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Burn Voyage

The Boys Scouts of Troop 521 spent much of Saturday, Jan. 4 collecting Christmas Trees at Mack's Apples Farm Stand. Shortly after sunset, the pile of nearly 400 trees was set ablaze, signaling the end of the Christmas season in town.

Photo by Chris Paul

Council Approves Fire Donation, Town's Assistance Allocation

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the Dec. 16 Town Council meeting, Fire Chief Darren O'Brien came forward to discuss a resolution relative to the acceptance of unanticipated revenues. This was for a donation from a local business for

the Fire Department to use accordingly.

Chief O'Brien told the councilors, "Back on Oct. 10 I was contacted by the Crossroads Animal Hospital via Traci who is one of the managers down at the vet hospital who said they were looking to hold a fundraiser to benefit

something that we may be looking for help with at the Fire Department."

O'Brien continued his story, "I contacted my administrative assistant, Susan Roy - who is big on volunteering for different animal organizations around town and in the

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Londonderry Police Praise Achievements, Welcome New

CHRIS PAUL
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Just before families went off to enjoy the Christmas holiday, the Londonderry Police Department honored those on the force for their accomplishments, during the annual award and recognition ceremony at the station's conference room.

About 30 officers lined the walls of the room with many of their family and friends filling the seats at the venue.

Police Sergeant Chris Olson welcomed those attending the ceremony and invited Chief of Police, William Hart, to swear in the department's latest hires, Officers Tyler MacDonald, Muzafer Aku,

Cameron Verrier and Anthony Marciano.

Hart started by saying, "What we like to do is involve the families in the process. You really can't do this job, without the support of your family." With that, he welcomed the new officers as well as those family members in attendance that evening.

Town Manager Kevin Smith welcomed the four new officers with an ordinance from the town. Hart then presented them with a book 'Make Your Bed' by William McRaven and their police badges, followed by officially swearing the new officers in with their oath.

Hart then promoted Detective Christopher Olson to Sergeant as his

wife and three children surrounded him.

Next, Londonderry's new K-9 handler was introduced, Officer Rafael Ribeiro and his dog Ammo were recognized during a short introduction. Ammo was recently certified and has been trained in Searching, Criminal Acquisition, Tracking and Handler Protection.

The Department also recognized business owner Patrick Iarrobino for his lifesaving actions earlier in the month when he helped a telephone lineman who collapsed from a heart attack.

Janet Stone was awarded a letter of recognition for her work in

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Solar Project at Landfill Site May Move Power Out of State

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In April 2018, the Londonderry Town Council agreed to a 40-year land lease with Granite Apollo Energy, a solar power company now owned by Olivewood Energy. The lease is to support a solar power project that will be located at the former Londonderry town dump off Auburn road. This land was an EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) Superfund cleanup site that has been cleaned up and sealed after the landfill area was shut down in 1996. The solar project is expected to use 90 acres

initially and may eventually scale up to the full 200 acres of property area.

The town is projected to collect \$200,000 each year for their lease arrangement with Olivewood that will support certain revenue increases every five years. That tax money will be helpful to offset property taxes that have recently gone up and as residential tax monies appear to be overtaking commercial tax revenues.

However, Londonderry itself won't get lower cost renewable energy power from this solar

project unless it works something out with Olivewood.

When the lease deal was reached with the Town — Town Manager, Kevin Smith pointed out, "(The landfill) hasn't been generating any tax dollars, so it's a great reuse of it, now we'll be

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Londonderry's Central Fire Station Nearing Completion

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In 1978 Londonderry had a population of about 10,000 residents compared to nearly 3 times that amount today. It was in that year a group of firefighters and community volunteers built much of Central Fire Station on Mammoth Road — located now next to the Leach Library and Town Hall — for about \$150,000. In fact, at that time, those firefighters were fighting fires, helping in emergency situations and building this firehouse from scratch in their “spare” time.

And that Central Fire Station— named in 2008 for former Fire Chief David Hicks — has now been transformed into an up-to-date station with appropriate technology that enables more efficient, productive fire-rescue operations that can meet Londonderry's continued population growth. In March of 2018 town taxpayers, at a cost of \$6.4 Million dollars, approved this updated central station project.

Londonderry Fire Chief, Darren O'Brien, and

his Fire Department team worked many months to plan and support the renovation of the older station with a mission to provision a highly functional design that would best suit the town's needs at the current property at 280 Mammoth Road. The entire project was designed to enable the station to stay current into the future.

Battalion Chief, Kevin Zins, has been a primary project manager for the station's renovation and expansion efforts, and he told us, “One of the goals for building the new station was to future proof the station as much as possible. Although the cost of the station construction may seem high to some, the plan was to build a station that would fit with Londonderry's growth and that includes some of the new housing developments, such as Woodmont, that are being added to the town and add a lot more buildings and people to our town.”

Zins said, “And some of our residents may not realize that Londonderry is the Fire Department resource for the Manches-

ter-Boston Regional Airport. While that area is served primarily by our north fire station, we also needed to update some of the central station infrastructure and systems to insure we could expand support for all of our present and future constituents safely and efficiently.”

The Londonderry Fire Department also covers dispatch communications for the Towns of Pelham and Hampstead. Each of these Towns compensates Londonderry for these services. The new communications dispatching infrastructure and technology is a self-contained layout within the new station and could be expanded to cover dispatch for additional areas of NH or certain large-scale emergencies, if appropriate. The new training room area at the station can now handle a large group of people and is set up with updated data and media infrastructure to insure the department can connect with the best training resources.

Today the new Londonderry Fire Station stands in place of the old one — though the plan that was executed for the new building includes walls from the old station

to preserve not only historic awareness, but was also done to support the budget process. Although much of the construction work for the station has been completed, the final building completion is expected by late spring and that will include the operations center and suitable living areas for those firefighters on duty.

Chief Zins says that operations and living area will be welcomed as currently firefighters on duty are living in conference rooms and using some of the administrative offices space and the training room. Zins said, “Even as we wait for the new living and operations areas with our kitchen and bunks to be completed, this current situation is better than the old station, where all the equipment and all the on duty firefighters were overcrowded for daily living and operations. Today we have 5 of our on-duty staff living here during their work time and we will be able to add more on duty staff if appropriate in the future.”

The new station garage areas now properly fit all the fire, EMS and other vehicles inside. The old station only worked with certain sized vehicles and sometimes the fit



The Londonderry Fire Department displays a special 9/11 Memorial in the Main Lobby of the new firestation, it will be set up outside later in the year. Photo by Mack Leathurby

was so tight with the old station roof, vehicle spaces had to prepped to get them to fit inside.

The new station also provides environmentally safer and efficient garage areas that are able to deal with toxic fumes and such — and these areas support appropriate vehicle sensor systems that are helpful to keep all the equipment ready to save lives. There are new HVAC infrastructure systems for the building that replace older systems that will

also significantly reduce the per square-foot operating costs for the new station.

The new station now has a decontamination room that can save our fire fighters from prolonged exposures to toxic fumes and more. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health conducted a study that determined that fire fighters showed higher rates of certain types of cancer than the general U.S. population and this new area will hopefully help our fire fighters to lead longer lives.

A piece of steel from the World Trade Center is currently located in the new fire station lobby and honors the memory of a New York City firefighters killed in the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks. This steel from the wreckage has been engraved with “WTC 9/11” and “NEVERFORGET” and is organized with related pieces in a memorial setting. The intention of the fire department is to construct an outdoor area later this year near the entrance of the new station building that will provide a special area for people to observe this memorial.

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Annual Musquash Field Day Features Considine Trail Dedication

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Every winter members of the Londonderry Conservation Commission, now led by Chair Marge Badois, invite folks from all over the scenic NH countryside to come enjoy wintertime fun and its beauty at one of the town's most picturesque properties. This year, the annual Musquash Field Day is set for Saturday, Feb. 15, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. People can meet up at the beginning of the event near the entrance to the Musquash area off Hickory Hill Drive.

There will be a guided walk (about 45-60 minutes long) beginning at 11 a.m. at the Landing Trail area that is approximately 1/2 a mile in from the Hickory

Hill entrance. The walk will incorporate the Shoots and Ladders Trail, where the commission will dedicate this trail to Mike Considine, for all of his hard work and devotion in making the Musquash what it is today. Mike was a long-time conservation commissioner who passed away this past year. Mike was an avid mountain biker and very dedicated to the Musquash Conservation Area.

This is the 30th annual Musquash Field Day Event, and Commission Chair Badois says, "Last year this event broke attendance records and so we hope to see even more people out enjoying this scenic area again this year. The Musquash Field Day is a dog-friendly and

kid friendly event so bring the family."

Badois adds, "Weather permitting, Eastern Mountain Sports has generously offered to provide snowshoes for anyone to borrow - to give them a try. The event always finds folks who come for cross country skiing, fat tire biking or just plain hiking on the trails even during this time of year."

Folks can explore some new or old trails on snowshoes, skinny skis or on their mountain bikes. This is an event where you can learn about winter botany and find out more about the local area wildlife.

Complimentary refreshments will be served around an open fire at the Landing Trail gathering

spot. There will be hot dogs, cookies, hot cocoa, s'mores and more that everyone can enjoy while hanging around the campfire. Conservation commissioners will be at the Landing and leading the walk to answer any questions about the area during this event.

The Musquash Conservation Area was officially founded as a conservation area in Londonderry in 1979. It is a large wooded area - now with of over 1000 acres that support around 10.5 miles of managed trails. This conservation property, located in West-Central Londonderry, is owned by the Town and consists of numerous wetlands including Musquash Swamp. The Musquash is

the largest single recreational area in town and the trail system consists of single and double track paths along with a gated access dirt road entrance way. There are some side trails within the area that even lead into Litchfield and the Litchfield State Forest.

The area terrain consists of some rolling hills with some short but steep grades and many - though not all - of the potentially muddy sections of Musquash have boardwalks integrated within the trails. While the area can be muddy especially during times of heavy rain, when there is decent snow, it is joyful place for cross country skiing and snowshoeing as the trails in the area are very well

marked and color coded.

When the town officially established this property for recreation, town officials envisioned the Musquash Conservation Area as a special place for local folks to enjoy nature. The Musquash is also an important NH land area that is a critical habitat with abundant wildlife.

Musquash Field Day is a great, family-friendly event to get folks out into the fresh winter air and into the largest conservation area in Londonderry, so please come out and join the Londonderry Conservation Commission for some good times and winter fun. The Commission and all local advocates of the Musquash hope to see you there!

Town Council To Hold Final Public Hearing on Budget

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Time is running out for residents to question the town's operating budget, as the last Public Hearing on the Town Budget will be held on Monday, Jan. 20 at Town Hall beginning at 7 p.m. After that date, the Town Council will make their recommendations for the Warrent Articles to be presented at the Deliberative Session. The date for the Town Deliberative will be on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 9 a.m.

The deadline for filing a citizen petition is Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 5 p.m., and the date to file to run for office starts on Wednesday, Jan. 22 and ends on Friday, Jan. 31 at 5 p.m.

Currently, there are currently 27 articles that will effect the town tax rate. A brief synopsis fol-

lows.

Article 1 is the Election of Officers

Article 2: the Operating Budget: \$37,613,435. Less Revenues from Various sources of \$16,973,786.

Leaving a net of: \$20,639,649.

Article 3: Supplemental Operating Budget currently totals \$153,005\$

Article 4: To Establish Police Detail Revolving Fund of \$103,476 which will be taken from the Town's Undesignated Fund Balance.

Article 5: Dissolve Police Details Special Revenue Fund Contingent on Article 4. \$0 to be raised.

Article 6: Special Revenue Fund - Police Details \$533,906 - Less: Offsetting revenues of \$533,906. Leaving \$0 to be raised

Article 7: Accept and Expend State Shared Rev-

enue: \$265,553. - Less: Revenue Given to Town by State of 265,553.- Leaving \$0 to be raised.

Article 8: Roadway Maintenance Trust Fund: Total of \$650,000.

Article 9: Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund: Total of \$180,000

Article 10: Capital Reserve Funding - Geographic Information Systems: Total of \$28,000.

Article 11: Capital Reserve Funding - Pillsbury Cemetery Expansion: Total of \$75,000.

Article 12: Capital

Reserve Funding - Cemeteries: \$20,000 which will be taken from the Town's Undesignated Fund Balance.

Article 13: Capital Reserve Funding - Fire Department Equipment: \$100,000. Less: \$50,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance, leaving \$50,000 total.

Article 14: Capital Reserve Funding - Cable Equipment: \$32,500. Less: Revenue from PEG Access Capital Funding of \$32,500. Leaving \$0 to be raised.

Article 15: To Establish

and Fund Recreation CRF of \$15,000, Less: Undesignated Fund Balance, amount of \$15,000. Leaving \$0 to be raised.

Article 16: Department of Public Works Leases (Three Vehicles): Total of \$53,115.

Article 17: Town Hall

Parking Lot Paving: \$265,000. Less \$265,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance. Leaving \$0 to be raised.

There are also another 10 articles that will be discussed on various union contracts that are still being negotiated.

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Editorial

King's Dream Today

January 20 is set aside to honor the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a man known for his historic "I Have a Dream" speech made 57 years ago in August. It was a moment that would forever change the United States of America.

After the historic March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, King stood before a sea of 250,000 people gathered below the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. He rose to the occasion, departing from his prepared speech to deliver a passionate message, words that would become the most pivotal and signature moment of the civil rights movement. King used his spirit and exceptional speaking skills to prompt United States citizens to begin transforming their views on race. Though there have been strides made since, sadly his dream is not yet fully realized.

King set in motion the forces for change. So long as there are more of us who believe in this change, this dream for equality and acceptance can still be realized. Unlike a lot of the influencers of today's political climate, King did not necessarily want to be the center of attention. In fact, the spotlight made him quite uncomfortable, but he did whatever was needed to propel the movement. King made every effort to let his message be the focus, not himself. Having a background as a preacher, this humility helped him understand that a lesson should have more substance than style.

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

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

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

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

Letters

Irreversible Hometown Changes Taking Place

To the editor,

In August of 2018, I said goodbye to Londonderry after 18 years of calling it my home. I had spent my entire life here and leaving was even more difficult than I had anticipated. I reassured myself that I wasn't saying farewell forever by leaving for college; Londonderry would always be here for me to return to. My friends, my family, my mentors – the community that raised me – weren't going anywhere. I could always return and feel at home.

Less than two years later, I'm realizing this isn't true. I anticipated some of the change: my mom downsizing from our old home, heightened difficulty reuniting with friends as a result of our busy lives, and other expected, albeit not comforting, alterations. What I wasn't prepared for was the nature of my town to be upended. I have yet to come back without a forest being clear-cut, a new tower of apartments erected, or a completely synthetic cul-de-sac screaming suburbia replacing the trails where I used to run cross country. The Londonderry I cherished is drifting out of existence.

I believe the economic success Londonderry has bolstered in recent years is extraordinary, but the toll it has taken on the nature of our community is irreversible. Londonderry has always fostered small businesses and entrepreneurial opportunity, and it has done so in an elegant way which contributes to our town's aesthetic. The recent developments have completely rerouted the course of our community.

I hosted a friend from college over my fall break. She was confused as I gave her the Londonderry tour. I had always described Londonderry as a quaint town centered around its apple orchards and unparalleled community. A disheveled lot where an apple orchard once stood, machines uprooting the stumps of trees too old to replace, and dump trucks hauling in supplies for yet another apartment complex don't scream "close-knit, vibrant community, set in a landscape of protected forests and farms," which yield a "superior quality of life," as our town's master plan suggests. These aspects, and many others, directly contradict this vision. Why would I or any of my classmates desire to come "home" to this? I urge those with authority and oversight to remember what makes our town so astounding and distinct. We all want Londonderry to be a nurturing community, one fit to raise a family in, one which other towns envy. I love Londonderry and am forever grateful for all it has given me, but rather than rejoicing every time I come home, I find myself on the verge of tears, fearing the direction in which it's headed.

Sincerely,
Jeff Cieslikowski
Londonderry
Class of 2018

A Message from the President of Trailways

To the editor,

My name is Bob Rimol and in 2019, I became the President of Londonderry Trailways. First, I would like to thank Bob Saur, our past president for all his hard work and accomplishments over the

years. Bob continues to serve on our Board and remains as dedicated as ever to Trailways objectives and tasks.

In my new role as president, I have several goals to continue fulfilling our mission statement: "Our mission is to develop a network of safe bike/walk routes throughout Londonderry that connect neighborhoods, schools, businesses, recreational facilities and points of interest, in order to encourage recreation, exercise, reduce automobile use and create a greater sense of community." These goals include:

1. Continue with our main goal of completing the Londonderry Rail Trail.

2. Begin to refocus our other efforts on both trail development and trail maintenance to other trails around town.

3. Collaborate and partner with the Conservation Commission, Londonderry Athletic Field Association (LAFA), Scouts, schools, and other civic groups and individuals on the use and preservation of our town trails.

Let me provide you with a summary of our accomplishments of 2019 and where we will be going in 2020.

Rail Trail: Early in the year we secured 1.4 million dollars with a federal TAP Grant (Transportation Alternatives Program) for \$800,000 and a Town warrant article for \$600,000 for the development of Phases 5 (the Cohas segment) and Phase 6 (the Airport segment). We went on to successfully complete Phase 5 of the rail trail, adding exactly one mile of trail to the existing 3.5 miles. Construction was completed in October within

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Solar Deal

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generating clean energy on the site and at the same time deriving tax revenue and lease payments from the company that's putting the solar there."

And while the lease and tax money is a good thing for the town overall, the town itself is not going to be generating clean low cost energy from this site unless the Town engages with Olivewood. This may not be in cards due to the way the commercial energy business is typically conducted.

The Londonderry Times recently spoke with Chris Stewart, Principal co-owner of Granite

Apollo, who put the lease-tax deal together with the town. Stewart and the Granite-Apollo — Olivewood Energy team have been organizing plans to pre-sell the solar power electricity from the site. When we spoke with Stewart, he told us that there is not a timeline date yet for the project launch, but they expect the project is likely to get going over the next year. Stewart indicated that it's likely power generated from the Londonderry site will be sold out of state to an energy supplier in Rhode Island.

The cost of solar energy generation has come down significantly and is becoming very competitive with fossil fuel energy power here in NH today.

There are variables still being worked on to bring solar energy into the mainstream here in NH.

One of the primary obstacles is Net Metering expansion legislation to support repurposing of excess energy from sunny periods back to the electrical utility grid. This has been done for years and many NH towns are looking to support certain town power efforts with solar, so there is a demand for Net Metering to meet larger municipal power deployments.

The rub is that Governor Sununu vetoed bipartisan Net Metering legislation last summer and that legislation cannot be moved forward again until later this year. The issue is about net metering expansion for larger

solar farm systems many towns in NH are planning that can supply renewable energy while decreasing property owner tax burdens by utilizing cost effective municipal solar power systems.

Madeleine Mineau, Executive Director of Clean Energy New Hampshire, recently told New Hampshire Public Radio, "Net metering is the best option to empower businesses and municipalities to control their energy costs, as so many other cost drivers are out of our control in the regional electricity market and the N.H. legislature understands this. Clean Energy NH, and our more than 500 members, as well as many businesses and municipalities will now look to their legislators to

side with New Hampshire ratepayers and taxpayers by overriding this veto."

The city of Keene, NH is on a mission to have 100% of its electricity generated by sustainable renewable energy sources over the next decade. Keene now uses solar power for their public works building and the police department, which offsets a significant portion of the city's electric load saving taxpayer money, while transitioning the Town away from fossil fuels.

Derry's Net Zero Task force set up their first solar power project at the Derry Transfer station in May of 2018. Derry's DPW Director, Mike Fowler, points out, "This system continues to project to provide up to three

times lower energy costs than conventional power over the expected 25-year life of the system."

Derry is now working through a larger municipal solar farm project that is intended to save tax payer money, as well as, begin to provide renewable energy long term for the Town's DPW and perhaps even for school district power.

Now is a good time for Londonderry Town officials to voice their renewable energy plans to the public. This planning could help lower the town's overall energy footprint costs that we as tax payers provide for our government teams. An extra plus is that this would provide clean renewable energy that is great our environment.

OBITUARY

Sarah Levitan Larie



Sarah Levitan Larie, 60, of Londonderry, NH, passed away at home surrounded by her loving family on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020, following a courageous battle with cancer. She was born on June 9, 1959, in New York, NY, a daughter of the late Philip and Monique (née Swartz) Levitan. Sarah was raised in Stamford, CT and attended the University of Connecticut, where she received her bachelor's degree in Mathematics. She went on to receive a master's degree in Computer Science from the University of Connecticut in 1979 and was proud to have been a member of the first class of graduates ever awarded such a degree. She worked as a software engineer at Bell Labs in Andover, MA for 17 years. Sarah married the love of her life, Paul R. Larie, in 1988 and then moved to Londonderry, NH one year later where they would start their family. Their daughter, Kimberly, arrived in 1990, followed by their first son, Philip, in 1992 and second son, Dale, in 1997. She enjoyed swimming, competing in triathlons and puzzling, and also had a particular fondness for ice cream. Sarah loved animals; she could often be seen walking her golden retriever around the neighborhood, rain or shine, and will be sadly missed by those on her walking route.

She is survived by her loving husband of 32 years, Paul R. Larie; her daughter, Kimberly Larie, of Boston, MA; her two sons, Dale Larie, of Londonderry, and Philip Larie and his wife Kimberly, of San Francisco, CA; as well as her brother, Benjamin Levitan.

There are no calling hours. Following cremation, Sarah will be laid to rest in the spring at Pillsbury Cemetery in Londonderry. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Sarah's name to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or at danafarber.jimmyfund.org. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry are handling the arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

Letters

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our budgeted amount. Design and engineering for Phase 6 of the rail trail will begin in 2020, and our goal is to construct the Airport segment in 2022.

Town Trails: We are beginning to assess and prioritize other trail projects around town with a closer examination of the feasibility of their completion. Possible projects include a Loop Trail around the LAFA fields and recreational complex, the extension of the school path from the Kindergarten to Wilshire Road, and the repair and replacement of some bridges on the Adam's

Pond Trail.

Partnerships: We are now communicating more frequently with the Conservation Commission, particularly with the help of Mike Byerly, who now serves both boards. We hope to team up with them on certain activities including trail clean up days and trail maintenance around town. Last fall we completed a renovation and upgrade of the path from the Kings neighborhood to the tennis courts at the recreational complex. And later we collaborated with LAFA on cleaning up the path from the library to the LAFA fields by spreading road millings on the path for a better quality of trail. We

also built a kiosk with the help of an Eagle Scout at the entrance to the Peat Bog Section of the rail trail. Moving forward, we anticipate working with other civic groups and individuals on projects to help us build and enhance our trail system.

It has been stated over and over again that trails for recreational use and active transportation are a priority in Londonderry in our Town's Master Plan. I am very fortunate to have a great team of

Board members that include Sandra Lagueux (Vice President), Kim Hamilton (Treasurer), Mike Byerly (Secretary), Bob Saur, John Daley and Paul Margolin. Our team is motivated and we have a great deal of fun fulfilling the mission of Londonderry Trailways. We would like to add a few Board members to our team. If you are interested, you may reach out to me at bobrimol@gmail.com

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Rotary Club Spreads Holiday Cheer with Annual Donations



\$500 was awarded to Community Caregivers, accepted by Julie Levesque. Courtesy photos.



\$2,000 awarded to End 68 Hours of Hunger, accepted by Director Ms. Rachel Yakey.



\$2,000 awarded to Sonshine Soup Kitchen of Derry, accepted by Mr. Ralph Valentine.

The Rotary Club of Londonderry was very pleased to end the year by spreading some “Holiday Cheer” to deserving local charities. At its final meeting of 2019, hosted at the Coach Stop Tavern, the Londonderry Rotary was able to provide much needed donations to the following charities with current Rotary President Ray Adams handing the checks to:

- \$2,000 awarded to End 68 Hours of Hunger, accepted by Director Ms. Rachel Yakey
- \$2,000 awarded to Sonshine Soup Kitchen of Derry, accepted by Mr. Ralph Valentine, Director
- \$1,000 awarded to St. Jude’s Food Pantry, accepted by Kay and Richard Doyle, Directors
- \$2,000 awarded to St. Giana’s Place, accepted by Elizabeth Neville, A Founder.
- \$1,000 awarded to Shepherd’s Pantry, accepted by Rev. Dave Harrison, Rotary Club
- \$500 awarded to Community Caregivers, accepted by Julie Levesque, Director.

All monies raised by

Londonderry Rotary throughout the year are re-directed back into our community. Each of the recipient charitable organizations has demonstrated a caring mission for those who are in need in our town. End 68 Hours of Hunger works to insure that children in our school district, and their families, have nourishing meals for the 68 hours each weekend, when not in school, when they otherwise might not eat. The Sonshine Soup Kitchen has been working to feed

the hungry in our town for many years. Open over 200 days each year, Sonshine Soup Kitchen provides hot, nourishing and wholesome meals to all to show up at its doorstep. St. Jude’s Food Pantry is open to any person in need, and provides food and addresses other needs for the less fortunate in our community. Shepherd’s Pantry, operating in Windham, also provides food and other support to those in need in the community. St. Giana’s Place opened its doors in 2019 after several years of fundraising

and development. This organization provides safe shelter, with encouragement, training, counseling and support to young, pregnant women in the community who are facing all types of stress and challenges. Community Caregivers, also a long-serving organization, seeks to insure that those who are in need of transport, friendship, and assistance have their needs fulfilled. Each of these most deserving organizations, and the leadership and staff who work in them every day, certainly ex-

hibit a mission of “service above self”, just as is done by the Rotary Club. Londonderry Rotary is thankful for those who have supported its fundraising activities throughout the years, and hopes that it will continue to see this support into 2020. Londonderry Rotary is humbled in that the club is able to support these wonderful, charitable organizations in our town. If you have interest in joining Londonderry Rotary, please contact Faye Sell, club secretary, at faye@martinellitravel.com.

Dates for Public Hearings

The final Budget Public Hearing will take place on Monday, Jan. 20 at Town Hall starting at 7 p.m. The town will be having an additional public hearing for the rescinding of the Police Detail Special Revenue Fund in February, the date for this has not been set as of today.

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Local Fire Chiefs Want You to be Aware About Ice Safety

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Ice safety during the winter is something not to take lightly. This time of year, those of us lucky enough to live in Southern New Hampshire spend a lot of time outside even on cold days and at times when weather conditions may be tough. Many of us are hardy and like to go skiing, ice skating, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, ice fishing and even hiking in the winter. And many of us have to get outside to shovel snow, deal with ice storms and have to walk or drive on black ice. And every year EMS and Fire Department Rescue teams save a lot of lives of people who are not prepared, aware of icy dangers or take risky actions in frosty environments that are filled with hidden hazards.

Battalion Chief / Chief of Operations, Scott Haggart, of the Derry Fire Department says every winter people sometimes don't pay enough attention to ice issues and get themselves in trouble by not using common sense. Chief Haggart says, "Ice safety is not really based on ice thickness numbers and if you are going to be out on bodies of ice you still have to be careful even when the ice is over 4-6 inches thick. That thickness may support a few people - who are not crowded together - but there are still a lot of variables even on thick ice. Ice safety not only depends on thickness but also on the size of the water body, air temperature, water depth, and even the wind factors. Ice can be dangerously and deceptively thin

in some bodies of water that are mixed with currents and springs."

Londonderry Battalion Chief, Fred Heinrich, says, "All icy areas have potential to be dangerous if people do not exercise good judgment. Snowmobiles and other kinds of OHRV (Off Highway Recreational Vehicles), require a minimum of 8 to 10 inches of clear ice for safety.

Every year or so, we have to deal with rescues often at night when a snowmobile finds open water instead of ice - water that is hidden from their vision under snow cover. It is also key to stay off the ice if there is ice along the shoreline that is cracked or mushy and where rocks warmed by the sun can weaken the surrounding ice." Heinrich says, "The key thing is - if you are outdoors in the winter near or on ice - be with a buddy so if there is an accident, someone can call us to report the problem. We have all the right equipment, resources and tools to save a life."

Derry Chief Haggart says, "And if someone falls through the ice, do not rush over to the hole of ice they are in. You must keep yourself safe and not become a second victim. If you or someone around you has a phone - the first thing to do is to promptly call 911. If you must begin a rescue yourself, look for something like a rope, a tree branch - or a long pipe or board to use to reach the person who has fallen through the ice."

Ice safety experts say that you should spread your weight across the ice in a rescue situation. Then you should lay

down flat and reach out to the victim with the branch or rope - or form a human chain lying flat on the ice back towards shore. Do not stand up on the ice even after you secured the person from the hole in the ice.

Chief Heinrich says that many of the rescues the Londonderry Fire Department is called to during the winter involve animals and often the animal victim can be someone's pet. Chief Heinrich says they like to save these animals, but they also rescue them to prevent people, without the right tools or expert awareness, from trying to save an animal or pet and exposing themselves to dangerous conditions. There are certainly some sad stories of pet owners becoming victims themselves trying to save their beloved pet. The key thing is to call 911 if you see an animal that has a problem on a body of ice or one that is impaired due weather conditions.

Last winter Londonderry firefighters famously saved a Canadian goose that got stuck in the ice on a semi-frozen pond.

Another problem during the winter is that after the first winter storms people to often take the weather for granted and don't pay attention and are not prepared for places layered with black ice like roads, sidewalks,

parking lots or stairways. Drivers need to show common sense and awareness in icy weather with patient driving tech-

niques that allow more space between their vehicles to stop.

Derry's Chief Haggart says, "Winter time here in

NH is a fun time and it is key for folks to stay safe by using common sense in icy situations."



Women's Club Holds Annual Event

The Londonderry Women's Club held its last meeting of the year last month at LaCarretta's in Londonderry, and presented an annual scholarship and two monthly awards. Magdalena Whittemore was presented the club's Adult Scholarship by Treasurer Sylvia Roberts and Scholarship Chairperson Andrea Rasco, at left. Magdalena was accompanied by her daughter Grace. Women of the Month awards went to Emily Crane (Nov.) and Katie MacKenzie (Dec.) they were presented by Sylvia Roberts and President Sara Clark. The Women also held their yearly cookie swap at the event as well as playing some board games.

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Caregivers Plan for Annual Potters Bowl Event on Feb. 1

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Saturday, Feb. 1, Community Caregivers of Greater Derry is hosting their 15th Annual Potter's Bowl fundraiser from 5 - 8 p.m. at the Pinkerton Academy Freshman Cafe in Derry.

The Potter's Bowl has become regionally famous as a night of fun, a charity auction, for artisan crafts, community spirit and also for the many different soups available to taste. The event is also for a great benefit, organized by the nonprofit Community Caregivers of Greater Derry, which is dedicated to serving the elderly and disabled in the Southern NH area.

For \$40, patrons are able to pick out a hand-crafted pottery bowl donated by NH artists and then enjoy many different soups as well as delicious breads and desserts

donated by restaurants in the Greater Derry area. In an effort to encourage more families with children, tickets for kids under age 12 are just \$15.

To purchase tickets to the event, please visit <https://pottersbowl.eventbrite.com>. Processing fees have been absorbed by the agency this year as a thank you for ordering online.

Community Caregivers Executive Director, Cindee Tanuma told us, "Please note the change this year that tickets are only going to be sold through eventbrite - online."

The pottery bowls for the soup come from artists all over NH. To make the event even more family friendly The bowls are typically designed just for kids. Community Caregivers is enticing attendees to come out with more than just some "chicken soup for the

soul" with big night of family friendly events.

A pottery wheel demonstration will be taking place in the hour prior to the event that will be conducted by a skilled craftsman. When the event starts, there will be a lot going on - featuring a 50/50 raffle, musical entertainment, a photo booth, a silent auction, and the Red Star Twirlers will again be serving at the event.

Auction items donated from artists and craftsmen from all over New England include oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings, matted photography, books, wooden crafts, clothing and hand-crafted jewelry.

We spoke with children's book artist, Cheri Pellegrino Khorram who has donated copies of her popular child's book "Snow Day? No Way!" for the auction. Khorram

says, "I am a full-time artist in addition to being a children's book author so this charity event involving other local artists is meaningful to me. I especially love that the donations from the auction go directly to the elderly and disabled residents."

Her book "Snow Day? No Way!" was inspired by the winter of 2014 that brought a whopping 100" of snow to us that season. She says, "While I was out snow blowing during the storm, all I could think about was how much school the children in my neighborhood were going to miss that year due to the snow. I thought about how happy they must be at having a few snow days, but after several days of not seeing their friends the thought of even more snow days might have the exact opposite effect."

It is not too late to donate your fine art, pot-

tery or homemade craft-work to a good cause. And if you do, all donors receive a complimentary ticket to the event. All donors receive a complimentary ticket to the event.

The Pinkerton Academy Culinary Arts program gets involved here too and those who have enjoyed the Astro Café's soups over the past couple of years can look forward to their culinary magic that night too. Students in the Pinkerton Culinary Arts program participate in catering events like the Potter's Bowl as a course requirement and it helps them to work on large-scale events to gain experience serving a recipe to more than 200 people.

The money raised during the Potter's Bowl goes towards keeping Community Caregivers running by helping to fund its operation budget. The

organization is able to provide constant community care through the efforts of its staff and dedicated volunteers. The organization gets a lot of volunteer support from all ages of people across the community. Volunteers do a variety of things, like provide transportation to and from medical and dental appointments, or doing small household chores or yard work. Executive Director, Cindee Tanuma, matches volunteers with clients. Tanuma started the Potter's Bowl event about 15 years ago. It's the biggest fundraiser of the year for Community Caregivers.

Everyone involved looks forward to the Potter's Bowl because it sheds a light on their mission while bringing the community together. Call Community Caregivers at 432-0877 for more information or visit <https://comcaregivers.org>.

Donation

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southern New Hampshire area and I directed her to contact the folks at the Crossroads Animal Hospital about this."

"A few weeks ago Crossroads held what they call - "pictures with Santa with your pets" and in doing so, they were able to raise \$2000 for the Fire Department for our animal shelter - when we open our emergency shelter over by the high school."

The Fire Department currently has a cart of supplies that they call the "Pet Emergency Response Kit" for pets or animals that may be useful for the ani-

mals if they wind up in a shelter or are found somewhere by the department and need some support.

O'Brien reported that these are different things that are set up in the cart that are supplied to animal shelters and this funding will help for a long time to continue with the support.

Chief O'Brien stated, "I would like to recognize Dr. Robin Hertel, the owner of Crossroads Animal Hospital, Wendy who is the Hospital Manager, Traci who is their Client Care Representative and who does marketing, Alex is who is the Technician Supervisor and Susan Roy for putting this together."

Chairman John Farrell

requested the Town Council to move on the acceptance of this resolution for the Fire Department to accept this funding from Crossroads Animal Hospital, which was then approved unanimously.

Tim Siekmann, who Chairs the Londonderry Budget Committee, provided an overview of the Budget Committee's interviews and vetting that was conducted with charitable organizations to consider requests for funding and how the town might support them. Siekmann pointed out that there were 15 applicants, which is the highest amount of organizations ever and several more than in previous years. He pointed

out to the councilors a list of criteria that the Budget team used to analyze what organizations might be selected for support.

Specifically, Siekmann outlined the following criteria: Do the organizations have other funding? Do they get revenue from the State or are they 100% funded by donations? How many Londonderry residents do they support? How high is the demand for their services and what are their services specifically? What is the population that the organization serves?

Seikmann said they wanted to follow trends that would best fit with the Londonderry community needs, as well as, being aligned to which organiza-

tions provide those needs.

Here are the allocations that have been recommended by the Budget committee. Rockingham Community Action was allocated for \$12,000, the Upper Room for \$11,700, Community Caregivers of Derry for \$6000 (that does not include the \$5000 already allocated from transportation budget the previous year). Rockingham County Meals on Wheels for \$4400, Waypoint (Child and Family Services) for \$2500, Home, Health and Hospice for \$1500, American Red Cross for \$1000, Big Brothers/Big Sisters for \$1000, RSVP Friends Program for \$800, Sonshine Soup Kitchen for \$2000, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advo-

cates) for \$500, YMCA for \$5000, and Isaiah 58 for \$1000 for a total budget allocation of \$50,000 which is the same amount as allocated last year.

The Town Council and Town Manager praised the Budget team for their efforts to vet the organizations and pointed out that the information forthcoming was useful with what the Town is looking for to protect its resources and spending in this area.

The Town Council and Town Manager put forward discussion that there was consensus to accept this recommendation for the allocations and it was unanimously accepted to use these budget metrics.

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Clockwise from above: Officer Rafael Ribeiro and his dog Ammo; Sergeant Chris Olson presents Officer of the Year award to Matthew Morin; Civilian of the Year award was presented to Mike Malaguti by Captain Patrick Cheetham; Police Chief Bill Hart swears in new officers. Photos by Chris Paul

Police

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cleaning up the area around the Londonderry Athletic Fields Association facilities on Nelson Road.

Letters of Commendation were given to IT Specialist Thomas Roy, Officer Chris Wiggin and Officer Matt LaQuerre, Officer Randy Dyer, Officer Brian Allaire, Officer Timon Aikawa and Officer Jonathan Cruz.

Officer Chris Wiggin also received a Letter of Recognition

Commendation Bars for Distinguished Unit Action were given to Sergeant Dan Hurley, Officer Matt Morin, Officer Dan Perry, Officer Tim O'Donoghue and TCO Maria Schacht.

A Commendation Bar for Meritorious Service went to Officer Juan Llu-

beres.

A Commendation Bar for Lifesaving went to Officer Tara Koski.

Commendation Bar for Distinguished Unit Action was awarded to Lieutenant Jason Breen, Sergeant Dan Hurley, Sergeant Ryan Buker, Sergeant Tim Moran, Detective Mike Tufo, Detective Jason Archambault, Detective Junior Garcia and Detective Justin Hallock

Commendation Bar for Meritorious Service was awarded to Sergeant Dan Hurley, Sergeant Ryan Buker, Officer Tim O'Donoghue, Officer Rafael Ribeiro, Officer James Defelice and TCO Cory Nader.

Commendation Bar for Life Saving was awarded to Officer James Defelice.

Commendation Bar for Meritorious Service went to Sergeant Ryan Buker (recognize the difficulty

of these cases and how much they weigh on an officer along with the dedication of Buker to handle these cases).

Commendation Bar for Distinguished Unit Action was given to Officer Matt Morin, Officer Andy Phillips, Officer Cameron Verrier.

Commendation Bar for Chief's Achievement was given to the departments Legal Assistant Sandee Mikutel.

Commendation Bar for Chief's Achievement was given to Officer Timon Aikawa

The award Civilian of the Year award was presented to the town's new Prosecutor, Mike Malaguti.

Sergeant Christopher Olson presented the Officer of the Year award to Officer Matthew Morin to cap off the evening.



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Last month, quite a few Londonderry students cashed in on raffle prizes they had won. At North Elementary School Alexis Gould won a ride to school in a fire truck driven by Phil LaBlanc. She was accomanied by her sister Vanessa. A couple weeks later, at South School, Katelyn and Liam Haughton were given a ride to school in a fire truck and Bianca and Jayden Medugno were driven into school in a police car. Later that day, Thomas White was driven to the afternoon session at Moose Hill Kindergarten in another Fire Truck. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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School Budget Dates

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Millennium Mile Racers Ring In New Year for 21st Time

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The 21st annual Millennium Mile Road Race had just over 1,400 runners sprinting down Mammoth Road on Wednesday, Jan. 1, to participate in the one mile run from Londonderry High School to just past Mack's Apples Farm Stand. Runner from all around the New England states showed up to start their new year with a brisk dash through the center of town.

Out of the 1,430 runners, 22-year-old Warren Bartlett, of Loudon, broke away from the pack, and was the first place finisher with a final time of 4:04.9. Following about 10 seconds behind, in second place, was 18-year-old Jeffrey Allen of Litchfield, with a time of 4:14.2 and the third overall finisher was 24-year-old Kyle Morrison of West Lebanon and his one mile time of 4:16.1.

The first female to cross the finish line was Cassandra Marin 30, of Merrimack at 4:54.2, the next female was 24-year-old Sara Vannah from White River Junction, VT (5:04.4), and the third was Marie Morrier, 23, from Chelmsford, Mass with her mile time being 5:11.8.

Three Londonderry residents finished in the



Over 1,400 runners made their way down Mammoth Road on New Year's Day with Warren Bartlett, left, of Loudon coming in first place for the men, and Cassandra Marin, center, of Merrimack taking first for the women.

Photos by Chris Paul



top 30 with 19-year-old Christian Smith coming in 15th with a time of 4:39.4. The next Londonderry runner was Ian French, 37, as he came in 18th place with a time of 4:42.3. Will Plante, 15, a Londonderry High School student finished 27th with a running time of 4:52.9. Three more Londonderry residents were able to finish in the top 50 with 40 year-old Ryan Quinlan leading in 33rd (4:58.4), 16 year-old William Bieler followed directly behind in 34th (5:01.8), 55 year-old

Michael Dufour was the 42 person to cross the finish line (5:08.7) and 37 year-old Mark Ambrose finished 50th with a mile time of 5:17.3.

Katherine French, was the first Londonderry female to cross the finish line at the 104th spot (5:52.3) while youngster 12-year-old Meara Horan was the second female (5:58.9), and 14 year-old Emily Smith was the third Londonderry resident to finish when she crossed the line in 6:16.9 as the 161st overall finisher.

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Lancers Ice Hockey Falls to 1-2 on Season After Back-to-Back Losses

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After a very promising start to the Londonderry Varsity Ice Hockey team's season, taking a 6-1 victory over Trinity, and very narrowly losing to the Bedford Bulldogs 3-2, the Lancers finding goals to be hard to come by as the new year begins.

The LHS boys got back to Division I play after the Christmas break on Monday, Dec. 31, to take on Trinity High School at their home rink in Hooksett and suffered a 2-0 loss against the Pioneers.

The first period in that game ended in a scoreless tie. Trinity managed to score the first goal of the

game in the second period to have a 1-0 advantage headed into the final period. In that final period, Trinity again found the back of the net and stamped their 2-0 win over the Lancers.

That win gave Trinity a 3-0 start to the season, and left Londonderry at 1-2.

That weekend, things didn't get any easier the Londonderry hockey squad as they faced another undefeated team on the road.

On Saturday night, Jan. 4, the Lancers took on Concord High School up at Everett Arena in the state capital where they suffered a rather lopsided 9-1 loss.

The only goal scored by the Lancers in this game

was in the first period when defenseman Joseph Stowell got one by the goaltender with an assist from Brandon Savage knotting the score at 1-1. Another score by the Crimson Tide with less than a minute to play ended the first period in a 2-1.

Concord's third goal of the game came during a power play in the second at 9:46, after Stowell was given a five-minute major.

The rest of the game went all Concord's way, with the second period ending 6-1, and the game finishing with a 9-1 Londonderry loss.

Londonderry was scheduled to face the Salem High School (2-0-1) on Wednesday, Jan. 8, after



Lancer junior defenceman Zach Rheault takes on Concord's Parker Taylor in the final minutes of the LHS 9-1 loss. Photo by Chris Paul

the Londonderry Times have a rematch against 11. Both games will be went to print. The team will Trinity on Saturday, Jan. played on the road.

Lancers Indoor Track Have Rough Go of Things at Weekend Meet

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Boys' and Girls' Track teams traveled to The University of New Hampshire on Saturday Jan. 4, and competed against Pinkerton, Concord, Lebanon, Bedford, Keene, and Hanover High Schools. The Lancer boys

team finished fifth with 23 points while the girls finished sixth with 18 points.

In the boys 300-meter, Lancer's William Bieler finished third (40.45), Erik Reilly 14th (43.90) and Donovan Gannon placed 21st with a time of 45.76. In the 1,000 meter run Will Plante finished ninth (2:59.62), Cole Borovicka

12th (3:09.46) Colby Lynch 17th (3:24.13) and Danny Garrity placed 18th with a time of 3:24.44.

In the 1,500-meter run, Londonderry's Matthew Vogel finished 11th (4:57.47) and Justin Dickson came in 15th (5:11.94).

Things got better for the Lancers in the 3,000-meter run when Ryan

Young placed first (9:22.92) and Matthew Griffin followed behind in second with a time of 9:38.89.

For the 4x160-meter relay Londonderry placed fifth (1:27.60) and they placed fifth again in the 4x400 meter relay with a time of 3:56.40. The boys wrapped up their day in the long jump when Donovan Gannon placed 16th with a score of 13-10.00.

For the Lancer girls', in the 300-meter Grace McDonough placed tenth (48.36), Erica Waters 12th (48.58), Caitlin Boufford 16th (49.85) and Brynn Foster came in 18th (51.16).

For the 600-meter run Londonderry's Cailin

Borovicka placed sixth (1:57.14) and Maura O'Shaughnessy placed 16th (2:06.10).

In the 1,000-meter run Grace McDonough finished second (3:18.94), Caitlin Boufford fifth (3:23.94), and Delaney Root finished tenth with a time of 3:52.64.

Adranna Nadeau placing ninth in the 3,000-meter run (13:15.31). In the 4x160 meter relay, Londonderry finished sixth (1:33.88) and they finished sixth again in the 4x400 meter relay with a time of 4:48.18.

In the high jump Erica Waters placed eighth (4'4") and Isabella Landry placed 13th with a score

of 4'2". For the long jump Lancer's Gia Komst finished seventh (13'8.75"), Erica Waters tenth (13'6.25"), Retta Hatin 11th (13'3.25"), Abby Ellis 16th (12'11.75"), and Meghan Daileanes finished 17th with a score of 12'10.50".

In shot put competition, Gia Komst placed second in the event with a throw of 32'2.5", Akolm Wambu sixth (27'5"), Phoebe Bartlett ninth (26'6.5"), Sage Matzker 13th (24'5.5"), and Kathryn Martin placed 21st with a score of 21-06.25.

Londonderry will compete again on Saturday, Jan. 11, at Phillips Exeter Academy.



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LHS Girls Basketball Fought Hard for Win Over Keene

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry's Girls Basketball team got their sec-

ond home win of the young winter season, by beating the Keene Blackbirds 59-50.

The Lady Lancers

hosted Keene High School on Friday night, Jan. 3, with the Lady Blackbirds only loss in the season coming from Salem, with wins against Alvirne and Windham High School's.

The leading scorers for the Lady Lancers were Courtney Shay with 20 points, Ashley Rourke with 16 and Colleen Furlong scored eight points. It was close game from start to finish with both teams having to execute on every possession. Shay nailed two three-pointers in the first half along with Rourke getting her groove started in the second half.

Rourke hit three of her four three-pointers in the second half which lifted Londonderry just a tad. Keene didn't allow the Lancers to pull away by having offensive scoring runs of their own right after Londonderry would go on one.

The game was all tied up heading into the final quarter and that's where Rourke and Shay scored 13 of their 20 total points to give them the win.

"It was a big win against a tough team," said Head Coach Nick Theos. He knows what lies ahead but hopes this win can help motivate his team. "I hope we can build off it, we have two tough games over the next week." Theos went on to say.

The squad was scheduled to play the Division I State Champions on Tuesday Jan. 7, when the faced the Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals after the Londonderry Times went to print. The BG squad has been scoring over 60 points per game and stand at 3-0. The Friday night, Jan. 10 game



Senior Courtney Shay with 20 points against Keene on Friday night. Photos by Chris Paul

against the Concord Crim- that team is also unde-
son Tide doesn't get any feated and will be hosting
easier for the Lancers, as the game.



Lancer senior Colleen Furlong drive to the hoop during the Friday night game against Keene.

Londonderry Boys' Hoops Start New Year with Tough Loss

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Boys Basketball squad only had one game after the holiday break last week, and the Lancers took on Keene High School on Friday night, Jan. 3, where they suffered a tough 74-50 loss.

The Lancers were missing Jackson Cox, Will Reyes, and Zach Faucet, but head coach Nathan Stanton was hoping it would be a good opportunity for some other play-

ers to step up, but unfortunately, it was also a challenge having a number of players out of position.

"We had 32 turnovers and gave up 74 points, this is not what we are all about and need to buy in and figure out what our identity is," said Stanton. He knows his team can do much better and understands that the season is long process and journey. "My guys are winners and I think in the long run this was a good learning experience for us that will

make us a better team," added.

The LHS boys squad started this week with their first home game, on Tuesday, Jan. 7, after the Londonderry Times went to print, against Bishop Guertin, who have only played one DI game so far this season, beating Bedford 74-53.

Following that, the Lancers next challenge will be against a winless Concord team, at home on Friday night, Jan. 10 starting at 7 p.m.



Future Lady Lancers

Third and fourth grade Londonderry Basketball Club teams squared off during the halftime break at Friday night's Girls' Varsity game against Keene on Jan. 3. The short scrimmage allowed those attending to see the future of Londonderry girls basketball.

Photo by Chris Paul

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Lancer Wrestling Competes in Natick Redhawk Duals

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry's Varsity Wrestling Team traveled south across the Massachusetts border on Saturday, Jan. 4 to compete in the Natick Redhawk Duals and faced Brookline, Cranston East, all.

Franklin, Hopkinton, Lincoln Sudbury, Merrimack, Mountain Hope, Natick, and Wellesley High Schools. It was a Round Robin tournament style, and in the B Pool, Londonderry made it to the fifth round and lost to Natick 66-12, but still was able to place third overall.

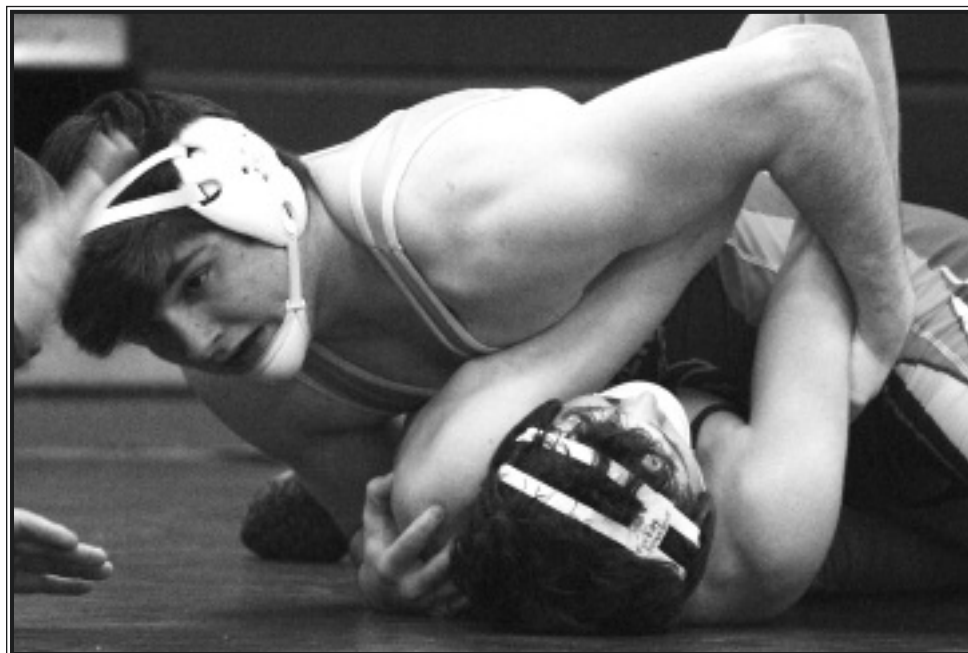
In the weight class of 106 lbs Lancer Michael Palma stared with a 9-0 loss to Natick, but Palma bounced back and pinned Syncere Lindsay of Lincoln Sudbury in a fast 46 seconds. Palma then got another pin over Merrimack's Anthony Maglio in 2:55, but Palma was then pinned Mountain Hope.

At 113 lbs, Lancer Nicholas D'Alessandro beat Lincoln Sudbury's Dhamari Cohen in a 14-1 major decision and then beat Merrimack's Evan Torres in a 13-3 major decision as well. D'Alessandro was pinned by in his third bout, and was also pinned by a Natick rival in 27 seconds.

The Lancer's 120 lbs grappler, Evan Madigan had a tough day as he was pinned in his three matches.

Andrew Quach, 126 lbs, of Londonderry was pinned twice and lost in a 18-2 technical fall in his third bout, but came back to finish with a pin over Logan Parker of Lincoln Sudbury at 1:34.

Senior Lancer Brandon Drake, 132 lbs, got a 20-8 major decision to



Junior Josh Bean earned a pin during the team's match against Lincoln Sudbury on Saturday. Photo by Chris Paul

start, and then pinned Lucas Balcom of Lincoln Sudbury in 1:30. After that, Drake was beaten in a 6-4 decision, and was pinned in his final match.

Aiden O'Loughlin (138 lbs) of Londonderry pinned Zach Cusson of Merrimack in 1:54, also in that weight, Londonderry's Aidan Wilder was pinned by Mountain Hope's Patrick McGovern at 4:46. Wilder responded with a pin of Natick's Tucker Vician in 4:00, while O'Laughlin pinned

Anthony Marimon of Lincoln Sudbury in 1:08.

At 145 lbs, Lancer Nendoe Gleekia pinned Merrimack's Colin Jones in 3:48, but was then pinned by Spencer Wallace of Lincoln Sudbury in 3:53. Gleekia was then pinned two more times by Riley Furtado of Mountain Hope (3:06), and by Jake Adelman of Natick in 32 seconds.

Johnny McKinnon was pinned three times at 152 lbs, but ended with a pin of his own, over a Natick opponent.

At 160 lbs, Londonderry's Dylan Barnes had a tough day, as he was pinned twice and then lost in a 9-0 major decision.

Nathan Duddy (170 lbs) was pinned three times, but had a pin of his own over Nicolo Pitagala in 3:55.

In the weight class of 182 lbs Josh Bean was pinned twice and then

earned a pin of his own over Lincoln Sudbury in a very fast 19 seconds.

Lancer Nicholas Walter suffered a pin at 195 lbs and a 7-6 decision loss to Natick's Sam Assenchoa. Walters then pinned his Lincoln Sudbury opponent in a fast 55 seconds.

Londonderry's newcomer, senior Samuel Choate (285 lbs), had a split for the day, getting two pins and being pinned twice. He started with a 3:41 minute pin over Merrimack and then another against Lincoln Sudbury's. Choate was then taken down by Mountain Hope and Natick.

Londonderry hosted the always-tough Timberlane Regional High School on Wednesday night, Jan. 8, after the Londonderry Times went to print.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Dec. 29

Marissa McKay Senior Gymnastics

Marissa is the team's only senior captain this year and has truly stepped up as a leader and a gymnast. The last meet, she was one of our All Around and has been able to fill in on events when we need her. She has been the team's most consistent and reliable competitor this season.



Zach Rheault Junior, Varsity Hockey

Team Captain Zach Rheault has been a leader both on and off the ice. He has stepped up when needed, by providing a key goal or big play while excelling in the classroom.



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Lancer Swimmers Dominates Several Schools in Home Meet



Theodore McKnight participating in the 200-Meter Medley Relay.



Alexa Calligandes in the 200-Meter Medley Relay. Photos by Chris Paul

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Boys' and Girls' Swimming teams hosted its third home meet of the season on Friday Jan. 3, against eight other high schools. The first meet of 2020 had Timberlane Regional, Kearsarge Regional, Sanborn Regional, Pembroke Academy, Hopkinton, Concord, Bow, and Alvirne High Schools attending.

The boys squad beat Timberlane 79-63, Kearsarge 90-21, Concord 86-18, Bow 89-25, but lost to Alvirne 69-66.

The Lancer girls' beat Timberlane 99-69, Sanborn Regional 126.50-15.50, Pembroke 135-6, Kearsarge 130-31, Hopkinton 99-55, Concord 113-52, Bow 111-45, and Alvirne 128-3.

In the 200-yard Medley Relay the Lady Lancers team of Grace Stone, Lil-

lian Law, Megan St. Germain, and Lexi Apholz placed fourth with a time of 2:22.12. The other squad of Caden Thomas, Emily Powers, Alexa Calligandes, and Madison Genge placed tenth with a final time of 2:50.52.

For the boys the team, Kevin Moscat, Christopher Byrne, Brandon White, and Connor McKinnon finished first with a time of 1:58.42. The other Lancer team of Theodore McKnight, Hunter Turek, Dylan Anderson, and Caleb Howard place third with a time of 2:17.46.

In the 200-yard Freestyle, Lancer Julia Ethier placed second (2:18.15), Megan St. Germain placed fourth (2:23.17), and Grace Stone placed ninth with a time of 2:47.60. For the boys Christopher Byrne came in third (2:08.44) and Hunter Turek placed sixth with a final time of 2:24.25.

In the 200-yard Individual Medley Londonderry's Elizabeth Allen came in first (2:40.30), and Avery Crimmins placed third with a time of 2:56.73. As for the boys Connor McKinnon placed fourth with a time of 2:51.81.

For the 50-yard Freestyle, Lady Lancers Jasmine Brown placed fifth (29.86) and Lillian Law finished tenth with a final swim time of 31.32. For the boys Brandon White finished first with a time of 23.56.

In the 100-yard Butterfly Joanna Davis came in third (1:19.20), Megan St. Germain fifth (1:19.30), and Lexi Apholz finished ninth with a time of 1:31.14. As for the boys Kevin Moscat placed third with a time of 1:16.99.

For the 100-yard Freestyle Maggie Edwards came in third (1:00.16) Elizabeth Allen sixth (1:06.98) and Grace Stone finished 11th with a final time of 1:13.72. Christopher Byrne placed second (57.64) and Connor McKinnon fifth (1:07:54).

In the 500-yard Freestyle, LHS's Jasmine Brown placed fourth (6:49.21) Joanna Davis was fifth (6:59.47), and Avery Crimmins placed seventh with a time of 7:08.69. The boys had Hunter Turek place third (6:41.10) and Kevin Mascot was fourth with a time of 6:51.60.

Moving to the 200-yard Freestyle Relay, the girls the team of Jasmine Brown, Isabella McKnight, Elizabeth Allen, and Julia Ethier placed second (1:57.77) while the squad of Joanna Davis, Elise

Beauchemin, Grace Stone, and Avery Crimmins placed fifth with a time of 2:12.15. As for the boys Theodore McKnight, Kevin Mascot, Dylan Anderson, and Connor McKinnon all placed third with a time of 1:53.09.

Lady Lancers Julia Ethier placed fifth in the 100-yard Backstroke (1:16.15), Lillian Law seventh (1:24.82), and Caden Thomas finished eighth with a time of 1:27.79. Londonderry's Dylan Anderson finished third (1:14.24) and Caleb Howard finished fourth with a time of 1:30.45. Moving to the 100-yard Breaststroke Maggie Edwards placed third with a time of 1:15.27.

In the 400-yard Freestyle Relay, the girls

squad of Jasmine Brown, Lexi Apholz, Megan St. Germain and Maggie Edwards finished first (4:15.26), while the team of Avery Crimmins, Elise Beauchemin, Lillian Law, and Isabella McKnight placed fourth with a time of 4:51.50. The other girls team was Caden Thomas, Riley Walter, Alexa Calligandes, and Madison Rearick who all finished sixth (5:38.55) The boys team of Christopher Byrne, Hunter Turek, Theodore McKnight, and Brandon White paced second with a final time of 3:55.74.

The Lancers will swim again on Friday Jan. 10th at the Workout Club in Londonderry for another home meet.

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

Yoga for Seniors

The Londonderry Senior Center offers yoga classes to the senior community and are taught by Barbara Scott and Lisa Kress. These eight-week series of affordably priced yoga classes are designed especially for seniors to help increase balance, flexibility and strength, as well as maintaining well-being. The next session begins Jan. 14. Classes take place at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 10 a.m. You may sign up for either the Tuesday or Thursday class - or both. Call the Senior Center at 432-8554 for more details. Payment is required at time of registration to secure your spot.

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. 21 from 6 - 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 5 from 6 - 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 29 from 10 a.m. - noon; Feb. 5 is the last day to register to vote prior to NH Presidential Primary Day (Feb. 11); and Feb. 29 is the last day to register to vote prior to the Town Election Day (March 10). To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency, Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers), Proof of age, or 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. Any question contact Kristin Grages Supervisors of the Checklist Town of Londonderry 432-1100, ext 198.

Derry Fun Night

On Jan. 10, Seacoast Division of the National Model Railroad Association is running their Derry Fun Night program. The program is held the second Friday night of each month, 7 - 9 p.m., at the Marion Garish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. If you are interested in model trains and would like to join other like-minded hobbyists from beginner to expert for a fun evening program come to Derry Fun Night the second Friday of each month. For additional information go to the Division's website at seacoastnmra.org/calendar.

Lights, Camera, Civics!

On Jan. 26, the New Hampshire Institute for Civics Education ("NHICE") will screen To Kill a Mockingbird as part of a multi-year statewide program designed to foster conversations with the public on law, justice, and civics. The screening and post-movie discussion will take place at Pinkerton Academy's Stockbridge Theatre, Derry, from 1 - 5 p.m. (program will begin promptly at 1 p.m.; please arrive by 12:30 p.m. to sign in). Light snacks will be provided for noshing outside the theatre. The community discussion accompanying the film showing will be led by Heidi Parenti, Pinkerton Academy English teacher; Dina Michael Chaitowitz, Esq. (NHICE trustee and former federal prosecutor), and a Pinkerton Academy high school student. This program was made possible with support from New Hampshire Humanities, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities. The event is free and open to the public but pre-registration is required. To register, please contact Dina Michael Chaitowitz at dinacivics@gmail.com or at 603-235-0258.

Post 27 Meeting

American Legion Post 27 will hold its Monthly General Meeting on Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m., at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry. All members are welcome to attend. For more information about go to our website www.alpost27.com, call us at 437-6613, visit our Greeley Parmenter Harrington Facebook page or follow us on Twitter @ALPost27.

Karaoke Night

On Jan. 17 American Legion Post 27 will have a Karaoke with DJ Sharon. Starts at 7 p.m., at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry. Non-members interested in joining Post 27 are welcome to attend. For more information about go to our website www.alpost27.com, call us at 437-6613, visit our Greeley Parmenter Harrington Facebook page or follow us on Twitter @ALPost27.

VA BINGO

Post 27 will be playing bingo with patients at the VA Hospital in Manchester on Jan. 27 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. We'll be serving pizza and diet soda as well as providing prize money. For more information about go to our website www.alpost27.com, call us at 437-6613, visit our Greeley Parmenter Harrington Facebook page or follow us on Twitter @ALPost27.

Crossword & Tic Tac Toe

On the central display table of the Leach Library in the adult room there will be new books about ice sports available for checkout. As an added incentive, the library is offering two trivia games during the month: an ice sports crossword puzzle and an ice sports tic tac toe. At the end of the month, one crossword puzzle winner and one tic tac toe winner with all the correct answers will be chosen from a random drawing. Each winner will receive a \$10 gift card for the 99 Restaurant. Turn

them in to the Reference Desk no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 31 for eligibility.

Guess It Jar

Beginning at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 2 and ending at 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 31. Stop by the Leach Library's Children's Room desk to see the jar. The closest guess, over or under, will win a really cool prize.

Create a Craft

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. 13, Tuesday Jan. 21, and Monday, Jan. 27, and will be available until 5 p.m. each Saturday.

Renew

Renew will be open Saturday, Jan. 11, from 8 - 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Rd., Derry. Arrive by 10 a.m. Renew will also be open every Thursday 9 - 11:30 a.m., please arrive by 11 a.m. Now open second Wednesday every month 6:30 - 8 p.m. NH residents only. Renew offers free, gently-used apparel. Each household is limited to 15 of the newest items, plus a reasonable number of older items. Enter at the church marquee sign. Donations of good condition, modern clothing may be placed in the donations bin by the door at any time. No donations of money are asked or accepted. For details, search for "Renew Derry" on Facebook, email renewcalvary@gmail.com or call the church secretary at 434-1516.

Did You Know? Library Edition

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, Jan. 16 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. for our young adult Did You Know? program. Participants in grades 6 - 12 will take part in a challenging library themed trivia game. This event includes an exciting door prize raffle and light refreshments. No registration required.

Delve into Knowledge

Exciting weekly trivia challenge. Stop by the Leach Library's Children's Room desk to answer our special trivia challenge question. If you are not sure 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. 13, Tuesday Jan. 21, and Monday Jan. 27, and will be available until 5 p.m. each Saturday.

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 join us on Thursday, Jan. 16, at 5:30 p.m. in Moose Hill Council Chambers at Town Hall for the first Old Home Day meeting of the year! Please RSVP to kbrown@londonderry.org. Come one, come all. To indicate your interest, please contact Kirby Brown at kbrown@londonderry.org. We know our Town will step up!

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. 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,

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Around Town

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9:30 - 10 a.m. Advance registration is required. Meeting dates are: Jan 16.

Romping Reads

An energetic half-hour program, Romping Reads, open to participants of all ages at the Leach Library.

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Transitions Support

The Upper Room offers Transitions support for

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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

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Dec. 30

4:37 a.m. Criminal Mis- chief investigated on Mammoth Road.

4:24 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. on Pettengill Road at Webb Drive.

10:19 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Lawson Farm Road.

Tuesday - Dec. 31

2:31 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Rockingham Road by three officers.

8:14 p.m. Services rendered during Structure Fire on Meetinghouse Drive.

9:34 p.m. Suspicious activity on Kendall Pond Road results in taking subject to other agency.

9:48 p.m. Five officers respond to assault on Pine Street and make arrest. April Rose Madison, 19, of Londonderry charged with four counts of Domestic Violence, (Simple Assault, Physical Contact).

Wednesday - Jan. 1

12:11 a.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Wyndmere Drive. John Plante, 22, of Londonderry charged on two counts of Domestic Violence Simple Assault.

4:36 p.m. Shoplifting investigated by four officers at Olympia Sports on Michels Way.

5:58 p.m. Services rendered for Drug Offenses at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

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Around Town

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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., Bedford. For more information call 660-3425 or email dhunter31@gmail.com

Lamplighters

A womans group with the goal of helping less fortunate woman and people in New Hampshire meets

the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at Londonderry Presbyterian Church at 128 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

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.

Bingo

The Londonderry Senior Center at 535 Mammoth Road in Londonderry, has Bingo every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. all seniors over 55

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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.

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.

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.

Walk with Me

Are you losing or have lost someone? A child, a parent, a sibling or a friend? It can be a painful journey but you don't have to walk it alone anymore. Just come "Walk With Me". 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.

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

Police Log

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Thursday - Jan. 2

12:37 a.m. Medical Emergency investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

8:12 a.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity on Kitt Lane.

12 p.m. Burglary investigated on Nashua Road at Route 102 Automotive.

12:23 p.m. Auto Theft investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

12:56 p.m. Services rendered for report of Missing Person on Kitt Lane

3:06 p.m. Stolen motor vehicle recovered at Manchester Boston Regional Airport. Vehicle Towed.

4:40 p.m. Suspicious activity on Hardy Road results in an Arrest made by eight officers. Kayla Rodriguez, 20, of Manchester charged with providing a False Report to Law Enforcement; and False E-911 Information.

5:38 p.m. Attempted suicide reported, but could

not locate, at Apple Tree Mall on Orchard View Drive.

7:14 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Apollo Road.

Friday - Jan. 3

9:37 a.m. Peace restored after Domestic Disturbance on Tyler Drive.

2:15 p.m. Auto Theft investigated on Harvey Road.

4:38 p.m. Burglary investigated on Pinyon Place.

5:02 p.m. Services rendered for suspicious act-

ivity on Jersey Street.

10:43 p.m. Neighborhood Disputes reported on Capitol Hill Drive, subject taken to Family/Guardian.

Saturday - Jan. 4

3:38 p.m. Domestic Disturbance reported and Arrest made on Mammoth Road at Fieldstone Drive. Eryn Rice, 26, of Merrimack charged with Domestic Violence, Simple Assault.

6:30 p.m. False Alarm at school on Mammoth Road.

Sunday - Jan. 5

1:03 a.m. Services rendered Assisting Londonderry Fire Dept. on Windsor Blvd.

10:07 a.m. Larceny/ Forgery/Fraud investigated on Boyd Road.

11:49 a.m. Fish & Game Violations investigated on Rockingham Road at Page Road.

12:36 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Mill Road at Bockes Road.

3:35 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with transportation to hospital

from High Range Road.

7:52 p.m. Four officers respond to an attempted suicide which results in transport to hospital from Melody Lane.

9:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop results in Arrest made on Nashua Road at Speedway. Three officers assist in charging Steven Pestka, 61, of Londonderry with Breach of Bail; Prohibitions (Drivers License); Driving after Revoked/suspension of Drivers License.

New Hampshire Offers Free Fishing Day on Saturday, Jan. 18

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Saturday Jan. 18 is a day open to everyone without a fishing license to give ice fishing a try, says the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department.

Those without a license are welcome to fish unaccompanied, however, it is recommended that anyone embarking on a fishing trip for the very first time go along with an experienced ice-fisher.

"The ice this year is unpredictable," said Jason Smith, Chief at the Inland Fisheries Division of the NH Fish and Game Dept. "We recommend being in company with someone experienced in properly gauging ice conditions."

Ice fishing on most of the state's lakes begins at

"ice-in," or when the lakes first freeze over, and ends at "ice-out," or when the ice begins to melt. Depending on the weather and ice safety, ice-fishing season can range from late December through mid-April.

Winter lake fishers are typically able to catch fish species such as perch, pickerel, black crappie, and bass. A few waters may also provide opportunities to catch brook, rainbow or brown trout through the ice, says NH Fish and Game.

NH Fish and Game reminds fishers that waters managed for lake trout and/or salmon have a defined season of Jan. 1 - March 31. The department also reminds fishers that almon may not be taken through the ice and that designated trout ponds

are closed to ice fishing.

Even though non-licensed individuals will be permitted to fish, all other fishing regulations will still be in effect. Fishers should refer to the New Hampshire Freshwater Fishing Digest, available on the Fish and Game website or from a licensed fisher, for complete guidelines, said Smith.

Unlicensed fishers will not be permitted to participate in any ongoing fishing tournaments on Jan. 18.

All fishers may keep what they catch, however, seasonal bag limits still apply. Bag limits vary by species and water body and can be found on the Fish and Game website, or in the Freshwater Fishing Digest.

All fishers, licensed or otherwise, must be sure to adhere to are some safety

guidlines provided by NH Fish and Game:

Do not drive vehicles directly onto the ice. Find a safe place nearby to leave a vehicle and travel to the fishing site on foot.

Carefully assess ice safety before venturing out on foot by using an ice chisel or auger to determine ice thickness and condition. Continue to do this until reaching a fishing spot, as ice thickness will not be uniform all over a body of water.

The United States Army Cold Regions Research & Engineering Laboratory offers a rule of thumb on gauging ice thickness, stating that there should be a minimum of 6 inches of hard ice before foot travel, and 8 - 10 inches of hard ice for snow machine or All-Terrain Vehicle travel.

Even after ice passes the "rule of thumb," fishers are urged to remember that ice can be thick, but not strong.

Be especially careful of areas with current, such as inlets, outlets, and spring holes. Ice can be especially thin in these areas.

Stay off of ice along the shorelines if it appears cracked or squishy. Watch for thin, clear, or honeycombed ice.

Should any fisher fall through the ice, NH Fish and Game says do not panic. Anyone in this situation should move or swim back to where they fell in. To get out of the water, lay both arms on the unbroken ice and kick hard. This will help to lift the entire body back onto the ice. Once out of the water, roll away from the

hole until more solid ice has been reached.

As an additional safety measure, fishers are urged to carry a set of ice picks, as these can help fallen fishers pull themselves out should they fall through the ice. Fishers should wear these picks around their necks or put them in an easily accessible pocket.

And one final word of advice from the Fisheries Chief himself:

"Bundle up," said Smith, as winter fishing conditions are likely to be cold as ice.

For more information and resources on ice fishing in New Hampshire, including information on free ice-fishing classes, visit wildlife.state.nh.us/fishing/ice-fishing or call Jason Smith or Scott Decker of the NH Fish and Game Dept at (603) 271-2501.



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