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Members of Lancer nation filled the Londonderry High School gymnasium on Friday, Jan. 10 to donate their hair to those diagnosed with cancer. The annual 'Day of Giving' event now serves three new charities with hair donations. Photo by Chris Paul

Lancers Go Great Lengths For Something Beautiful

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Friday, Jan. 10, a young lady sporting several neatly tied ponytails stepped onto the Londonderry High School gymnasium floor to greet an audience of hundreds.

"I invite everyone who has known or encountered somebody who has had cancer to please stand," she said

addressing her fellow students, teachers, school's faculty, alumni, and guests. Nearly all in attendance rose from their seats.

The young lady, Lilly Law, LHS Senior and Pep Rally Team member, was the first of 70 students to pledge to give her hair at the very first Lancer Lengths Day of Giving cere-

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Town Officials Give Presentation to Senior Citizen Communities

JOHN J. GOGLIA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Friday afternoon, Jan. 10, John Farrell, Town Council Chairman, and Kevin Smith, Town Manager, visited the Hickory Woods (HW) Over 55 Community in Londonderry.

The town officials were asking the senior communities to host a presentation regarding property taxes, the town-wide re-evaluation and the future of the town.

Approximately 50 – 60 residents attended the meeting. It was a very good beginning for most residents who have come from other states to understand how the town operates in conjunction with the state. Farrell and

Smith were very receptive to answering a wide variety of questions as best they could for an almost two hour session.

Farrell started the meeting by handing out some written information about what they wanted their audience to know as follows:

The three parts of local government are Town Budget (approximately \$35 million), School Budget (approximately \$80 million) and Library Budget (approximately \$1.3 million which is part of the Town Budget). The property tax breakdown is 64% residential, 19% commercial and 17% utility. The tax rate breakdown is \$4.56 (town), \$12.04 (school-local), \$1.91 (school-state) and \$0.88

(county). There is also other revenue of \$17 million plus from permits such as motor vehicle, state highway, building, etc.

In 2017 the town population was 26,126 (total build out will be approximately 32,000) of which 1,209 were under 5 years of age and 3,228 were over 65 years of age. Also in 2017 the median family income in town was \$109,408 and there were 9,334 total housing units with an average household size of 2.86 people and an average family size of 3.21 people. As of 2019 there were a total of 762 senior units (188 of which were under construction). Farrell mentioned later that the town expects a

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Town Council Says Revenues Not Keeping Up with Spending

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Jan. 6 Town Manager, Kevin Smith, spoke to the Town Council about the proposed town budget numbers that will be overviewed at the upcoming public hearing on Jan. 20 at the Londonderry Town Hall beginning at 7 p.m.

That public hearing will be the final public hearing for residents to provide tangible feedback and impact across the budget, as well as, the proposed warrant articles prior to the town's deliberative ses-

sions. The town's deliberative session for the final warrants and budget presentation and discussion is scheduled for Saturday Feb. 9.

Smith pointed out, "I want to discuss where we are ...the proposed budget is about \$40,000 below default. This is primarily due to the fact that step increases and merit increases will be included in any proposed contract that goes before the voters. As I've explained previously, we are negotiating five contracts this year and at the next council meeting on the 20th, I'll be giving both

the council and the budget committee updates on where we stand with those five contracts. It has been my hope all along that we'll be able to move all five of them to the ballot for March."

"I just want to remind the public that we have the next public hearing

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Town Council Approves Maintenance Trust Fund Request for Contractors

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Since approval was granted in 2003, Town voters have sanctioned funding for maintenance and repair of the town's public buildings, as well as, the town grounds. Payment for such work is publicly processed as an order from the Londonderry Town Council to the Town Treasurer.

At their Jan. 6 Town Council meeting, the Town Council addressed an order for an expenditure of \$8,345.00 from the Expendable Maintenance

Trust Fund (EMTF) for the Town Treasurer to process various winter-time repairs, maintenance and improvements that have occurred over the recent months.

The breakdown of the expenditures incurred for winter maintenance and other maintenance items included in regard to this payment was for work conducted at several town owned or operated facilities. Work was completed at the Town Hall, the Londonderry Fire Department, the Londonderry Police Department, the Morrison House, the

Senior Center and the Londonderry Access Center.

Specifically plowing, salting, and shoveling as occurred during recent winter storms was addressed by appropriate contractors on Dec. 11, Dec. 17, Dec. 18 and Dec. 19, 2019. This wintertime work was conducted across various town buildings including the Town Hall, the Library, the Londonderry Police Department, the Access Center and the Central Fire Station.

This Expendable Maintenance Trust Order Request for this work

invoiced to the town includes costs of materials and labor for the winter maintenance of the town's owned parking lots, walkways, steps, as well as, for fire lanes at Londonderry Town Center buildings. The town received 3 invoices for this work from Shady Hill - for a total of \$5,280.00

Recently a problem was discovered within the fire alarm system at Londonderry's South Fire Station. The drying system - connected via electronics and monitored via the fire alarm panel - was intermittently failing and detecting low-pres-

sure thus indicating a problem. The request to pay this invoice for the fix done by Mammoth Fire was for a total of \$1,555.00. Specifically, this was for the servicing, troubleshooting, and inspection of the dry system in the attic space, and the work included replacement of a defective part, and re-testing of the system.

The town is also responsible for winter maintenance for the Senior Center. Green Magic provided plowing, salting, and shoveling service on Dec. 17, Dec. 18, and Dec. 27, 2019 at

the Londonderry Senior Center. The EMTF request to pay Green Magic a total of \$1,510.00 for 3 separate invoices was for the materials and labor for their winter maintenance of the parking lots, walkways, steps and fire lanes at the senior center.

The council briefly discussed if the contractors involved doing the work were using appropriate salt compliant with state guidelines and the council was told that specific usage was still a work in progress with some of the contractors.

Council

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on the budget two weeks from tonight on Jan. 20. That'll be the last time for the public to weigh in on the warrants before it gets moved to the ballot before deliberative session - so again that'll be on the 20th."

Smith also outlined that the deadline for citizens petitions is January 14 and if anyone is thinking about doing one - and

while it's not mandatory - Smith and the council strongly encourage people to engage the town to run the language of their petition by Atty. Ramsdell first before getting signatures... Smith said there are currently two citizens petitions that have come to him at this point.

Chairman Farrell said, "And those that are doing citizens petitions, please just don't stop at 25 signatures as the signatures have to be verified ...for

registered voters - so you're far better served by exceeding that limit. ...and also be sure you get proper signatures."

Smith said, "Just a note back on the proposed budget... the budget right now - as it stands for the following fiscal year - is up 1.75% over the current budget.

Chairman Farrell then pointed out, "I want to be really clear ...about revenues - so over the past two weeks I have been running analysis on the revenue streams of the town and also discussing what our future pipeline looks like on the commercial revenue side - for business or commercial

revenue. The commercial pipeline is significantly less than it has been in the past. We have been very fortunate raising tens of millions of dollars in commercial revenue to be able to offset costs going forward - over the last 10 years especially."

Farrell continued, "Going forward we are going to be smart about this... and look at other ways to raise revenue also. We are talking to an electric company aggregator at this time, so that we can look at how to help all of the 9000 residents in town get a reduction in their electric bill. We are looking at different ways to help folks

through different avenues to put more money back in the taxpayers pocket."

"We now have the taxpayer relief act," Farrell pointed out "...and I know it isn't a lot of money, but we're going to keep moving in that same direction and we have to do three or four of those initiatives so they add up to a lot of money. But I want to be really clear we have to be smart about going forward because our revenue is not increasing at the same rate as it has been in the past. We have just had record revenues..."

Councilor Tom Dolan said, "I think... (what is)

important is that our revenues are not increasing as fast as our spending."

The Chairman pointed out - that Dolan's statement was correct overall for the town - then saying, "I don't think folks understand it takes almost \$120 million to run the town so we have really got to be smart about this.

The Council engaged The Budget committee in the discussion and members pointed out that they were still working out recommendations for the warrant articles, which will likely be finalized just before the warrants are put forward to the public.

The council proceeded with their budget workshop including further discussion about specific warrant articles and budget issues, while looking to cut budget numbers where ever possible.



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Upcoming School Budget Priorities Based Upon District's Strategic Plan

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School Board is preparing final budgets for presentation at the School Board's Public Hearing on January 16th that will then be refined for final considerations at the School Board Deliberative Session on February 7th. It is important for residents and the student families to overview the school district's direction, strategy and priorities in order to gain understand the context of the budget focus, related warrant articles and other fiscal matters, which can have an impact on the tax rates for all Londonderry residents.

Under Superintendent, Scott Laliberte, the district now has developed an updated strategic mission for the future. Laliberte says, "We have committed ourselves to work toward the realization of our Mission Statement — to provide all students with the vision, skills, and knowledge necessary to maximize their individual potential ...as we continue to explore best practices. ...and we believe each student should be equipped with the appropriate content knowledge, skills, and work habits to pursue their own aspirations and talents."

Under this direction, the District has recently created a strategic plan for the next five years — prioritizing 2 key pillars in their plan. Pillar 1 is targeted to update and align curriculum at all schools, as needed to enable diverse learners to achieve or exceed district standards. To support

this pillar, the district is promoting that professional development within the district's staff resources is needed as well as updated technology and communications plans.

Pillar 2 is a complement to the first pillar with a goal of strengthening a proactive and positive culture for all the students that is aligned with the community.

The district notes in their new strategic plan that technology tools, communication plans and related investment will be needed for this plan to be successful. However, as reported at the last year's school board deliberative sessions, Londonderry schools are faced with shortcomings in internet, network infrastructure and technology applications support that are needed for students to prepare for the future careers based on evolving

work requirements.

Many of the district schools including the high school do not have optimized or sometimes even completely functional infrastructure, applications support and security systems in place right now. And there is a need today and for the future to provision enough bandwidth across classrooms to fully leverage technology-based solutions required for the district's plan if it is to be successful. While there was a modest technology upgrade budgeted this past year that was helpful, Pillar 1 curriculum updates and the Pillar 2 actions that are focused to support proactive and positive cultural changes will need a prioritized budget focused on realistic technology upgrades.

And as many parents, student, and educators know today — STEAM (Science, Technology,

Engineering, Arts and Math), education is key to unlocking a 21st Century approach for learning. By engaging students around these subjects, STEAM sparks an interest and life-long love of the arts and sciences in children even from an early age that will help them be successful in their future workplace roles.

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math are actually similar disciplines in that all involve creative processes, and none uses just one method for inquiry and investigation. Teaching relevant, in demand skills that will prepare students to become innovators in an ever-evolving world is paramount today, not only for the future of these students but for the future of the country and that will require appropriate technology support.

A multi-year plan and budget to update network

infrastructure, security and application solutions is required — to meet the demands of mobile devices, as well as, provide enough safe bandwidth associated with the digital curriculum that will need to be utilized for K to 12.

To achieve Pillar 1 for a curriculum update, the school district is proposing a consistent replacement cycle for students and staff with regard to their mobile and stationary devices so all devices are properly maintained for the next 6 years to support digital curriculum and instructional practices.

As updated curriculum documents are created, information files will be housed within Londonderry School District's cost effective Google Drive network for staff. And public curriculum documents for parents and the community will be housed on the school district's website. Within the Google Suite of tools, Google Classroom is a primary option for staff to use to organize digital curriculum documents and tools with their stu-

dents.

ASPEN will continue to be the district's student information system but over the timeline of the new strategic plan, the district will continue to explore other resources that can align student achievement data for standardized tests, as well as, for local performance assessments. There may also be systems that are more useful for grading and reporting of competencies as well as student achievement on standards.

The district says i-Ready will continue to be a cloud-based assessment and instructional tool for grades 1 to 8 and certain classes in grades 9 and 10 perhaps even kindergarten classes may also access i-Ready where and when appropriate.

For the Pillar 2 strategy direction — to further strengthen and develop the school's culture to be proactive and positive — technology support and best practices for communications efforts are also targeted as keys to success under the school district's new strategic plan.

2020 Town and School Positions Available for March 10 Election

The 2020 Town and School Election filing period will be open from Wednesday, Jan. 22 - Friday, Jan. 31 at 5 p.m.

Candidates for Town offices can file with the Londonderry Town Clerk office located at Town Hall and candidates for school positions will need

to file with the Londonderry School District Clerk office located at 6 Kitty Hawk Landing.

The offices up for election are:

Two - 3-year terms on Town Council.

Two - 3-year terms on School Board.

Three - 3-year terms and one - 1 year term on the Budget Committee.

Town Moderator, one - 2 year term.

Library Trustees two - 3 year terms.

Trustee of Trust Fund one - 3 year term.

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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Editorial

Calling All Residents, Time to Step Up

The filing period to run for open elected positions in town and school starts on Wednesday, January 22 and ends on Friday, January 31 at 5p.m.

Are you frustrated after seeing you tax bill? Feel officials are not listening? Do you feel that your officials all have an excuse for everything or justify decisions you don't agree with?

To all the residents who stayed at home while your elected officials crafted school and town budgets, and to those who don't offer suggestions during public hearings, we expect you are satisfied with the final numbers for the budgets and with your tax bills.

It's plain and simple: without asking questions, you will never truly know for sure what is being spent and why.

Some residents will be losing their jobs, working without raises again, struggling to stay in their home. Yet town and school budgets continue to go up, town and school employees get raises, and benefits. Officials seem to be increasing purchases and more building continues.

One must ask, are these needs or wants?

Instead of allowing town officials to behave like a spoiled child with a platinum credit card paid for by taxpayers, residents need to ask questions and look for proof of what they say to be true as needs.

When will the taxpayers discipline

the spoiled children? Maybe after another increase in the tax bill.

The hearings are for the most part over, and your next shot at participatory democracy comes at the Deliberative Session and Town Meeting. It's not too late to offer a well thought out and practical way to save money, or to offer your thanks if you think your elected officials paid attention to the woes of the taxpayers.

There's something else you can do as well, particularly if you are ardent about fiscal and personal responsibility. You can make change by running for elected office yourself.

If you have great love for your community, if you are truly willing to listen to others, if you can seek a middle ground among differing opinions, if you have really thick skin, and if you are willing to put in long evenings to serve your constituents, put your name in the running. No personal agendas need apply.

In a country founded on citizen participation, in a state where the voice of the individual is honored, an elected office is a possibility for anyone who cares to make the effort.

You'll have a say in what happens in town, and you'll be responsible for helping your town move forward. You'll truly be part of your community, and you'll be part of democracy in action.

Don't let the apathy continue to run wild. Take a stand today to preserve the community tomorrow.

Letters

Library Update

To the editor,

The town of Londonderry need's an update of the library to the 21st century.

1) The library needs its own website and not to have to go to the town's site and than to the library's.

2) There should be more adult programming and especially for senior citizens, with so many 55 and over development's being in town and more proposed.

3) The system now is you have to be signed in by an employee to use the computer, in most other town's, you use your library card with a pin number and guests use a pass.

Very cumbersome and it would free up the employee's for other things.

4) I recently went on a library computer and when I looked in the document's folder someone had left their personal banking information, including statements. How dangerous is that?

5) Other library's have software that will reboot after you use it and will scrub everything off of it. If someone forgets to logoff, the computer will reboot automatically after no use for 10 minutes or so.

6) With the current system all of the computer system's of the town are vulnerable with someone using the library's computer and possibly infecting it with a virus or some other harmful item.

Time for the town to update its computer system!

Thank you.

Kevin J. Olaney
Londonderry

Killing Soleimani

To the editor,

I'm astounded at Democrats criticizing Trump for killing Iran's General Qasem Soleimani; the mastermind who for 20 years killed hundreds of American servicemen and injured thousands through Iran's proxy terrorist organizations. Democrats have made Trump the villain and Soleimani the hero martyr. Despicable. Soleimani had American blood on his hands leaving families grieving for their fathers, husbands, sons and daughters. If Soleimani murdered your wife, husband or children, should he be allowed to continue killing? America cannot be held hostage to what our enemies might do. To do nothing emboldens them to kill more of us. Iran launched a retaliatory missile strike, but it was feeble with Iran giving advance warning to Iraqi officials who in turn warned American forces to take cover; no Americans were killed. Did Iran's advance warning result from fear of a powerful American retaliatory strike if Americans were killed? Absolutely. Iran's leadership realizes that Trump is not Obama or George W. Bush who feared Iran's retaliation if Soleimani was killed. Iran's feeble counter-strike was the only way the mullahs could save face with the Iranian people. The mullahs now understand that Trump will no longer turn the other cheek for Iran's proxy terrorist groups to kill Americans. Killing Soleimani struck fear into Iran-backed terror groups throughout Iraq and Afghanistan as their leaders are leaving their strongholds for fear of

being killed by American drone strikes. Iran's mullahs have told their proxies to halt attacking American forces as the mullahs do not want war with America. They now understand that their lives may be in danger or their oil refineries, the lifeblood of Iran's economy, could be destroyed causing hyper-inflation, economic collapse and over-throw of the Iran regime. Taking out Soleimani maybe the impetus to finally get Iran to the negotiating table; peace through strength. I'm reminded of the \$150 billion Obama snuck into Iran in the middle of the night to placate Iran into becoming a peaceful member of the world community only for Iran to spend the money supporting terrorists to kill Americans. That really worked; didn't it? All this BS about Trump not consulting with military commanders before the Soleimani strike and that Trump finally gets his war is nonsense. As commander-in-chief, the Constitution grants Trump power to strike our enemies without Congressional approval as was the case in killing Soleimani based on intelligence that Soleimani was planning attacks on Americans. Obama did it with bin Laden. The Air Force Chief of Staff was notified and through the chain of command the drone controller launched the missile strike. No commander wants to send his boys into battle as he well knows the ramifications. What's paramount now is that if Iran senses a divided America based on Democrats criticism of Trump's handling of Iran, Iran may be mistakenly emboldened to strike at

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Planning Board Approves Waiver for Condo Conversion Plan

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At their January 8th Planning Board meeting, the Chairman, Art Rugg, and 9 board members heard specifics regarding an application request for a formal review of a condominium conversion at 53 Chase Road. The request made by the new owner of the building, Tyler Builders, Inc., was to create condominiums from an existing duplex building. The Planning Board accepted and approved this formal review application — providing the owners 65 days to work the next steps within the planning process that will include a public hearing.

The Planning Board then took up a discussion about a problem with

this conversion plan that involved a driveway issue concerning non-conformance to the Town's driveway safety guidelines for a condominium. Londonderry Town officials including Town Planner, Colleen Mailloux, and Assistant Director of Public Works and Engineering, John Trottier, were at the meeting to consult with the Planning Board about this situation. Both officials had previously reviewed a visibility problem for one area of the driveway at the site and pointed out that they could not recommend approval of the current driveway that was already in place, as it did not meet town safety regulations for distance visibility. The town officials pointed out that they do not want to set a prece-

dent for this type of violation and told the Planning Department that they would of course defer to their judgment about this non-conforming issue.

Specifically — one of the two entrance and exit points of the driveway could not be seen safely from a distance as specified in town regulations for condominium driveways. For example, the issue here could mean that if a small object such as a ball rolled out from non-visible driveway access point, there may not be a view from a passing car to see a child running out from that point to the street to chase down that ball, thus creating a safety hazard.

The driveway at the location is a horseshoe shaped paved driveway that is actually in compliance to town regulations as a duplex unit, but a conversion to a condominium classification changes regulation compliance for such driveway visibility. In this case, the north end of the driveway area conforms to the town's condominium requirements but the south end of the drive

does not meet them.

Eric Mitchell came forward to the Planning Board on behalf of the owner — Tyler Builders to discuss the situation. Mitchell said, "...this is a condominium conversion of an existing duplex ...and the project requires state subdivision approval for a condominium, which we have already received — so there is approval for this conversion from the state.

"We've asked for two waivers — one is for (Londonderry Ordinance) section 3.09 relative to the sight distance. The driveway does not meet the current town safe stopping sight distance. But the driveway has been there prior to 1992 ...so it's been there for probably over 30 years and it does meet the Federal Government Access Management guidelines for safe stopping sight distance."

Mitchell continued, "Secondly, we've asked for a waiver to (Londonderry Ordinance) section 3.02 A2 to allow us not to have to set a boundary marker out in the middle of a swamp about 200 feet away from any of the

uplinks — so that if we did set it, someone would never go out there to see it again. The regular boundary lines are already monumented and the rest of the property is monumented as well."

"The building itself is a currently a duplex with a single car garage and 2 three-bedroom units and there is about 2000 ft. of livable space in each of the units."

After further discussion and a probe of the safety factors for the waiver request, the Board Members approved both waiver requests. The Board approved the waiver regarding the driveway safety issues by a 5 to 4 vote margin.

At this meeting there was another Planning Board request from BDRC Properties, II, LLC — regarding an application for an amendment to a conditionally approved site plan to relocate the planned fire access lane. There was also a waiver request to Section 6.01.c of the Londonderry Site Plan Regulations to allow the issuance of a certificate of occupancy prior to the placement of the final wearing course for this property located at 49 Wentworth Avenue.

The problem occurred during the actual building construction, and the developer was not able to properly execute the approved plan for the fire access lane, as the construction of the building was changed from the original plan. This meant that some of the landscaping in the plan was also altered creating additional issues to resolve. The developer had solutions and they discussed those solutions with the board. After discussion about the best resolution to these problems, it was determined that the fire access lane would need to be relocated and the landscaping could be moved.

Chairman Art Rugg admonished the developer that they should have been more proactive in their planning and execution process. However, since the building was already near completion it would not be practical to do anything but move the fire lane access at this point. The board approved the amendment to relocate the fire lane and also granted the issuance of a certificate of occupancy prior to the final wearing course that would need to be done.

Letters

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our military thinking that Trump is paralyzed to strike back. To criticize Trump for his domestic policies is one thing, but

to criticize Trump for killing Soleimani; whose side are Democrats on?

Bob Pitre
Londonderry
Captain USMC/
Vietnam 1969

OBITUARY

Peter F. Doyle, Jr.



Peter F. Doyle, Jr., 78 of Derry, NH died Sunday Jan. 12, 2020 at his home. Mr. Doyle was born in Boston, MA on Sept. 22, 1941, a son of the late Peter and Mary (Carroll) Doyle. He had resided in Derry for the past 23 years, formerly living in Everett, MA.

Mr. Doyle served with the US Army during the Vietnam Era. He retired from the US Post Office, South Postal Annex in Boston after 25 years. Mr. Doyle was a friend of Bill W. and was a member of the American Legion.

He is survived by his two daughters, Laura Ezekiel-Marsh and her husband Daniel Marsh of Derry, and Julie Doyle of Burlington, VT, three grandchildren, Charis Doyle, Mackenzie Hayes, and Haleigh Smith, one great-granddaughter, Autumn Maurice, and his life partner, Joan Sorenson of Londonderry. He also leaves several cousins, including Kathy and Bobby Moreschi. He was predeceased by his wife, Arlene M. Doyle in 2010, and by his sister, Sheila Doyle.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held on Saturday Jan. 25, 2020 from 1 – 3 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. Burial with honors will be held at a later date at the NH State Veteran's Cemetery, Boscaawen, NH.

Deliberative Session Date

The date for the Town's Deliberative Session is Saturday, Feb. 8 at 9 a.m., in the Londonderry High School Cafeteria.

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Orchard Christian Fellowship to Host Night to Shine Prom

Orchard Christian Fellowship of Londonderry announced today that they will host the Tim Tebow Foundation's Night to Shine prom on Friday, Feb. 7. This is the Orchard's 2nd year hosting and this year's event will be held at Manchester Christian Church's Wellington Road campus. Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, cen-

tered on God's love for people with special needs ages 14 and older, and is hosted by local churches in all 50 states and across the globe all on one night. The Orchard is excited to be a part of this worldwide movement that acts as a catalyst to change how culture embraces people with special needs.

Every guest of Night to Shine enters this complimentary event on a red

carpet complete with a warm welcome from a friendly crowd and paparazzi. Once inside, guests receive the royal treatment, including hair and makeup stations, shoe shining areas, limousine rides, corsages and boutonnieres, a catered dinner, prom favors, a dance floor... all leading up to the moment when each guest is crowned king or queen of the prom.

"I am blown away by how we are seeing God use the Church to step into this space as an advocate for people with special needs. It's not about my foundation or the churches themselves, but about communities coming together to love and celebrate people with differences. Every town, every village, every state, every country needs a Night to Shine for their special needs community –

a chance to be a part of something significant and life-changing...and to be blessed in the process," said Tim Tebow, founder of the Tim Tebow Foundation.

When Night to Shine launched in 2015, 44 host churches and 15,000 volunteers worked together to honor more than 7,000 kings and queens of the prom. This February 7, 2020, Night to Shine will celebrate its sixth anniver-

sary, and on this one night nearly 700 churches from around the world will come together to host the event for approximately 100,000 honored guests through the support of 200,000 volunteers.

For additional information on the Night to Shine event hosted by Orchard Christian Fellowship and to register as a volunteer, visit www.orc-hardnh.org/night-to-shine.

Ovation Theatre Presents "And a Child Shall Lead" Jan. 31

Ovation Theatre Company's latest production represents something truly unique in community theatre. With the first two productions having been the well-known musicals, *Les Misérables* and *Into the Woods*, Ovation is kicking off 2020 with a small play, *And a Child Shall Lead*.

And a Child Shall Lead is the heroic and true story of children coming of age in Terezín, the "Jewish city" established by the Nazis near Prague as a way station before the death camps. In the face of unspeakable horror, these children use their determination and creativity to build lives filled with hope and beauty - playing, studying, making art, and writing an under-

ground newspaper - all at the peril of being executed. Their actual poems and stories are woven into a fast-paced drama, evoking the universality of children caught in the insanity of war. The shows will be performed on the weekend following International Holocaust Remembrance Day; Jan. 27 marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, which was the ultimate destination of most of the people of Terezín.

"It's a very powerful story," Director Tim Gore said. "The emotion is so raw because the events that happen to the characters in the story happened in real life to people not much different from the actors portraying them."

This production is unique in New Hampshire com-

munity theatre because it involves youth actors playing young characters. Most youth theatre involves at least some of the child actors playing adults, requiring the audience to suspend disbelief - even with the best acting, costumes and make-up. *And a Child Shall Lead* features only eight characters and none is older than 15, so a young company of actors can more accurately portray them.

Gore has done extensive research to prepare himself and the cast for such a weighty plot. Because the play is based on a true story, Gore worked to gain an extensive knowledge of Terezín and the poetry, art, and the underground newspaper that feature so prominently. This research has culminated in a teacher

resource guide, which Gore has provided to local teachers to go along with a special student matinee performance.

Ovation has also connected with the southern New Hampshire Jewish community, which has been extremely supportive. Rehearsals have been held at Etz Hayim Synagogue in Derry, thanks to the support of Rabbi Peter Levy and the board of directors. Rabbi Jonathan Spira-Savett of Temple Beth Abraham in Nashua has also been very encouraging.

In addition to Tim Gore and Stage Manager Betsy Brown, both from Londonderry, the cast of *And a Child Shall Lead* includes Sawyer Broderick of Hooksett, Cailean Anderson of Hudson, Michaela Horan of Londonderry, Martin Moskowitz of Windham and Lan-



Michaela Horan 1/2: Gabriela Winterová, played by Michaela Horan of Londonderry, writes in her diary during the show.

Luke Thibodeau: Martin Löwy, played by Luke Thibodeau, Mabel Backman and Paige Lang - all of Hampstead.

The performances are at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 31 and Saturday, Feb. 1 at Granite State Arts Acade-

my in Salem (19 Keewaydin Drive). Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and are currently available at OvationTC.com. For information about the student matinee, please email OvationTC@gmail.com.

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Intersection Accidents: Determining Fault After a Automobile Crash

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Intersection accidents happen for various reasons. Often one driver blows through a light or stop sign.

Sometimes a driver speeds into an intersection, so others have little time to get out of the way.

Accidents often happen when drivers attempt to "beat the light" continuing even after the yellow turns red. Add driver distraction, weather and overall frustration into the mix and intersection accidents happen daily in the U.S.

Some accidents present little doubt as to cause. One car simply runs the sign or the light and the other did nothing wrong. Or one car sits still waiting at a red light and the other fails to stop, slamming into it in the back.

Then other accidents present a challenge. Both drivers were looking away. Or a collision at an uncontrolled intersection leaves both drivers blaming the other. Worried about insurance rates drivers often fight, either at the scene or afterwards. In a typical liability dispute one driver claims the other ran the red, the other argues the first driver started up too soon.

Some disputed intersection accidents leave those who were not at the scene scratching their heads. Who tells the truth? Whose version defies reality? Is the failure to agree in good faith, a mistaken observation or simply an out-

right lie?

Standards of Fault

People who did not actually see the accident often find themselves in the position of needing to find fault. Law enforcement, insurance adjusters, courts, attorneys and others face the task of figuring out what happened.

The first step involves collecting all of the evidence. The list includes skid marks, points of impact, intersection layout, witness statements, vehicle data, photos and more.

Common sense and rules of the road then help sift through the evidence and arrive at the truth. The following ten presumptions, from the Massachusetts Standards of Fault provide fairly typical guidance in arriving at what happened in a collision:

Rear End Collisions

The operator of a vehicle which is in a collision with the rear end of another vehicle is presumed to be more than 50% at fault.

Out of Lane Collisions

A motor vehicle operator is presumed more than 50% at fault when operating a vehicle partially or completely out of its lane and is in a collision with another vehicle:

- While changing lanes or turning into or across the other vehicle's lane.

- Being passed by another vehicle which is properly in its lane.

- When passing another vehicle, the other vehicle properly in

its lane.

Failing to signal

The operator of a vehicle is presumed more than 50% at fault when in a collision while failing to signal as required by law before turning or changing lanes.

Failing to proceed with caution from traffic control signal or sign

A motor vehicle operator is presumed more than 50% at fault when failing to obey a traffic control signal or sign, or fails to proceed from a signal or sign with due caution and is then in a collision. This includes but is not limited to stop signs, yield signs and traffic lights.

Wrong side of the road

This should be fairly obvious but it's the law that an operator is at fault when driving a vehicle that collides with another vehicle, moving in the opposite direction, which is in the proper side of the road.

Leaving or Exiting from a Parked Position, Parking Lot, Alley or Driveway

The operator of a vehicle is presumed more than 50% at fault when operating a vehicle leaving or exiting a parked position, parking lot,

alley or driveway, and is involved in a collision with another vehicle.

Single Vehicle Collision

The operator of a vehicle which is the only vehicle involved in a collision is presumed at fault.

Unattended Rolling Vehicle

Anyone leaving a vehicle unattended which then rolls, causing a collision is presumed more than 50% at fault.

Accident while Merging or Entering a Rotary

A driver is presumed at fault, or more than 50% at fault when operating a vehicle merging onto a highway or entering a rotary when involved in a collision with another vehicle that was already on the highway or in the rotary.

No-contact Accident

A motor vehicle operator is presumed more than 50% at fault despite lack of contact with another vehicle "but whose actions cause the collision of one or more vehicles".

Failing to Yield to Emergency Vehicles

If you're in a collision resulting from your failure to yield to an emergency vehicle you are presumed to be more than 50% at fault.

"T" Intersection Accidents

The operator coming from the roadway that terminates onto another thoroughfare and whose vehicle is in a collision with another vehicle on the intersecting thoroughfare is presumed at fault. In other words the driver coming from the "stem" of the T is presumed at fault.

Note that the rules summarized above mention that one operator or the other is presumed at fault. In the law a presumption creates a conclusion where a certain set of facts exist. Presumptions can be rebutted.

Once a presumption is created, the person hurt by the determination overcomes it only by producing sufficient evidence. In a courtroom a presumption remains unless a preponderance of evidence outweighs it. This is a fact determination made by a judge or jury. But once raised, a presumption places the burden to prove it wrong on the person hurt by the presumption.

Are Intersection Accidents "He Said She Said?"

The above ten accident analysis points summarize Massachusetts standards of fault. At the same time, they mirror standards in most

states. For example, New Hampshire law spells out what we generally call the "rules of the road". They exist in over 150 subsections of the Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 265.

After an accident or other dispute people often say it's a "He Said She Said". But the rules and the standards summarized above often help break through the war of words. As we've said in another blog article, there's really more to it than simply he said she said.

If you have been injured through no fault of your own we urge you to let us help. If you or a loved one were hurt due to another's negligence or recklessness you have the right to hold them accountable and seek compensation for the resulting injuries. While insurance companies attempt to limit what they pay, injury victims and their families become uncertain how to proceed and what the law allows.

Sources:

Standards of Fault, 211 CMR 74.00, Massachusetts Division of Insurance. (Adopted under authority of M.G.L. c. 26, § 8A, M.G.L. c. 175, § 113P.)

New Hampshire Rule of the Road, RSA 265.

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Seniors

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total of 1,100 senior community homes by the end of 2020.

The handout stated that there are 67 police officers (including the airport) with salary and benefits totaling \$9,334,748. There are 50 certified firemen with salary and benefits totaling \$6,202,697 and 13 highway foremen in the Department of Public Works at a cost of \$1,371,616. There are defibrillators in all emergency response vehicles and highway vehicles. Three ambulances with advanced life support operate 24/7 and the average response time is approximately 6 minutes. The Fire Department (LFD) had 4,013 calls for service in 2018 and the Police Department had 7,605 in 2019. Approximately 72% of the LFD calls are for emergency services.

The handout also explained that there is a five member elected School Board whose duties include approval of operating and default budgets, set school district policy/curriculum and setting personnel levels.

Senior citizens looking to get involved in school programs should consider applying as substitute teachers, volunteers, sporting events and involvement in the Londonderry Band.

The handout provided location information about voting, paying taxes, registering vehicles, obtaining permits and disposal of waste materials. There was also information provided about the various town boards and committees which Farrell and Smith

mentioned several times during their presentation and encouraged residents to consider lending their expertise and time towards a worthwhile service. There was also mention of programs and meals for seniors at the Senior Center for very nominal fees.

Farrell initiated the verbal presentation by explaining the Dillon Rule which basically allows a local municipality to exercise only those powers expressly granted to it by the state legislature. New Hampshire is one of 31 Dillon Rule States. So, the state legislature applies the law and the towns follow those laws. Under that form of government the town has no real power in dictating school and library policy as the state legislature has not granted towns that authority. Someone later on asked a question like "could the town request the state legislature to change the authority granted to the town relating to a specific issue". The answer was the legal method available would be a change to the Town Charter. That would be a 24 year process, election of a Charter Commission and require Londonderry to become a city which would also have to be approved by the voters.

They mentioned that the town recently lost approximately \$1million in tax revenue due to the re-evaluation of the power plant near the airport because utility and industrial property values did not increase as much as residential properties. They explained that although residential property values in town are soaring commercial and industrial properties always lag somewhat behind the increase or decrease of res-

idential real estate. As such 64% of the town's income is derived from residential real estate. 72% of town revenue goes towards the school budget. In the past three years commercial property owners have been filing tax abatement requests due to the towns very low Equalization Ratio, which is set by the N.H. Department of Revenue and for the most part have been getting those abatements.

They said that the fact that the town is where it is now because 15-20 years ago the town started buying up open land for conservation purposes and to prevent over building. The town has limited industrial and commercial growth inside the core of the town and concentrated most of it near the airport and outside the core.

There were questions about ambulance service. The town has its' own service because it is less expensive than private service. The ambulance will try to take you to whichever hospital you prefer within reason and as long as the request is appropriate for the situation. Farrell stated that if you think it necessary you can contact the LFD beforehand to provide your medications and preferences and should you ever need service it saves them time. Always call 911 in an emergency.

There were questions about school bus service, specifically why there are only 45 students on a particular bus. Again, the presenters stated the town has no authority over school issues and the state determines routes and number of buses. There would have

to be a constitutional change to grant the town authority. They were unaware of any fee-based bus-ing considerations other than for athletics.

There was a question about more active town programs for seniors such as pickle ball. Smith said that in addition to activities at the Senior Center the town has and is exploring Community Center considerations. They have engaged in talks with a group that builds such projects in conjunction with other profit and non-profit organizations. Under such a scenario the town would rent the facility for such activities but get back property taxes from the property owners. Smith and Farrell said they would check into some known vacant properties to determine possibilities for senior and other activities.

There was a question about a senior voucher program for volunteers to get a property tax break for serving the town. Although they were familiar with the program the state only grants the town the authority to allow certain tax credits and exemptions and senior vouchers are not currently one of them.

There was a question about how Londonderry compares with towns of similar demographics and the answer was that Bedford and Merrimack are similar and the comparisons are favorable to us.

There was a question about where specifically town volunteers are needed now. The answer other than previously mentioned committees was to contact Lisa Drabik, Assistant Town Manager. It was mentioned by a HW Board of Director (BOD) member that consideration is being given to invite a rep-

resentative from the town Assessor's Department (and/or others) to next months' BOD meeting.

There was a question about putting a moratorium on residential building. The answer was that in the early 2000's the town tried and failed to get a commercial moratorium so they would expect the same result for residential. However, they said they would discuss the possibility with the Town Council.

There were questions about Pennichuck Water and ground wells in general. They stated that 80% of residents have private well water. Pennichuck is a public utility. The town has requested that the Public utility commission look into the Pennichuck rate increase. As to electric rates, the town has been approached by a company interested in negotiating a town-wide rate but everything is very preliminary.

There was a question about the senior communities paying the same in property taxes as everyone else but also having to maintain and repair their private roads and fire hydrants at additional costly expense. The town is aware that several residents are looking into the possibility for HW to convert their private roads to public roads and the town is assisting in providing information. The only time a private road was converted to a public road was back in the 1980's and research is being done to determine that process. The town would have to be reasonable in considering such a request if all relevant local and state planning and other criteria/requirements are met.

There was a question about what they would be doing with the information

and feedback they receive from these Over 55 Community presentations. The answer was to help plan for future action.

There was a question about the advantages and challenges of the Woodmont Commons Development. Farrell explained a brief history of how that came to be in general terms when a group of wealthy investors, developers and land owners first approached the town about 12 years ago. The preliminary proposal was for a large hospital with a public service building in the middle of a multi-diverse community but has evolved into what is being done today. It is a massive effort with several towns, state and federal officials. The project is positive tax-wise for the town in that it is a neutral tax situation whereby the developers pay any shortfall between town costs and tax revenues. The town's immediate concerns are traffic and controlling the building in stages so as not to be disruptive to local residents.

There was a question about how the School Board plans to address the declining school enrollment. The answer was that it would be a good question for the School Board to be more transparent about.

In closing, Smith and Farrell encouraged residents to attend the School Board Deliberative Session on Friday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. in the High School cafeteria, consider becoming a paid voting day volunteer (with meals), attend the Town Deliberative Session on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 9am in the High School cafeteria and vote on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

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mony. She continued her introduction, conveying the weight of the gesture of the students on the floor behind her.

"What they are giving is more than just a ponytail," said Law. "It is a promise that hope is never lost, and that people will always give rather than receive."

Over the years, LHS has gained attention from several media sources for its participation in the Pantene Beautiful Lengths drive, which had its final run in Dec. of 2018. But just because the hair-care giant was no longer accepting donations did not mean the golden-hearted young ladies and gentlemen of LHS were done giving.

"We've received a lot of recognition from the state, the senate, from celebrities, from Seventeen magazine, but it all really comes down to this room," said Steven Juster, LHS English Teacher and Day Of Giving Coordinator. "You are where the magic happens."

Juster went into the significance of hair donation with a student testimony from Natalie Karlson, who had told Juster that if she were to ever be diagnosed with cancer that she would deny treatment if it meant losing her hair. When she had realized the magnitude of her statement, that was when Karlson pledged to join the other students who pledged before.

At the ceremony, a real-hair wig was presented by members of the pep rally team to LHS English Teacher Ashley Vanat, whose mother has been undergoing intense treatment for breast cancer. Vanat recalled her student teaching days, when her mother was first diagnosed, as she sat among the bleachers weeping during her first, emotional Day of Giving.

Vanat expressed her excitement to give her mother the wig, just in time for Vanat's wedding in Aug.

"Her hope was to have her hair long in my wedding pictures," Vanat explained, voice wavering. "And now she can."

Juster continued the pep rally, announcing that last year's wig recipient, North Elementary teacher Elizabeth Houghton, had received her final cancer treatments in Dec. of 2019, is now in stable health. Houghton stepped forward to thank the crowd for their support, expressing her appreciation for this positive beginning to the new decade.

An impressive number of students on the floor where not there to give ponytails for the first time, but many returning to do so again.

LHS Junior Emma Stowell, who had come to donate alongside younger sister, Lauren of Hooksett, had officially given her entire body height in inches of hair.

LHS Sophomore Jill Corbit was also among many repeat Angels, who returned to the floor after having given 10 inches of her hair just last year.

There were mothers and daughters, sisters, and friends coming together to make the kindest cut of all.

The story of the best friend duo of students Kate McKivergan and Amina Dallahi was shared at the assembly, and both were there to give their hair for the cause. McKivergan and Dallahi had both battled cancer during their childhoods, and had both lost their hair for a few years during that time. McKivergan was donating her hair for the very first time at Lancer Lengths under the wing of Dallahi, who had experience having given hers five years prior.

Featured speaker at the event was LHS alumna and



founder of the Born To Run Foundation, Noelle Lambert. Lambert is also a recipient of many notable awards including the Heroes Among Us award for the Boston Celtics, the American East Inspiration Award, and as of Jan. 10, the Arthur Psalidas Award.

During her speech, Lambert told the story of her tragic moped accident during her Sophomore year in college, which would end up taking her left leg.

Before her accident, Lambert was a three sport athlete during her time at LHS and had earned a Division 1 scholarship to UMass Lowell, where she played lacrosse. Lambert recalled how her first thought after the accident was lacrosse, and how she feared she may never be able to play again.

But with some help from a few different foundations, Lambert was able to receive a prosthetic, which would help her to get back into shape and eventually back into doing what she loved. Despite all she had been through, Lambert refused to let anything hold her back.

"I didn't want to be treated like someone that has one leg," said Lambert. "I wanted to be treated as someone coming off of an injury."

Lambert currently holds the American record for the 100 meter dash as a para-athlete, and is preparing for the Tokyo Olympics in the summer of 2020.

Londonderry Middle School music teacher Sarah Johnson also spoke, telling the audience her story as a two time cancer survivor. Johnson had



LHS graduate, Noelle Lambert, left, and Middle School music teacher Sarah Johnson spoke to those attending about their experiences with loss, and how they came back from them. Photos by Chris Paul

been diagnosed with stage 4 head and neck cancer just a few years prior to this year's Day Of Giving.

After recalling some of the gruesome side effects she would be told to prepare to endure before her radiation treatment, what truly broke Johnson's resolve was one side effect in particular.

"When I was told I was going to lose all of my hair, my eyebrows, my eyelashes, all of my hair...knowing that I was going to lose something that meant so much to my identity was incredibly difficult to hear," Johnson said, holding back tears.

Johnson continued her story, stating that "a group of LHS Angels," accompanied by Juster came to her classroom a week prior to her treatment to present

her with a wig, identical in color to her own hair.

"That day still brings tears to my eyes," continued Johnson. "It was probably the most meaningful present that anyone has ever given me...it gave me the extra piece of strength I needed to be able to fight my battle."

Johnson was a source of inspiration for students like LHS Junior and pep rally team member Amara Cote, who was there to give her hair for the fifth time. Prior to the assembly, Cote had told Londonderry Times about her experiences donating hair, and more of her reasons for giving.

"I just keep coming back because the feeling you get from it is amazing," said Cote. "If all I have to do is cut off my hair to give someone a whole boost of confi-

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Above, Ashley Vanat was presented a wig for her mother who's been undergoing treatment for breast cancer. At left, participants cut their hair at the final stage of the event. Photos by Chris Paul

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dence, it's easy enough."

Fellow Junior and pep rally team member Emily Perry said that it would

be her third time donating hair, but her first time donating with the school.

"I'm doing this because I think someone needs it more than me," Perry said.

Juster closed the ceremony

with a story from student Hannah Ellis, whose Nana was recently diagnosed with lung cancer for the second time, this time incurable. Ellis had previously been on the fence about donating again

but her feelings changed after news of her Nana's diagnosis.

"When my Mom told me my Nana's cancer was back, this time for good... all my ideas of beauty went out the window," Ellis conveyed through a message read by Juster. "I define beauty as strength, and my Nana and every woman in my family are the strongest women I know."

After the cut was made, students donating and cutting were glowing with pride, joy, and hope.

Sophomore Joanna Davis shared her reason for giving, explaining that she had first given her hair when she was in eighth grade for her Grandmother, who was living with her and her family at the time. Davis remembered watch-

ing her Grandmother go through the cancer treatment process and how hard it was for her to lose her hair. Davis said now every time she cuts her hair, she always donates it.

Of course not everyone among the Angels had always had the lengths to give, but some have been finding a way to take part in the movement in their own way.

LHS graduate of 2018 Evan Miller told Londonderry Times that he had cut hair for friends at the Pantene Beautiful Lengths Days of Giving during his freshman, sophomore, and junior year. Miller explained that his mother had just recently overcome a battle with cancer, thankfully not having to undergo chemotherapy treatment, and

he expressed what the campaign meant to him.

"Just witnessing it happen is an amazing thing to see," said Miller. "It just kind of shows what we as a community can do for so many people that we don't even know...but we know that they're out there, and we know that we can do something to help."

There would be no doubt that the school's now nearly two-decade long tradition will carry on. "It's really exciting to see something starting again, for all the right reasons," said Juster.

Every young lady at Lancer Lengths had her own reason for donating, but one sentiment echoed amongst all who were asked what her message was to those on the fence

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Boys Hoop Squad Gets Split in First Home Stand

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Varsity Basketball team has started the season on bumpy ground, first by splitting road games and then by a win and loss at home.

The Lancers boys' took on Bishop Guertin High School on Tuesday Jan. 7, for the home opener, and were able to grab a win by a score off 62-45.

In that home victory, Alex Tsetsilas had a game high of 15 points while Jackson Cox poured in 14. Luke Marsh had ten, Cole Keegan nine, Jake Ruppel six, and Mike Rosatano finished with six as well.

It was great for the coach to see his squad bounce back from the tough loss against Keene back on Jan. 3. "Very proud of the guys with how they responded tonight. They worked on the defensive end and that's what we are all about," said LHS head coach Nate Stanton. His defensive really kicked it up a notch, and he hopes to see that throughout the remainder of the season. "Holding BG to 22 points in the first three quarters was outstanding, I thought we exercised both defensively and offensively better," Stanton went on to say.

The Lancers then

hosted a fairly strong Concord High School squad on Friday Jan. 10, and suffered a heart-breaking, down to the last second loss, 56-53, despite their efforts of cutting down some wide gaps.

The Lancers had a good start with Keegan nailing his first three-pointer, but Concord scored three consecutive buckets in the paint. The Crimson Tide grabbed an early 11-6 lead while the Lancers were trying to find their offensive rhythm. Londonderry gained some life from another Keegan three to make it a 14-9 game with just under three minutes to play in the first. The quarter ended with Keegan nearly turning the ball over, but he recovered and kicked the ball out to Rosatano for an open three-pointer to beat the buzzer. Concord led 17-13 heading into the second quarter.

Londonderry picked up where they left off in the next quarter, starting with another Rosatano three with a pass from Keegan.

Rosatano returned the favor as he assisted Cox with a beautiful feed to set up an easy lay up making it a 24-19 game with Concord still in the lead. With about two minutes left in the half, Luke Marsh managed to

make a tip in off a fellow Lancer miss and got the student section going crazy since he cut the deficit to three points. Concord responded with another three pointer, but the Lancers got the last say of the half when Keegan nailed one from behind the arc before the buzzer. Concord still lead 31-26 at the half.

It was a rough start to the second half for Londonderry, as they turned the ball over three times in a row and Concord scored on every turnover, jumping out to a quick 35-26 lead.

Cox then had a huge block on defense to prevent a ten point deficit and then the Lancers got going with a gorgeous inbound pass from Keegan to Marsh for a lay up. Throughout the quarter Londonderry had several opportunities to capitalize on Concord turnovers, but never got anything to go. Jackson Cox then turned his game up a notch when he scored back to back buckets to make it a 42-38 Concord lead with just under one minute remaining. Cox's play rubbed off on his teammates as the quarter ended with a very impressive coast-to-coast lay-up by Rosatano to make it a 42-40 game heading into the fourth.

Both teams started the

quarter with high intensity and fast paced offenses, but Londonderry still struggled to stop Concord from behind the arc as Concord nailed a couple three's to take a nine point lead with six minutes to go. Rosatano gave his team life as he nailed another three, followed by Marsh with another inside score to make it a 53-48 game with 2:40 showing on the clock. Londonderry maintained momentum when Concord got called for traveling and then after struggling all game to make a shot Tsetsilas finally made the scoring column with a mid-range shot. He then scored again with a layup off a pass from Cox, along with the Lancers getting a steal that led to

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Lancer sophomore Mike Rosatano led LHS in scoring against Concord with 16 points and had nine rebounds. Photo by Chris Paul

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LHS Senior Wrestlers Stand Out Against Some Tough Opponents

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

This past Wednesday, Jan. 8, the Londonderry Wrestling team hosted their first of only two home dual meets of the season, as they hosted the state champion Timberlane Regional High School and suffered a 68-9 loss.

Needless to say was a very rough night for the Lancers, as only two of their wrestlers earned points, both seniors. Timberlane had seven total pins against Lancers wrestlers and had two wins by technical falls.

Senior Nicholas Walter was the first Lancer to win some points in the class of 170 lbs. He beat Timberlane's Joseph Friel in a 3-2 decision, getting three points in a tough battle that went down to the wire. Another Lancer senior, newcomer Samuel Choate, earned Londonderry's only pin of the night when he pinned Malikai Colon in 3:08 to finish the meet.

Head coach Jason Cucolo kept it positive after the loss, knowing his squad can build off the experience. "We wrestled

a hard fought match against an experienced team. We are very young and continue to work hard everyday in practice," said Cucolo. Despite the loss he is happy to see how much his team has progressed already since the season started. "I am very proud of how far this team has come in such a short amount of time."

Even though they suffered a tough loss there was some individual accomplishment and Cucolo didn't let that slip his mind. "Nick Walter had a nice win against a tough opponent and Sam Choate beat an experienced wrestler and is doing such a great job for it being his first year wrestling." Cucolo continued to saying, "We need to continue to work on the mat and getting out from on bottom. This comes from experience and making sure we are wrestling in the off-season. We are a very young team."

Over the weekend, Londonderry competed in the Chelmsford Invitational in Massachusetts on Saturday, Jan. 11,

against 22 other High Schools from around New England. One Lancer earned a first place finish at the tournament, senior Brandon Drake finished on top in his 132 lbs bracket.

Nicholas D'Alessandro had a number of matches at 113 lbs but was pinned twice on the day.

At 132 lbs Brandon Drake started in the second round by pinning Marshfield's Owen Badgio at 1:32 in the second round. In the quarterfinals, Drake beat Westford Academy's Patrick Hickey in a 11-4 decision, and after that in the semifinals Drake pinned Matt Parmenter of Pembroke in 3:41. Drake then took first place with a 18-7 decision over Bedford's Daniel Ethridge.

At 152 lbs, Johnny McKinnon made it to the third round of consolation, but he was beaten by Bedford's Finn O'Neil in a



LHS senior wrestler Samuel Choate got the only pin recorded for the Londonderry squad against Timberlane last week. Photo by Chris Paul

17-1 by technical fall.

Dylan Barnes had a tough day at 160 lbs, making it to the quarterfinals, but lost in a 16-6 major decision to Whittier Tech's Jeremias Collazo.

Nicholas Walter (170 lbs) made it all the way to the championship bout

with three pins, but had to settle for second place, after being pinned by Nick Mazzuchelli, of St. Johns, of Shrewsbury).

In the class of 285 lbs, senior Lancer Samuel Choate lost in the first round of consolation to Brady Morgan of Framing-

ham in a 1:37 minute pin.

Londonderry will hit the mats again on Wednesday Jan. 15, when they face their rival, Pinkerton Academy, at their house after the Londonderry Times went to print.

Boys Hoops

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Rosatano heading to foul line to tie it all up at 53. With under a minute left Concord held the ball for as long as they could before scoring another bucket in the paint, but took a risk by giving Londonderry the final possession. The Lancers night ended with an offensive charge call and Cox fouling out with only four sec-

onds remaining.

Coach Stanton still thinks his team needs to figure out who they truly are since the Lancers have been inconsistent so far this season. "I think we still need to find our identity to be honest."

Mike Rosatano led the team in scoring along with an amazing all-around performance by scoring 16 points and recording nine rebounds. Jackson Cox had 14 points and three assists

along with Luke Marsh having 10 points. Cole Keegan had nine points and four assists, and Alex Tsetsilas finished with four points.

Londonderry was scheduled meet another 2-2 team on Wednesday, Jan. 15, as they will travel to Spaulding High School after the Londonderry Times went to print. Following that, they will travel to down the road to Alvirne High School (1-3) on Tuesday, Jan. 21.



Lancer junior Jackson Cox had 14 points during the home game against Concord on Friday night before he fouled out late in the fourth quarter. Photo by Chris Paul

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Lancer Girls Basketball Now 2-3 After Two Tough Losses

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It was a tough week for the Lady Lancers basketball squad as the girls faced two very tough opponents on the road, and wound up on the losing side of both contests.

The week started on Tuesday, Jan. 7, with the girls playing the defending state champions, Bishop Guertin in Nashua. Unfortunately for LHS, that game against the Cardinals ended with a rather lopsided 74-35 score.

Courtney Shay led the team in scoring once again with 13 points.

Lancer head coach Nick Theos couldn't believe how well Bishop Guertin played against

his squad. "I have never seen a team shoot that well before, I believe that they shot 100% in the first quarter from the floor. That is tough to deal with," said Theos. The coach liked that fact that his girls didn't give up against tough competition. "Ashley Schmitt kept pushing and making right decisions as well as Katie Sullivan on the defensive side in the second half. Even though the score was out of reach, the girls kept playing," Theos added.

Bishop Guertin ended the week undefeated, starting the season at 5-0.

Three days later, the Lady Lancer squad took the court again on Friday, Jan. 10 against a Concord High School (3-1) in the

state capital.

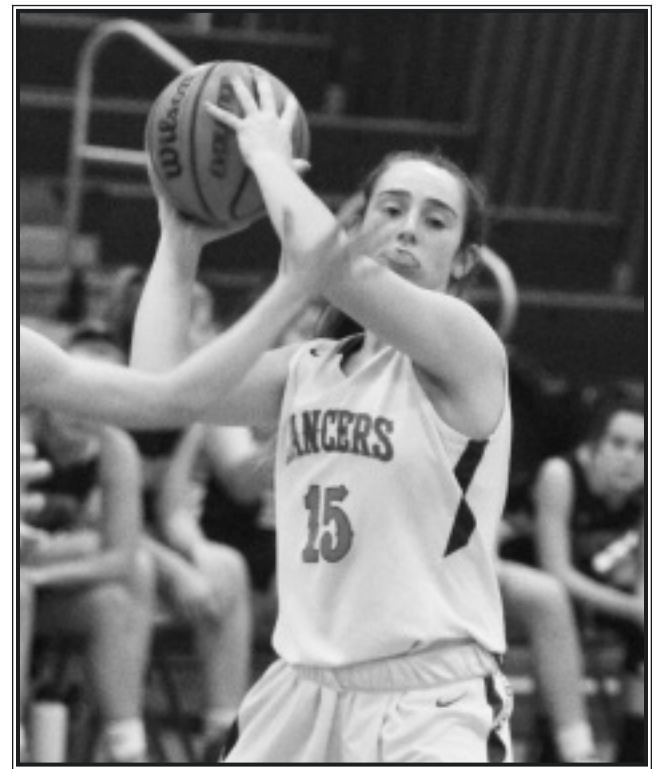
Londonderry couldn't catch a break in that one, as they lost in a much closer outcome 43-37. Jordan Furlong lead the way in scoring with ten points, Shay and Ashley Rourke both scored nine points, but it wasn't enough to catch up with the Crimson Tide girls.

The first half was quiet as both teams combined for a total of 34 points, but the third quarter is where Concord found their stride. "It was a close game, nobody could score for either team in the first half, but they outworked us in the third period and hit a few more shots than we did, and that was the game," Theos commented.

He also added that

Katie Sullivan played great defense again in the fourth quarter along with Ashley Schmitt. "It wasn't enough to overcome the poor shooting and missed opportunities". He wants another shot at Concord because he knows his team can get the job done. "I'd love to get another chance to play them, I know we can execute better and shoot better and that's what we will try and do next week." Theos finished up saying.

The Lady Lancers then hosted a winless Nashua North team (0-4) at home on Tuesday, Jan. 14, after the Londonderry Times went to print. They will host Trinity on Friday night, Jan. 17. That team is also winless.



Lancer junior guard Ashley Schmitt has been a strong contributor on the defensive side of the court so far this season. Photo by Chris Paul

Lancer Swimming Teams Challenged in Latest Home Meet

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Swimming teams hosted another home meet at the Workout Club in Londonderry in a duals meet against Campbell, Hollis-Brookline, Nashua North, and Dover High Schools.

For the boys, they cruised past Hollis-Brookline 105-14, and Campbell 107-12. The Lancers were also challenged as they lost to Dover 92-65, and Nashua North by a score of 93-69.

The girls' team beat Campbell 130-21, Hollis-Brookline 88-82, Nashua North 103-59, but they suffered one loss to Dover by a score 93-76.

In the 200-yard Medley Relay the Lady Lancers team of Elizabeth Allen,



Isabella McKnight

Maggie Edwards, Julia Ethier, and Jasmine Brown placed first with a time of 2:05.56. For the boys the squad of Dylan Anderson, Theodore McKnight, Kevin Mascot, and Brandon White placed second with a final time of 2:03.61. Coming in third place was the team of Hunter Turek, Caleb Howard, Stephen Bompasore, and Connor McKinnon as they had a time of

2:19.92. In the 200-yard Freestyle Lancer Dylan Anderson finished third (2:25.55) while Christopher Byrne placed second in the 200-yard Individual Medley with a swim time of 2:22.05.

Moving to the 50-yard Freestyle Lancers Maggie Edwards finished first (25.67), and Jasmine Brown finished right behind in second with a time of 28.37. For the 100-



Dylan Anderson

yard Freestyle Londonderry's Chris Byrne came in third with a swim time of 57.43.

Later on in the 200-yard Freestyle Relay the squad of Jasmine Brown, Lexi Apholz, Isabella McKnight and Maggie Edwards placed first with a time of 1:54.88. The boys team of Stephen Bompas-

tore, Kevin Mascot, Connor McKinnon, and Christopher Byrne came in second with a final time of 1:50.24.

For the 100-yard Backstroke Maggie Edwards placed second (1:08.97), while Lillian Law earned first place in the 100-yard Breaststroke with a final time of 1:22.68. As for the

boys Brandon White came in third place with a swim time of 1:13.23.

In the 400-yard Freestyle Relay, the Londonderry squad of Elizabeth Allen, Joanna Davis, Lexi Apholz, and Julia Ethier finished second with a time of 4:22.32. The boys' team of Hunter Turek, Theodore McKnight, Christopher Byrne, and Brandon White finished third with a final swim time of 4:01.84.

Londonderry will swim again on Thursday, Jan 16, at Southern New Hampshire University and will compete against Pinkerton, Bedford, Campbell, and Portsmouth High Schools.

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Lancers Gymnastics Team Wins Second Meet of Season

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After starting the year off in December with a first and second place finishes in their first two meets of the season, the Londonderry Gymnastics team returned to the mats on Sunday, Jan 12, and faced off against seven teams in Salem where they got the

team's second win.

In that third meet of the season, the Lady Lancers faced Bedford, Salem, Campbell, Newfound Regional, Plymouth Regional, Raymond, and Trinity High Schools at A2 Gym & Cheer in Salem. The LHS team took home finished that event with 124.85 points, while Bedford' Lady Bulldogs took the second spot (120.85),

and the home team, Salem High School, finished third with 117.8 points.

A number of Londonderry girls scored well at the event, on the beam, Ava Ruppel placed third with a 7.9 and Lili McDonald and Peyton Beirne had solid routines as well.

In the floor exercise, Lancer Sofia Hagymas came in first with a 31.5, while Beirne and Ashley Griffin tied for second with an 8.3.

In the all around, Ruppel came in third with a 31.4 and Hagymas placed second with a score of 31.5.

"Each week we try different combinations of the girls on different events with the goal of figuring out the best combination for states," said head coach Heather



Lancer gymnast Sofia Hagymas on the beam. Courtesy photo

Lennon.

She couldn't be happier for how much her girls have been improving. "The girls are also doing a fantastic job getting new

skills, which increase their start values."

Lennon added. The Londonderry Gymnastics squad was scheduled to return to

another competition at the A2 Gym & Cheer on Thursday, Jan. 16, against Timberlane, Spaulding, Milford, and Windham High Schools.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Dec. 29

**Erica Waters, Junior,
Indoor Track & Field**

Erica Waters had the best meet of her high school career this past Saturday. She had personal bests in four events, and as if that wasn't enough to keep her busy, she also coached and cheered on teammates to their personal best scores.



**Matt Griffin, Junior
Indoor Track & Field**

Matt ran a personal best 2:35.40 in the 1,000-meter run. It's the second fastest time in Division I this season and the fifth fastest in Londonderry High School history.



Student Athletes supplied by LHS Athletic Office

Lancer Hockey Squad Continues to Have Troubles with Scoring

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After stating the season by scoring six goals against Manchester Memorial, the Londonderry's Varsity Hockey team has found it quite difficult to find the back of the net in the early going of the winter sports season.

Those struggles continued last week when the Lancers traveled to south and played against the Salem Blue Devils (3-0-1) at the Salem IceCenter. Neither of the teams were

able to score in three periods of play and the game headed to overtime, but only resulted in a 0-0 tie.

Later in the week, the Lancers traveled to St. Anselm College and faced the undefeated Trinity High School squad.

The first period ended in a 1-1 tie with Lancer Jack Beirne finding the back of the net with an assist from Sam Seibert for the lone LHS goal.

After that tally, Londonderry wasn't able to score again and went on to lose 2-1.



The Lancers will try to get the offense going again on Wednesday, Jan.15, when they faced off against the now 3-0-3 Salem High School team,

this time at home at the Tri-Town Ice Arena in Hooksett. They will play Bishop Brady (0-4-1) on Saturday, Jan. 18 to end the week.

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Lancers Track Teams Competes Well at Phillips Exeter Meet

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Varsity Track Teams competed against ten other schools and the boys came in second place with a score of 42 while the girls finished third with 50 points.

Starting with the girls, in the 55-meter dash, Erica Waters finished eighth with a time of 8.11. Moving to the 300-meter dash Waters placed eighth again (46.30) while Brynn Foster came in 18th (49.09), Ashley

Perry 23rd (49.55) and Lancer Robyn Batchelor finished 33rd with a time of 52.71.

In the 600-meter run Grace McDonough finished on top at first with a run time of 1:47.68. Cailin Borovicka came in sixth (1:51.65), Maura O'Shaughnessy placed 20th (2:08.89) and Caitlin Henderson came in 23rd with a final time of 2:18.93.

For the 3,000-meter run Lancer Caitlin Boufford placed first with a 11:25.70, and Cailey McDonough came in

fourth with a run time of 12:03.52. In the 4x200 meter relay the team of Meghan Daileanes, Retta Hatin, Erica Waters, and Tara Wright placed fourth with a time of 1:56.38. Next in the 4x400 meter relay the Lancer squad of Cailin Borovicka, Caitlin Boufford, Abby Ellis, and Grace Holland finished in first with a final time of 4:33.81.

Moving to the high jump, Londonderry's Isabella Landry placed third with a score of 4'8" while Erica Waters placed second in the long jump

with a 15'1.25" score, and Meghan Daileanes placed seventh with a 13'11.5". In shot put, Akolam Wambu placed third with a 28'4.75". Phoebe Bartlett finished fifth (27'6.5"), Lauren Ponto sixth (26'9.5") and Kathryn Martin ninth with a 25'4.75".

For the Lancer boys, in the 55-meter dash Damon MacLeod finished third with a run time of 6.94.

In the 300-meter dash, MacLeod finished second with a 38.18 while William Bieler placed sev-

enth with a run time of 39.48.

In the 1,000-meter run, Lancers Will Plante placed sixth (2:53.32), Matthew Vogel ninth (2:59.23), Ryan Fortin tenth (2:59.3), and Cole Borovicka 11th (3:00.21).

For the 3,000-meter run, Lancer Ryan Young came in first (9:20.18), Kerry Daley sixth (9:49.74), and Dylan Hotter finished eighth with a time of 10:02.72.

Moving to the 4x200 the Lancer team of Steven Swiderski, Eugene Donovan, Damon

McLeod, and Eric Raza placed fifth with a time of 1:48.81. In the 4x400 relay the team of William Bieler, Kerry Daley, Damon MacLeod, and Erik Reilly placed fourth with a run time of 3:52.77.

In boys' shot put Lancer Hayden Fielder came in fifth place with a score of 41'8.75" and Eugene Donovan placed tenth with a score of 36'10.75".

Londonderry next is on Thursday, Jan. 16, at the University of New Hampshire in the Wildcats Relays.

Londonderry Ski Teams Place Second in Their First Meet

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Ski Team's competed in their first meet of the season on Friday Jan. 3, at Pats Peak in Henniker against Bedford, and Nashua North/South High Schools. The boys placed second with 363 points and the girls finished second as well with 368 points. Junior Juliette Louiselle came in first for her school and 8th overall (1:03.64), junior Julia Deschamps came in second for the Lancers and 11th overall (1:05.40), junior Rylee

McGrath third and 17th overall (1:11.36), and junior Emma Donnelly finished fourth for Londonderry and 23rd overall with a final time of 1:18.26. As for the boys junior Brandon fish finished first for the Lancers and 13th overall (1:04.11), freshman William Louiselle came in second and 17th overall (1:07.57), junior Tyler Kraics third and 23rd (1:20.72), and junior Dominic Viola finished fourth and 26th overall with a time of 1:26.92.

This past Thursday, Jan. 9, the Londonderry Boys' and Girls' Ski teams traveled up to

Pat's Peak Mountain again to compete in a ten team mega meet hosted by Nashua North High School. The other schools that competed were Windham, Nashua South, Pinkerton, Keene, Bedford, Manchester Central, Memorial, Timberlane Regional, and Nashua North High Schools. The Lancers boy squad placed eighth with 286 points while Nashua North and South tied for sixth (304), Windham fifth (342), Pinkerton fourth (345), Timberlane third (357), Keene second (360), and Bedford placed first with

392 points. The Lady Lancers finished in fifth place with 311.5 points while Pinkerton placed fourth (347), Windham third (349), Keene second (362), and Bedford placed first again with a total of 392 points.

Starting with the boys, William Louiselle finished first for Londonderry and 27th overall with a time of 1:14.88. Dominic Viola placed second and 40th overall (1:24.95), Tyler Kraics came in third and 46th overall (1:30.03), and Evan Dugas came in fourth and 50th overall with a time of 1:38.57.

For the girls squad Juliette Louiselle finished first for her team and 21st overall (1:17.52), while Julia Deschamps placed second and 28th overall (1:23.04), Rylee McGrath third and 30th overall

(1:23.10), and Emma Donnelly placed fourth for her Lancers and 36th overall with a final time of 1:34.19. The Lancers will hit the slopes again on Friday Jan. 17th at Crotched Mountain.

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY and the LONDONDERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF DELIBERATIVE SESSIONS

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

- The 2020 Deliberative Session of the Londonderry School District shall be held on Friday, February 7, 2020, beginning at 7:00PM in the Londonderry High School Cafeteria. All warrant articles shall be acted upon at that time for placement on the School District Official Ballot.
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On Wednesdays Feb. 5, 9 and 19, from 2:30 - 4 p.m., at the Upper Room in Derry learn basic sewing survival skills including mending rips, hemming pants and sewing on a button. This three-week series meets after school and is walking distance to Pinkerton Academy. Open to teens ages 13-18. Easily reserve spots by emailing skoza@urteachers.org or call 437-8477 ext. 27.

Quit Vaping & Health Workshop

Time to quit Vaping and Your Health Workshop for Teens; 1st Tuesday of the Month Feb. 4, from 3 - 4:30 p.m., at the Upper Room in Derry. 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 call 437-8477 ext. 15.

Teen Information for Parenting Success

This series is open up to age 23, on Wednesdays from 5 - 7 p.m., at the Upper Room in Derry get in-school support, workshops, baby/toddler supplies, resources and a place to talk, share and learn call 437-8477 ext. 12.

Work Ready NH Course

Eight-week course begins Jan. 29, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 - 7 p.m., at the Upper Room in Derry. This free eight-week program will help any worker over age 18 entering, or re-entering the workforce, update their employment skills and talents. Attendees will achieve both a National Career readiness and a Work Ready NH certificate. On-site registration will take place Jan. 22 at 3:30 p.m. Call Chloe 603-437-8477 ext.

18 or Donna 603-206-8180 for more information.

Living with Bears

On Thursday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m., Mr. Andrew Timmins will present "Living with Bears" at the Leach Library. Mr. Timmins is a wildlife biologist for New Hampshire Fish and Game, where he also serves as a Bear Project Leader. Join Mr. Timmins as he teaches attendees about bear biology and management in New Hampshire. His focus will be on the challenges of bear management, with particular attention paid to the issue of bear cultural carrying capacity and bear/human conflict avoidance and management. This program is free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. It will be held in the library's lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served.

Let's Build a Snowman

Come to the Leach Library on Monday, Feb. 3 from 4 - 5 p.m. to hear about a winter favorite - snowmen. We'll see what snowmen do at night when everyone is asleep and sing songs about snowmen. To end the program, we will build a paper snowman together. Each participant will leave with an adorable plush snowman. This engaging program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room or call 432-1127.

Reptiles Rock

Join Rainforest Reptiles at the Leach Library on Tuesday, Feb. 18 from 4 - 5 p.m. to learn about a variety of reptiles during their Reptiles Rock program. Hear information about several reptiles from tropical environments and what makes them unique. Animal visitors may include a boa constrictor, an American alligator, and a tegu lizard (live

animals). This exciting program is open to 90 participants of all ages, and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 10.

Select This Year's Great Stone Face Award Winner

The New Hampshire Great Stone Face Award nominees are books selected by librarians for children in grades 4-6. Beginning in Feb. and ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 4, for every book read from the list of nominated titles, participants receive one raffle ticket. All the raffle tickets will be entered into a random drawing for a chance to win a great prize. Voting on your favorite book from the list starts on Monday, April 6 at 9 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 11. The raffle is open to all participants in grades 4-6. Stop by the Leach Library Children's Room desk to pick up a list of the nominated books and help us choose this year's winner.

Romping Reads

Open to participants of all ages. Each week, participants will have a romping good time with songs, interactive stories, and a game. Move and groove with friends old and new on Wednesdays from 4:15 - 4:45 p.m. Meeting dates are: Feb. 5, 12, 19, and 26.

Toddler Time

Open to children ages 2 & 3. Children attend with their parents and enjoy a fun half-hour of thematic stories, games, songs, and a simple craft. Meets on Thursdays, 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. Meeting dates are: Feb. 6, 13, 20, and 27.

February Vacation Scavenger Hunt

Starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 24 and ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 29, during February Vacation, the Leach Library Children's Room will be offering an in-library scavenger hunt. Stop by the Children's Room desk for a list of items to find around the building. Turn in the completed hunt for a raffle ticket and a chance to win a fun prize.

Vacation Craft

Starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 24 and ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 29, during February Vacation, participants will have a chance to create

their own cute snowman. Stop by the Leach Library Children's Room desk to pick up the supplies and create your own work of art in the library or in the comfort of your own home.

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.

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.

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.

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13, Tuesday Jan. 21, and Monday, Jan. 27, Feb. 5, 12, 19, and 26, and will be available until 5 p.m. each Saturday.

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 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.

TIPS

The Upper Room holds TIPS (Teen Information for Parenting Success) a Support Program for young parents up to age 23. Every

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5:08 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.	Assault and make arrest on Mammoth Road. Donald Fraize, 32, of Londonderry charged with Domestic Violence (False Imprisonment); and Criminal Mischief.	report of Sex Offenses on Pine Street.
9:39 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Crestview Circle.		4:32 p.m. Assist Londonderry Fire Dept. with Transport to Hospital from Commons Drive.
2 p.m. Nine officers	2:53 p.m. Services ren-	5:22 p.m. Disturbance
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Transitions Support

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

Child Find Program

Free Community Child Find Program for all Londonderry residents ages two 1/2 - five years, 11 months (5.11) Of Age, who are suspected of having

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

Evolve!

A group for young woman ages 13 to 18 to

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

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., Lon-

donderry. 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 are welcome, come and enjoy the fun. Cash prizes, small fee per card. If you want more information call Senior Center at 432-8554.

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.

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

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.

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investigated at N.H. Liquor Store on Rockingham Road.

10:47 p.m. Overdosed subject transported to hospital from Pinyon Place.

Tuesday - Jan. 7

10:15 a.m. Services rendered by Animal Control on Old Nashua Road.

12 p.m. Services rendered for Drug Offenses on Mammoth Road at Tradz.

12:57 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated at Londonderry High School.

3:20 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Melody Lane by four officers.

3:42 p.m. Burglary investigated on Sanborn Road.

6:09 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated at

Burger King on Nashua Road.

6:25 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated at Nevins Club House on Wesley Drive.

Wednesday - Jan. 8

10:09 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with transport to hospital from JDS Flooring Associates on Commerce Avenue.

12:19 p.m. Services rendered by Animal Control at RMZ Truck Stop on Rockingham Road.

3:41 p.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses at Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

3:54 p.m. Motor vehicle stop leads to arrest on Nashua Road at Super Petroleum.

5:39 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Faye Lane.

7:22 p.m. Report of Bur-

glary leads to Arrest on Vista Ridge Drive. Four officers assist in charging Ronald Cooper, 22, of Derry with Criminal Trespass; and Disorderly Conduct.

8:48 p.m. Sex Offenses reported and investigated on Maplewood Drive.

Thursday - Jan. 9

1:45 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Adams Road.

3:32 p.m. Services rendered after report of Missing Person on Melody Lane.

4:13 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated by four officers at U.S. Post Office on Nashua Road.

6:07 p.m. Services rendered after report of Sex Offenses on Maplewood Drive.

6:36 p.m. Subject of Overdose transported to hospital from Fieldstone Drive.

9:15 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Mohawk Drive.

9:40 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Mohawk Drive.

Friday - Jan. 10

9:04 a.m. Attempted Suicide investigated by three officers on Capitol Hill Drive.

10:38 a.m. Drug Offenses investigated at Londonderry High School.

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11:30 a.m. Unlawful Activities investigated on Olde Country Village Road.

5:15 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Rossini Road.

Saturday - Jan. 11

9:18 a.m. Animal Control Services Rendered on Sherwood Road.

4:34 p.m. Peace restored after Domestic Disturbance on Lori Lane.

4:57 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Hall Road.

9:08 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated on Manter

Mill Road.

Sunday - Jan. 12

12:40 a.m. Motor vehicle stop leads to arrest on Rockingham Road at Backyard Brewery. Brandt Reidling, 26, of Toledo, OH, charged with Driving Under the Influence of Drugs or Liquor.

11:30 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Jersey Street.

8:32 p.m. Welfare Check leads to Arrest on Old Nashua Road. Seven officers assist in charging Derek Reilly, 30, of Londonderry with Resisting Arrest/Detention; and Involuntary Emergency Admission.

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