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Mess of Mittens

Rhea Powers delivered about 40 hand-made mittens to give to first grade students at North Elementary School last week. Power's daughter, Kathleen Gifford is a teacher at the school, and the festivity has become annual event. Pictured, trying on a pair with Powers is Lyla Dufour. See more photos page 10.

Photo by Chris Paul

School Board Prepares District's Warrant for Deliberative Session

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School Board recently made their recommendations on this year's Warrant articles, which will be presented at the Deliberative Session being held on Friday night, Feb. 7, at the Lon-

donderry High School Cafeteria.

The Warrant contains fourteen articles with a 2020-21 Operating Budget of \$78,875,263.

In that session, Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose

wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended and (b) warrant articles, as amended shall be placed on the official

Ballot for a final vote of the main motion as amended.

Following the Deliberative, voting on warrant

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School District Holds Public Hearing on Budget and Warrant

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At their Jan. 16 school budget public meeting, the School Board approved sending a \$78,875,263 general fund-operating budget forward to the town's school deliberative and final voting sessions.

Superintendent of Schools, Scott Laliberte initiated the school budget process last November with his recommended budget guidelines and with an imperative for the budget to be fiscally responsible. In addition, the Superintendent directed budget work to be suitably balanced, so the district could properly meet classroom needs as well as keep all key pro-

grams and services going. The school board put together a series of workshops that arrived at the numbers that were set at this public hearing.

Board members began this public hearing with an overview of the operating budget and then read each warrant article for the attendees, while looking for feedback from the members, the Budget Committee and the public. The Board circled back towards the end of this session, after the warrant articles discussion, to finalize the operating budget numbers.

Londonderry voters will have an opportunity to reflect further on the proposed school budget and additional warrant

articles at the School District's deliberative session on Friday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. that will be held in the Londonderry High School cafeteria. Residents attending this public hearing voiced concerns and support, as well as raised questions about the proposed FY 2021 operating budget number. Residents also provided comments on a list of warrant articles involving cafeteria food services, budgeting processes, union contracts, asbestos issues, school building maintenance and technology that will all come forward for final voting in March.

One of the warrant articles that will go to vot-

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Londonderry's Traffic Safety Stressed By Route 102 Project

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry's Traffic Safety Committee met earlier this month to discuss town safety concern issues and solutions. The committee holds quarterly meetings in January, April, July and October on the first Monday of those months, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall.

This month, New Hampshire State Senator Sharon Carson, of Londonderry, attended the meeting to discuss the impact that the N.H. Department of Transportation/Route 102 project was having on the Town.

The Traffic Safety Committee addresses concerns called out by Town citizens per submission. Specifically, the committee addresses problems that local citizen's bring to them including road signage additions and traffic flow problems.

At this meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee, led by Chairman, Robert Ramsay, discussed current traffic issues that have been brought before them by committee members, town officials and the public.

Committee members, that were present included Public Works Director

(DPW), Janusz Czyzowski, Assistant Public Works Director, John Trottier, Police Chief, William Hart, Police Captain Kim Bernard, Fire Chief, Darren O'Brien, Town Manager, Kevin Smith, Member-At-Large, Don Turcotte, and Town Councilor, James Butler.

Five other Londonderry

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Middle School Gets Hydration Station Donation

The Londonderry Middle School recently received a donation from American Legion Post 27 to help with the purchase of a new Hydration Station for the seventh grade wing. Post 27 commander Bob Stuart presented a check to the school Principal William Van Bennekum, Veteran Steven Costa and a number of students. At right, Stewart and Costa check out one of the existing stations. *Photos by Chris Paul*



Traffic

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ry residents including Deb Paul, Lynne and Jeff DiCiccio as well as Christy and Michael Dreidenbach also attended the meeting.

The committee first addressed work in progress business; DPW Director Czyzowski advised the committee that the intersection at Rt. 128 and 28 by Smith Lane has been analyzed for traffic safety concerns and that this intersection is now all set.

Over on High Range Road, resident Amy Finamore had reported traffic problems to the committee last October. Specifically, she was concerned for her children's safety because of speeding vehicle traffic. Another problem occurred, as she needed to cross street to get her mail. The committee suggested having her mailbox moved to her side of the road and an agreement to do that was reported by the Chair.

DPW Director, Czyzowski advised the com-

mittee that an issue on Fairway is now all set as a "sharp curve" warning sign was set up. This sign was supported instead of a deer sign to address concerns made by resident Sandra Powers at the October safety meeting.

Over near Shady and Hillcrest Lanes, Police Captain Bernard advised, "Patrols and radar units had been directed to study traffic concerns after problems were reported about consistent speeding and cut thru traffic. The units found no significant issues and an average speeds were determined to be 36 mph."

A homeowner left a message to the committee advising of a parking situation on Harvey Road where emergency vehicles are at times unable to get through. Chairman Ramsay said, "I will call

the homeowner and invite them to next Traffic Safety meeting on April 6, 2020."

Captain Bernard advised the committee, "The Police department will set up directed patrols and radar to an area at Parmenter Road." He reported a homeowner had reported "too many speeding cars on the road and that the road is being used as a cut through."

The committee had a discussion regarding problems at the 4-way intersection at High Range, Litchfield, Harvey and Hall Road. Czyzowski advised the committee that no improvements will be made to this intersection at this point as the congestion issue occurs during very specific times of the day. The area will continue to be monitored.

A homeowner had previously submitted con-

cerns of speeding traffic at Old Mammoth Rd., but that homeowner could not be present for the meeting. The committee tabled this issue to the next meeting and Captain Bernard advised that directed patrols were being conducted in the area and so far had not found there to be significant speeding issues. The Police Department will continue to monitor the area.

Local homeowners were present to discuss a speeding issue on High Range Road where it connects to Wiley Hill Road. Discussion and pictures were shown to the committee that revealed tire marks that had been made on the neighborhood lawns. DPW Director Czyzowski advised that he would extend the guardrail in that area to proactively prevent such problems. In addition he

said, "Warning signs could be posted indicating an intersection ahead and suggested speed of 25 mph." Police Chief Hart advised that social media outlets would serve communications and notices to the public advising them about this speeding issue on High Range Rd.

Homeowner Deb Paul advised about problems of 'Big Rig' trucks that are cutting through the area on Stonehenge and Hardy Roads. Captain Bernard advised that directed patrols would be assigned to the area and this issue was tabled to the next meeting as per a motion by Police Chief Hart that was seconded by Captain Bernard

State Senator Carson advised the committee about calls she is receiving regarding the speeding issues throughout the town that have resulted from the Route 102 development. She noted such roads as High Range, Stonehenge, Gilcrest and Hall Roads were being called out saying, "The town's people want things done."

Members discussed the fact that the Route 102 development was having significant impact with traffic though this project is handled by State Department of Transportation (DOT). With the growth of the town, traffic issues are becoming more prominent.

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Town Council Sends 30 Articles with \$37.6 Million Budget to Voters

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At their public budget hearing on Jan. 20, Londonderry's Town Council and Budget Committee read through all 30 articles of the 2020 Warrant and solicited public feedback about money requested for numerous town projects and programs.

It's now time for residents to examine the \$37.6 million-dollar Town operating budget that is among the 30 articles set up for town voters. The Town's voting process includes consideration the 2020 Warrants at the Deliberative Session, an interactive information overview with registered voters attending the Deliberative held on Feb. 8. Voters are able to make changes, (however not to the subject matter) to the Warrant Articles at this Deliberative Session. The final part of the process is held by voting on Election Day on March 10.

Council Chairman, John Farrell, urged finance officials to work with the Town's TV access department to produce concise videos to explain key warrant articles and what they mean. Farrell said, "Explain to people what we are doing and why we are doing it."

The new operating budget and other Articles requesting money come at a time when many residents may have felt blindsided by substantial property tax increases sent out late last year and are scrutinizing further tax raises.

At this Town Council budget meeting, one warrant article came from a Londonderry citizen who has set up a petitioned resolution to take action on climate change and environmental pollution. If approved this resolution would direct the Town Council to send written notice to Londonderry's state legislators, the governor, congressional delegation and

President Donald Trump. The statement would call upon elected state and federal officials to enact carbon fee legislation and a carbon cash-back program to protect the NH residents from the costs and risks of continued procrastination on climate change action.

Another citizen petitioned article is for voters to reconsider Keno gambling for approved businesses. Last year, the town announced approval of Keno gaming initially after the election, but the vote count, after an official recount, was later found to be wrong. Ultimately in last year's vote the Keno article was voted down by a small margin.

There are 5 union and/or collective bargaining contracts on the 2020 Warrant. Town Manager, Kevin Smith, said at the meeting, "that all contracts are set to expire in June and that affects town officials and staffing salaries." "We are happy to be able to reach agreements with all 5 unions on these contracts," Smith said.

Many articles include new taxes, tax changes or request funding from reserves such as the Town's unassigned fund balance.

The list of articles read aloud at the meeting included \$265,553 - that upon approval - would be received from the state as highway grant money for

reconstruction projects. Articles read included a request for \$650,000 to be placed in the roadway maintenance expendable trust fund and for \$28,000 to be raised for a geographic information systems capital reserve fund.

Another article was focused on expanding the Pillsbury Cemetery, asking for voters' approval of \$75,000 to be put into a cemetery capital fund. Steve Cotton, Administrative Support Coordinator said, "The 3-acre Pillsbury expansion plan will add 625 plots to the Town's cemetery property. It's the only cemetery we have in town with any growth potential."

One of the articles seeks voter approval of \$265,000 to pave the Town Hall parking lot, with the funding for this project to be taken from the Town's unassigned fund balance reserves and indicates having no tax impact. Voters may want to consider that though this expense is listed as having no tax impact, the unassigned fund balance is revenue money that was previously raised. Approval to use funds from the unassigned fund balance will decrease reserve funding, at a time when the Town Council is advising of revenue raising problems.

Over recent months, the Town Council followed up a tax increase, due to the revised

assessed values of property, with a resolution called the "Taxpayer Relief Act" with wording that the Town budget and hiring freezes are being put in place - along with a cessation of Capital Improvement Program requests. This month Town Council Chair, John Farrell, also told the public that commercial revenues are down and the tax burden is being shifted to property owners. Farrell has recently stated, "...we have identified about \$1 million in revenue we are going to lose, and we lost millions of dollars in valuation we can tax."

However, new articles for tax funding requests create additional taxes in contradiction of the intent of the taxpayer relief wording and actions. Voters should look these articles over closely as they call for taxes to be raised that appear to be in conflict with the "Taxpayer Relief Act". Also, there is money requested from undesignated funding reserves that affect the Town's financial reserves.

Several issues from last year's Warrant voting call into consideration about how article tax requests are set up. For example, last year's Article 15 was a tax request for a new back-up generator to be purchased for \$175,000 to replace the existing back-up generator at the Police department. Resident Richard

Bielinski, a former Town Treasurer, contacted Police Captain Cheetham about this request. Further discussion with the Police Captain found that the Police Department did not have a new back-up generator listed as an immediate need for the Town Council budgeting and warrant article process.

The current Police backup generator was eventually found to be in good working order and with an additional projected life span. This expensive equipment did not need replacement, but the Town Council moved forward for appropriation of the money that was ultimately approved by the voters. As late as October 2019, the Town's CIP document had this equipment appropriation listed as the highest priority for revenue spending, but around that time, the Police Department agreed the equipment was not needed at the present time and the appropriation was eventually pulled.

Londonderry residents will be able to get more information and provide feedback about the proposed town budget and other warrant articles at the annual deliberative session set for Saturday, Feb. 8 at 9 a.m. at the Londonderry High School cafeteria. Londonderry's voting day is Tuesday, March 10. Polls will be open at the high school gymnasium from 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.

OBITUARY

Bernard C. Crutcher,



Bernard C. "Ben" Crutcher, 65, of Londonderry, NH, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday Jan. 22, 2020, at his father's home in Middlebury, CT. He was born in Louisville, KY on June 23, 1954, a son of William Crutcher and the late Hope H. (Hallberg) Crutcher. He was a resident of Londonderry for 16 years formerly living in Easton, Massachusetts. Ben was the family's Mr. Fix-it. He was known to drop what he was doing to help anyone. Ben was loved by everyone he met. He will be remembered as quiet, reserved, empathetic, intelligent and creative. To his family, he was One in a Billion.

Ben graduated with a degree in Political Science in 1977 from Transylvania University in Lexington, KY and worked in a number of companies, including General Electric, Area Lighting Research, Fisher Pierce, and Burndy division of Hubbell, accumulating knowledge and experience in marketing and new product development.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 31 years, Nancy (Asack) Crutcher, and his children Christopher Crutcher with his fiancé Kaitlyn Denzer, Alexander Crutcher; and his daughter, Daniele Crutcher Gentile with her husband Alan. He is also survived by his father William C. Crutcher of Middlebury, CT, and two sisters, Elizabeth Crutcher, Ann Cunningham with her husband Tom and their two daughters Kate and Sara. He was predeceased by his mother, Hope Crutcher, as well as his wife's parents, Peter and Margo Asack.

Calling hours were held on Sunday, Jan. 26, from 4 - 8 p.m. at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Mark's Parish, One South Rd., Londonderry with cremation to follow. Private graveside services will be held at a later date. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Editorial

Playing an Active Role

Deliberative sessions are times specifically set aside to discuss and potentially make changes to the proposed warrant articles. Residents don't vote on whether or not to approve warrant articles as proposed, they vote on how the warrant articles will finally appear on the ballot.

At deliberative sessions the warrant articles are explained and discussed and decisions are made concerning whether or not changes should be made to an article. Decisions are also made regarding whether or not the warrant article should even appear on the ballot on Election Day.

At the deliberative session, voters can amend a warrant article (except those whose language is prescribed by law – usually zoning amendments). Provided the subject matter of a warrant article is not changed, voters can change the dollar amount, or accept it as proposed. The voters, who attend the meeting, can vote to amend the proposed dollar amounts stated in School and Town budget articles, before they go to the March ballot, by either increasing, decreasing or leaving the dollar amounts as is.

This is the reason why some fear that a particular group will “pack” the deliberative session and “force” their views on everyone else by changing the dollars. A group with an agenda can certainly affect the outcome of the budget that voters will decide upon on Election Day.

It's up to the registered voters that show up at the deliberative sessions. If the turnout is poor and few people are there to promote or defend their views, the majority of those present will have their way. It's all in the hands of the voters who attend and that is why it is so important for citizens to attend these meetings.

To participate at the deliberative

sessions you have to be a registered voter. You have to attend the deliberative session to have your vote counted. Pay attention as the moderator explains the rules, read the proposed warrant articles, and listen to public comment. Then make an intelligent vote on whether to change the dollar amount of the warrant article or accept the article, as is. These votes count as the decisions voted on at the Deliberative is how the articles will appear on the final ballot on Election Day.

The articles on the warrant hit us where we live, and as New Hampshire residents, we have the right to express our views in a forum specifically designed for that purpose, and to make changes to the warrant articles if we have enough votes. The warrant articles, as amended at the deliberative sessions are the ones that we vote on at the March elections.

Voters are clearly in the seat of power. That's why it's so important not only to attend, but also to stay for the whole deliberative session. In the grand scheme of things, it's not that difficult to make such a time commitment. In some towns, a deliberative session takes an hour or so. Others last four or five hours. In still others, getting through 25 or more warrant articles means 10 or 11 hours of your free time. Is that by design?

Plan to attend, and play a role in one of the participatory forms of democracy alive today. We can wave the flag and claim to be patriotic, but if we really believe in democracy, the deliberative session is the place to make a difference in our local government. So go to the School District and Town Deliberative Sessions in your Town. If you want to play an even more active role speak and let your voice be heard.

Letters

Escalating Londonderry School District Budgets

To the editor,

As a Londonderry taxpayer for over 40 years I am concerned with the Londonderry School District budget increases. These budgets account for about 70% of the total taxpayer budget each year.

Our Londonderry School District budgets keep escalating year after year, but our school enrollment keeps declining. Herein are some statistics.

The NH Department of Education lists enrollment statistics from 2007 to 2018. As examples Londonderry High School (LHS) enrollment in 2007 was 1828, the seventh grade was 418, the fourth grade in three schools was 126-147, and kindergarten was 308. In 2018 LHS enrollment was 1444, a decline of 21%; seventh grade was 306, a decline of 27%; fourth was 84-96, a decline of 34%; and kindergarten was 226, a decline of 27%.

During the same period of 2007 to 2018 our total school district budget went from a little over \$55 million to over \$72 million, an increase of 31%.

I know the class size went from 27 to 22, but maybe we should be looking at something between 22 and 27.

In summary, during the study period of 2007 to 2018 our school budget increased 31% while our enrollments decreased on the order of 21% to 34%, depending on grade levels.

Going forward, the Londonderry School District (LSD) contracted with the New Hampshire School Administrators Association (NHSAA) to provide updated forecasts of student enrollment for each year during the period 2019 to 2029. The

NHSAA consultants determined the best guideline of three models to forecast future student enrollments was the One-year cohort method. As examples the NHSAA forecasts included the following for Londonderry:

Grades K - 5	
2019-20	1,748
2023-24	1,872
2028-29	1,897
Grades 6 - 8	
2019-20	942
2023-24	972
2028-29	1,046
Grades 9 - 12	
2019-20	1,427
2023-24	1,300
2028-29	1,371

I know there have been cost increases in health insurance, pensions, salaries, etc.; and there have been cuts in state aid; but enrollment is way down and the school budget is way up. Looking at the enrollment projections for five years out, which might be close to coming to fruition, there is only a 7% increase in grades K-5 over the next five years, a 3% increase in grades 6-8 over five years and a 9% decrease in grades 9-12 over the five years.

Shouldn't we be looking at cutting costs and reducing our school budgets to reflect sound financial principles.

Furthermore, the Londonderry School District budget in fiscal 2018 was \$72 million, in fiscal 2019 it is \$73.5 million, in fiscal 2020 it is projected to be \$75.8 million, and in fiscal 2021 \$78.8 million. By fiscal 2021 the Londonderry School District budget will have increased almost another 10% since fiscal 2018.

Also, how can we justify the Londonderry School Board's request of somewhere between \$38 million to \$70 million to fund capital projects when our school enrollments

have been consistently declining over the years?

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry

A Thnak You

To the editor,

501 Pizza, located at 501 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, needs to be commended for always helping veterans. They do this by providing pizzas each month to our night of bingo at the VA Medical Center, donating clothing to the Liberty House, consistently being involved in our fundraising events and in a number of other ways. Please support them by buying their awesome pizza and subs. They also provide great tasting catered food for almost any type of event. The Legion Family at Post 27 would like to thank John and Monique Maclellan for all they do!

Sincerely,
Bob Stuart
Commander
American Legion Post 27

Citizen Petition

To the editor,

Regarding a citizens petition for Warrant Article #29 which will let our voters decide if they want NH and federal legislators to use the carbon cash-back approach (C3) to address the main cause of climate change. In 2007, Londonderry was one of 164 NH towns that voted in favor of asking the federal government to address climate change by passing legislation to reduce carbon emissions. 13 years later, Congress has failed to act. This carbon cash-back warrant article is more specific. It offers legislators a solution, based on sound economics and has proven

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Letters

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results. We ask for legislation at the state and federal level, in case Congress is tempted to ignore NH Citizens again.

C3 addresses climate change. It is recommended by 93% of US leading economists. 45 countries have already put a price on carbon. When pollution is free, we get too much of it. C3 charges fossil fuel producers and importers, based on the carbon in their product, which ends up as climate pollution. Voters like it because it is a cash-back approach. (Canada returns 90% of the fee collected, US economists recommend 100% of the net money collected is returned) C3 is recommended by 93% of US leading economists. It puts a steadily rising carbon fee on fossil fuel production (oil and gas wells and coal mines), as well as on imports. And Rebates All The \$ Collected (minus administration costs) Back To Every Household On An Equal Basis As A Dividend. This represents an annual dividend for a family of 4 of \$3,456.00. These families receive more money in their monthly dividend than they may pay in higher prices due to the fee. The extra spending which this dividend affords struggling families wiggle room to spend as they choose which creates jobs. (2.1 million jobs over 10 years) The assistance to low income households is not due to redistribution, but rather to each person paying fairly for their contribution to the pollution problem. When the policy is applied at the federal level the reduction in associated air and water pollution will prevent ten thousand premature deaths in the US a year.

At the federal level we will use border carbon adjustments to put the carbon pollution price on imports and remove it from exports to protect US jobs. This will strongly

encourage all other countries to match our carbon price, which we need for our own safety. There is a bipartisan bill in Congress with seventy-five cosponsors to do this, called the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act. Our NH members are not yet on that list. We would like to give our voters the option to ask their legislators to do this, just as voters of 75 other towns across NH will have the opportunity to do this year. I hope you will support this warrant article because cash-back carbon pricing at the state and federal level is good for families, businesses, and NH.

Cherylann Pierce
Londonderry

Running for School Board

To the editor,

My name is Amy Finamore, and I would like to announce that I recently filed to run for Londonderry School Board.

I have long wanted to become more involved with our town's schools, and with two positions opening up on the ballot, now feels like the perfect time. I have been a resident of Londonderry for nearly ten years and am a mother to two young children. My two children both attend Londonderry's public school system—one in LEEP at Moose Hill, and one in first grade. The existence of a strong early educational program here in town has lasting, positive impacts on the educational outcomes of children, and it reflects the value this town places on education.

I hold two master's degrees: one in economic development from the University of Massachusetts Lowell, and one in higher education administration from Southern New Hampshire University. I work in higher education, where I focus on academic and program effectiveness. I'm running for school board with the goal of applying an effectiveness mindset to our K-12 system. Effectiveness

in higher education generally considers how well an institution is meeting its mission. In K-12, we might be able to apply this same concept—how well are meeting our goal of serving our students?

While Londonderry is known for its strong school system, there are always areas for improvement. Enrollment has declined from approximately 5,500 in 2006 to a little over 4,300 today. Despite long-term enrollment decreases, the budget has consistently increased. Nearly 12% of all students in Londonderry are eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch. This is important because statewide, schoolchildren who are eligible for free or reduced lunch have reading and math proficiency rates that are significantly lower than the reading and math proficiency rates of their peers who are not free/reduced lunch eligible. The differences in proficiency rates are seen as early as 4th grade and continue through to 8th and 11th graders (Reaching Higher NH, 2020). These attainment gaps are seen here in Londonderry and throughout the state.

If elected, as a member of the school board, I would aim to listen and learn more from the teachers themselves. They know what is going on in their classroom and they understand and care for our children. Our teachers have tremendous insight that I believe we can more fully leverage as a school district. I

believe, if we can use data to forecast future enrollment and anticipate the needs of the district, we can work effectively with the district, with teachers and with parents to ensure that Londonderry schools remain strong.

Reaching Higher NH. Student proficiency rates by family income. Retrieved Jan. 26, 2020, from <https://public.tableau.com/profile/reaching.higher.nh#!/>.

Thank you,
Amy Finamore
Londonderry

Killing Soleimani

To the editor,

I'm not in the habit of mentioning names when I write letters to the Londonderry Times and will not do so here. However, I will take exception to a Jan. 23 letter written by a gentleman who disagreed with me that Trump had no authority to kill General Qasem Soleimani; an evil man responsible for killing hundreds of Americans and thousands of innocent Middle Easterners. I stated in my January 16 letter that Democrats and major media networks inferred that Trump's ordering the killing of Soleimani was an assassination in effect elevating Soleimani to a martyr rather than a murderer and Trump the villain. As for other administrations not wanting to kill Soleimani due to geopolitical considerations, when do we allow a bad man to kill us with no ramifica-

tions? That's abhorrent to Americans. In clarifying the authorization aspect, James Madison suggested and Congress subsequently approved that the Constitution's wording be changed to reflect who could enact war by changing wording that Congress has the responsibility to "make" war to "declare" war. This change codified congressional authority as the only branch that could declare war, but gave the President implied authority to "make" war as an insurance policy for America's security. America's security includes protecting Americans (our servicemen and women) from harm's way. As intel provided, Soleimani's plan was to attack American embassies to kill Americans; thus giving Trump as Commander-in-Chief authority to strike and kill Soleimani. Further, AUMFs (Authorization for use of Military Forces) have been interpreted as fully empowering the President to take action against Soleimani. AUMFs have existed since the start of the Republic including Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. All precedents for Trump's killing of Soleimani; a despicable man who would have continued to kill Americans and thousands of innocent civilians who support America's presence in their Middle Eastern

countries.

I concur that the rhetoric between Democrats and Republicans needs to be toned down. There has always been dissension between political parties, but in my lifetime, it has never been so bad. It's to the point that our government is paralyzed from accomplishing the work of the people that the Congress and the President were elected to do. It would be to everyone's benefit if Trump toned down his divisive rhetoric and tweets and Democrats ceased pursuing Trump because they don't like him and removing him from office is the only way they can win the Presidency. Unfortunately, I don't think the tone is going to change. As a Republican, I must point to Trump's continuing accomplishments of a booming economy raising household incomes, employment rates at record levels during his first 3 years, lowest unemployment rates in 50 years for all races and a stronger military to keep our enemies at bay as surely they want America's downfall. Let the voters decide in November of this year who will lead our country and what type of government and economy (socialism or free enterprise) we will have for the next four years.

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articles shall be conducted by official ballot at Londonderry High School Gymnasium on Tuesday, March 10, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The articles and the recommendations are as follows:

Article 1: The Election of Officers, will not be taken up at the Deliberative.

This article is to choose two School Board members, each will have a three-year term.

Article 2: General Fund - Operating Budget. Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, or separate warrant articles, one of the following amounts for the purposes set forth in the budget posted with the warrant? Vote for only one:

A. \$78,875,263 (School Board Budget as amended, with an estimated Tax Impact of \$12.34)

The School Board voted 4-1 to recommend, while the Budget Committee voted 4-3.

OR
B. \$78,474,263 (Default Budget, with and estimated Tax Impact \$12.25)

NOTE: Warrant Article 2 (Operating Budget) does not include appropriations proposed under any other article in this warrant.

Article 3: Londonderry Custodians [AFSCME Local 1801] Bargaining Agreement. Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Londonderry School District and the Londonderry Custodians (AFSCME Council 93/Local 1801), and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$68,864 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost items attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid, at current staffing levels, in the prior fiscal year? The agreement calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal Year Estimated Cost (Estimated Tax Impact): FY2020-21 \$68,864 (\$0.01); 2021-22 \$70,585

(\$0.01); 22-23 \$72,349 (\$0.02).

The School Board voted 5-0 to recommend, the Budget Committee voted 7-0.

Article 4: Londonderry Support Staff [AFSCME Local 1801] Bargaining Agreement. Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Londonderry School District and the Londonderry Support Staff (AFSCME Council 93/Local 1801), and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$352,339 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost items attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid, at current staffing levels, in the prior fiscal year? The agreement calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal Year Estimated Cost (Estimated Tax Impact): FY 2020-21 \$352,339 (\$0.07); 2021-22 \$359,533 (\$0.08); 2022-23 \$366,906 (\$0.08).

The School Board voted 5-0 to recommend, the Budget Committee voted 7-0.

Article 5: Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost Items. Shall the

Londonderry School District, if Article 3, or 4 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting at its option to address Article 3 or 4 cost items only? (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00).

The School Board voted 5-0 to recommend, the Budget Committee voted 7-0.

Article 6: School Lunch Program and Federal Fund Projects. Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to accept and receive federal grants and other such funds to support the school lunch program and federal projects; further to raise and appropriate such funds in a special revenue fund as follows: school lunch program, \$1,672,000; and federal projects, \$1,470,000; for an estimated total appropriation of \$3,142,000 such funds to be self-supporting through local, state or federal revenue sources? (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00).

The School Board voted 5-0 to recommend, the Budget Committee voted 7-0.

Article 7: Special Article (School Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund). Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600,000 to be placed in the School

Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established at the March 1995 School District Meeting for major one-time capital costs for district facilities including roofs, paving, boilers and small renovation projects? (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.13).

The School Board voted 5-0 to recommend, the Budget Committee voted 7-0.

Article 8: Special Article - Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$150,000 to be placed in the School District Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 to provide funds to procure essential small equipment for classrooms, offices, technology, and buildings and grounds? This sum to come from the June 30, 2020 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2020. (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00).

The School Board voted 5-0 to recommend, the Budget Committee voted 7-0.

Article 9: Special Article - District Technology Network Infrastructure Capital Reserve

Fund. Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to be placed in the School District Technology Network Infrastructure Fund established in March 2019 School District meeting to provide funds for equipment and services for the school district network but not limited to, routers, wiring, switches, access points, wireless network improvements or

any other equipment software or service that is necessary for the maintenance, improvement, performance or management of the district's network? (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.03).

The School Board voted 5-0 to recommend, the Budget Committee voted 7-0.

Article 10: Special Article Vehicle and Machinery Capital Reserve Fund. Shall the School District vote under the provisions RSA 35:1 to create a Capital Reserve Fund to be named "Vehicle and Machinery Fund", for the purpose of funding the acquisition of vehicles and machinery [estimated min value of \$5,000], and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to be placed in this fund; and further name the School Board as agents to expend? (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.03).

The School Board voted 5-0 to recommend, the Budget Committee voted 7-0.

Article 11: Amendment to School District Charter. Shall the Londonderry School District vote to amend the Londonderry School District Charter to revise the definitions/references to operating budget and default budget as follows?

1) In Article IV.A - revise the article as follows: "Operating Budget" means 'budget' as defined in RSA 32:3, III exclusive of "special warrant articles" and exclusive of all other appropriations voted separately, all in accordance with RSA 40:13, IX.

2) In Article IV.B, "Default Budget" means the amount calculated by starting with the amount of the appropriations con-

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tained in the operating budget authorized for the previous fiscal year, reduced and increased as the case may be by: 1) debt service, 2) contracts previously incurred, 3) salary and other related employee costs [benefits, taxes] previously incurred, and 4) other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one time expenditures contained in the operating budget. For the purposes

of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, as determined by the School Board.

The "Default Budget" is not in fact a budget. It is an "amount" that will be raised if the proposed operating budget is defeated. If the Default Budget is adopted because of the defeat of the Proposed Operating Budget, the amount raised and appropriated may be expended on any purpose contained in the

School Board's Proposed Operating Budget that was defeated. The total amount available for expenditure when operating under the Default Budget will not exceed the default amount plus the amount appropriated by separate and special warrant articles except as otherwise provided by laws such as, but not limited to, RSA 32:9-11, RSA 198:20b, RSA 186-C:13, II, and RSA 186-C:18, X. For the purposes of this Section IV.B, "previously incurred" means on or before the first session of the Annual Meeting at which the default budget is presented to voters.

3) In Article VI.A.1, revise the article as follows: The Proposed Operating Budget warrant article shall set forth the precise dollar (\$) amount of the proposed budget of the School District and a Default Budget

as determined by the School Board after following the calculations in Section IV.B above.

4) In Article VI.A.2 revise the last sentence of the paragraph as follows: The default budget may be amended by the School Board acting on relevant new information at any time before ballots are printed. (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00).

The School Board voted 4-1 to recommend.

Article 12: Easement Request. Shall the School District vote to authorize the School Board to convey an easement to Sanborn Crossing Apartments Limited Partnership consisting of a strip of land 20 feet in width which will extend 10 feet on both sides of the center line of water and sewer lines and force mains to be installed beginning at the northeast of the North Elementary School lot and running generally along the northern boundary of the lot to a connection with a the municipal water and sewer lines located on Sanborn Rd, all on terms and conditions approved by the School Board? (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00)

The School Board voted 7-0.

voted 5-0 to recommend.

Article 13: Non-Lapsing Special Article - Asbestos Removal Project. Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to fund the necessary costs to remove all known asbestos District Wide? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until all known asbestos is removed from all School District buildings, or June 30, 2023, whichever is sooner. (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.03).

The School Board voted 5-0 to recommend, the Budget Committee voted 7-0.

Article 14: Create Revolving Non-Lapsing Fund for Self-Supporting Programs. Shall the Londonderry School District vote to create a revolving self-supporting fund to capture the costs self-supporting programs and / or activities not associated with a federal program or mandate? This shall be a non-lapsing fund under RSA 194:3-c. (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00).

The School Board voted 5-0 to recommend, the Budget Committee voted 7-0.

OBITUARY

Michael Joseph Kelly



Michael Joseph Kelly, 59, of Londonderry, NH passed away Thursday Jan. 23, 2020 at his residence, after a lengthy illness. Michael was born April 2, 1960 in Everett, MA and was the son of Marjorie (Foley) and the late Joseph Kelly. He was raised and educated in Medford and was a graduate of Medford High School, class of 1979. Michael had been a resident of Londonderry for 30+ years.

Michael had been a chef with the 99 Restaurants for over 25 years at several locations. He was a life-long and passionate Kansas City Chiefs fan. He also loved poker and card playing of all kinds. Michael enjoyed leather working, as well as many other crafts. He also enjoyed spending time with his two pals, granddaughter Lilyanna and his dog Kolby.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 22 years, Karen (Hoey) Kelly, five children, Stephanie Wills and her husband Ben, Shannon Kelly Cunan and her husband Justin, James Kelly, Janelle Kelly and Shaye Kelly, two sisters, Nancy Kelly and her husband Christopher Lovey, Dolly Griffin and her husband Ernest, 7 grandchildren as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. Michael was predeceased by his beloved dogs, Buster and Mad dog.

There are no calling hours. After cremation, a celebration of his life and Chiefs fandom will be held on Superbowl Sunday, Feb. 2 at the family residence.

OBITUARY

Jeffrey A. Fortin,



Jeffrey A. Fortin, 39, of Weare, NH, died accidentally Friday, Jan. 24, 2020 at his home. He was born in Manchester, NH on July 12, 1980, a son of Laurent and Betty Ann (Charpentier) Fortin. He had been a resident of Weare for the past several months, formerly living in Londonderry, NH. Jeff was a graduate of Londonderry High School, Class of 1999. He was employed as a mechanic for Custom Truck One Source. Jeff enjoyed snowmobiling, ATVing, hunting and metal detecting, and was known to his friends as "Motor".

In addition to his parents of Londonderry; he is survived by his brother, Timothy P. Fortin and his wife Dotty of Manchester; his niece, Piper Fortin of Manchester; as well as many doting aunts and uncles.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, Jan. 30 from 4 - 8 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, Jan. 31 at 10 a.m. in St. Jude Parish, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Following cremation, he will be interred in Mount Calvary Mausoleum in Manchester. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Senior Resources Committee Gets New Year Started

JOHN GOGLIA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 6 p.m. Chairman Doug Thomas led a lively and thought provoking first meeting of the Senior Resources Committee (SRC) to open the new year.

The Town Council and Town Manager have advised the SRC that they have spoken with approximately 300 people during their recent visits to several of the Londonderry Over 55 Communities.

The December SRC meeting was cancelled due to weather, so a number of items were addressed in this month's meeting.

Jenn Ganem, School Board Liaison to the SRC, talked about the High School Technology Outreach Program for senior residents. She has contacted the Over 55 Communities to advise them about the program and certain events. On Thurs-

day, Jan. 23, at 2 p.m. there will be a free technology session for seniors at the Senior Center where they can get assistance or answers about any technology devices. There was a High School music concert last Wednesday, which was attended by many town residents, some from All-American Assisted Living and other senior residents. Ganem would like to have a centralized events calendar for the entire school district to be published in local newspapers, put on the school district website and possibly disseminated to seniors. As of now, each school has separate calendars but the School District Information Technology Department (IT) should be able to combine those calendars into a useful public document for all residents to learn about events they may enjoy attending.

There are champi-

onship sports games, concerts, plays, educational and other artistic programs worthwhile to attend even at the grade school level.

There was a suggestion about organizing a senior group transportation program to some of these school events but much more thought and planning would be required at future SRC meetings. Ganem would also like to see some type of "alert message" on the District website to inform seniors and the general public about special upcoming events they might like to know about but she needs to get IT input and assistance.

Ganem gave an update on a Speakers Bureau initiative that is on the School District website (Londonderry.org). Under menu, click on community then click on Speakers Bureau. There is a Speakers Bureau registration form where residents who

would like to share their unique work, life or other experiences with students can provide their relevant information which goes into a database accessible by teachers/educators who may be looking for someone to talk to students about a particular subject or event. There was a discussion about also placing the Speakers Bureau registration information on the Town website on a trial basis which might get more response.

There was then a discussion about getting the IT Departments at the Town and School District levels to work together on placing relevant public event information on both websites. That discussion led to a recommendation that maybe the SRC should be sending written suggestions on senior issues to the Town Council in order to obtain support and guidance on specific ideas proposed by

the SRC. It was specifically suggested that the SRC request the Town Council to coordinate certain website information with the School District.

There was a brief discussion about having an informative SRC booth at Old Home Day and possibly more worthwhile at the senior barbeque hosted by the Senior Center during Old Home Days weekend.

There was also a discussion about having Community Caregivers make a presentation at a future SRC meeting to talk about what types of volunteers are in need. Volunteer drivers appear to be most always in need and then someone asked if there was anything new with the Senior Transportation Program. It was noted that Laurie Renke, Senior Transportation Coordinator, recently held at the Senior Center, two very well attended and successful Senior

Safe Driving classes, sponsored by AARP.

Member Joe Green talked about his idea for an annual award type program for local businesses catering to seniors. Green was tasked to chair a subcommittee to further explore and provide written criteria for such a program at a future meeting. It was noted that many months ago several SRC members had started compiling a list of local businesses that offered senior discounts and that list could be a starting point for the subcommittee. There was further discussion that maybe a yearly logo decal or something that represented special meaning to a local business could be provided to those businesses offering discounts or special services to seniors. It was mentioned that the Town Council would need to be made aware of the implementation and also support this program.

Public Hearing

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ers is about a school charter change that will alter how the district calculates the default budget. Another article calls for \$3,142,000 to be allocated for the district's school lunch program as well as related federal projects. This article would actually have no tax impact upon residents, but does require voter approvals.

An amendment was made by the Board to change an article for voter approved funding that dates back to 1995. This special article relates to one-time capital

costs for district facilities including paving, roof work and heating system boilers. This new article reduces the School Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund from a proposed \$650,000 down to \$600,000.

Some of the more important article requests are needed to support student/staff academic and productivity efforts. This includes an amount of \$150,000 to be allocated to Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the district to use for essential small equipment additions for classrooms, offices, technology and buildings and grounds.

\$125,000 is requested for the School District Technology Network Infrastructure Fund. This funding area was established in 2019 to provide resources for IT equipment and services for the district's network infrastructure including network routers, wiring, connecting hardware, and switches/hubs.

The IT and technology support requests are key for several district needs, as not all of the Londonderry schools have enough bandwidth support. What is currently deployed is limited by the current infrastructure that is outdated to sup-

port proper networking requirements needed today. This means networking usage for long distance learning, research, multimedia and communications is too often bottlenecked and network access is impeded. High School SATs require live Internet access this year and it is key to support district students with networks that don't impede their academic efforts.

One of the warrants is an easement request that if approved will authorize easement rights for Sanborn Crossing Apartments Limited Partnership as part of a water and sewer work project that is being done in the area.

The space for this easement consists of a strip of land 20-feet wide that extends 10 feet by North Elementary School.

There is currently an asbestos hazard involving office areas at Matthew Thornton Elementary School that requires funding, so there is a request of \$150,000 to support additional asbestos removal efforts. District Business Administrator, Peter Curro, said, "This work is expensive, but it is well worth the district's money to approve this." Voters approved an article for asbestos removal in 2017 and more work is necessary to get rid of the asbestos still in place.

There are two warrant articles involving union contracts - one is for a 3-year contract with the Londonderry Custodians AFSCME Local 1801 and there is also an updated bargaining agreement with Londonderry support staffing.

After the deliberative session on Feb. 7, voting for the school budget and related school district warrant articles will be set for Election Day on Tuesday, March 10. Voting will be held at the Londonderry High School gymnasium from 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. Voters on that day will also support choosing two school board members for three-year terms.

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Day Of The Dead Painting Brings Life To Leach Library

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It started when her sister had asked her to join an art class to help meet an attendance requirement. What would begin as a favor to a family member would turn into a vibrant journey for one New Hampshire artist.

Every month, the Londonderry Arts Council features a local artist in the Leach Library. Artists display up to nine of their pieces starting in the reception area and going into the four reading nooks for patrons to stop and admire between checking out and returning books.

The LAC Artist Of The Month for January of 2020 is Manchester resident and mainly self-taught artist, Virginia Demers.

Demers works with a medium combination all her own: pen and ink, with oil paint. Demers recalled one of her first instances describing her style to a member of Administration at the New Hampshire Institute of Art.

"The man looks at me and says, 'What do you do?' I said pen and ink with oil. He said, 'No one does that!'"

Demers had gone to NHIA to enroll in a Watercolor painting class, which had a pre-requisite requirement of Drawing. In order to save time and money, she had gone to Administration to see if she could opt out of the class and go straight into Watercolor.

Demers showed the member of Administration her album, full of illustrations made with

pen and ink, with oil paint coloring. Demers recounted the Administrator's reaction:

"He said, 'Let her sign up for Watercolor! She doesn't need Drawing!'"

Demers explained that she had started incorporating oil into her pen and ink drawings because the oils add depth and shade to the illustrations, helping to give them extra dimension.

"I like vibrant colors and things that pop," said Demers. "Adding oil color brings everything to life."

One of Demers's featured pieces is "Ionilda," a black and white portrait of her sister-in-law dressed in Day Of The Dead garments and makeup. Demers stated she had thought about coloring the piece, but when she presented it to an art teacher she knew, she was told that the piece was complete the way it was.

"He said, 'Why don't you just do another one?'" Demers said. "So I did another and colored it. Now I have two. One is unfinished, one is in color, and I like them both."

Demers first began painting when her children were small, when her sister asked her to accompany her to an art class. Demers's sister had told her that the instructor would not offer the class if the attendance did not reach at least ten students, so she had beseeched Demers to join her.

"For a little while (after) I did craft paints," Demers said. "Little cutesy wooden pieces of things to sell at craft



Ionilda in color, by Virginia Demers, Londonderry Arts Council January Artist of the Month.

fairs. But I had two kids to raise, I was really busy."

Demers told Londonderry Times that she did not paint for years when she was in the throes of school-age child-rearing, complete with after-school activities and beyond.

Then nine years ago, Demers and her husband retired. Demers recalled getting one year into retirement and feeling like something was missing in her life.

"I said, 'I'm bored!'" Demers commented. "I will start up (painting) again!"

After decades of not touching the medium, and having been mainly self-taught, Demers now successfully commissions various pen, ink, and oil paintings and is featured with several

station for about an hour and a half, Demers said that the woman had returned to purchase the painting because she had been so enamored with it.

The next year, Demers stated that the same woman had sought her out to tell her how much she loved the painting of the church. The woman went on to tell Demers how she had displayed the painting, a winter scene, from Thanksgiving through early spring and was always met with compliments on it.

Demers described how wonderful she had felt knowing that her customer was so thrilled to have the piece, sharing her delight that the piece had gone to a good home.

"It's like a baby," Demers said. "It's your creation, and you love it, so it's wonderful when you see someone else who will love it like that."

Demers mainly paints what challenges her, she said, working with pets, landscapes, some portraits, and most recently, waterscapes.

Demers explained that she loves the challenge of painting something that she has never tried before, so she has recently painted an egret and a swan to help her

put the skill of painting water under her belt.

"Anything that makes me grow, I'm all for it," said Demers.

To those hesitant to take up the brush (or pen) for fear that they will not measure up, Demers urged them to ignore all inhibition and simply try.

"You might surprise yourself," Demers said. "Even I myself look at things I've done and say, 'I can't believe I did that! Where did that come from?'"

"It comes from within," Demers continued. "Unless you try and let your imagination go and draw something you love, you will never know if you can do it or not."

Virginia Demers's paintings, including the breathtaking "Ionilda," can still be seen at the Leach Library through the end of the month. Demers also has paintings featured in the Manchester Artists Association gallery under Gin Demers.

Demers mentioned that she anticipates having a website dedicated to her work up as early as this coming summer. Updates with this information will be available through the Londonderry Arts Council.



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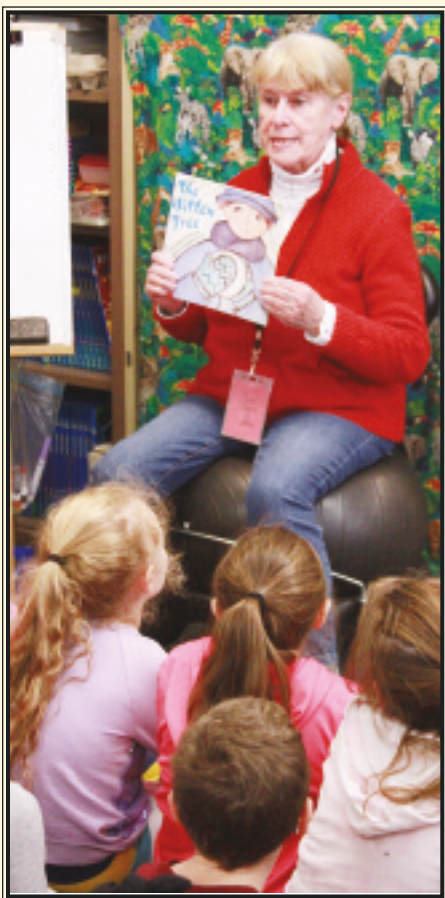
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First Grade Teacher's Mom Delivers Warm Gift to Students



Last week, some first grade students at North Elementary School were given warm mittens delivered all the way from Rhode Island and Texas. North School teacher Kathleen Gifford's mom, Rhea Powers, drove up from Cumberland, R.I., and read stories to the children and presented them with about 40 pairs of mittens that she and her friend from Texas had knitted over the past year. She's been doing this for the past five years. Needless to say, the children were more than excited to receive the homemade gifts.

Photos by Chris Paul

Family on Tranquil Drive Suffers Loss in Saturday Morning Fire

On the morning of Saturday, Jan 25, just after 9 a.m. fire alarm the Londonderry Fire Department began receiving calls for a reported structure fire at 7 Tranquil Drive.

At that time, Battalion II, with 12 personnel staffing Engines II & III, Ladder II, Tanker I & Car I along with a Windham Engine & Tanker were dispatched to the scene.

Battalion One Chief, Jeremy Mague, who was on his way home from work,

responded to the scene, and he was the first to arrive, and found a 1.5 story wood frame split entry style single family home with fire showing from three sides of the top floor.

At that time, Chief Mague ordered the "working fire assignment." This call brought a Derry Engine and Medic, a Hudson Tanker, and a Pelham Tanker and Haz Mat Rehab personnel to the scene.

Londonderry Engine 2 arrived on scene and Lt. Bruce Hallowell's crew

was assigned to attack the fire, bringing an 1.75 inch hose line through the front door.

As companies operated at the scene, additional off duty Londonderry personnel staffing Rescue I and Medic II responded to the scene along with the Nashua Engine that was covering Station II.

Chief Darren O'Brien, Chief Michael McQuillen and Division Chief Brian Johnson also responded.

Fire suppression companies had the bulk of the

fire knocked down quickly and began overhauling and checking for further extension.

At 10:30 a.m., Battalion Chief Fred Heinrich reported the fire to be under control.

The occupants were able to escape the building, but unfortunately one family dog perished.

The Red Cross assisted the residents at the time of the incident.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation by Division Chief Johnson.

The Londonderry Fire Department expressed thanks for everyone who assisted at the scene, as well as Hudson, Pelham, Salem, Nashua and Litchfield for covering our town.



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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Londonderry Boys' Basketball Squad Drops Two More

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Basketball team wound up with two more losses this week, one on the road at Alvirne, the other at home to Bedford. With those tough defeats the squads season record no stands at 2-5.

The Lancer Boys' started the week by traveling next door to Hudson to face Alvirne High School (1-5) Tuesday night, Jan. 21 where they suffered a tough 60-48 loss.

Junior Lancer guard, Jackson Cox, led the way for his team in scoring as he poured in 20 points

while Alex Tssetsilas, and Luke Marsh both had seven points.

Overall, the game was a rather close one, until the final quarter where the Lancers got out scored 17-6.

Londonderry head coach Nate Stanton has a simple solution to the team's struggles, "We need to put the full game together."

That solution did not come to pass three days later when the Lancer's hosted the Bedford Bulldogs (2-3) on Friday night, Jan. 24, and ended up running out of steam in the waning moments of the contest, losing 67-60.

The game started off promising when Cole Keegan performed a gorgeous spin move for an inside score to get his team, and the home fans, pumped up. The Lancer's definitely looked to have more energy and hustle to start in this one, as Bedford began with a lot slower pace. Cox kept the offensive groove going, by getting a smooth jumper from the key to fall in, and then big man, Luke Marsh, nailed a three-pointer to electrify the crowd. Bedford came right back with some buckets of their own to take a 11-10 lead, but with some great plays on both offense and defense, the Lancer's ended the first

quarter with a promising 23-15 lead.

Londonderry maintained their great hustle and defensive efforts, but Bedford slowly crept back into the game as they were only down by three points with a hair under four minutes left in the half.

The Bulldogs then took the lead as one of their forwards exploded for a fast break slam-dunk to take a 28-27 lead.

Both teams went back and forth trading buckets, until the momentum was taken over by Bedford, and they edged out LHS to finish the second half with a 31-29 lead.

In that second half, it was a hard fought battle for both teams, as both worked as hard as they

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Senior Luke Marsh had 16 points against Bedford on Friday night. Photos by Chris Paul



Junior Lancer guard, Jackson Cox, had 20 points against Alvirne and

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Lancer Hockey Breaks Out of Scoring Funk Big After Loss to PA

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Scoring has been hard to come by for the Londonderry Lancer Varsity Hockey squad, but after a lopsided loss to their rival Pinkerton on Wednesday, LHS absolutely obliterated Manchester Central-West 18-2 to put an end to their scoring issues.

Before that win Londonderry hosted the Astros at the Tri-Town Ice Arena in Hooksett on Wednesday, Jan. 22 and students and families from both Pinkerton and Londonderry packed the stands to watch the rival schools battle on the ice.

Pinkerton proved to be too much for the Lancer's that night, as they went on to win by a score of 7-1.

This rival match up counted towards the annual Ball Family Trophy contest, but the Lancer's weren't able to contribute to that tally, as they struggled with both penalties, and lack of scoring.

The game started with some physical play, as both teams delivered some huge hits on each side of the rink. Both student sections competed to see who was the loudest, but at the 7:47 mark, Pinkerton silenced the Londonderry fans with a goal scored by Tyler Pappalardo and was assisted by Joseph Marra. Several minutes later the Astros struck again, when Aidan Price got one by the

Lancer's goaltender with the help from Hunter Drouin and Ethan Burgess. Londonderry's early troubles didn't end there, as they allowed another goal scored by Joseph Marra with an assist from Ethan Livingston to end the first period. The Lancer's were down 3-0 heading into the second period.

In the second period of play both teams got a bit chippy, and started focusing on checking rather than scoring. Londonderry couldn't catch a break, as they earned their fourth penalty of the game and gave Pinkerton a five-on-three power play. The Astros took full advantage of the advantage, and scored two quick goals. The first one was a vicious slap shot by defensemen Jack Normand assisted by Hunter Drouin and the second goal came at the 7:19 mark when Pappalardo scored his second goal of the game with the help from Brett Levesque and Scott Cavan. Pinkerton was now up 5-0, and the Lancer's shortly earned their fifth penalty after that.

Looking at a 5-0 deficit, and continued problems with penalties, the Lancer's never gave up, and were able to find the back of the net for the first time when the clock showed 3:20 in the second. Lancer captain Zachary Rheault was the lone scorer in this one

with an assist from Samuel Seibert. It was 5-1 heading into the final period and Londonderry had the momentum as Pinkerton committed their first penalty of the game.

Unfortunately, the Lancer's weren't able to make the difficult comeback, and Pinkerton scored two more goals, resulting in their 7-1 win.

Astro Brett Levesque scored the first goal of the period off a Joseph Marra and Tyler Pappalardo assist. The final goal of the game was scored by Pappalardo, which capped off a hat trick.

After that tough loss to the Astros, the Lancers turned on the scoring machine against Manchester Central-West on Saturday, Jan. 25, at the JFK Coliseum in Manchester.

The Lancer's made up for their lackluster scoring this season by simply pummeled Central-West by a score of 18-2.



Nicholas Pitary was one of the many goal scorers against Central-West over the weekend. Photo by Chris Paul

Lancer captain, Zachary Rheault, scored four goals while Samuel Seibert netted two. Brandon Savage had a hat trick, along with Connor Paition scoring three of his own, while Sam Neville contributed two for the

win. Jack Beirne, Kyle McPhail, Drew Cameron, and Nicholas Pitary each scored one goal.

Seven Lancer goals were scored in the first period, while eight came in the second, and the other three came in the

final period.

The Londonderry team will try to continue their offensive charge on Saturday, Feb. 1, as they will play host to Hanover High School (6-2) at the Tri-Town Ice Arena in Hooksett.

Astros Dominating in Ball Family Trophy Race

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Over the course of the winter season, Pinkerton Academy has been racking up the point total against Londonderry High School in the annual Ball Family Trophy contest.

With only a few matchups left, it's looking like

the Astros have another clear path to obtaining the trophy.

The popular contest between the two school's basketball teams is set for Saturday, Feb. 8, with the girls starting at noon and the boys teams following at 2 p.m. as both the Boys' and Girls' Varsity Basketball teams will travel over to Londonderry for an afternoon showdown.

Pinkerton has led the Lancers in the annual competition since the beginning of the season. With the one weekend of hoops left, Pinkerton has a 7-1 lead over the Lancer's as they have wins over LHS in Wrestling, Girls Swimming, Hockey, Skiing, and Indoor Track.

The Lancer's only point came from a swimming event held at South-

ern New Hampshire University back on Saturday, Jan. 18, as the Lancer's Boys' Swimming team beat Pinkerton's squad in a duals matchup 80-70.

The winter Ball Family games and spring Beeman Trophy games between the two rival schools were added in the early 1990's after the fall Mack Plaque contests which began in the autumn of 1983.

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Londonderry Girls' Hoops Win and Lose Lopsided Contests



Lancer senior forward Courtney Shay led her team in scoring in both games last week.
Photo by Chris Paul

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Hoop Squad had a dominating win followed by a significant loss last week, resulting in the team's season record to drop below the .500 mark, at 4-5.

The Lady Lancer team started their week of play with a 53-28 win at home over Alvirne High School.

Senior forward Courtney Shay and junior forward Ashley Rourke both continue to lead their team in scoring, as Shay had 13 points, while Rourke scored 10. Colleen Furlong also contributed with eight points and the girls had high scoring second and third quarters as they had 20 in the second and 18 in the third.

The Londonderry squad played well defense as they held the Broncos to just 11 points in the first half and allowed only six points in the third quarter.

Head coach Nick

Theos was happy with the effort. "This was the best defensive effort we have given all season. The girls worked so hard and followed the game plan to a T," Theos said.

The girls accept any challenge in front of them and never back down, which is what makes Theos proud. "The girls really put in the work to get it right, we out rebounded a much taller team and that tells you how hard we were working." Theos was also very pleased with how his playmakers performed and wants that type of play each game. "We wanted to push the tempo as much as we could without turning it over, and the point guards did a great job of that tonight. We finished well and the girls played unselfish basketball and that was the best thing to see for me."

On Friday night, Jan. 24, the Lady Lancer's took a trip to Bedford High School and were on

the receiving end of a lopsided win for the Lady Bulldogs.

The team just couldn't carry their dominant win from Tuesday to Friday night as they suffered a 57-32 loss.

Courtney Shay did all she could, as she led the squad with 17 points, but the Bulldogs offense was too explosive.

"Plain and simple they came out in the first half and we didn't, we looked off, and out of synch," Theos said.

When it came to the second half his girls executed the way he wanted them too, and he hopes

they can build off what they accomplished in that half. "At halftime we wanted to win more possessions and we did that in the second half. Playing the final 16 minutes almost even they are too good not to show up for half the game. I hope my kids realize they can build off that second half performance and get ready for South." Theos added.

The Lancer's are now 4-5 on the season and they will have a bit of a break. They will host Nashua South High School (4-4) on Friday night, Jan 31.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Jan. 19

Courtney Shay, Senior, Girls' Basketball



Courtney is a captain and has lead the Lady Lancers in scoring this season, but has really lifted her play as of late. Courtney led the way in scoring recently averaging 18 points and 7 rebounds. She had 23 point game in the win over Trinity.

Luke Marsh Senior, Boys' Basketball



Luke has been a great leader for the team and leads by example. He has worked hard on the defensive end by leading the team in rebounds, consistently getting up and down the floor and taking some key charges, he also is becoming a threat on the offensive end as he had 16 points versus Bedford.

Student Athletes supplied by LHS Athletic Office



Senior forward Cole Keegan was the high scorer for the Lancers against Bedford.

Boys Hoops

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could, but the Bulldogs were able to maintain their momentum and finish with the win.

Senior forward Cole Keegan was the high scorer for the Lancers in this one with 17 points. Luke Marsh had 16, and Jackson Cox scored 15. Alex Tsatsilas contributed with six, and Mike Rosatano scored five.

Following the game, coach Stanton said he was pleased with how his squad played. "We definitely played more togeth-

er and worked hard, we just need to put the full game together. We are getting better."

With the squad's 2-5 season start, they are looking turn things around with two road games. First, the team traveled to Salem to take on the Blue Devils (3-5) on Tuesday, Jan. 28, after the Londonderry Times went to print. On Friday night, Jan 31, the Lancers will close out the month at Nashua North High School (4-4).



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Lancer Wrestlers Compete at Quad Meet in State Capital

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With the Londonderry High School holding Exam Week last week, the varsity wrestling team had a break from dual competition during the week.

The team traveled the state capital on Saturday, Jan. 25, to compete in the very tough Concord Super Quad, where they went 1-4 as a team on the day.

The Lancer squad faced some tough opponents that day, including St. Johnsbury Academy out of Vermont, Bow High School, Spaulding High, and Plymouth Regional High School.

In the teams' first meet, they lined up against St. Johnsbury, where and suffered a 60-

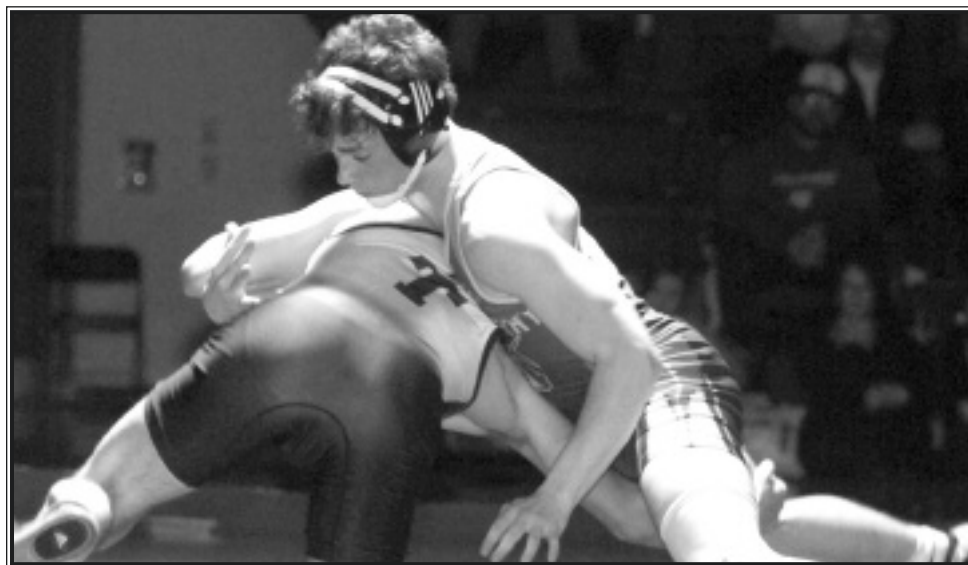
21 loss. Londonderry points were earned by Nendoe Gleekia, at 145 lbs, getting a pin in 2:28. In the class of 152 lbs, Johnny McKinnon won a 15-7 major decision, and then Josh Bean (182 lbs) earned a quick 35-second-pin. Nicholas D'Alessandro, at 113, earned the final points for LHS with a major a decision, 17-2.

Things went a bit better for Londonderry in the second meet when faced off against Bow, and won 40-33. The Lancer's earned a quick 12 points by two forfeits, and in the class of 132 lbs Brandon Drake won a 13-3 decision over Alec Shultz. Moving to the class of 160 lbs Dylan Barnes pinned Eli Diphilippo in 1:01, and moving to Josh Bean (195 lbs) pinned Nathan Duddy in just 54 seconds.

Their next match up was against Spaulding High School, where they suffered another loss, this time 45-30. In the class of 132 lbs Brandon Drake got a pin in 50 seconds, along with Nendoe Gleekia (145 lbs) got himself a pin when the clock showed 1:16. Lancer Dylan Barnes (160 lbs) grinder out a pin in 5:32 and Josh Bean (195 lbs) later on pinned his opponent in a tick over a minute at 1:01.

The Lancer's last meet of the day, against Plymouth Regional High School, LHS suffered another loss, but this one was much closer, 39-33.

Brandon Drake (132 lbs) got his Lancer's on the board with a 13-6 decision win over James Phipps. Dylan Barnes (160 lbs) stayed consistent,



LHS Senior Brandon Drake got three wins in Concord on Saturday.

and he earned another six points with a 3:37 pin over Joe D'Ambruso.

In the weight class of 182 lbs, Josh Bean stayed dominant with another pin, this one in just 50 seconds. The final Londonderry points of the day

were earned by a Michael Palma (106 lbs), with a pin over Gianni Ciotti that he had to grind out for 4:50.

The Lancer wrestlers were scheduled to host their final home meet of the season and honor

their seniors on Wednesday night against Salem High School after the Londonderry Times went to print. They will then travel to Massachusetts, and compete in a Methuen Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 1.

LHS Indoor Track Teams Compete at 14 Team UNH Meet

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Indoor Track teams traveled up to the University of New Hampshire in Durham on Sunday, Jan. 26 and competed against 14 other high schools to end the weekend.

Unfortunately, the

Lancer's boys' and girl's teams did not reach the top five finishing places as a team, but the Lancers battled hard.

Boys

In the boys' 300-meter dash, Lancer Damon MacLeod came in fourth (39.56), and William Bieler placed tenth with a time of 40.69.

For the 1,000-meter, LHS runner's Will Plante placed 14th (2:53.96), behind him Ryan Fortin placed 15th (2:56.27), and Matthew Vogel came in 17th with a time of 2:56.69.

Things turned around for Londonderry in the 1,500-meter run as Lancer Matthew Griffin crossed the finish line first (4:09.69), and Ryan Young placed fifth with a time of 4:22.03.

In the 3,000-meter run, Kerry Daley came in seventh (9:39.98), and Dylan Hotter placed 11th with a time of 9:56.94.

In the 4x160 Relay, the team of Eugene Donovan,

Steven Swiderski, Damon MacLeod, and William Bieler placed eight for Londonderry with a time of 1:24.24.

In the 4x400 Relay, the squad of William Bieler, Kerry Daley, Matthew Griffin, and Damon MacLeod also came in eighth with a time of 3:52.32.

In the shot put, Lancer Hayden Fielder earned third place with a score of 39'8.75".

Girls

As for the girls' team, starting with the 600-meter run, Cailin Borovicka came in ninth, posting a time of 1:54.76.

In the 1,000-meter run Grace McDonough placed

third with a time of 3:14.30.

Lancer Caitlin Boufford came in second in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 11:09.38, and Cailley McDonough placed seventh with a time of 12:09.55.

For the 4x160 Relay, the team of Meghan Daileanes, Retta Hatin, Abby Ellis, and Brynn Foster came in seventh place with a time of 1:32.89.

The team of Cailin Borovicka, Caitlin Boufford, Abby Ellis, and Brynn Foster came in seventh in the 4x400 Relay with a time of 4:34.67.

For the high jump, Lancer Isabella Landry tied for tenth with a score

of 4'6".

In the long jump, Lancer's Erica Waters came in 16th (14'7"), Retta Hatin took 20th (14'2"), and Meghan Daileanes placed 24th with a 13'8".

In girls shot put, the very consistent Gia Komst placed fifth with a throw of 31'8.25", Akolam Wambu took 12th with 26'2", Kathryn Martin 12th (26'2"), Lauren Ponto 15th (25'8.75"), and Phoebe Bartlett placed 16th with a 25'3.25".

The Londonderry teams will be back in Durham on Sunday, Feb. 2, at the University of New Hampshire for the Qualifying Standards.

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Londonderry High School Swimmers Qualify For States

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Swim Team competed in a Dual Meet on Friday, Jan. 24, and three Lady Lancer's qualified for the State meet.

Elizabeth Allen, Lexi Apholz, and Megan St. Germain were the three Lancer's who qualified. The LHS boys' team was able to beat Campbell, 93-19, Merrimack 91-36, and Milford High Schools 75-61. They only suffered one loss and that was to Bedford High School by a score of 97-57.

The Lancer girls' were

able to beat Campbell 132-22, Merrimack 116-52, Milford 133-28, and Wilton Lyndeborough by a whopping 140-8. Their only loss that evening was also to the tough Bedford Bulldogs team 108-62.

Starting with the 200-yard Medley Relay, the Lancer squad of Elizabeth Allen, Maggie Edwards, Julia Ethier, and Lexi Apholz placed second with a time of 2:05.37. Coming in fourth was the team of Avery Crimmins, Lillian Law, Megan St. Germain, and Isabella McKinnon with a swim time of 2:17.68.

For the boys', the team of Kevin Mascot, Christo-

pher Byrne, Brandon White, and Connor McKinnon finished third with a final time of 1:58.26.

In the 200-yard Freestyle, Lady Lancer Julia Ethier came in fourth with a time of 2:23.85 and Lancer Christopher Byrne finished second for the boys' with a final time of 2:04.92.

In the 200-yard Individual Medley, Elizabeth Allen placed fourth for the girls (2:37.00), and Hunter Turek came in third for the boys, with a time of 2:31.90.

For the 50-yard Freestyle, Lady Lancer Maggie Edwards finished first (25.56), and for the boys

Brandon White also came in first with superb time of 23.45.

In the 100-yard Butterfly, Lancers' Maggie Edwards placed third (1:07.78), and Hunter Turek came in second for the boys' with a final time of 1:09.15.

In the 100-yard Freestyle, Londonderry swimmer Brandon White placed first with a final time of 51.33, and then in the 500-yard Freestyle Christopher Byrne came in second (5:30.35), and Connor McKinnon placed third with a final time of 6:36.98.

The 200-yard Freestyle Relay had the Lady

Lancer team of Julia Ethier, Lexi Apholz, Jasmine Brown, and Maggie Edwards finishing first with a time of 1:51.26. For the boys the team of Christopher Byrne, Stephen Bompastore, Connor McKinnon, and Brandon White came in third place with a time of 1:46.57.

In the 100-yard Backstroke, Elizabeth Allen came in second (1:09.45), and Kevin Moscat placed fourth with a time of 1:10.94.

For the 100-yard Breaststroke, Lillian Law came in third (1:25.50), and Megan St. Germain followed behind in fourth

with a final time of 1:26.61.

Finishing up with the 400-yard Freestyle Relay, the team of Megan St. Germain, Joanna Davis, Elizabeth Allen, and Jasmine Brown placed second for the Londonderry girls' with a time of 4:27.17. The boys' team of Hunter Turek, Caleb Howard, Stephen Bompastore, and Kevin Moscat came in second as well with a final time of 4:20.81.

The Lancers have one more meet before they compete at the State Tournament, and that meet will happen on Friday, Jan. 31 at the Workout Club in Londonderry.



Little Lancers

Two fourth grade Londonderry Basketball Club teams squared off for an exhibition during the halftime break at the Friday night varsity basketball game between the Londonderry Lancers and the Bedford Bulldogs.

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Word Search and Word Scramble

February's adult display theme at Leach Library features wild animals. On the central display table in the adult room, you will find new books about wild animals available for checkout. Among these new titles will be *The Hidden World of the Fox* by Adele Brand and *End of the Megafauna: The Fate of the World's Hugest, Fiercest, and Strangest Animals* by R.D.E. MacPhee. As an added incentive, the library is offering two trivia games during the month: a wild animals word search and a wild animals word scramble. At the end of the month, one word search winner and one word scramble 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. Participants can begin the trivia games as early as 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1, and turn them in to the Reference Desk no later than 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 29 for eligibility.

Guess It Jar

Starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1 and ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 29 participants in grades 6 - 12 are invited to guess how many polar bear erasers are in the jar located at the Leach Library circulation desk. The person with the closest match, over or under, will win a prize bag that includes a Barnes & Noble gift certificate! In the event of a tie, the winner will be chosen by random drawing.

Spring Dance

The Londonderry Lions will be having a Spring Dance on April 25, featuring Bobby and the Sharptones, from 7 - 11 p.m. For ticket purchases or info contact Jerry at (603) 434-5307 or your favorite lion.

Library Hours

The Leach Library Hours for the month of February will be Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The library will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17, for Presidents' Day.

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Learn about managing challenges, communication, problem-solving, relationships and power struggles at the Upper Room in Derry on Feb. 9 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., \$35 (includes book).

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A free workshop on Child Development for Ages 5-11 will be held at the Upper Room in Derry at Feb. 9 from 9 - 10:30 a.m., it includes discussion on your child's brain changes, friendship shifts, language growth and physical development.

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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.

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: 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 qualifica-

tions for identity, age, domicile and citizenship. Any question contact Kristin Grages Supervisors of the Checklist Town of Londonderry 432-1100, ext 198.

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, Feb. 5, 12, 19, and 26, and will be available until 5 p.m. each Saturday.

TIPS

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

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.

Evolve!

A group for young woman ages 13 to 18 to

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

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.

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Monday - Jan. 20
2:50 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Shasta Drive.

6:13 a.m. Services rendered for Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

8:01 a.m. Keeping the peace on Mohawk Drive.

4 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. with transportation to Hospital from Perkins Road.

7:17 p.m. Services rendered for Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Tuesday - Jan. 21
10:38 a.m. Services rendered

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moth 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.

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.

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 compass-

ion. Facilitated by: Jim Gamache, Julia Gamache, & Jerry Goncal, Journey-of-hopenh@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.

Police Log

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dered for suspicious activity on Mammoth Road.

10:49 a.m. Services rendered by Animal Control on Quentin Drive.

2:12 p.m. Motor vehicle accident results in an arrest made on Kimball Road. Five officers assist with charging Jennifer Duarte, 48, of Londonderry with Driving Under the Influence of Drugs or Liquor.

Wednesday - Jan. 22

3:34 a.m. Arrest made during a disturbance on Ash Street. Three officers assist with charging Michelle Vallee, 58, of Londonderry on a Bench Warrant; and Operating without Valid License.

11:44 a.m. Report of missing person investigated at Londonderry High School.

12:43 p.m. Drug Offenses investigated at Londonderry High School.

2:43 p.m. Services rendered for Sex Offenses on Winding Pond Road.

6:44 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Mohawk Drive. Cory Snyder, 24, of Londonderry charged with Criminal Mischief; and Criminal Trespass.

9:20 p.m. Burglary investigated by seven officers on Sunset Drive.

Thursday - Jan. 23

6:37 a.m. Sudden Death investigated by four officers on Mammoth Road.

9:08 a.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses at Londonderry North School.

11:01 a.m. Report of Domestic Disturbance results in an Arrest Made on Stonehenge Road at Macgregor Cut Apartments.

11:44 a.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

4:14 p.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

4:32 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on Hall Road.

Friday - Jan. 24

10:10 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Mountain Road. Allyson Comeau, 28, of Malden charged with Identity Fraud; and on a Bench Warrant.

10:58 a.m. Services rendered for suspicious

activity on Jersey Street.

4:50 p.m. Services rendered for Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

5:32 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated by four officers at Subway on Perkins Road.

Saturday - Jan. 25

12:39 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated by five officers on Webster Lane.

9:05 a.m. Services rendered by four officers for Structure Fire on Tranquil Drive.

12:01 p.m. Disorderly Conduct investigated on Independence Drive.

7:29 p.m. Domestic Disturbance Peace Restored on Lancaster Drive.

9:33 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Conifer Place.

Sunday - Jan. 26

1:07 a.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated at

Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

9 a.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Pillsbury Road.

9:50 a.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Trolley Car Lane.

11:39 a.m. Report of Auto Theft investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

11:39 a.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Trolley Car Lane.

12 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Capitol Hill Drive.

7:11 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated at Hannaford Food and Drug on Hampton Drive.

9:33 p.m. Services rendered Juvenile Offenses on Rolling Ridge Road.

10:33 p.m. Services Rendered during disturbance at Subway on Perkins Road.

OBITUARY

Stephen Paul Granata



RAYMOND - Passed away on Jan. 24, 2020 following a long illness at the tender age of 67. Stephen was born on Nov. 2, 1953 and the first child of Estelle and Stephen Granata.

Stephen was pre-deceased by his mother, Estelle D. Taylor of Satsuma, FL, his father, Stephen Granata of Lawrence, MA, Stephen's 2nd wife, Theresa Granata, of Raymond, NH, his ex-spouse Sharon Granata of Lawrence, MA and his brother, Timothy C Granata of Redwood City, CA.

Stephen is survived by a son Stephen M. Granata, from MA, daughters, Amanda M. Saye and husband Nicholas of Londonderry, NH and Michelle L. Granata of Methuen, MA, and stepdaughters Amanda Donaghey and Bobbi-Lynn Donaghey.

Stephen is also survived by brothers Joseph C. Granata and wife Kimberly of Somerset, MA, John T. Moll and wife Robin of Durham, NC, David R. Boucher and wife Theresa of Satsuma, FL, sisters Janice F. Austin and husband Jerry of Monument Beach, MA, Kathrine R. Newton and husband Paul of Brownfield, ME, Rhonda L Boucher of Gainesville, FL, Robin A. Evans and husband Belford of E. Palatka, FL, stepsisters Rody Dufresne and husband Gene of Chester, NH and Julie Hebert and husband Ron of Methuen, MA, as well as numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Steve had his struggles throughout his life, but in his true heart were his love of family, nature, storytelling and music, all alongside his humor. Steve achieved the second highest standing in Boy Scouts "Life" which served him well during his service as a Lance Corporal in the Marine Corp with an E-3 rank during the Vietnam Conflict.

He had special musical talents including playing spoons and the bow saw - yes, a unique combination from the 1800's! These talents did not translate to his sailing abilities. Though Steve claimed to be a great sailor, his brother Joe and Joe's wife Kim, might claim otherwise! Steve took them sailing on the Merrimack River and it didn't turn out too well, ending in a tipped boat and a mad dash to the river banks, with much laughter following.

Steve was a natural leader and true man of action. This was clearly demonstrated when he worked as an operator at a saw mill in Vermont. A fellow operator was accidentally dragged into a saw, severing multiple limbs. Without hesitation, Steve calmed and composed the gentleman, and applied a tourniquet, all while directing other co-workers to call 911 and retrieve the limbs and immediately put them into coolers. Through his actions, the co-worker survived and his limbs were saved. As an entrepreneur Steve was the proud owner of Accurate Roofing & Construction Inc.

When all is said and done, throughout the struggles, Steve's greatest love was his family. He enjoyed sharing his life and talking about his family every Sunday morning for hours on end during telephone conversations with his mother, right up until her passing. He often said he hated Florida for taking his mother so far away.

We celebrate Steve's memory and know he is alongside other family members, looking after us. Special thanks to his daughter Amanda for her patience and support in his last days, and to his second daughter Michelle who best said it for all of us, "We will miss his stories and I will miss my "Daddio".

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