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100 and Counting

Peggy Scott celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday, Dec. 21 at All American Assisted Living in Londonderry, where she resides. She is pictured with her son Greg as she blows out a candle on her cupcake. See more photos page 8.

Photo by Chris Paul

ZBA Approves Sign Variance for Sports Bar at Apple Tree

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry's Apple-tree Shopping Center anchored by Shaw's Supermarket has been serving the Londonderry community for over 30 years. Developer George Vernet, owner of Vernet Properties, out of Salem,

Mass., purchased the "Apple Tree Mall" during the summer of 2018 and has been executing on his plans to improve what is now called the Apple Tree Shopping Center. Vernet Properties bought the 195,000 square foot mall, which rests on over 20 acres of land, for a price

of \$6 million.

Vernet Properties has significantly upgraded and renovated the building structure and land area over the past year - adding new building facades, improving the landscaping around the mall, redoing the roofing,

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School Board Prepares for Elections, Public Budget Meeting

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School Board met on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. at Londonderry Town Offices. The board worked through the next budget workshop that also included an audit report presentation, and preparations for school related voting, which included a proposed support staff contract agreement. The budget workshop focused on Dining Services, IT, Building and Grounds and an estimate of revenue.

The board's accounting firm for auditing purposes, Vachon Clukay and Company, presented an overview of their findings. Director, Jared Vartanian, and Matt Murray, Senior Manager of the firm, provided the

details of the school's financial audit. Murray summed up the findings saying, "You are hitting your budgeting appropriately. The closest I've seen was a school district that got within .1% share of their budget on a \$26 million budget. Typically, we always see math that is grossly over-budgeted, but not here." Vartanian added, "... and you've indicated you guys want to be transparent ...and I would say that shows in all indications, and you do quite well with your budget and financial efforts."

School budgets are worked out by the board and then are put in front of the voters as are elections for school board members. On that note, the next elections are in March and the

filing period for candidates for school board opens on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020, and the last day for filing is Friday, Jan. 31, 2020. This coming election period in the spring, voters will get to select 2 School Board Members - each for 3 year terms. Anyone interested to become a school board member candidate can file for the balloting by contacting Mrs. Mary Wing Soares, School District Clerk, at (603) 247-1679. Mrs. Soares will be at the School District Office from 3 - 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 31, 2020, for the purpose of final filing.

Another election issue, this spring will include voting for a new support staff contract agreement that includes funding for

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Town Council Adopts Charter Amendment for Default Budget

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At the December 23 Londonderry Town Council, Chairman John Farrell began by pointing out, "We're opening a public hearing on the Londonderry charter amendment defining the default budget and we have Attorney Ramsdell here with us this evening. Attorney Ramsdell has presented a letter for the proposal of the Town Charter amendment addressed to me — and all of the council members should have a copy."

Farrell introduced Attorney Ramsdell who

said, "The letter is my written legal opinion to the Town Council. The proposed charter amendment attached to the letter complies with New Hampshire law and the reason for this proposed charter amendment is that — like the school district did earlier this year — when the law changed a couple years ago regarding the default budget — the town charter ...is really is out of date."

The Attorney pointed out, "This is because the state law changed and so the references in the current town charter to the

old RSA 40:13 IXB—which really doesn't exist anymore as a statute — has changed. And more importantly at the time that reference was included in the Town Charter, the law was different than it is today and so knowing that the Town Charter is out of step with the state

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Nutfield 300th Anniversary Recapped as Year Ends

MARTHA SMITH
LONDONDERRY TIMES

This past year proved to be one big celebration of the rich history of our area. We all shared in commemorating the 300th Anniversary of Nutfield among our neighboring towns of Londonderry, Derry and Windham, and the Derryfield section of Manchester. Each offered celebrations in its own special way.

Derry held a successful Founder's Day Weekend celebration in April that coincided with the historical date of Rev. James MacGregor's 1719 Scots-Irish migration to this area, then called Nutfield. In May, nearly fifty of the community's elder volunteers and families were honored and given recognition for their service at a special event called the Living Treasures Recognition Ceremony held at the c.1769 First Parish Church in East Derry.

In May, the Derryfield Old Home Day celebration was held on the east side Manchester, in the area called the Derryfield

section that was originally settled as a part of Nutfield. The Isaac Huse House and the neighboring Derryfield/Manchester Center/Huse Cemetery on Mammoth Road were the focus of the celebration, with tours and informational talks given by Huse House owner Monique Labbe and her brother, archaeologist and historian Matt Labbe, on the significance of the area. John Clayton, director of the Manchester Historic Association, also talked about the area's importance in the founding of Manchester. Fellow association members presented historical artifacts and more information about Derryfield and Manchester history.

In early June, Windham held their annual Strawberry Festival and gave special recognition to the Nutfield Anniversary. Windham's Nutfield 300th committee also prepared a special display and certificate along with their Nutfield 300th Anniversary commemorative coin. Each of the three observing towns joined in to create a com-

mon Nutfield design on the obverse side, similar to the 250th anniversary coin, save for the date, and a reverse side, which each town customized with their own town's historical branding.

Londonderry combined much of the Nutfield 300th Anniversary with the annual Old Home Day Celebration. The traditional Old Home Day Parade was an extended affair and recognized our Scot-Irish heritage with the sounds of pipes and drums. One of the most awaited events of the Old Home Day celebration was to be the opening and unveiling of the 250th Nutfield Time Capsule, which was sealed half a century ago by locals. Unfortunately, this exciting event never happened as it was discovered that the time capsule had been opened and its contents has disappeared.

At the last Nutfield 300th meeting held at the beginning of Londonderry's Old Home Day week, Paul Lindemann of Derry, who writes the Nutfield History blog, told the committee members what

happened to the Time Capsule.

Lindemann said, "It is an interesting wrinkle. I'm glad we know this now and not on the Common." He went on to explain what is believed to have happened with the capsule: "It's been in a strongbox in the New Hampshire room, in the Derry Public Library, which is a limited access room. You have to ask for permission to get in there. It's an historian's space. Rick Holmes (Former Derry's Town Historian) went in a couple of weeks ago to check it out and found that it was empty. We had, at the museum, a package with the combination to that box and a hand written note saying 'Open on the Nutfield 300th'. Perfect. But when Rick went, he found that the same combination was also placed on the back of the strongbox. That means that anybody that had access to that room over the past 50 years could have potentially opened the box and taken what was in it."

There was a Nutfield 300th Booth on the Lon-

donderry Town Common at Old Home Day where Londonderry's Nutfield 300th Anniversary coin was sold for \$5 each. Visitors were able to take a 300th Anniversary brochure, where all the summer activities and events were presented, as well as a booklet detailing the story of the 1718 emigration from Ireland, and a brochure detailing the Londonderry Historical Society's Morrison House Museum activities happening on Old Home Day. Also on display at the booth were the 300th Events Photo Album, the sixteen original Nutfield Families Profiles and Research Guide, a 300th Driving Tour Booklet and the Civil War Soldiers of Derry book preview. There was also a slideshow screened of the 300th events on a television in the booth.

The highlight of the Londonderry celebration was all of the activities that were going on at the Londonderry Historical Society's c.1760 Morrison House Museum and on the grounds surrounding the museum. Tours were offered inside the museum while many traditional tradesmen and women plied their crafts in the c.1859 Parmenter Barn and c.1840 R. P. Clark & Son Blacksmiths shop, or were toiling away on the museum lawn. You could have walked back in time that day to see sheep herding, rope making, basket making, weaving, flax processing, coopering (barrel making), the millinery arts, tin-smithing, hornsmithing, blacksmithing, and gun-

smithing, along with a corn husk doll maker, a wooden-toothed washerwoman, a surgeon who could pull your aching teeth, a musket ball maker, and so much more. The 1st New Hampshire Regiment encampment held court to demonstrate life in the field and offer children's games and muster, and their exciting, much-anticipated cannon salutes. And warmly welcomed this year were the wonderful Pipes & Drums of NHSCOT, with their melodic Scottish tunes along with lessons on how to play both the bagpipes and drums.

In addition, the Londonderry Historical Society also hosted a most tasty pig roast lunch that was enjoyed by so many before it sold out. Ann Chiampa, who organized the Londonderry Historical Society's 300th Anniversary of Nutfield events (along with Kay Webber) said that Eric Turcotte, who generously donated the pig and roasted it overnight, has offered to roast two pigs to feed the hungry crowd at next years Old Home Day events at the Morrison House Museum so no one leaves hungry or disappointed.

All this celebrating and the wonderful events took a lot of planning. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Nutfield 300th Anniversary in any way. All of us living here thoroughly enjoyed the celebrations and learning so much more about the heritage of our Nutfield area.

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Town Council to Probe Apple Tree Clearing Amid Historic Issue

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At their Dec. 16 meeting, the Town Council heard about an issue concerning a sizable amount of apple trees that had been cut down on Gilcreast Road near the massive Woodmont Commons development project in progress in that area.

This Town Council meeting discussion occurred only a few days after the Planning Board had a related discussion about this apple tree issue. Some residents say the problem is not so much about the specific trees being removed, but it is about reasonable land usage in our town that is rooted with historical apple orchards that uniquely mark our town's legacy.

Londonderry resident Jeff Newell owns property that directly abuts where the trees were cleared. Newell couldn't believe what had been done, and said, "I am very disappointed the developer may have defied town stipulations regarding leaving three rows of trees along Gilcreast Road and two rows alongside my property on the north side of the development."

There was a divergence of understanding at the council meeting about the removal of the trees. Some thought it was to replace some of them with different trees causing a reduction of a buffer space the three rows of trees had created. There is reason to believe these actions may not be in the spirit of

the master plan that was worked out previously with the town.

Resident Jack Falvey says, "They (the developers) agreed to a buffer zone in parts of the development and they agreed to the previously existing space of the three rows of trees on Gilcreast Road."

Falvey was active in 2013 promoting support for these trees to maintain Londonderry's historical look and character — and he is an advocate of promoting land development to be properly aligned with the Town's past with proper respect to the nature of the land areas in our town.

At the December 16th meeting, Town Council Chairman, John Farrell, told the public and other council members that he would ask the town attorney to look into the specific details of the Woodmont agreement and bring back a viewpoint on the issue. "It would be prudent of us to go back and see if we have all the facts right," Farrell said.

During the meeting, Town Councilor, Jim Butler, pointed out that sometimes things go wrong with development plans. Butler said, "It just happens and it's an unfortunate mishap. I think they (Woodmont Commons) are doing a good job and have kept their word."

Resident Falvey who lives right near the area of the tree cutting says, "...they (the developer) agreed to preserve a representation of our legacy and that is a reasonable request. ...the third row

of trees was destroyed improperly."

"It's — that the trees are — an iconic symbol of our area," Falvey told the councilors as he held up a copy of the 1999 Londonderry Town Report with a scenic cover photo of that specific line of trees.

To Falvey's point - the Londonderry Historical Society authored a book in 2004 - "Londonderry (NH)" - reporting that Londonderry has a 10-mile byway known as "The Apple Way" that is of historical interest. The book says that "route is sprinkled with old schoolhouses, antique homesteads, and magnificent orchards and that these orchards not only gave the byway its name but are also famous for their excellent produce and flowers."

A site plan for this section of the development project - includes specifics that were previously approved by the Londonderry Planning Board. The plan was orchestrated with Pillsbury Realty Development, the developer that originally purchased the Woodmont Orchards for \$7 million - and much of this area has become Woodmont Commons property.

The Woodmont Com-

mons developer involved preparing the area where the trees were cleared has a plan to eventually sell that land to The Stabile Companies, which is expected to build 28 single-family homes on 20 acres of former orchard land. Woodmont is clearing the trees and topsoil as a condition for closing that sale. Stabile is under contract to buy the land and is paying for the tree removal.

Jeff Newell says, "This out-of-town developer seems not to understand the town's culture and historical significance of these trees. Our town approved the largest private development area in New Hampshire history at the time and in return we asked the heritage of our Apple farming past be preserved and blended into this huge development."

"In my case, the two rows as stipulated in the plan were initially left but recently - and without any contact from the developer - these two rows were destroyed. When I asked the tree removal operator why he was taking them down, he replied the developer changed their mind. Luckily Londonderry DPW official, John Trotter came by to show them the blueprints and was

able to stop some of this tree removal."

Newell summed up his thoughts, "It's clear to

me the developer had no regard for our town and the planning board agrees to the planning board agreements they signed."

OBITUARY

Richard P. Mastalerz



Richard P. Mastalerz, 65, of Derry, NH, died Friday Dec. 27, 2019, in his home, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Ludlow, MA on Dec. 17, 1954, a son of Joseph and Mary (Yefko) Mastalerz. Rick spent his professional life as an Aircraft Technician. He began his career with Northwest Orient Airlines for 27 years then transitioned to jetBlue Airways for 10 years. He was also employed by John Deere in his hometown of Derry. Rick's love of planes extended beyond his professional life; he greatly enjoyed radio-controlled airplanes and was past president and instructor for the Flying Tigers of Derry. Rick led by example, whether in a professional capacity or with his loved ones. He will always be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 34 years, Ann Marie (Cardinal) Mastalerz; son, Richard P. Mastalerz II and wife Sally; grandson, Zachary Mastalerz; granddaughter, Olivia Mastalerz; sister, Nancy Czajkowski and husband Douglas; two brothers, Peter Mastalerz and wife Bobbie and Joseph Mastalerz and wife Thelma; five brothers-in-law; two sisters-in-law and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Rick is predeceased by one brother-in-law.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, Jan. 2, from 4 - 8 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. A private burial will be Friday, Jan. 3, at 1 p.m. in St. Aloysius Cemetery, 1273 Berkshire Ave., Springfield, MA. Memorial contributions may be made to Lahey Hospital and Medical Center at <https://giving.laheyhealth.org/lahey-hospital/>. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Editorial

For the New Year

The start of the New Year is traditionally a time for reflecting on the year just ending, and resolving to do things differently in the days ahead. We all know the routine resolutions: exercise more, eat better, perhaps taking on a more “green” lifestyle, being better prepared, or cutting down on TV or computer time and replace it with more “face” time with family.

All of these are fine resolutions, however, there are others that may take a bite out of personal time, but in the long run may be easier to maintain throughout the year, and with longer lasting results.

Want to make a truly lasting, impacting resolution? How about deciding to run for office?

Volunteers are needed to help our towns operate smoothly. While it takes no effort at all to complain about what goes on at town hall, it can be so much more rewarding to participate in the process and be in the right place at the right time to make positive changes. Get ready: the filing period begins in mid January.

Open seats often go unchallenged and the same people keep getting reelected, so open races ought to be encouraged. After all, a little change and a little competition are healthy.

If putting your name on the ballot is a little too stressful, there are always seats on boards, commissions, and committees in town that

often go empty. Whether you want to start slowly as an alternate, or jump right in as a full member, you have a variety of interest areas to choose from, from conservation to housing. Give some thought to how you can offer your time for the betterment of your community.

We all know the difficulties some residents have in paying their taxes or dealing with the huge changes that have happened in their town, that effect the quality of life. The answer for this to some might be to move away, but most will find similar problems anywhere they go.

The better solution might be to make the effort to advocate for responsible spending right in your own hometown. Since budget hearings and deliberative sessions are coming up in January and February, here's another important resolution: Make a point of attending those events and speaking your mind, politely and reasonably, with facts, as well as courtesy. At the very least, let your elected officials know what you think, no matter the subject, and encourage your neighbors to do the same. After all, if officials are unaware of a problem, it's likely nothing will be done to resolve it.

Best of luck with your resolutions, no matter what they may be, and from all of us at Nutfield Publishing to all of you, our very best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year 2020.

Letters

Response to Apple Tree Articles & Letter

To the editor,

In response to Apple tree articles in the Londonderry Times as well Roy Bouchard's letter (go Roy),

I think this weak stance on development started when Ford ignored the setbacks off of rte.102, and the town did nothing.

That was a long time ago. Is it possible that the original master plan was not renewed, and Londonderry was left without one so that this developer in particular, would be able to get approval for Woodmont Commons? I think so.

I would like to predict that the abuses, as some of us would see it, are only beginning. My guess is the developer will eventually request a greater density and any up scaling will not come to be, as it will not be financially feasible or they will plead hardship of use of land. And what will Londonderry do about this?

If Colleen Mailiux's response is an indication, nothing. It would seem that all the developer has to do is ask for an amendment.

In the beginning, those of us who lived here then, envisioned a Bedford appearance, and as you can see, starting with the Ford abuse we now will look like South Willow Street and onto to being another Lowell or Lawrence, from which these developers came.

Hats off to Jack Falvey,

Roy Bouchard and all residents who attended the meeting.

Jane Cooper
Londonderry

Russia and China Missile Threats

To the editor,

President Trump is correct in withdrawing from the intermediate range missile treaty with Russia enacted 30 years ago, because Russia broke the treaty with its missile development.

Another problem with the treaty was it did not prevent non-treaty countries from developing intermediate range missiles; and China has developed and deployed intermediate range missiles. The Chinese missiles can outperform our defensive systems that protect Japan, Taiwan and South Korea.

As a former Navy enlisted and officer (Penn State 1963, NROTC) I am concerned with the Chinese missiles designed to thwart the capabilities of our aircraft carriers, because the anti-ship missiles can be launched beyond the range of our carrier based aircraft. This places us at a disadvantage countering Chinese threats in the Far East.

Previous U.S. administrations were negligent when they supported the treaty. Now we are initiating a huge effort to rebuild our intermediate missile forces.

Note: In July 2019 the United States and Israel

carried out successful tests of the Israeli Arrow-3 ballistic missile defense system at a base in Alaska. Ostensibly, the test was conducted by Israel in Alaska due to space considerations in Israel.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry

Upst by Apple Tree Removal

To the editor,

It is very sad to drive down Gilcreast Road.

Again in this town, the developers win at the expense of the residents.

The developers always seem to get their way, and residents get little in return. The agreement was to keep three rows of trees, but they say one row of trees were 70 feet in the buffer zone, when the agreement was within 50 feet.

Mr. Kettenbach doesn't recall his architect's comment, but I am sure he would remember if it was money for his pockets.

Colleen Mailoux's comment only points out the towns' policy to allow developers to do what they want. The town's only concern is the R.E Tax Income.

If the trees were sick and they wanted to remove a row of trees, this should have been done at the same time when the new trees are planted. We have to wait till April.

The eyesore will continue all winter.

David Maloney
Londonderry

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Election

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the district's school support staff. Board member, Steve Young overviewed the negotiations for the new agreement and pointed out that the union has now approved the agreement. The board members unanimously approved this agreement, which will come before the voters in the spring for their decision.

Nancy Hendricks, Chair

of the Londonderry School Board, introduced the budget workshop. The district's Director of Dining Services, Amanda Venezia, came forward to present the details of the food services budget. For the FY 19, there was actual revenue of \$1,540,826, though expenses created a \$21,081.71 deficit. However, there is an actual positive fund balance of \$75,265 from allocations used to overcome this deficit. The proposed bud-

get for dining services has been increased for next year to \$1,672,000 for revenues and expenditures. There is an expected increase in revenues, due to state funding, to fully pay off certain breakfast expenditures and that is new this year. There is also some proposed pay increases for labor efforts to attract workers that are needed.

Current lunch prices are \$2.20 for the elementary schools, \$2.45 for middle school and \$2.95 for the high school dining services. Breakfast prices

are set at \$1.75 for all school levels. In March, there will be additional information and cost analysis to determine if prices will need to be raised for next year. At this time, 11.09% of the students are in programs that support free or reduced food pricing.

Venezia pointed out "6 Key Performance Indicators" for the program were chosen as consideration factors regarding the budget process and to help understand how the dining services are doing

year to year. This includes breakfast participation by the school, as well as for free and reduced pricing students. In addition, lunch participation by the school, meals per labor hour per school and district wide are also key factors. And finally, the food and supplies percentage as well as labor and benefits are calculated in context to revenues to provide the final key factors.

Additional workshop efforts were focused on the IT Budget, Buildings and Grounds, the District

Office and overall Estimated Revenue. The School District Budget Public Hearing meeting will be delivered to Londonderry residents on Jan. 16, 2020 at 7 p.m., at the Town Offices.

In addition, the school board will meet on Jan. 7 for a regular meeting and on January 9th for what is expected to be a final budget workshop meeting. And on Jan. 15 a special meeting to celebrate Adult Education Graduation will be held at the Londonderry High School Café.

OBITUARY

Roger D. Brilliant



Roger D. Brilliant, 91, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Dec. 18, 2019, after a period of declining health. Roger was born April 24, 1928 in Salem, MA and was a son of the late Ovide and Rose (St. Pierre) Brilliant. He was raised and educated in Salem and was a graduate of Fitchburg State College. Roger resided in Beverly, MA for many years. He lived in Ocala, FL. for 23 years, prior to relocating to Londonderry in 2013.

Roger served in the US Navy on Destroyers during the Korean War. He was a contractor for many years and was a teacher at NE Regional Metro Voc. Tech in Wakefield, MA for 20 years. After retirement, he and his wife lived in Ocala, FL. and summered in Sanford, ME. Roger loved woodworking and carpentry and enjoyed Tai-Chi. He was also an active member of the Londonderry Senior Center.

Roger is survived by his wife of 70 years, Phyllis (Moore) Brilliant of Londonderry, two sons and their wives, David P. & Helen Brilliant, Mark A. & Pat Brilliant, three daughters and their husbands, Loree R. & Charles Luis, Donna M. & Francis McNamara and Suzanne M. and Robert Raposo, 14 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sister, Loree Brilliant.

After cremation, a visitation were held Sunday Dec. 22, from 1 - 3 p.m., at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial, Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Jude Parish, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. His cremated remains will be interred at 12:30 p.m. at the NH State Veterans Cemetery, in Boscawen, NH. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

Community Caregivers is Looking for Volunteers

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Community Caregivers of Greater Derry typically manages about 450 volunteers per year. Last year alone, they clocked about 38,000 hours, helped people 14,000 times and drove over 180,000 elders in Chester, Danville, Derry, Hampstead, Londonderry, Sandown and Windham. 75% of these volunteers are one-on-one matches with a local senior on a routine basis.

Some volunteers help once a week or once a month but typically they help every other week for a couple hours. Tasks include light chores, shopping, respite, friendly visiting and telephone reassurance. There is a

subset of about 100 drivers who help different clients each week with medical appointments. Drivers can help as much or as little as they want and can chose preferred destinations. These volunteers may drive to locations such as Portsmouth, Nashua, Concord and even Boston.

A challenge for Caregivers is that many dedicated helpers travel south in the winter, but appointments continue. Another challenge is that unemployment is low right now - that impacts volunteer opportunities and availability times. However, needs are greater now as baby boomers are aging and in need of wrap around services to remain independ-

ent.

For these reasons, Community Caregivers is in need of more volunteers to keep programs growing. For every new volunteer driver, the staff can take three clients off the waiting list. Each new in-home volunteer can select their preferred assignment off the waiting list. Right now, Caregivers is looking for a Mandarin speaking volunteer in Derry that could help with house cleaning for an elderly couple. They are also looking for a Russian speaking volunteer to bring a widow in Londonderry shopping twice a month. In Hampstead and Sandown, they have five people on the list for

once a month cleaning.

In Windham, a 95-year-old woman's teen match has graduated, so she is looking for a new youthful volunteer. But most pressing is for new drivers to fill the gap of ones that are away. The staff typically trains volunteers two to four times a month and trainings last 1.25 hours at their Londonderry Office.

If your New Year's resolution is to become more involved in the community or to enrich your life through human connections, then call the staff at Caregivers at 432-0877 or email them at office@comcaregivers.org. Opportunities can also be seen at <https://comcaregivers.org/volunteers>.

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NHDES, NHDHHS Reminds Residents Of CO Dangers

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Farmer's Almanac is predicting a colder-than-normal winter season all over the United States. New Hampshire in particular should brace itself for plenty of snowfall and freezing temperatures.

Residents will be taking every measure to keep warm in the midst of this freeze, and NH officials implore them to be diligent so as not to fall victim to a silent killer in the process.

According to data

from the NH Department of Health and Human Services and the NH Department of Environmental Services, more than four thousand people are hospitalized for unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning in the United States, with more than four hundred people killed from it each year.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas that is given off by many sources. According to NH Environmental Public Health Tracking, most people who survive CO poisoning recover fully. However, studies

have shown that around 10 to 40 percent of people surviving severe CO poisoning may have long term health problems, and exposure to moderate to high levels of CO over time have also been linked to an increased risk of cardiovascular disease. Mental abilities can also be impaired and permanent brain damage can occur with CO poisoning.

OSHA describes the initial symptoms of CO poisoning as chest tightness, headache, dizziness, drowsiness, fatigue, and nausea. During prolonged exposure, or exposure to high amounts of CO, symptoms will worsen and include vomiting, confusion and collapse, in

addition to loss of consciousness and muscle weakness.

The American Red Cross states that anyone who suspects CO poisoning should move to fresh air immediately and to promptly dial 9-1-1.

Carbon monoxide poisoning is frightening, but it can be easily prevented. NH Environmental Public Health Tracking offers the following tips to prevent CO poisoning:

Do not burn anything in a stove or fireplace that is not vented or that may be clogged.

Do not let a car run to warm up inside a garage attached to a house, even if a door is left open.

Do not use a genera-

tor, charcoal grill, camp stove, or other gasoline or charcoal-burning device inside of the home, basement, or garage.

Locate any of the aforementioned devices at least 10 feet from a home, with exhaust facing away from the building.

Do not use a gas cooking range or oven to heat the home, even for a short period of time.

Make certain that doors on all wood stoves fit tightly.

Heating systems, water heaters, and any other gas, oil, or coal burning appliances should be serviced by a qualified technician every year, and any leaks should be repaired immediately.

Carbon monoxide detectors should be installed near furnaces and in all sleeping areas. Batteries should be replaced during daylight savings times.

If the carbon monoxide alarm sounds, all family members should leave the home immediately and 911 should be dialed.

This winter, families can be kept warm and safe by following simple safety precautions. As always, it is better to be safe than sorry.

For more resources and information on carbon monoxide and carbon monoxide poisoning prevention, visit www.usfa.fema.gov and search, "Carbon monoxide."

OBITUARY

Richard F. Halloran



Richard F. Halloran, 41, of Londonderry, NH. During the early morning hours of Dec. 24, 2019 the illness and addiction that had stolen Richie's sparkle, also took his life. He was born in Cambridge, MA on March 27, 1978, a son of Gerald Halloran and the late Sheila (Doiron) Halloran. He had been a resident of Londonderry for several years. Richie had a zest for life, a friendly personality and could always incite infectious laughter. Richie was also a skilled carpenter who loved the challenge of a new project.

In addition to his father Gerald of Londonderry; he is survived by his daughter, Alexa Halloran of Peabody, MA, and her mother Janell Puopolo; his brother, Daniel Halloran and his wife Kristen of Allenstown, NH; his sister, Christine Tortolano and her wife Andrea Tortolano of Wakefield, MA.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Sunday, Dec. 29 from 3 - 7 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. The burial will be in Pillsbury Cemetery, Hovey Rd., Londonderry in the Spring.

JOHN GOGLIA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The American Red Cross New Hampshire and Vermont are making all homes fire resistant through their National Home Fire Preparedness Campaign. At no cost to those who cannot afford to purchase smoke alarms or for those who are physically unable to install smoke alarms a Red Cross-trained volunteer will demonstrate some simple changes in

the home to protect you, your loved ones and your possessions against fire. In addition, they will install a limited number of FREE 10 year lithium battery operated smoke alarms at each home. The Red Cross also installs a limited number of specialized bedside alarms for individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. This free service is available to anyone regardless of age or location by the Red Cross or one of a number of organizations that have partnered with the Red Cross to accomplish the goals of the Home Fire Preparedness Campaign.

All that needs to be done is to contact the Red Cross at telephone number 800-464-6692 or by

visiting their website at www.redcross.org/local/new-hampshire-vermont/about-us/our-work/home-fire-campaign/smoke-alarm-request.html

In addition to providing your contact and location information there are 5 simple questions (mostly requiring yes or no answers) that are needed to schedule an appointment. Those questions are as follows: are there occupants older than 60 or under 7 years of age; is any occupant hearing impaired; preferred time period of appointment (morning or afternoon); how did you learn about this program and would you be willing to help the Red Cross spread the word about this program

by being interviewed by a Red Cross Representative or a member of the local media?

The above website also has a printable worksheet of guidelines to follow in order to help you devise a home fire escape plan. If you or someone you know lives outside of New Hampshire or Vermont and would like to contact your local regional office about this program please visit www.RedCross.org or call 1-800-REDCROSS. If you are able to purchase and install your own smoke alarm but would like information on home fire safety and smoke alarm installation please visit www.REDCROSS.org.

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Aviation Museum's 'Festival of Toy Planes' Exhibit Continues

Two weeks remain to see thousands of toy planes and model aircraft; exhibit stays open from New Year's Day through mid-month.

The holiday season is just about over, but two weeks still remain to see the Aviation Museum's first-ever 'Festival of Toy Planes' exhibit.

The display, which features thousands of toy planes and model aircraft from three separate collections on loan or donated to the museum, is open to the public through Sunday, Jan. 12.

The exhibit is open during the museum's regular hours: Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sundays 1 - 4 p.m. It's also open additional evening hours Wednesday through Sunday from 5 to 8 p.m., which

includes New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 2020.

The display features a wide range of toy planes and model aircraft from throughout the 20th century, from the era of pioneering aviator Charles Lindbergh to Toy Story's Buzz Lightyear.

"With this exhibit, we try to celebrate the connection between children and toy planes as it has changed through the years," said Jeff Rapsis, executive director of the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire. "From the cast-iron airliners of the Great Depression era to today's plastic playthings, it tells a rich story."

The display includes several elaborate Barbie planes (complete with Ken and all her other friends), primitive metal airplane toys from devel-

oping nations (some made from soda cans), a display of aviation-themed puzzles, and much more.

"In addition to airplane toys meant for children, we've included a dazzling group of valuable high-end models produced for the collector's market," Rapsis said. "Some people never outgrow their passion for model aircraft but their toys change and become more sophisticated."

The majority of the toys on display are on loan from the Top Fun Aviation Toy Museum of Fitchburg, Mass., which the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire is in the process of acquiring. The cataloged inventory of this group exceeds 3,000 separate items.

Also on display are the Mauro Scali collection of

collectible Pacific Aircraft models, donated to the Aviation Museum in 2019, and the Howard Becker collection of scratch-built models, also donated to the museum this past year.

The exhibit includes a wide range of working toys and games, some battery-powered and others mechanical, including several aviation-themed savings banks. A demonstration of working toys is given each evening at 6:30 p.m., or by request.

"This exhibit is designed for young and old alike," Rapsis said. "For many career aviation professionals, it all started with an airplane under the Christmas tree. So this is in keeping with our mission to inspire today's youth to become tomorrow's aviation pioneers and aerospace innovators."



Kristen Ratanatharathorn of Bedford helps her son Han try out a pedal plane, part of the 'Festival of Toy Planes' on display.

The Aviation Museum's "Festival of Toy Planes" exhibit is made possible with support from Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, the Cogswell Benevolent Trust, and the Top Fun Aviation Toy Museum.

No items in the exhibition will be for sale, but the Aviation Museum gift

shop offers a wide range of aviation-themed holiday gifts, keepsakes, and mementos.

For more information, visit www.aviationmuseumofnh.org or call (603) 669-4820. Follow the Aviation Museum on social media at www.facebook.com/nhahs.

ZBA Sign

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improving the parking lot, updating the signage directories, and building a new pylon sign structure near the entrance to the center on Route 102. Vernet Properties has also reworked many of the commercial spaces including enlarging some of them by removing walls and turning them into larger spaces for lease.

New tenants have been introduced into the shopping center during the past year including Extreme Craze Airpark and Laser Tag, So. NH Gymnastic Academy, CKO Kickboxing, Troy's Kitchen and Juice Bar, Dollar Tree, and there are projects that are rolling out over the coming months

that are in the works. Luciano's Restaurant recently moved from their old location to the Apple-tree Shopping Center - reopening just before Thanksgiving - with some new choices and with a newly designed space; they have also now set up a gluten free bakeshop as a part of their business.

A new sports bar is one of the businesses that is currently in the works and the business owner, Robert Carrier - who is from Windham - was at the Londonderry Zoning Board of Authority (ZBA) to request a variance for new signage for his business.

At this meeting on Dec. 18, ZBA Chair, Neil Dunn, requested Clerk, Jim Tirabassi, to overview the specifics of the request. Tirabassi pointed

out, "This case is for a request for a variance to allow an 80 square foot wall sign, where only a 40 square foot is allowed at Four Orchard View Drive for Units 20-21. Robert Carrier was the applicant along with Verno Co., LLC the owner.

Carrier read through his application request to the ZBA members, to establish that the variance requested, as an exception to the ordinance, made sense and would not be a violation to the spirit of the ordinance. Carrier explained, "The new sports bar business is

actually going to be about 6000 square feet and cover 2 separate business spaces that we are leasing from the developer."

Carrier pointed out that one of the spaces is about 4000 square feet and was derived from a reconstruction of the property space that was originally 2 separate spaces and where a wall had been removed to create a larger space. So, the size of the business is actually more in line with a larger unit now, which makes it appropriate in the spirit of the ordinance to support larger signage.

After deliberation, the ZBA unanimously approved the variance for the large sign on the condition the sign would only be lit up during the hours of operation for the business.

The ZBA also heard another case for a request for three variances: (1) to allow only 28.8% amount of green space where 33% is required; (2) to allow only 15 feet of green perimeter along a public right-of-way where 30 feet is required; and (3) to allow only 0 feet of green

perimeter where 15 feet is required.

These variance requests are for a building and lot area located at 33 Londonderry Road with 33 Londonderry, LLC as the owner and Advance Machine Technologies as the applicant. This request was continued to another ZBA meeting for more detail and further discussions as required, due to the complexity of the Route 93 expansion that abuts the location and has created complex issues.

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Local Resident Celebrates Hitting the Century Mark



Peggy Scott was surrounded by family members at the All American Assisted Living facility in Londonderry on Saturday, Dec. 21 as she celebrated turning 100-years-old. Her sons Greg and Ray Scott along with grandchildren and great grandchildren sung happy birthday and had her blow out a candle to signify the momentous occasion. The Scott's lived for many years in Manchester where her and her husband ran a cantina that catered to the local mills. She moved to Londonderry about three years ago.

Photos by Chris Paul

Charter

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law at this point — consideration has been given to how best to serve the citizens of the town by developing a default budget, so this was the amendment that came out of that.”

Ramsdell noted that the town is not required to have the default budget as the town operates under a ballot form of government and all articles of the official budget go to the voters — there is no requirement under the most recent state RSA update for default budget functions under the official ballot system or for a town to even have a

default budget.

He said, “In the case I cited in here, which is *Forsberg v. Kearsarge School District* — the New Hampshire Supreme Court in 2007 approved a format for presenting a budget to the Kearsarge School District where there’s an alternative budget like a default budget and there’s also an operating budget. So, the NH Supreme Court says the way they did that is fine and what we’ve done here should have no problem — as it complies with state law because state Supreme Court has already found it Ok for a very similar mechanism.”

The attorney suggested that as a matter of law — the new charter

amendment benefits the town and complies with the state law and that he would leave it for the Town Manager to explain in greater detail about why this amendment makes presenting the default budget better for the Town’s citizens.

Kevin Smith, Town Manager, said, “We’ve seen a number of iterations that the State legislatures have done of the default budget over the last few years and the ways they have changed it.” Smith noted that this has led the Town to add more warrant articles on the town warrant each year — in addition to a supplemental budget of items that are no longer included. (As an exam-

ple), ...the previous default budget definition has really limited us to what we can do in terms of rising utility costs. I certainly don’t think anyone would expect that utility costs of today are the same as they were in 2010. But the definition we have been using, we’ve been limited to not increasing those costs even though we do have ... an agreement with utility companies and we have to pay our utility bills each year.”

Smith explained that the amendment would allow the town to do things like a couple of years ago — prior to when the legislature changed the definition of the default budget. Smith told the council the amendment allows greater flexibility as it sets up a process that will not make the town beholden to the state

every single time they make a change to the default budget.

Smith said, “I think we’ve done a good job over the years of explaining the default budget process when it’s put together and any new costs we’ve always included in a separate warrant articles — like adding personnel and such.”

At the public hearing, a town resident, Mr. Ellis, was recognized and he was concerned with some of the wording. (The amendment) ...allows the council — that if a proposed budget is voted down, it would allow them to move money from one bucket into another.” He pointed out there could be some deeply controversial line item budgeted even though the public might not support it. He suggested limitations be put

into the language that would only allow budget allocations for line items that existed in a previous budget.

Attorney Ramsdell advocated for enough flexibility not to tie the Towns hands in such things as emergency situations etc. As the discussion went forward, Mr. Ellis agreed to the points that were made. Another resident came forward to express concerns similar to what Mr. Ellis made.

The council unanimously adopted the amendment, which will move the amendment to appropriate NH state agencies for approval and determination that the amendment is valid within State law. If the state rejects the amendment, it can be reworked or if it is approved then the amendment will be prepared as a warrant article for voting by Town citizens.

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Destination Imagination Helps Local Students Develop Future Skills

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Destination Imagination (DI) student teams in the Greater Derry, Londonderry and other local towns are getting ready to kick off their “critical thinking” efforts for the coming year. The first DI event — which is focused on DI training — begins January 11th at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester.

Students will spend time over the next 5 months crafting solutions to challenges that are focused in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) or Service-Learning challenges. DI teams compete in contests where they are appraised for creativity, problem-solving and collaboration abilities, as well as “think on their feet” problem-solving skills. In the process, teams learn to combine soft skills, like communication skills with hard knowledge skills that are the “Future of Work” skills that they will need as they enter the work place down the road.

Last year, local teams from Derry Village Elementary School, West Running Brook School, Barka Elementary

School, Londonderry High School, South Ridge School all advanced through difficult levels to compete in NH regional contests. Pinkerton Academy went to DI global competition finals in 2018. New Hampshire Destination Imagination (NH-DI) administers the program for over 1,800 Granite State students from over 100 schools and community groups. DI teams began to come together this fall, and they will compete in March to try to advance to the Destination Imagination Global Finals in May.

NH Destination Imagination leaders point out that the “Future of Work” skills now in demand today includes creativity, problem solving, and collaboration skills and different DI event challenges help students to build those types of skills. It’s really about critical thinking. Wayne Kurtzman is a Destination Imagination spokesman, from Londonderry, and he points out, “When an educational experience is hands-on, collaborative and fun, students are empowered to take their learning to the next level. DI provides unique educational experiences across seven

STEAM project-based Challenge types – Technical, Scientific, Engineering, Fine Arts, Improvisational, Service Learning, and Early Learning.”

Kurtzman adds, “New, open-ended Team Challenges are developed annually with the help of educators, subject matter experts and qualified volunteers to cover a wide range of student interests and align to current educational standards.”

The Destination Imagination program has taken hold in NH and is growing in our local area with quite a few organized teams this year. DI events are supported in about 30 countries and nearly 150,000 students take part in this program each year. In the United States alone there are over 30,000 volunteers who support DI mostly as an after-school program. Some schools — such as several in the Derry Cooperative School District like Barka Elementary School — have begun to integrate the program into their school day. Many parents and volunteers aren’t quite aware how these skills can make a difference in college and beyond.

Here’s a brief

overview of the DI program: Up to 7 members can be on a team. Students from kindergarten through university level can participate. Each team needs an adult Team Manager that can help students stay on track, but they cannot help the team develop their solution to the DI Challenge. Team Managers are often faculty members or parents.

Teams in the DI program learn higher order thought processing and improve in creative thinking, critical thinking and collaborative problem solving that are key 21st century skills. DI participants experience the creative process, develop new friendships and learn to work together.

Teams choose one of seven challenges and after weeks spent creating and developing their

solutions, they go to a local tournament. Top-scoring teams advance to their state or country tournament, also known as an Affiliate Tournament. The top tier teams from each Affiliate Tournament have the opportunity to participate in Global Finals, which the DI organization says is the world’s largest celebration of creativity.

New Hampshire DI team solutions are assessed at regional and state tournaments. Top scoring teams at the NH state tournament compete with top teams from 48 states and 30 countries at Destination Imagination Global Finals. With an annual registration of \$350 per team for seven students, the DI Program is a good value for life skills that are received by student participants.

NH DI events are starting up Saturday January 11 with a “Dive In” event. This event is an important training session for all teams in the state. There are morning and afternoon sessions available on that date. Check-in for the morning session will open at 8:45am, and that session will end at about 12:40pm. Check-in for the afternoon session will open around 1:15pm, and that session will end at about 5:30pm. Teams can choose to attend either the AM or PM session, or both. This event will be held at Southern New Hampshire University and teams can contact the NH DI organization for further information.

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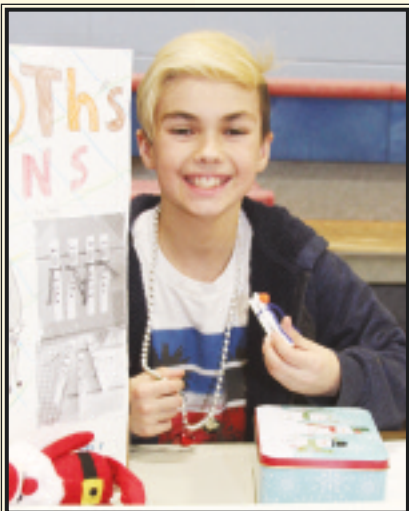
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Fifth grade students at North Elementary School set up shop in the school's gymnasium for the annual Business Fair. Students from all grade levels files through the gym to see what the fifth grade students had brought in to sell. There was any number items for the rest of the school to purchase just before the holiday break.
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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Girls Basketball Opens Season with Close Win

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Girls' Varsity Basketball team started their season on Friday, Dec. 20, and took on Windham High School at a home contest just before Christmas. In what was a rather close game, LHS battled for a 53-47 win to start the season 1-0.

Junior Ashley Rourke had a great game as she scored 13 points and grabbed four rebounds, and senior Courtney Shay played great as well by tallying 15 points.

The game started with both squads putting most of their efforts on the defensive side of the court. The Lancers made it tough for Windham to score, or even get the ball passed half court, as they stole the ball several times creating a quick 10-2 lead over Windham.

As the quarter progressed, both teams had multiple fast break opportunities to score, with no luck. Windham fought their way back into the game by taking the ball strong to the hoop, which resulted in a number of free throws, and the first quarter ended with a slim 15-14 LHS lead.

Momentum shifted towards Windham to start the second quarter, taking a 19-14 lead and stepped up their defense. London-

derry still attacked the paint aggressively and fought to take a 25-23 lead heading into the half.

The third quarter is where things got chippy as both teams, they continued to attack the rim and earned their points at the line.

Senior Colleen Furlong put in work at the line as she scored 10 of her 13 points at the free throw line. The girls grabbed several offensive rebounds in the same possession, but couldn't get a shot to go, and then they took a 34-32 lead with 1:55 to go by hitting multiple free throws.

After that, Rourke had a great steal that led to a score, along with a beautiful assist by Furlong to Rourke that very next possession to take a 37-36 lead over Windham.

The game was tied at 38 to start the final quarter and the Lancers couldn't stop fouling, which gave Windham momentum and a 47-42 lead with 3:17 left to play.

Rourke continued her great performance with a huge and-one layup to cut the deficit to just two points for Londonderry. The game came down to the wire, tied at 47 with just over a minute to go, when freshman Jordan Furlong made her only shot of the game and nailed a three pointer



Londonderry Girls Basketball senior Courtney Shay, left and junior Ashley Rourke gave their squad plenty of offense during the 53-47 win over Windham in their season home opener. Photos by Chris Paul

with just 30 seconds left on the clock giving the Lancers a 50-47 lead. Senior Katie Sullivan also came up clutch when she created a charge call against Windham to give them possession. Colleen Furlong sealed the win with three free throws and resulted in the 53-47 win.

Lancer coach Nick Theos was happy to see his girls fight the way they did and end the night with a win. "We played very well down the stretch,

which is what we haven't been doing the last few years so seeing us execute when we needed to

was huge," Theos said. "Kids worked their butts off, Ashely Rourke had the best game she's had

in two years, she was awesome. she needed to take over offensively she did a

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LHS Swimmers Take Third Spot at Second Home Meet

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Friday night, Dec. 20, the Londonderry Boys' and Girls' Varsity Swimming teams hosted the second home meet of the season at the Workout Club in Londonderry and faced off against Windham, Campbell, Merrimack, Nashua South, and Pelham High Schools. The Londonderry boys' team came in third place with a score of 277 while Nashua South took second (310) and Windham managed a first place win with a score of 348. The Lancer girls' ended up in third as well with a 256, Windham took second (355), and Nashua South finished on top, with 361.

In the girls 200-yard Medley Relay, Lancer swimmers Jasmine Brown, Elizabeth Allen, Maggie Edwards, and Julia Either finished first with a time of 2:07.78. Londonderry also took seventh place with the team of Elise Beau-

chemin, Lillian Law, Caden Thomas, and Emily powers having a final time of 2:42.32. In the boys' 200-yard Medley Relay, Londonderry was able to place second with the team of Connor McKinnon, Kevin Mascot, Hunter Turek, and Stephen Bompastore earning a time of 2:11.17.

Four Lady Lancers competed in the 200-yard freestyle and three of them earned a place. Jasmine Brown came in third (2:26.00), Joanna Davis placed sixth (2:35.48) and Avery Crimmins came in seventh with a time of 2:37.34. For the boys 200-yard freestyle, Londonderry's Brandon White took first place (1:55.50) while Caleb Howard finished eighth with a time of 2:48.72.

In the girls 200-yard individual two lancers placed top ten with Isabella McKnight finishing fifth (2:50.00) and Lillian Law finished ninth (3:00.53).



Elizabeth Allen helped her team take first in the 200-yard Medley Relay. Photos by Chris Paul

For the boys' 200-yard individual, Lancers Christopher Byrne placed first (2:20.34) and Hunter Turek finished third with 2:36.52.

In the girls 50-yard freestyle, three lady lancers competed with Maggie Edwards finishing first (25.81), Julia Either fourth (27.79) and Megan St. Germain placed eighth with a time of 30.25. As for the boys in the 200-yard freestyle Theodore McKnight placed third (28.24), Connor McKinnon came in sixth (29.15) and Caleb

Howard finished tenth with a time of 35.23.

The girls 100-yard butterfly had three Lancers placing in the top ten. Leading the way was Elizabeth Allen who placed third (1:13.85), Avery Crimmins finished ninth (1:30.69) and Madison Rearick came in tenth with a time of 1:31.59. For the boys Christopher Byrne placed first with a time of 1:07.29, and Stephen Bompastore came in sixth with a final time of 1:27.22. Moving onto the girls' 100-yard freestyle Julia Either placed second (1:01.60), Jasmine Brown fifth (1:04.34), and Elise Beauchemin came in 12th with a time of 1:18.92. Next in the boys 100-yard freestyle Brandon White took home first place once again (51.85) while Kevin Mascot took fifth (1:06.06) and Dylan Anderson finished sixth with a final time of 1:06.83.

Londonderry's Maggie Edwards finished first in the girls 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:48.55 along with Joanna Davis who



Christopher Byrne placed first in the 200-yard individual Medley in the second meet.

came in seventh (7:05.82) and Alexa Calligandes came in tenth with a time of 8:38.35. In the boys 500-yard freestyle Theodore McKnight placed third (6:31.04) and Connor McKinnon finished fourth with a time of 6:45.28.

For the girls' 200-yard freestyle relay the Lancers squad of Lillian Law, Madison Rearick, Elise Beauchemin, and Lexi Apholz finished seventh with a time of 2:11.27. Coming in tenth was the team of Emily Powers, Madison Genge, Riley Walter, and Alexa Calligandes with a final time of 2:37.53. As for the boys the team of Christopher Byrne, Dylan Anderson, Theodore McKnight, and Brandon White came in second with a final time of 1:45.58.

In the girls 100-yard backstroke, Elizabeth Allen placed second (1:10.27), Megan St. Germain fourth (1:19.34) and Riley Walter finished 14th with a time of 1:54.06.

For the boys 100-yard backstroke, Dylan Anderson placed third (1:16.78)

and Stephen Bompastore finished fifth with a score of 1:19.04. Next was the girls 100-yard breaststroke where Lillian Law finished sixth (1:27.67) and Isabella McKnight placed seventh with 1:30.64. In the boys 100-yard breaststroke Hunter Turek came in fourth (1:23.65) and Kevin mascot followed behind in fifth with a time of 1:25.01.

The night finished off with the 400-yard freestyle relays. In the girls relay the Lancers team of Madison Rearick, Caden Thomas, Alexa Calligandes, and Lexi Apholz finished sixth with a time of 5:20.02. The Londonderry boys team of Christopher Byrne, Hunter Turek, Theodore McKnight, and Brandon White took first place with a time of 3:57.69 along with the squad of Kevin Mascot, Caleb Howard, Dylan Anderson, and Connor McKinnon finishing fourth with 4:39.83.

Londonderry's next meet is set for Friday, Jan. 3, at the Workout Club in Londonderry.

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Lancer Varsity Wrestlers Have Busy Holiday Break

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Wrestling Squad Put to the Challenge Over Holiday Break

The Lancer's Varsity Wrestling team traveled to Concord on Wednesday Dec. 18, for the team's second dual meet of the season. The Concord Crimson Tide proved to be too tough, besting the squad by a score of 66-18.

It was a rough start to the meet as the first three Lancers were all pinned fairly quickly.

Lancer Andrew Quach tried to get things going for his squad when he pinned Concord's Logan Mayo in 4:20 at 120 lbs. Brandon Drake followed with a pin of his own, against Jordan Reyes in 2:15.

Concord turned things around quickly again as they went on another pinning rampage until Londonderry got their last points of the evening with Dylan Barnes pinning Alex Galatia's in 4:46 at 160 lbs.

On Saturday, Dec. 21, the Lancer Wrestlers saw a lot more success, when hosted their annual Holiday Invitational Tournament. LHS faced off against 12 other schools and the Lancers placed third with 139.5 points while Mount Anthony High School finished first with 216.5 points.

Daniel Cassidy (106 lbs.) earned fourth place, while Jordan Marion (113 lbs) took second place. In the 120 lbs class Zachary Booth placed fourth and Brandon Drake (132 lbs) earned second place. At

138 lbs, Aiden O'Loughlin finished in first place, and Nendoe Gleekia placed fourth in the 145 lbs class. Moving to the weight of 160 lbs Dylan Barnes placed fourth for his Lancers and Josh Bean finished first in the class of 182 lbs. Nicholas Walters placed second in the 195 lbs class.

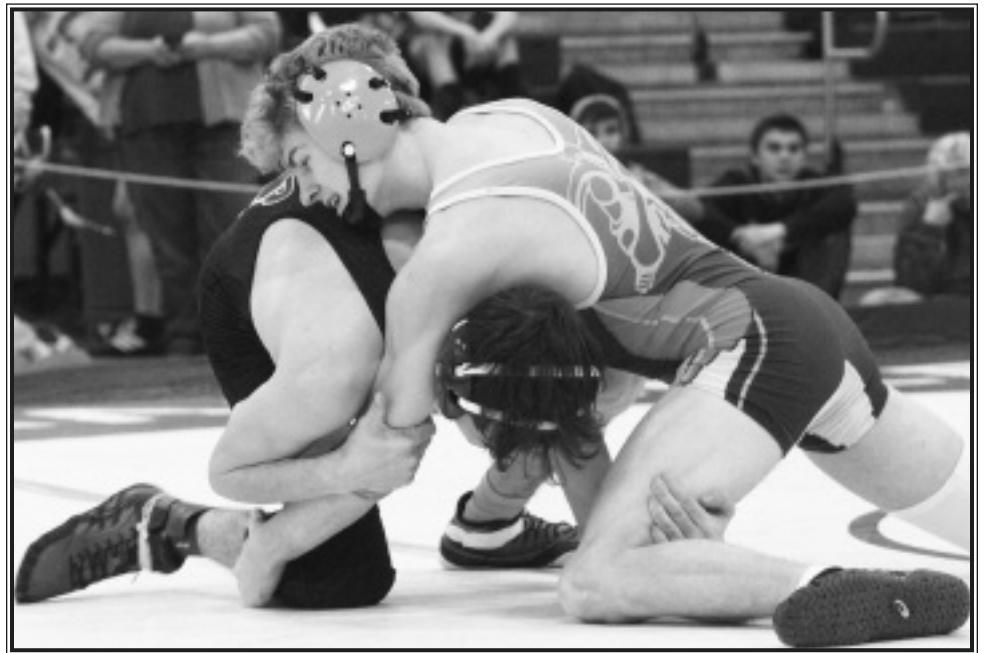
The LHS squad then headed to Massachusetts for the annual George Bossi Lowell Holiday Tournament that took place from Friday, Dec. 27 and Saturday Dec. 28. The tournament started for the Lancers with Michael Palma receiving a first round bye in the 106 lbs weight class. In round two Austin Monteiro of Minnechaug High School pinned Palma in one minute. For the second consolation round Palma was pinned by Billerica's Braxton Carbone in 1:58 showing on the clock. In the 126 lbs class Jack Donovan of Tewksbury pinned Lancer Andrew Quach in 4:48. For the class of 138 lbs in the first round Lancer Aiden O'Loughlin beat Brian Melvin of Catholic Memorial by a technical fall (4:12). In the second round O'Loughlin was beaten by Tewksbury's Connor Charon in 10-6 decision and then in the consolation round he was pinned by Bedford's Daniel Ethridge when the clock struck 4:29. In the 152 lbs weight class Jeffrey Kelly couldn't find his groove as he was pinned by Newtons Fritz Maurath in a quick 43 seconds. For the consolation round

Kelly was overcame by a pin again when Hopkinton's James Muzzy took him down in 54 seconds. Moving to the weight class of 160 lbs Dylan Barnes of Londonderry pinned Joesph Lewis of Boston College High in 1:12 and then Barnes got a taste of his own medicine when he was pinned by Gill Stawinski in a fast 36 seconds. For the second round consolation Barnes stepped up with a 2:25 minute pin over Axel Cabello of Goffstown and then he fell to Jaden Grigsby of Hope High School in a 8-2 decision.

In the 170 lbs weight class, Londonderry's Dante Bernardini was defeated by Tewksbury's Pat Fleming in a quick 47 second pin and he failed to get things rolling in the consolation round when he was pinned again by Mt. Anthony Union's Aoran Johnson in 1:59.

Josh Bean got things going for his Lancers in the 182 lbs class when he his first match against Salem in 2:26, then got another pin in the second round as he took down his Lowell opponent. In the consolation round, Bean lost in a forfeit to Springfield Central and was finished for the day. Nicholas Walter made it all the way to the sixth consolation round in the 195 lbs class, by pinning his first five opponents but unfortunately it resulted in a defeat when he was pinned by Griffin Ostrom of Merrimack in 1:14.

Lastly in the weight class of 285 lbs Lancer



Londonderry wrestler Aiden O'Loughlin took first place in the 138 lbs. weight class at the annual Holiday Tournament they hosted on Saturday, Dec. 21.

Samuel Choate was pinned quickly in 32 seconds to end the first round by Gregory Harris of Springfield Central. Choate then received a

bye in the first round of consolation and then he was overcame by Evan Glynos of Danvers in round two of consolation by a 4:55 pin.

Londonderry's next dual meet is scheduled for Wednesday Jan. 8 at home against Timberlane Regional High School.

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Gymnastics Team Takes First Place To Start Season

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Gymnastic team started their season off by taking first place in Plymouth on Friday, Dec. 20. The team's first place score of 124.2 outdistanced Goffstown High School's score of 118 and the Salem' Blue Devil's

115.7.

On the vault, Londonderry junior Ashley Griffin placed first with an 88.5 and freshman Ava Ruppel, junior Nikki Stone and sophomore Ella Houghton also had strong performances.

Moving to the bars, freshman Peyton Beime, Nikki Stone, Ashley Griffin, and Ella Houghton all had solid routines

according to head coach Heather Lennon.

On the beam Ashley Griffin came in third with a score of 8.0 and freshman Marlie Fitzgerald, senior Marissa McKay and Peyton Beime all contributed as well.

Ella Houghton placed first on the floor exercise with an 8.9 along with Beime, McKay, and Griffin performing solid routines. In the All Around Griffin placed third with a score of 32.15 and coach Lennon said they had lots of holes to fill with not a lot of time.

"With the snow we had two practices cancelled, and then to of our starters were out with injuries. Cassidy Williams and Sophie Hagymas." said Lennon.

Lennon knows her team is young, and that her players need to be

ready to step up at any time. "This year we have a very young team with only four upperclassmen and our underclassmen had to step up, which they absolutely did for this first meet. Getting a 124.2 is a very strong way to start the season." Lennon added.

The rest of the team consists of sophomores Makenna Lord, Quinn Brown, and Laura Brown. The freshmen added this year are: Lili MacDonald, Lilly Maher, Jess Bolduc, and Ava Seamen. "Our goal every year is to stay healthy, but our main goal this season is to "peak" at states and get our best team score of the season." Lennon went on to say.

Then on Saturday, Dec. 29, the Lancers traveled to Spaulding High School and compet-

ed against four other schools. The Lady Lancers came in a very close second place with a score of 125.35 as Pelham finished first with a final score of 125.9.

In the vault Nikki Stone placed second with an 8.4 and Sophie Hagymas, just cleared from a concussion, placed third in the bars with a score of 7.9.

Ella Houghton placed third in the balance beam with an 8.35 and on the floor she also placed third with an 8.6.

Also on the floor, Ashley Griffin came in second with an 8.7 and for the all around Houghton finished third with a score of 30.85.

Lennon knows the challenge for competing during the holiday break but doesn't make it an excuse, and knows her

team can do better. "Having a meet over Christmas vacation is always hard, especially since we only had one week between our first meet and this one," explained Lennon. "We definitely have room for improvement and we are still trying to figure out who will do best on which event." She was very happy to get one of her athletes back from injury to strengthen the squad in an event they struggle with. "Bars is always our weak event so we were very happy to have Sophie back even doing a watered down routine she still placed third."

The team has two weeks to prepare for their next meet, which is on Sunday Jan. 12 in Salem, as they will take on seven other high schools.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Dec. 16



Jasmine Brown
Senior, Swimmer

LHS Senior Swimmer Jazzy Brown qualified in both of her events before the holiday break, and according to her coach, has been really working hard on her technique to help contribute to the teams success.



Kevin Moscat
Sophomore, Swimmer

Kevin Moscat really working hard in practice and has been able to shave a lot of time from his efforts last season.

Student Athletes supplied by Athletic Department

Girls Hoops

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lot of great things."

Coach Theos also had high praise for senior Katie Sullivan. "One of the seniors Katie Sullivan makes a charge when the game seemed like it was getting away from us, but she turned it around so there were a lot of positives." The most significant place coach Theos saw for improvement was on the defensive side of the court. "Oh we fouled, we don't play good enough defense yet we got to work we got to play much better defense," said Theos.

When it comes to the teams mindset and what it's been so far this season he had nothing but great things to say. "These kids have been great so far attitudes have been great, work ethics been great they wanted to play a game. We haven't played a game yet this year so they were excited to get out and play a basketball game." Theos finished up saying.

Over the holiday break the Lady Lancer squad played in the Common Wealth Motors Christmas Tournament down in Methuen, Mass. They lost their first game against Andover 55-39 and won their second game over

North Andover 39-30.

In the first game against Andover, Ashley Rourke led the team with 13 points while Courtney Shay had 12. The Lady Lancers were down quick 16-7 after one quarter and still trailed 33-22 at the half. "We never really got our footing and we. Played them even at times but couldn't get over the hump." Said Head Coach Nick Theos.

In their 39-30 win over North Andover, Courtney Shay led with 16 points and Ashley Rourke followed with 12. The squad was down 11 points at the half and the second half was a "360 change" as Coach Theos put it. "We

got loose balls Sarah Clegg provided the spark we needed off the bench with defense and rebounding."

Kylee McGurn and Katie Sullivan provided key minutes in the second half by putting on the pressure and playing great defense. Londonderry outscored North Andover 27-7 in the second half and they ran the tempo. Ashley Rourke received the coaches award and Courtney Shay was named to the All-Tournament team.

The LHS teams next game is scheduled for Tuesday Jan. 3, at 7 p.m. as they will host Keene.

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Lancer Boys' Basketball Wins First Game in Tight Battle

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Boys' Varsity Basketball squad started its season with a trip to Windham High School on Friday, Dec. 20, and won their first game of the season 60-58 over the Jaguars. Alex Tsetsilas put together nice game scoring 19 points along with Cole Keegan who scored 16 points and playing excellent defense, as his coach put it, by holding Windham's best player Joey DaSilva to only 11 points. Jackson Cox was

also putting together a nice game, scoring 10 points, until he fouled out before the second half of the game.

Head coach Nate Stanton said Zach Fawcett played a great game defensively coming off the bench for the squad. Wil Reyes and Mike Rosatano left the game due to injuries, but Jake Ruppel stepped up big coming off the bench, as he nailed the tie breaking shot from the corner to put the Lancers up by two points late in the game.

The team has already faced many problems in

just their first game of the year, but coach Stanton was very proud of his boys. "We had a lot of adversity on game one of the season and I am proud of how the team overcame it," said Stanton.

"Different guys stepped up at different times, and that's what great teams do." He senses that his team knows what they have to do in order to be successful, and they're ready to put the work in. "We have a lot of work to do and I think every player understands they have a role and always

need to be ready," Stanton continued. Even though they got the win, and played hard, coach isn't pleased and sees a significant amount of room for improvement. "We shot 15-30 from the foul line, we need to get in basketball shape and hit our foul shots," Stanton added.

After the holiday, the Lancers boys' competed in the Common Wealth Christmas Tournament in Methuen, Mass where they made it to the championship game, where they suffered a lopsided loss, 90-56 to Lawrence High School.

Their the Lancers first game, they faced Andover High School and was able to squeeze by with a 55-53 win. Mike Rosatano led his team with 12 points while Cole Keegan had 12 as well, Alex Tsetilas 10, and Jackson Cox contributed with ten points. Coach Stanton said Luke Marsh was great for the squad with his exceptional defense on Andover's six foot seven Cammann. He held him to only seven points and two made field goals.

As for the championship game against Lawrence, there was

some individual success stories. Luke Marsh had himself a game, by dropping 15 points to lead his team, along with Alex Tsetsilas scoring 14 points. Marsh was awarded the coaches award and Tsetsilas was elected to the All-Tournament team. Even though it was a large deficit Londonderry had coach Stanton thinks it'll make his team stronger for the long run. "They will be fine, that type of atmosphere and competition this early in the season will only get us better," said Stanton.

Lancer Varsity Hockey Off to Great Start of New Season

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Varsity Hockey team got off to an exceptional start by winning their season opener against Manchester Memorial High School 6-1 at Tri-Town Ice Center in Hooksett on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

In that game, the Lancers started scoring early, as they scored at the 11:24 minute mark in the first period. Freshman Sam Neville scored the first goal and was assisted by sophomore Noah Malcom and senior Joesph Stowell.

Memorial responded quickly and scored a goal of their own a couple minutes later. Both teams were very physical exchanging hip checks throughout the

game while fighting for the puck.

After several minutes of the Lancers firing at the Manchester goal, with sophomore Brandon Savage was able to find the back of the net for the team's second goal assisted by Malcom and Sam Neville.

Londonderry obtained most of the possession with the puck and their defense was great as they rarely allowed Manchester Memorial to get a shot off. As the first period wound down, sophomore Matthew Palmer scored with senior Kyle Hamilton and sophomore Jack Beirne assisting leaving a 3-1 Lancers lead after one period.

The second period started with a fast goal by Londonderry just 30 seconds in, scored by

senior Nicholas Pitarys and assisted by junior Zachary Rheault. They continued to rip shots at the Manchester Memorial goalie and played great defense since they held Memorial scoreless in the second period. Another goal was scored by Londonderry at the 3:54 minute mark scored by Stowell and senior Samuel Seibert and junior Connor Paiton assisted on the play. Londonderry led 5-1 heading into the last period.

The Lancers continued their solid defense in the third, and were able to zip another shot by the goalie to take a commanding 6-1 lead. Paiton scored on a beautiful unassisted goal and the squad went on to beat Manchester Memorial 6-1.

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Head coach Peter Bedford thought his team played well with all the missed time they dealt with prior to the game. "I think with our shortened week of try-outs also with the snow and missed practices I think that's reasonably well," said Bedford. He was pleased with his defense, but see's room for improvement. "I like the fact that they know when to control the puck, they turned it over a couple times in bad locations that we want to clean up but they're balanced, they hold the blue line well, I think we have a good core group that are competing and obviously protecting the front of the net." Coach wants to see improve-

ment with his teams forechecking, but didn't take away how well one of his lines played. "I had one line that really hemmed them in well, they were just honest and hard about it they were on the scoresheet three times, so out of the six goals that's not a bad thing to see," Bedford added.

The Lancers played their second game of the season on Saturday, Dec. 21, and lost in close contest, 3-2 to Bedford High School at St. A's. The LHS boys trailed the Bulldogs 2-1 after the first period

and were then able to tie it up in the second, but Bedford was able to answer back in the third period and held on to the 3-2 lead.

Then, over the Christmas break, the Lancer Hockey squad traveled to the IceCenter in Salem for the annual Tuscan Kitchen Holiday Classic. In game one, they faced Thornton Academy and managed a 4-3 win. In the second game, LHS came up two goals shy of Belmont, losing 3-1. The third game went Londonderry's way as they beat Windham 4-1.



LONDONDERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Londonderry School District School Board/SAU 12 School Board will conduct a public hearing on the Proposed FY2020-2021 School District General Fund Operating Budget and all other warrant articles at the Londonderry Town Office, Moose Hill Conference Room, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, New Hampshire, on Thursday, January 16, 2020, at 7:00PM. The public is invited to attend.



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- One (1) Member of the School Board – 3 year term

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At the start of each week, the Leach library will provide supplies for a new, creative craft and place them in the box on the spotlight shelf for patrons to create. A new craft may be picked up each week starting at 9 a.m. on Monday Jan. 6 and Jan. 13, Tuesday Jan. 21, and Monday, Jan. 27, and will be available until 5 p.m. each Saturday.

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of the answer, use one of our books or the Internet to help you. All answers will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a cool prize. A new trivia challenge will be available each week starting at 9 a.m. on Monday Jan. 6 and Jan. 13, Tuesday Jan. 21, and Monday Jan. 27, and will be available until 5 p.m. each Saturday.

Alejandro's Olde Tyme Magik

Come to the Leach Library on Monday, Jan. 6 from 4 - 5 p.m. to enjoy Alejandro's Olde Tyme Magik. Prepare to be amazed by his remarkable magic tricks and delighted by his humor. This exciting program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. This program is being sponsored by The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library. To register, stop by the Children's Room or call 432-1127.

A Long Winter Nap

Come to the Leach Library on Monday, Jan. 27 from 4 - 5 p.m. to learn about how some animals spend their cold winter months. Listen to stories about hibernation and find out which animals sleep for the winter months and which go someplace warmer. In addition, we'll learn a song about hibernation and help a bear find his cozy cave in time for the winter. At the end of the program, each participant will receive a cute and cuddly stuffed bear. 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. 21.

Lions Club Tree Sale

The Lions will be selling Christmas Tree started Wednesdays thru Fridays 4 - 8 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. At the Londonderry Lions Hall, Mammoth Rd.,

across from the town common. The Lions Club tree sales help with their efforts to support the community with Eye Care, Scholarships for high school seniors, and much more.

Parent & Caregiver Café

Raising a Teenager? The Upper Room holds a Parent & Caregiver Café (PaCC) Thursdays 6 to 7:30 p.m., located at 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. A free resource for parents, grandparents and caregivers rising teens. Discuss your concerns and learn strategies. New topics are introduced weekly. Drop-ins welcome.

Vaping and Your Health

The Upper Room, at 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry, will hold a Vaping and Your Health Workshop for Teens on the 1st Tuesday of the Month, 3 - 4:30 p.m. Teens will learn the risks of vaping and how it affects brain development, behavior and health as well as how to break the habit and replace it with healthier options.

Teen Talk

The Upper Room, at 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry, will hold a Teen Talk (TT) for ages 13-18: Every Tuesday from 3 - 4 p.m. An after school group for teens to talk, connect, relate and support each other. Drop-ins are welcome.

TIPS

The Upper Room holds TIPS (Teen Information for Parenting Success) a Support Program for young parents up to age 23. Every Wednesday from 5 - 7 p.m., at 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. Get in-school support, workshops, baby/toddler supplies, resources and a place to talk share and learn.

Library Hours

Leach Library December are Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The library will be closed on Monday, Jan. 20, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Town Seeks Volunteers for Old Home Day

Attention Londonderry residents: We need YOU to help us continue our longstanding and beloved Old Home Day celebration! For many years, a small group of volunteers has put on an outstanding Old Home Day celebration, BUT those folks are stepping down and we need new volunteers to

keep it going. PLEASE consider joining the Old Home Day Task Force which the Town Council would like to create to foster the transition from the old to the new! There are so many activities you can work on- Kidz Night, the Parade, etc.- come one, come all! To indicate your interest, please contact Kirby Brown at kbrown@londonderry.nh.org. We know our Town will step up!

Early Childhood Educator Workshops

Co-Parenting for Educators Jan. 7, 6:30 - 8 p.m., at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. Learn how to help keep children as the focus when divorced, separated, relative and multiple caregiver families don't share similar views and values.

Craft Time

Children of all ages are invited on Wednesdays from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. to explore their creative side at the Leach Library. Each week, participants will discover a different fun craft to make using a variety of materials. Advance registration is required. Meeting dates are: Jan. 8, 15.

Toddler Time

Open to children ages 2 & 3 at the Leah Library. Children attend with their parents and enjoy a fun half-hour of thematic stories, games, songs and a simple craft. Meets on Thursdays, 9:30 - 10 a.m. Advance registration is required. Meeting dates are: Jan. 9, Jan 16.

Romping Reads

An energetic half-hour program, Romping Reads, open to participants of all ages at the Leach Library. Each week, participants will have a romping good time with songs, interactive stories, and a game. Move and groove with friends old and new on Wednesdays from 4:15 - 4:45 p.m. Advance registration is required. Meeting dates are: Jan. 8, and 15.

Londonderry Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on Jan. 3, From 6 - 7 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency (Passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers), Proof of age and 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. For more information contact: Kristin Grages Chair, Supervisors of the Checklist Town of Londonderry 603-432-1100, ext 198

Transitions Support

The Upper Room offers Transitions support for young adults ages 18-25. Learn how to manage the "overwhelming" in a healthy way for you. We offer workshops, and 1:1 support, groups. For an appointment, call (603) 437-8477 ext. 24.

Child Find Program

Free Community Child Find Program for all Londonderry residents ages two 1/2 - five years, 11 months (5.11) Of Age, who are suspected of having vision or hearing problems or developmental concerns. Child Find will be held at the Londonderry early education program (L.E.E.P.) Moose Hill School - 150 Pillsbury Rd., on Feb. 6, and April 2. We encourage parents of preschoolers to set up an appointment if they have any concerns. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call: Kathy Kelley 437-5855, Ext. 7223, between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No Child Will Be Seen Without An Appointment. For children birth to 2.5 years old, please contact Beth Warner at The Moore Center 603-206-2732 or Lynne Thomas at Easter Seals 603.666.5982 Ext. 34. Both providers are connected with family centered early supports & services.

Evolve!

A group for young woman ages 13 to 18 to talk about today's challenges meets every Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. To register, Call 437-8477 to register ext. 16.

Bingo

The Londonderry Senior Center at 535 Mammoth Road in Londonderry, has Bingo every Tues-

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day, Wednesday and Thursday from 12 p.m. to 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.

Transitions Young Adult Strategies

A new group where young adults can talk about things that are challenging meets every Thursday from 6 - 7 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. Drop ins welcome. Call 437-8477 to register ext. 24 for more

information/options for dates and times.

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 Rd., 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.

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 Rd., Bed-

ford. 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 New Hampshire meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at Londonderry Presbyterian Church at 128 Pillsbury Rd., Lon-

donderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

Walk with Me

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Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Friday - Dec. 20

9:13 a.m. Sudden Death investigated by four officers on Pinyon Place.

11:08 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with services on Cheshire Court.

11:58 a.m. Services rendered during suspicious activity on Sherwood Road.

4:34 p.m. Three officers assist Londonderry Fire Dept. on Fieldstone Drive. Vehicle Towed.

9:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop results in an arrest

made on Bancroft Road at Mammoth Road. Three officers charge Nichole Laczynski, 39, of Londonderry with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

9:35 p.m. Motor vehicle stop results in arrest made on Harvey Road at Pettengill Road. Daniel Wells, 57, of Hampstead charged with Driving Under the Influence of Drugs or Liquor.

Saturday - Dec. 21
1:03 a.m. Assisted Derry

Police with services at The Stumble Inn on Rockingham Road.

1:24 a.m. Four officers assist N.H. State Police with services on Whittemore Road.

12:23 p.m. Motor vehicle stop results in arrest on Raymond Wieczorek Drive. Kurt Corman, 38, of Nashua Arrested on two Bench Warranta and Driving after Revoked/Suspended Licence.

11:41 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on

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Quincy Road.

Sunday - Dec. 22

10:32 a.m. Suspicious Activity on Shasta Drive at Nutfield Country Store.

5:49 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Chase Road.

7:39 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Observatory Avenue, Haverhill, Mass. Cheryl Zuccola, 59, Haverhill, Mass. charged with Identity Fraud; and Conspiracy.

8:51 p.m. Five officers respond to a disturbance on Rockingham Road resulting in transportation to hospital.

Monday - Dec. 23

7:08 a.m. Drug Offenses Services Rendered T O'Reilly Auto on Garden Lane.

7:59 a.m. Services rendered for Animal Control

on Stonehenge Road.

2:06 p.m. Services rendered in Keeping The Peace on Coteville Road.

4:02 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Woodcrest Drive. Louis Pirolli, 60, of Londonderry charged with Theft by Unauthorized Taking under \$1,000.

6:36 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace at U.S. Post Office on Nashua Road.

8:40 p.m. Six officers respond to attempted Suicide and make Arrest on Winding Pond Road. Michael Greco, 18, of Londonderry charged with Criminal Mischief.

8:47 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Partridge Lane.

Tuesday - Dec. 24

1:03 a.m. Four officers respond to attempted suicide on Ridgemont Drive.

9:55 a.m. Four officers

rendered services for Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

2:08 p.m. Three officers rendered services for Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

3:49 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated by four officers on Kelly Avenue.

Wednesday - Dec. 25

12:28 a.m. Welfare Check investigated by three officers on Pinyon Place.

1:46 a.m. Response by three officers to Medical Emergency on Trolley Car Lane results in transport to hospital.

5:54 a.m. Drug Offenses investigated on Nashua Road at Shell Food Mart.

1:46 p.m. Response by four officers to Alarm/Hold-up results in an arrest made on Symmes Drive.

8:08 p.m. Sudden Death investigated by five officers on Norwich Place.

9:21 p.m. Missing Person investigated on Foxglove Street.

Thursday - Dec. 26

11:36 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Cote Lane. Kyle Brooks, 27, arrested for a Bench Warrant.

5:44 p.m. Four officers assisted Londonderry Fire Dept on Rockingham Road.

5:45 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Fieldstone Drive.

9:30 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated at Cinema 12 Theater on Orchard View Drive

Friday - Dec. 27

5:05 a.m. Welfare Check performed on Conifer Place.

8:05 a.m. Services rendered for Trespassing on Royal Lane.

10:27 a.m. Services rendered for Domestic Disturbance at Sleep Inn on

Perkins Road.

1:56 p.m. Ten officers investigate a report of a Missing Person on Pine Hollow Drive.

5 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Constitution Drive.

6:29 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Sherwood Road. Camryn Lantz, 18, of Londonderry charged with five counts of Simple Assault; and Drug/Underage Alcohol Party.

7:06 p.m. Arrest made, by four officers, after a report of trespassing at RMZ Truck Stop on Rockingham Road. Maria Vallee, 37, of Sanbornton arrested on a Bench Warrant and for Forgery of a Government Instrument (Check, etc.).

Saturday - Dec. 28

12:44 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Range Road, Windham. Case Foster, 19, of Windham charged with

Disorderly Conduct; and Simple Assault.

3:57 p.m. Three officers respond to a house alarm on King George Drive.

5:24 p.m. Assisted Derry Police Dept. on Old Derry Road.

Sunday - Dec. 29

10:50 a.m. Sudden Death investigated by four officers on Rockingham Road.

1:20 p.m. Services rendered during suspicious activity on High Range Road.

5:27 p.m. Peace restored after Juvenile Offenses on Rolling Ridge Road.

6:38 p.m. Disturbance investigated by three officers on Windsor Blvd.

6:46 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Mammoth Road.

7:01 p.m. Services Rendered for Disorderly Conduct at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

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counters and furniture can be inhaled if used in sprays and can enter the groundwater if flushed down the toilet or washed down a sink drain. Many common household products, such as baking powder, vinegar and lemon juice, can be used to make nontoxic cleaners at home. For the following recipes, feel free to add a few drops of your favorite essential oils; tea tree is an excellent disinfectant

and works well in cleaning products.

Kitchen: Using dangerous chemicals in the kitchen could lead to these environmentally unfriendly products contaminating your food. For no granite countertops, mix equal parts water and vinegar to make a versatile, all-purpose cleaner. If you have a granite or stone countertop, some water and soap should do the trick. Keep in mind

that soapstone countertops will absorb whatever cleaning solutions you use. To clean your refrigerator, add a half-cup of baking soda to a bucket of hot water, and then use a rag to wipe down the inside. And if you don't already have castile soap, now is the time to get some. If you don't like the smell of vinegar, you can make an alternative all-purpose cleaner by combining two teaspoons of baking soda, one teaspoon of castile soap and one and a half cups of water in a spray bottle. To make effective chemical-free dish soap, mix one cup of castile soap with three tablespoons of water. To sanitize wood and plastic cutting boards, simply run half of a lemon across the surface, allow it to soak the lemon up for 10 minutes and then rinse. And when you're done with the lemon, toss it in your garbage disposal to keep it smelling fresh.

Bathroom: For your daily toilet or shower scrub, mix equal parts

water and vinegar in a spray bottle. Spray, let it sit and rinse after a few minutes. To get rid of mildew, spray white vinegar onto the problem spot and wait for thirty minutes before scrubbing. If this does not work, try mixing baking soda with castile soap and scrubbing it away. Hand soap is easily made with a foaming dispenser. Just fill a fifth of the dispenser with soap and the rest with water. Don't forget your favorite essential oils!

Floors: For a tile or wood floor, mix one part vinegar with two parts water in a bucket and clean normally. Sprinkling some baking powder soda on the spot, waiting five minutes and then vacuuming the area can easily clean rugs. Water and vinegar is also a good way to get stains out of carpets. Make sure to let the vinegar sit on the stain before cleaning. This recipe also works for upholstery stains. Blot dry with paper towels after applying a small amount

of water and vinegar.

Other: For windows and mirrors, combine one-part white vinegar with four parts water, and then use a sponge or rag to scrub away. If you don't like the smell of the vinegar, place a bay leaf in the bottle and let it sit in your refrigerator for 48 hours; the smell will be greatly reduced. Air fresheners are super easy to make, too! Baking soda or vinegar with lemon juice in bowls around your house will work well. For a more springtime smell, poke cloves into an orange and let it sit on your windowsill. For furniture polish, mix vegetable oil, lemon oil (or juice) and vinegar in a small bottle; it also works well on wooden salad bowls!

More DIY recipes can also be found on the Alternative Household Products des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/factsheets/co/documents/co-24.pdf fact sheet.

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Around Town

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Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m., at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

UR Parents

A weekly Resource group for parents, grandparents and caregivers raising teens meets every Thursday, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd., Derry. This is a free weekly group.

Drop ins welcome.'

IPS

The Upper Room offers Teen Information for Parenting Success for young parents ages 13-23, Wednesdays 5 - 7 p.m. A weekly support program for young parents to talk, listen, learn and be accepted. Childcare available. To register, call (603) 437-8477 ext. 12.

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

Women's Writing Group

Derry Women's Creative writing group meets the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at the Derry public Library at 6:30 p.m.



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