process that allows a developer to come to a conservation commission to get comments before submitting the application to DES. If they do so, then DES would do a five-day review versus the standard 30-day review. NHACC asked that this process be clarified because as written it was not clear how the process would work.

Speltz reported that DES seemed open to making some changes based on NHACC input before submitting their final rec-

ommendation to a state legislative rules committee for review and negotiation.

Chair Marge Badois shared that an investment group called Twenty Associates was looking to donate a 3-acre parcel along the Rail Trail to the town. Speltz said that he had visited the parcel and it had a wetland, a piney ridge and small trail. It is not developable because it is land locked.

At an assessed value of \$19,000 it generates

\$414 annually in taxes to the town. Given the conservation value and no purchase cost by the town, the Commission voted to recommend to the Town Council that they accept the donation.

In other business, the Commission voted to keep Marge Badois and Gene Harrington as chair and vice chair, respectively, in 2019. They also voted to add the position of Treasurer and to have Deb Lievens take that role.

Londonderry Man Arrested For Alleged Assault Of A Child

RACHEL CISTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A Londonderry man is facing charges after being accused of sexually assaulting a young child.

42-year-old Phillip Jaena of Perkins Rd. was arrested on Jan. 11 and has been charged with Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault Fondling.

According to Detective Chris Olson, the Londonderry Police Department began investigating a

report of a possible sexual assault of a three-year-old girl on Jan. 5. The alleged incident had taken place the day before at a home on Auburn Rd.

According to the warrant, the victim was at the residence with several other children and their parents when the alleged incident took place. According to the report, the adults were in the kitchen and the children were in a nearby room watching a movie.

Jaena, a family friend,

allegedly left the kitchen on several occasions and was found laying next to the girl on the couch with a blanket covering a portion of their bodies.

"Further investigation led to the discovery of the alleged sexual assault taking place on the couch while other children were present in the room," Olson said.

Jaena will be arraigned in Rockingham County Superior Court on Jan. 25. He was released after posting \$2,500 cash bail.

Olson said both Jaena and his lawyer have so far declined to speak with the investigators.

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Francis G. "Frank" Milne III



Francis G. "Frank" Milne III, 81, of Hollis, NH, passed away on Sunday Jan. 13, 2019, surrounded by his loving family in the Fairview Nursing Home, Hudson, NH. He was born in Boston, MA on May 11, 1937, a son of the late Francis and Mary (Fitzpatrick) Milne. Francis was raised in West Roxbury, MA before spending one year in Derry then enlisting in the US Navy. He spent most of the rest of his life living in Londonderry. He worked as a carpenter and owner of Can-Do Construction, specializing in finish work, home building, and swimming pools. Frank and his father built the family home, where his family resided for 50 years. He also worked as a truck driver with Aggregate industries and was a member of Teamster Local 633. He was an avid fish owner, who loved tropical fish, devoted football fan, gardener, and dog owner. His most precious moments were spent with family on vacation.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Jean (Bonnar) Milne of Hollis; two daughters, Janice DeCarteret and husband Edward of Nashua, NH, and Heather Faucher and her husband Chris of Auburn, NH; a son, Francis Milne IV and his wife Shari of Bow, NH; eight grandchildren, Andrew, Aaron, Alyssa, Madison, Kyle, Dominique, Nicolas and Jacquelyn; one sister, Naomi Allen and husband Powell of E. Derry, NH; as well as nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by one sister, Barbara DiVirgilio.

Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 16, from 4 - 7 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A funeral service will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the funeral home with cremation to follow. Spring interment of his cremated remains will be at Pillsbury Cemetery of Londonderry. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452.

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Budget

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\$73,857,203, with a tax impact of \$13.15. According to the warrant article, this total budget number does not include appropriations listed under any of the other special warrant articles. Members Christine Patton and Bill Mee voted not to recommend the budget. Edgard Medina was not present to vote.

Article 3 is the contract with the Londonderry Education Association. This collectively bargained agreement will cost \$1,327,570 in the 2019-2020 fiscal year and have an estimated tax

impact of 33 cents. In the 2020-2021 fiscal year, it will cost an additional \$1,316,122 and have an estimated impact of 33 cents. In 2021-2022, it will cost \$1,364,557 and have an estimated impact of 34 cents. The committee voted 6-0 to recommend it.

Article 4 is the collective bargaining agreement with the Londonderry Association of Allied Health Professionals. This contract will cost an additional \$98,416 and have an estimated tax impact of 2 cents in fiscal 2019-2020, an additional \$104,959 with an estimated impact of 3 cents in 2020-2021, and \$97,003 with an estimated impact of 2 cents in 2021-2022.

The committee voted 6-0 to recommend it.

Article 6 will allow the district to accept \$3,032,500 to support the school lunch program and other federal projects. This is a self-supporting grant and has no tax impact. The committee voted 6-0 to recommend it.

Article 7 would put \$625,000 into the Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund to cover major one-time costs for things like roof work, paving, boiler projects and other small renovation projects. This will have an estimated 16 cent tax impact. The committee voted 6-0 to recommend it.

Article 8 will place

\$150,000 in the Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to pay for "essential small equipment for classrooms, offices, technology and buildings and grounds". This will have an estimated tax impact of four cents. The committee voted 6-0 to recommend it.

Article 9 will create a new capital reserve fund called the District Technology Network Infrastructure Fund to cover network equipment for schools, such as routers, switches, wiring, network access points or other equipment necessary to maintain or improve internet access in the district. The article will also place \$275,000 in that fund. It will have an estimated tax

impact of 7 cents.

Committee member Tim Siekmann said the \$275,000 will just "scratch the surface" of improvements that need to be made. "It hit them so fast when all the kids came in with phones and iPads and laptops," he said. "It really only became an issue in the last two years." The committee voted 6-0 to recommend it.

Article 10 will place \$50,000 in the Special Education Trust Fund. It would have an estimated impact of one cent. The committee voted 6-0 to recommend it.

Article 11 will create a new position within the district - the Security Systems Technician - and

raise \$92,000 to fund it. This sum includes salary, all benefits and taxes associated with the position. The position will be part of the maintenance crew and added to the default budget moving forward as outlined in state law. It will have an estimated 2 cent tax impact. The committee voted 6-0 to recommend it.

Article 12 will transfer the former SAU offices - located on town-owned property - back to the town. This will have no tax impact on the school side. An identical article will also appear on the town warrant, and must pass on both ballots to be enacted. The committee voted 6-0 to recommend it.

Vanished Veterans: New Hampshire's Civil War Monuments and Memorials

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Historian George Morrison is sharing his expertise and interest about New Hampshire's Veteran commemorations on Thursday Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Leach Library meeting room.

During his overview, Morrison will be sharing particulars about the Soldier's Memorial in Londonderry Town Common. The program is free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals.

The Londonderry Soldier's Memorial, standing in the middle of the town common is surrounded by a black iron fence and is a monument many of us see nearly every day as we drive down Mammoth road. The Soldiers Monument was erected in

1884, and it lists the names of those who served from Londonderry during the Civil War.

The Civil War, still the deadliest war in the state's history, prompted the creation of a rich variety of monuments and memorials in New Hampshire, from obelisks and statues to artillery, murals, cast iron markers, stained glass windows, and memorial buildings. Morrison will explore this fascinating subject is his illustrated talk.

New Hampshire sons played a vital role in the Civil War and many young men of Londonderry lost their lives during the war. The State of New Hampshire sent over 33,000 men to the Union Army. Over 900 N.H. residents fought at Gettysburg including three infantry regiments, an artillery battery, and three companies of sharpshooters.

These units suffered 368 casualties, and there are five monuments at Gettysburg honoring New Hampshire units that fought there.

Londonderry has a proud and rich history serving our military in a time of War. Londonderry residents should consider stopping by the Town Common to read the names on the Soldier Monuments representing all those that served. If you do, you can read about Colonel William Pillsbury from one of Londonderry's famous families. Pillsbury served with honor representing New Hampshire and Londonderry.

When the Civil War ended many soldiers returned to New Hampshire looking for jobs altho most headed west. The Grange helped many of the soldiers who returned home. The Grange is a fra-

ternal organization that encourages families to band together to promote the economic and political well-being of community and agriculture and was founded right after the Civil War in 1867. The Grange organization is oldest American agricultural advocacy group, and was important to the Civil War Veterans. Today Londonderry's Grange 44 building stands across the road from the common and the Soldier's Memorial.

From Seabrook to Colebrook, Berlin to Hinsdale, New Hampshire towns - along Main Streets and 19th-century dirt roads, in city parks and on town greens, in libraries and town halls, and in cemeteries prominent and obscure, N. H. Veterans' organizations have erected a fascinating assortment of Memorials to the War of the Rebellion that will be discussed

by Morrison.

George Morrison has located, inventoried, and photographed a fascinating variety of New Hampshire's Civil War memorials. He shares his discoveries, from the earliest obelisks, to statuary and artillery, to murals, cast iron, stained glass, and buildings from the 1860s through the 1920.

George Morrison earned a BA in History at the University of New Hampshire. He served for 27 years as a high school

teacher. A long-time researcher of unpublished primary sources, Morrison has contributed to the work of numerous aviation historians and artists in several countries. He is a life-long photographer, historian, and motorcyclist. Morrison has already traveled over 18,000 miles in the course of researching monuments and memorials, an interest sparked by a puzzling 1918 monument inscription.

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Being Prepared For Weather is More Than Bread and Milk

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Winters in New Hampshire can be unpredictable. When they're good, they're very good. However, when they're bad...

The collective snowfall so far this season has not been much to look at, however, we are only more or less halfway through the snowy months, and there is still time for the Granite State to get hit with a major snowstorm or two.

As every New Hampshire resident knows, while snow can be beautiful, large amounts of it can be dangerous. Heavy snowfall, especially when combined with high winds, hail, rain, etc can cause car accidents, power outages, tree falls, and other hazards.

Families can end up snowed in for anywhere from one day to a week, depending on the severity of the storm. It's a running joke that the masses scramble to buy all of the bread and milk their local supermarket has to offer when a major snowstorm is forecast, but there are additional measures that should be taken to ensure snowstorm safety.

Ready.gov, a national public service campaign designed to educate and empower Americans to prepare for and respond to emergencies, advises

those who find themselves under a winter storm warning to stay off of the roads to avoid getting into an accident, stay indoors and dress warmly to avoid hypothermia or frostbite, prepare for power outages to ensure that families can still prepare food, have clean water, etc, use generators outside only and away from windows for safety, listen for emergency information and alerts, and to check on neighbors, especially the elderly, disabled, or those who live alone.

To stay ahead of the storm, Ready.gov urges area residents to prepare ahead of time by knowing their area's risk for winter storms, with the understanding that extreme weather can leave communities without utilities or other services for considerable periods of time.

"Winterproofing" the home by keeping out the cold with insulation, caulking, and weather stripping should be done ahead of time, just before the winter season, but can be done anytime, provided the weather cooperates. It is wise to learn how to keep pipes from freezing and to install and test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, and have battery backups if necessary.

Staying diligent to weather reports and warnings of freezing weather

and storms is crucial when it comes to being prepared. Signing up for community warning systems, and minding the Emergency Alert Systems and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration alerts can be helpful in staying ahead of the curve.

It is also wise to gather supplies such as food, water, batteries, candles, warm clothes, first-aid kits, etc in the event that a family needs to stay home-bound for an extended period of time. Keep in mind each family member's specific needs, including medications, and don't forget the needs of any pets. Make sure to stay conservative with cell phone use to preserve battery in case they

cannot be charged, or invest in a portable cell phone battery charger.

For those who travel and may be at risk of being caught in a storm in the car, having an emergency supply kit in the trunk could make a crucial difference in survival. Include in this kit jumper cables, sand, a flashlight, warm clothes, blankets, bottled water, and non-perishable foods. Make sure to keep the gas tank relatively full.

Ready.gov stresses the importance of being aware of the signs of frostbite and hypothermia and to know how to respond to each to prevent permanent injury or death.

Frostbite can cause the loss of feeling and color around the face, fin-

gers and toes, and signs include numbness, white or grayish-yellow skin, firm or waxy skin. Should any of these symptoms be present, take the person to a warm room, soak body part in warm water, and use body heat to warm. Do not use massage or a heating pad to bring warmth to the area.

Hypothermia is an unusually low body temperature, with a reading below 95 degrees Fahrenheit being considered an emergency. Signs include shivering, exhaustion, confusion, fumbling hands, memory loss, slurred speech, drowsiness. Actions to be taken should any of these symptoms be present include taking the person to a warm room, warming the

center of the body (chest, neck, head, and groin) first, keeping the person wrapped in warm blankets, including the head and neck.

As in any emergency situation, call 911 or your local emergency response department should someone require additional medical attention or treatment.

The next time a major storm is predicted, be sure to also stock up on hot cocoa, board games, supplies for any hobbies, or whatever else to make sure that you and your family can make the most of extended time together.

For more information and resources on winter storm preparation, visit ready.gov.

Get "Fired" Up For Community Caregivers

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Was 2019's New Year's Resolution to be more creative or more giving? "Kiln" two birds with one stone at this year's Ladies Night, benefiting the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry!

The Caregivers are a group of local residents dedicated to meeting the needs of elderly and disabled members of their communities. The organization helps with providing practical assistance and support to help them stay in their own homes.

Along with their community service and assistance services, the Caregivers also offer a "Loaner's Closet," which loans out wheelchairs, walkers, commodes, bath seats and more to anyone in

New Hampshire who may need any of these items for as long as they may need them, free of charge.

With these services, the Caregivers of Greater Derry rely on the assistance from the community, whether that is in the form of volunteer service, equipment donations, and perhaps most vitally, monetary donations.

That is where the Caregivers' Ladies Night and Potter's Bowl come in.

For its tenth year, You're Fired Pottery in Salem is holding its annual Ladies Night Thursday, January 17. Community ladies are invited to attend and paint a donated miso bowl for a donation to the Caregivers' annual Potter's Bowl fundraising event to take place on February 2nd. A purchase of a second pot-

tery piece is optional to paint and keep, or to donate to the cause.

Those interested are advised to arrive as close to 5 p.m. as possible to leave enough time to finish their bowls. Work must be finished that night in order for it to be fired and ready for the event. All items will be picked up by Caregivers staff and can be collected from the Londonderry office (when), located at 1B Commons Drive #10.

The entry fee is \$4, and participants are welcome to bring their own snacks and beverages, including wine. The black tables are reserved for those coming for the event.

While there is not much time to RSVP for Ladies Night, there is plenty of time for artists, novice and expert, to

donate their work to be auctioned at the Potter's Bowl event in February.

Cindee Tanuma, Executive Director for the Caregivers, stated that artwork of all kinds is accepted to benefit the fundraiser. From pottery to photography to hand-made purses, if it's locally made, it is graciously accepted for the cause.

Donations of hand-crafted items valued at \$40 or greater will receive a free ticket to the Potter's Bowl, and business cards may be displayed next to each piece.

For more information, contact Cindee Tanuma at the Caregivers' office at 432-0877 ext. 4, or email cindee@comcaregivers.org.

For more information on the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry, visit comcaregivers.org.

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Cross Farm

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be placed at the Adams Road entry, to limit its use to emergency vehicles only. She noted that this had been done before at the Parrish Hills development near Bancroft Road.

She went on to describe what she called the “microenvironment” around Adams Road, focusing on the condition of the road and its ability to handle the additional traffic from Cross Farm residents. She highlighted the sharp curves on Adams Road, the lack of shoulders and snowdrifts in the winter blown out from the orchards.

Lagueux went on to note the high traffic in the Fall at the U-pick station and the use of the road by farm tractors. She also felt that intersection of Adams and Mammoth Roads was already dangerous and did not need more traffic added to it.

She also reminded the board that Adams Way is a scenic byway that is part of Apple Way in Londonderry. She felt that it should be protected.

In response to her traffic concerns, Planning Board Chair Art Rugg, asked the consultant serving as the town’s traffic engineer to talk about the expected additional traffic on Adams Road from Cross Farm.

He shared that at full build out of all contemplated future phases of the development, the 200 or so homes would add between four and eighteen cars on Adams during the peak a.m. hour and six to twenty cars during the p.m. peak hour. He went on to characterize the additional volume as not very meaningful compared to the current traffic.

The developer added that as part of planning Cross Farm they did a traffic count at the Hickory Woods development, which like Cross Farm has an entrance on Route 102 and a second entrance on another road (West Road). They found that the traffic volume and pattern closely matched

the predictions of the Cross-Farm traffic study.

Town Planner Colleen Mailloux suggested to the board that they could require the developer to conduct a traffic count after phases two and three are occupied, so that the board would have real-world traffic data to evaluate when considering expansion proposals for future phases.

Lagueux closed by saying that “planning should be about more than just numbers and regulations” and that the board should also be concerned about current residents and not just the potential future residents of Cross Farm.

Speaking as a resident, Town Council Chairman John Farrell echoed some of Lagueux’s points reiterating the importance of Apple Way and highlighting that sometimes common sense and an understanding of the local conditions should outweigh traffic studies.

He mentioned a past case, where a traffic study said that it would be OK for customers exiting Starbuck’s on Route 102 to make left turns directly onto Route 102. At the time the Planning Board did not follow the suggestion from the traffic study and required that the plan be changed to provide the entry/exit along Orchard View Drive instead. He also reminded everyone that the town bought the parcel along Route 102 to keep traffic off Adams Rd.

The other major topics of conversation were the open space and conservation aspects of the project. Board Member Chris Davies asked the developer to clarify the plans for these aspects. The developer said that in total 50 acres of the property would be under a conservation restriction agreement that prevents any development now or in the future.

The restriction agreement has been negotiated with the State Department of Environmental Services (DES) with input from the Londonderry Conservation Commission and NH

Fish & Game. The agreement is a condition to get a wetland impact permit approval from DES for project. The wetland permit would allow for the impact of about 20,000 square feet of wetlands during all current and future development phases of Cross Farm.

Fish & Game is interested in protecting parts of the property that are home to two endangered species, Blanding’s turtles and New England Cottontail rabbits.

As part of the project plan, Cross Farm submitted a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to the town, asking to allow 26,630 square feet of impacts in Conservation Overlay District, primarily for the construction of roads. Town planning staff recommended granting the CUP and the Planning Board agree voting 9-0 to approve it.

The developers also sought two waivers for phases two and three that had previously been granted by the Board for phase one. The first would allow them to build more than 40 units per year and the second would relax the requirement of the Route 102 Performance Overlay District to have a 75-foot buffer between properties. Town planning staff recommended granting the waivers again and the Board did so unanimously.

In addition, Cross Farm asked for fifteen waivers, most minor and technical in nature. A couple of waivers related to driveways and site distances since the roads are private roads and have a speed limit of 25 mph compared to the town standard of 35 mph. One allowed a temporary cul-de-sac that would be removed in a future phase.

Another would allow the development to not have sidewalks and a final one would allow certificates of occupancy prior to wear and course of pavement with the stipulation that it be done prior to the start of future phases. All the waivers

except the sidewalk one were unanimously approved. Member Mary Wing Soares was the lone dissenter on the sidewalk waiver.

When it came time to vote on the overall site plan, Wing Soares asked

that a condition be added to require closing of the gate at the Adams Road entrance if in the future a traffic light were added at the Route 102 entrance.

The board agreed and voted conditional approval with that condition

and the condition that a traffic count be conducted once phases two and three are occupied. The vote was 7-0 with two abstentions. Cross Farm hopes to begin construction of the new phases in April.

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Local Reflections Artists Get Rewarded for Their Efforts

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

For about 50 years, the National Parent Teachers Association's Reflections program has helped students explore their creative side.

This year the theme students focused on was "Heroes Around Me" with a number of kindergarten through fifth grade students participating again this year.

On Saturday, Jan. 12, the entries from the three elementary schools and Moose Hill Kindergarten were on display at Londonderry Middle School with the winners of the artist competition being revealed.

During the event, some students also shared their musical and dance talents. About ten students took to the stage throughout the evening to entertain attendees. They were: Ryan DiBurro on piano; Sophina McClellan singing "A Million Dreams"; Lillian McKinney sang "We Dance"; Dylan Torre-Moody also played piano; Jacob Sevigny played electric guitar; Emily Hoyt and Meghan Carroll sang "Stronger by Kelly Clarkson; and Caitlin Batts, Elizabeth James and Audrey Patles performed a dance routine.

Blue Ribbon Winners will move on to compete against others in New Hampshire in the state level. There are:

Matthew Thornton Primary Excellence Visual Arts
Suri Kim
Bryant McKinney
Levi Proulx

Intermediate Excellence Visual Arts
Alaina Anthony
Leah Kemball-Cook
Jamie Nease

Excellence in Photography Intermediate
Jamie Nease

North School Primary Division Visual Arts
Joey Aquino
Jahvis Pizarro
Eva Gall

Intermediate Division Visual Arts
Rebecca Solomons
Myla Maguire
Jackson Ronayne

Intermediate Honorable Mention
Norabelle Berlien

South School
Rachel Bailey - Visual Arts Intermediate
Charlotte Rolfe - Literature Intermediate
Isabella Zemetres - Literature Intermediate



Leah Kemball-Cook poses with her sister Anna who inspired her winning drawing.



Jamie Nease poses with her award-winning photo of her pet German Shepherd.



Dylan Torre-Moody



Jacob Sevigny



Sophina McClellan

Caitlin Batts - Dance Choreography Intermediate

Jake Smith - Photography Middle School
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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

LHS Swimmers Split Home Meet with Pinkerton Academy

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Swimming Varsity teams hosted their fifth meeting of the season last Friday (Jan. 11) and this one was special, as they faced rivals Pinkerton Academy, as well as Campbell and Bedford high schools at the Workout Club in Londonderry.

The Lancers boys' team beat Pinkerton 102 to 68 and Campbell (134-6) and lost to Bedford by eight points (88-80) while the girls' team dropped its Pinkerton match-up 110 to 59 and also lost to Bedford 125 to 45 and was able to outpace Campbell, 129 to 22.

The meet began with



Hannah Gagnon was one leg of the 200-yard Medley Relay taking fourth. Photos by Chris Paul

the 200-yard medley relay swims. LHS girls (Elizabeth Allen, Lilly Law, Hannah Gagnon and Jazzy Brown) took the fourth place with a time of 2:16.71. The second team (Grace Stone, Joanna Davis, Adrienne Lafond and Alexa Calligandes) finished seventh with

2:35.54. The boys' first team (Brandon White, Minsoo Kim, Cole Tridenti and Luc Lafond) won with 1:53.09 and the second team (Connor McKinnon, Hunter Turek, Theo McKnight and Stephen Bompastore) finished sixth with 2:18.15.

In the 200-yard Free-



LHS Swimmer Brandon White won the 200-yard Freestyle race on Friday at a home meet.

style, Julia Ethier took sixth place (2:20.24), Law eighth (2:32.46) and Stone ninth (2:44.65). White won among the boys (1:58.01), McKnight got seventh place (2:16.78) and McKinnon eighth (2:37.98). Isabella McKnight finished fifth in the 200 yard individual med-

ley (2:50.63), Avery Crimmins seventh (3:04.84) and Skylar Pelletier eighth (3:15.36). Chris Byrne was second between the boys (2:22.64) and Turek sixth (2:42.61).

Brown was fourth in the 50 yard Freestyle (29.40 seconds), Gagnon took eighth place (32.13)

and Calligandes tenth (39.31). Janas placed second in the boys' swim (25.99), Harry Feig was third (27.04) and Bompastore sixth (28.64). In the 100 yard Butterfly, Allen got the third spot (1:12.50), McKnight the sixth (1:20.39) and Ganon the seventh (1:27.41). Luc Lafond was the third fastest boy (1:02.64), Tridenti finished fifth (1:03.69) and Kim eighth (1:13.57).

The Lancer girls took fifth (Ethier, 1:02.26), sixth (Brown, 1:06.48) and seventh (Crimmins, 1:14.02) places in the 100-yard Freestyle. For the boys, it was Janas at third place (1:00.32), Feig at fifth (1:04.62) and Bompastore at sixth (1:05.46).

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Lancer Gymnastics Team Gets Third Season Win in Salem

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Just five days before the Londonderry High School Gymnastics team will host their first and only home meet of the 2018-19 season at the Londonderry High School Gym, on Thursday, Jan. 17, the varsity squad won their third meet of the season on Saturday, Jan. 12.

The Lady Lancers traveled to Salem High School's home at the A2 Gym and Cheer facility, where they met up with five other schools, Pelham, Alvirne, Bishop Guertin, Coe-Brown and Merrimack.

Londonderry finished the competition with 131.7 points, ahead of Pelham High School, who took second with 125.85. Bishop Guertin, in third, with a score of 124.35 points, followed by Coe-Brown, 112.25, Alvirne,

100.25, and Merrimack 88.3.

Londonderry took the top three spots on Bars with Lancer senior, Seana Kelly taking the top spot with a score of 8.2, Ashley Griffin landed in second, 7.7, and Sophie Hagymas took third with a 7.5.

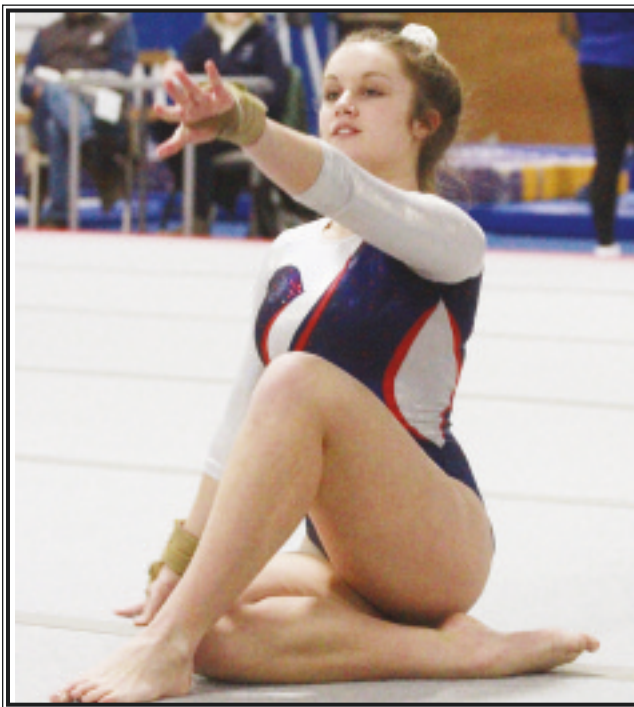
On the Beam, it was Kelly with the second place (8.8) and Marissa McKay with in third (8.7).

Kelly placed third in the Floor Exercise (8.8), while teammates Griffin and Ella Houghton tied for fourth place (8.7).

Kelly also won the All-Around with 33.6 points, while Griffin finished second (32.9).

The team did not have any top finishers in the Vault.

"Each meet we make a slight adjustment, which help to better our score", said coach Heather Tuden, "This was our highest score of the sea-



Ashley Griffin has been a major contributor to the Lancer Gymnastics team this season.

son and we still have many places to make improvements".

Lancer senior gymnast Maddie Croteau, who is usually a big part in the teams point totals, is see-

ing limited time this season due to an ankle injury suffered while competing for the track and field team in pole vaulting last spring.



Senior gymnast Seana Kelly had an exceptional night in Salem on Saturday, winning bars and over-all. She took second on the beam and third on the floor exercise. Photos by Chris Paul

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Lancer Wrestlers Drop Dual at Home Meet to Rival Pinkerton

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Varsity Wrestling team hosted a Dual Meet against Pinkerton Academy in the Londonderry Middle School Gym on Wednesday night, Jan. 9, falling 57-24 in that annual meeting that was also part of the annual Ball Family Trophy competition against the Astros.

The Lancers first points of the evening came from Ben Psaledas, 195 lbs., who won the event's first match with a pin over Will Brown.

Other winners for the LHS grapplers were Jordan Marion, 106 lbs., and Sean Wilson, 120 lbs., both by pin. Dylan Barnes got six points as a forfeit win in the 145 lbs weight class. Nicholas Walter (220 lbs), David Kichler (285 lbs), Ryan Duddy (113 lbs), Aiden O'Loughlin (126 lbs), Brandon Drake (132 lbs), Alex Jeanty (138 lbs), Johnny McKinnon (152 lbs), John Kelley (160 lbs), Vincent DelSignore (170 lbs) and Josh Bean (182 lbs) lost their matches.

After the meet, coach Jason Cucolo remained

up-beat, "We work hard, we are young and we are getting there. The kids are always excited about meeting a rival, but we are building and taking it one day at a time".

Over the weekend, the team was part of the John Gorman Invitational Tournament, finishing 15th overall out of 25 high schools, with 47.5 points. Marion (106) had two losses, same as Damian Saunders (113). O'Loughlin (126) won once and lost twice, same as Drake (132). Jeanty also had two losses in the 138, while Barnes had a win and two losses in the 145.

McKinnon (152) had a two-two record for the day, Kelley (160) lost



Londonderry's 106 lb. wrestler Jordan Marion pinned his Pinkerton opponent Casey Phelan last week at the Londonderry Middle School. Photo by Chris Paul

twice, DelSignore (170) had a long day, with four wins and two losses, good

for fifth-place. Bean (182) won three and lost two, Walter (220) had four

wins and two losses and got the fifth place and Kichler (285) lost twice.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Jan. 7

Seana Kelly

Senior, Gymnastics

Seana Kelly is one of the team's senior captains and has been a consistent Bar performer in all three of the Varsity Gymnastics meets this year, and her whole high school career. She has also placed 1st in the All-Around the two times she competed all four events this season.



Nathan Gadzik

Unified Basketball

Nathan Gadzik has been very consistent this season, both offensively and defensively. He is a real team player and a good role model for the younger players.



Student Athletes supplied by Athletic Department

Swimmers

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Adrienne Lafond and Joanna Davis took seventh and eighth places in the 500-yard Freestyle swim with times of 6:58.38 and 7:06.02, respectively. White was the boys winner (5:22.92) and McKnight finished sixth (6:21.61).

The Lancers had three girl teams in the 200-yard Freestyle relay. Allen, McKnight, Ethier and Brown finished third (1:58.35), Gagnon, Sarah Gerardi, Crimmins and Law seventh (2:19.08) and Pelletier, Calligandes, Riley Walter and Alyssa Carpentier ninth (2:35.24). The boys' team (Byrne, Janas, Feig and

Bompastore) finished second with 1:46.37. The other team (Tridenti, Kim, Turek and Kevin Moscat) was fifth with 1:59.65.

In the 100-yard Backstroke, it was Allen in third place (1:11.74), Stone in the seventh spot (1:21.06) and Adrienne Lafond at ninth (1:27.73). Luc Lafond won the boys' swim with 1:04.28. Tridenti came in sixth (1:15.25) and McKinnon seventh (1:17.91). Law took fifth place in the girls' 100 yard Breaststroke swim (1:31.97),

Davis was seventh (1:33.01) and Walter eighth (1:56.94). Byrne won the boys' swim (1:10.17) and Kim came right after him at second (1:13.44), while Turek finished sixth (1:26.24).

The meet concluded with the 400-yard Freestyle relays. The girls finished sixth (Crimmins, McKnight, Davis and Ethier - 4:37.50) and seventh (Lafond, Gerardi, Pelletier and Stone - 4:59.98) and the boys took second (McKnight, Lafond, Byrne and White - 3:51.66) and fifth (Janas, Moscat, McK-

innon and Feig - 4:26.02).

Coach Chrystena Ewen said after the meet: "This was great. Bedford is a really strong team and we always love to swim against them because they push our swimmers, and swimming against Pinkerton. Regardless of what the score ends up being, is one of our favorite meets of the season. The kids swim their best times because they get so excited to swim against our friends on the other side of the highway. So I am pleased".

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Londonderry Girls Hoops Team Gets on a Winning Streak



Sophomore, Ashley Rourke had seven points and five rebounds during the teams win against Nashua.

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Things were not looking great for the Londonderry High School Girls' Varsity Basketball team as they began the winter season, but now, the tables have turned a bit.

The Lady Lancers started a three game winning streak, after opening their season with four straight losses. The season turn comes thanks to two great victories last week, both coming in away games.

The LHS squad traveled to Nashua North last Tuesday, Jan. 8, where they got a 54-33 win over Titans. The team quickly jumped out to a 14-8 lead at the end of the first quarter and turned it into

a 29-14 lead when the first half was over. But the big quarter that evening was the third. In those eight minutes, LHS scored 23 points, including a buzzer beating three-pointer, and North managed to score just eight, putting an end to any hopes the locals still had.

Courtney Shay scored 21 points and added five rebounds and three steals. Ashley Rourke had seven points and five rebounds and Ashley Schmitt and Delaney McGurn scored five each.

"It was another team victory", said LHS coach Nick Theos, "Our defense got it done. We pressed and tried to take away the lane in the quarter court. We tried to push the tempo and Courtney Shay

came to play and out ran North in the third. We are starting to figure out who we are and realizing what it is going to take to get wins this year".

The Friday game, at Trinity High School in Manchester, was even better for the Lancers, winning 56-21. The beginning of the game was tough on both teams and each scored just four points in the first quarter. Trinity's offensive woes continued through the entire game, but Londonderry got much better, scoring 19, 13 and 20 in the next three quarters. Shay finished with 17 points and again, five rebounds and three steals. Katie Sullivan had eight points, five rebounds and three steals,

Rourke scored 11 and Paige Belie had six points and six rebounds.

Theos commented: "We were not ready to play and Trinity came out fighting. We needed to match their intensity. Courtney had 10 points in the second quarter and pushed the tempo for us. The team played great defense and we scored 52 points in three quarters. If we could put together a full game we might start to reach our potential. The girls continue to fight and work".

Londonderry played another away game, against Alvirne (1-6), on Tuesday, Jan. 15, after the Londonderry Times went to print. The team will then host Bedford (5-2) on Friday, Jan. 18 at 7 p.m.

LHS Indoor Track and Field Teams Compete in Three Events

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It was a busy week for the Londonderry High School Varsity Indoor Track and Field teams, with three different competitions.

First, the boys' team

participated in the Wildcat Relays, held at the University of New Hampshire Tuesday, Jan. 8. Six days later, the girls competed in the same event.

The boys won the 4x800 run, when Kerry Daley, Matt Griffin, Kyle

Hoglund and Will Heenan finished with a time of 8:30.7, just 0.6 of a second faster than Dover's team. LHS Shuttle Dash team (Will Bieler, Justin Cassidy, Princeton Nyonga and Damon MacLeod) took the third place with 27.9 seconds, 0.7 of a second after winners Exeter and the same group finished with the eighth place overall in the 4x160 (1:22.3). Daley, Heenan, MacLeod and Cassidy

also combined for the fourth spot in the 4x400 run (3:48.5).

"It was a good opportunity for us to continue to improve our relay teams", said coach Matt Smith, "We had a number of good performances that we can build on in the second half of the season".

Later in the week, the Lancers teams split up, with some competing in the 50th annual Dart-

mouth Relays and others in an event held at the Phillips Exeter Academy.

In Dartmouth, the boys' team took the 31st place overall out of 53 high schools. The Lancers got their six points from the 4x800 meter relay, where Kerry Daley, Matthew Griffin, William Heenan and Kyle Hoglund ran a time of 8:27.61, good for the third place out of 21 participating teams. Patrick Hagearty's day ended in disappointment, as he finished ninth with 14.31 meter in the Shot Put, missing the finals by only 11 centimeters.

In Exeter, the girls' team finished third with 36 points and the boys' team sixth and last with 4 points. Erica Waters qualified for the 55-meter dash finals, where she finished eighth with 8.25 seconds. Caitlin Boufford gave the

Lancers three points with the fourth place in the 600 meter run (1:50.33), while Grace McDonough finished third in the 1,000 meter run (3:18.77) and Cailin Borovicka fifth (3:32.31). Cailey McDonough was the 3,000 meter run winner with a time of 12:25.69.

In the relays, Gia Komst, Tara Wright, Retta Hatin and Waters took third place in the 4x200 with a time of 2:01.34. Grace McDonough, Boufford, Cailey McDonough and Borovicka finished second in the 4x400 with 4:39.83. Komst also got the fourth place in the Shot Put with 30-11.00 feet. The boys' points came from Benjamin Palumbo's fourth place in the 1,000 meter run (2:50.35) and Christopher Burpeau's sixth place in the 1,500 meter run



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY AND THE LONDONDERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF DELIBERATIVE SESSIONS

The Town of Londonderry and the Londonderry School District will be conducting their Deliberative Sessions. The following are the details:

- The 2019 Deliberative Session of the Londonderry School District shall be held on Friday, February 8, 2019, beginning at 7:00 P.M. in the Londonderry High School Cafeteria. All warrant articles shall be acted upon at that time for placement on the School District Official Ballot.
- The 2019 Deliberative Session of the Londonderry Budgetary Town Meeting shall be held on Saturday, February 9, 2019, beginning at 9:00AM at the Londonderry High School Cafeteria. All warrant articles shall be acted upon at that time for placement on the Town Meeting Official Ballot.

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LHS Hockey Team Put an End to the Losing Streak

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School's Boys' Varsity Ice Hockey team was able to put an end to a four game losing streak on Saturday, Jan. 12, and get the third win of the season, bringing their record to 3-4-1.

The Lancers first game of the week ended with a heartbreak, as the team lost in Salem to the Blue Devils 3-2 on Jan. 9.

The teams had faced each other just seven days earlier, with that game ending in a 6-3 LHS loss, but the Lancers looked much better this time around. The Londonderry squad had a 2-1 lead after one period, thanks to goals scored by Cole Ferguson (assisted by Brandon Savage) and Zack Rheault (assisted by Kyle Hamilton) in the last three minutes of the period.

Unfortunately for the

visitors, those were also the only goals they scored in the game, with Salem leveling the score in the second period and getting the winning goal three minutes into the third period.

Londonderry pressured, but came short, and coach Peter Bedford said after the game, "The kids feel they gave one away. This was a winnable game, but we had too many penalties and it changed

the momentum of the game. It won't change until we clean those mistakes. I think the kids can learn that they don't like this feeling and it will motivate them to correct the small mistakes".

Coach Bedford's message was received quite well apparently, because on Saturday, just three days after that tough loss, the Lancers recovered with a 4-1 win over Bishop Brady in a home game,

held at the Tri-Town Ice Arena. The game was goalless after 15 minutes, but LHS erupted with three, second period goals.

Senior Anthony Federico was the first one to find the net, with an assist from Hamilton and Rheault. He then assisted the next two goals, one to Rheault and the other to Patrick Cohen, completing a tremendous period. Each team scored once in

the last period, with LHS goal coming from Rheault with an assist by Nicolas Pitarys on a five-on-three power play, less than five minutes before the end and after BB was able to make a two goals game.

The Lancers were scheduled to play rivals Pinkerton on Wednesday, Jan. 16 for the annual Ball Family Trophy game, and host Manchester Central on Saturday, Jan. 19, at Tri-Town.

LHS Boys Hoops Team Losses at Home in Dramatic Fashion

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It has been a bit of a rollercoaster of a season for the Londonderry High School Boys' Varsity Basketball team and

this past week was no different, as Nate Stanton's team dropped its only game after a dramatic finish. The Lancers season record now stands at 3-2.

After winning two

crazy games coming back from the Christmas break, both on the roads and both ending with a 54-52 score, the Lancers hosted Spaulding last Tuesday, Jan. 8, and lost 46-45.

The beginning of the game was terrible offensively for the locals, and after one quarter, they only managed to score two points and found themselves in an eight-point deficit. Things looked slightly better by halftime, but LHS still trailed, 19-14. The Lancers enjoyed a strong third quarter, where they scored 20 points and allowed Spaulding to score only 10, taking a five-point lead (34-29) into the last quarter. In that final period, they were once again part of a wild finish, this time not in their favor.

With 16 seconds left on the clock in the game, Londonderry had a 45-44 lead and was looking at another tight win. Spaulding missed a shot, but Arie Breakfield had the put back and made it 46-45. The Lancers were left with just 4.1 seconds, had to go the distance of the court and ended up missing a jump shot from around the foul line at the buzzer.

Cole Keegan scored 17 points, including five three-pointers in that great Lancer third quarter. Ethan May added 15 points and Jackson Cox

had 8.

"I am proud of my guys on how hard they are working and how much they are improving every day", Stanton said in the end, "We had opportunities to win this one against a team that was ranked fourth in the pre-season. We will learn from it and get better".

The Lancers played a home game against Alvirne (3-3) on Tuesday, Jan. 15. They then traveled to Bedford (3-2) on Friday, Jan. 18 (tip-off at 6:30 p.m.) for their seventh game of the season.

LHS Girl Skiers Wins Second Meet

IDAN VINITSKY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Pat's Peak in Henniker was home for the second Londonderry High School Varsity Ski meet of the season on Thursday, Jan. 10, and Bryeton Evarts was the star of the day for the Lancers, winning the girls' race with a time of 1:02.55 and scoring 100 points. Those points helped the girls' team finish with the third overall place, while the boys' team got the fifth spot.

Julia Deschamps finished 13th overall among the girls (1:21.19) and Rylee McGrath took the 20th place (1:27.18). Alexandra Tufts finished 43 (1:54.26), Emma Donnelly 46 (1:56.90), Elizabeth Fish 48 (1:58.04), Rease St. Gelais 52 (2:14.72) and Erika Barnes got the 54th place with a time of 2:36.54.

Drew Gruchot (1:21.39 minutes) led the boys' team, with Brandon Fish coming right behind him at 21 with 1:21.63. Other finishers for the Lancers

were Jimmy Fitzgibbons (28th place, 1:27.54), Evan Dugas (33th place, 1:30.07), Austin Theriault (36th place, 1:31.68), Owen Gingrow (38th place, 1:32.58), Ethan Green (47th place, 1:42.73) and Kevin Brown (50th place, 1:47.58). Sam Palumbo and Tyler Kraics did not finish the race.

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Lenten Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus council 3023 of St. Thomas Aquinas in Derry, will be holding their 10th annual Lenten Fish Fry beginning on Friday March 8, and continuing on each Friday until April 12. We will be serving dinner from 5:00 to 7 p.m. at the St. Thomas Aquinas Center, 26 Crystal Avenue in Derry. Dinner includes a fried haddock fish fillet, french fries, cole slaw, tartar sauce and a roll for \$9.50. The children's dinner includes fish sticks, or mac and cheese, with french fries for \$3.50. Take out dinners are also available. For more information contact stevellhom@aol.com.

Republican Meeting

The Londonderry Republican Committee is holding will meet on Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Victory Baptist Church, 78 Litchfield Rd., Londonderry. We will meet from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. We plan on discussing our strategy for building our committee and planning a strategy for the 2020 election cycle. Please plan on attending; meeting will be canceled if the weather is bad. I'd love to see there!

The First First Lady

On Thursday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m., Anne Barrett, a historian and entertainer with experience working with her local historical society and at the North Shore Music Theatre, will hold a presentation at the Leach Library on The First First Lady, Martha Washington. This program is free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. It will be held in the library's lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served.

The Oscars

Join us this month in celebrating the Oscars at the

Leach Library! The 91st Academy Awards ceremony (also known as the Oscars) will be televised on Sunday, Feb. 24. In honor of the upcoming awards ceremony, some nominated movies and winners from the Oscars' long history will be on display this month as well as books on film history and biographies on movie celebrities. The display will also have ballots for patrons to vote for their favorite "Best Picture" winner from the last 20 years. All participants will be entered to win a raffle prize bag.

Guess It Jar

Guess how many lanyards are in the jar, beginning at 9 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 1 and ending at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28 at the Leach Library. Participants in grades 6 through 12 are invited to stop by the main desk to see the jar and make a guess. The closest guess, over or under, will win a Barnes & Noble gift certificate. In the event of a tie, a winner will be selected by a random drawing.

Celebrate Jane Yolen

Join us at the Leach Library on Monday, Feb. 4 from 4 - 5 p.m. to celebrate the works of Jane Yolen. During this energetic party, we will visit a Duck Pond, discover What to Do with a Box, and find out How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight. We will end the program by watching a short animated version of the Caldecott Award Winning Owl Moon. All participants will leave with fun party prizes and one lucky participant will leave with a special plush T-Rex character from How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight. This engaging program is open to 90 participants of all ages, and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 28.

Animals and the Seasons

Come by the Leach Library Tuesday, Feb. 19 from 4 - 5 p.m. to find out how animals adapt to the challenges of changing seasons. From winter to spring, summer to fall, each season has its own challenges. During this fascinating program, participants will meet animal ambassadors and learn interesting information about where the animals live and how the changing season affects what animals do to survive. Animal visitors may include an Arctic fox, brown and white skunk, African bull frog, and alligator snapping turtle (live animals). This exciting program is open to 90 participants of all ages, and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 11.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on Tuesday, Jan. 22 From 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers) Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, domicile and citizenship.

Yoga Session for Seniors

The Londonderry Senior Center is offering yoga classes to the senior community. Barbara Scott

and Lisa Kress will conduct an eight-week series of affordably priced yoga classes which are designed especially for seniors to help increase balance, flexibility and strength, as well as maintaining well-being. Sign up for either the Tuesday or Thursday class, or both. Classes begin on Tuesday, Feb. 5 from 9 - 10 a.m. and are held at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. Registration begins Jan. 22 and payment is required at time of registration. For more details call the Senior Center at 432-8554.

Bingo

The Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, has Bingo every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. all seniors over 55 are welcome, come and enjoy the fun. Cash prizes, small fee per card. If you want more information call Senior Center at 432-8554.

Karaoke Night

Karaoke with DJ Sharon will be held on Jan. 18, starting at 7 p.m. 6 Sargent Rd, Londonderry. Non-members interested in joining Post 27 are welcome to attend. For more information about the happenings at Post 27 go to our website www.alpost27.com or call us at 437-6613.

VA Bingo

Post 27 will be playing bingo with patients at the VA Hospital in Manchester from 7 - 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 28. We'll be serving pizza and diet soda as well as providing \$150 in prize money. For more information about the happenings at Post 27 go to our website www.alpost27.com or call us at 437-6613.

National Model Railroad

Seacoast Division of the National Model Railroad Association is running their Fun Night program. The program is held the second Friday night of each month, 7 - 9 p.m., at the Marion Garish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. Using Molds to make resin parts Rich Breton will be on hand to show examples of various molds, and will spend in time with an interactive discussion

and a show and tell type format. Mold making/casting is a way to get small detail parts not otherwise available. Always a part of the program is Model Showcase where modelers bring in the latest project they are working on to show and discuss. We will set up a swap table so bring anything that you would want to give away, sell or swap. Remember, one man's junk is another man's treasure. If you are interested in model trains and would like to join other like-minded hobbyists from beginner to expert for a fun evening program come to Derry Fun Night the second Friday of each month. For additional information go to the Division's website at seacoastnmra.org/calendar.

Democratic Party Caucus

The Londonderry Democratic Party Caucus, will take place Saturday, Feb. 23, at 10 a.m., at the regional democratic field office, located at 2 Litchfield Rd., Londonderry. All registered Democrats in Londonderry are eligible to vote in the caucus elections for town Democratic committee officers and for Londonderry's delegate to the Democratic State Convention and to the county Democratic committee. We encourage you to attend the caucus. For more information, call Tam Siekmann, 603-425-3515, or email chair@londonderrydems.com.

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Library Hours

Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday - Satur-

day, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The library will be closed on Monday, Jan. 21, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Vanished Veterans

Leach Library Hosts "Vanished Veterans: New Hampshire's Civil War Monuments and Memorials" On Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m., presented by Mr. George Morrison. Historian George Morrison will share a diverse selection of New Hampshire's commemorations and their stories including the Soldier's Memorial in Londonderry's Town Common. This program is free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. It will be held in the library's lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served.

Magic Fred's Magic Show

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

Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support

Hosted by David Hunter this group meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the: Bedford Presbyterian Church 4 Church Road Bedford. For more information call 660-3425 or email dhunter31@gmail.com

Lamplighters

A womans group with the goal of helping less fortunate woman and people in NH meets every 4th Thursday of the month 7 p.m. at Londonderry Presbyterian Church at 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

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Journey of Hope

Healing through grief and loss due to addiction. Londonderry Senior Center 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. We offer the group on the second and fourth

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

ofhopenh@gmail.com

Lions Club Meeting

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

Walking Together

A support group for widows and widowers meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Manse at Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. When we meet, we walk together our journey of grief. No

need to do it alone. If you have any questions, please call 781-866-9976.

Child Find

Free Community Child Find Program for all Londonderry residents ages two half years through five years, eleven months of age who are suspected of having vision or hearing

problems or developmental concerns. The Child Find Program will be held at Londonderry early education program (LEEP) Moose Hill School located at 150 Pillsbury Rd., on Feb. 7, and April 4. we encourage parents of preschoolers to set up an appointment if they have

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Jan. 7
8:32 a.m. Drug offenses investigated at Londonderry High School.

9:04 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Old Derry Road.

11:11 a.m. Services rendered for keeping the peace on Currier Drive.

1:03 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on West Road.

4:14 p.m. Three officers render services for Overdose on Pine Hollow Drive.

6:21 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Black Forest Circle.

7:22 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Whitten Road. David Veillette, 37, of Milford charged with Theft of Services and Conspiracy to Commit.

Tuesday - Jan. 8
7:15 a.m. Services rendered for report of Sex Offenses on Vista Ridge Drive.

8:40 a.m. Services ren-

dered for Suspicious Activity on Ledgewood Drive.

8:54 a.m. Services rendered for Criminal Threatening at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

1:36 p.m. Missing Person reported on Mammoth Road.

3:33 p.m. Peace restored after Disturbance on Woodbine Drive.

5:23 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Shasta Drive.

8:24 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Sunrise Drive.

10:53 p.m. Peace restored after Domestic Disturbance on Perkins Road.

Wednesday - Jan. 9
5:20 a.m. Vehicle towed after motor vehicle accident on Wiley Hill Road at High Range Road.

10:57 a.m. Services rendered during Suspicious Activity on Severance Drive.

12:49 p.m. Services ren-

dered for Trespassing on Hall Road.

2:26 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated at Londonderry High School

4:15 p.m. Services rendered for Drug Offenses on Nashua Road at Aqua Therapy.

8:30 p.m. Peace restored by four officers after Disorderly Conduct on South Road.

Thursday - Jan. 10
8:47 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at 603 Brewery on Michels Way.

11:59 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Currier Drive.

12:43 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

2:03 p.m. Services rendered Assisting Londonderry Fire Dept. on Horsehoe Lane.

5:04 p.m. Three officers render services for Suspi-

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cious Activity on Kitt Lane at Spring Road.

9:24 p.m. Warning Issued after Suspicious Activity at Brewster Road Boat Ramp.

Friday - Jan. 11

12:35 a.m. Services rendered for Disturbance at McDonalds on Nashua Road.

7:25 a.m. Services rendered for Domestic Disturbance on Jefferson Drive.

8:22 a.m. Disturbance investigated at Londonderry High School.

10:11 a.m. Drug Offenses investigated at Londonderry High School.

11:48 a.m. Peace restored after Domestic Disturbance at Burger King on Nashua Road.

4:23 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Perkins Road. Phillip Jaena, 42, of Londonderry charged with Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault Fondling.

Saturday - Jan. 12

10:20 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. on Independence Drive.

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

12:53 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with Transport to hospital from Pettingill Road at UPS.

4:09 p.m. Overdose

Transported To Hospital from Woodhenge Circle.

Sunday - Jan. 13

1:25 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

6:11 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. on Reo Lane.

7:30 p.m. Four officers

render services after Disturbance on Danbury Court.

8:50 p.m. Services rendered for Trespassing on Buckingham Drive.

10:52 p.m. Four officers restore peace after Domestic Disturbance on Danbury Court.

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