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Pot Picking Abbott Webb has his eyes set on the perfect pot to pick out at the Potter's Bowl held at Pinkerton Academy. The annual event is a fundraiser for the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry and is now in its 15th year. See more photos on page 5.

Photo by Chris Paul

Council Approves Funding a Number of Town Projects

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Monday night, Feb. 4 Londonderry Town Council meeting, Administrative Support Coordinator Steve Cotton came before the board to get their blessing on spending nearly \$79,000 on

three projects.

Funds for the three projects would all be coming from the same place, the Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund, so the Council combined the three readings to hold one vote on the expenditures.

The first project was

for the continuation of work that has been going on at the Senior Center on Mammoth Road. Cotton was looking for \$63,000 for the Front Exterior Repairs on the center. It would be for the entire, front, exterior siding, steps, side door and the

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Town Officials Support Developer on Apple Tree Removal Dispute

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the Town Council meeting, on Jan. 20, Chairman John Farrell read from a letter written by town attorney, Michael Ramsdell, concerning the removal of apple trees around the Woodmont project area.

Farrell reported that the Town Council does not have authority to tell the Planning Board what to do and that the Town's legal counsel, Michael Ramsdell, said things were done right.

"According to the opinion we have, they (the developer) followed all rules, regulations and the laws," Farrell said. In a summary from the Town's counsel as read by

Farrell, Ramsdell conveyed to the council that "no laws, rules, regulations or ordinances were violated" during the process that resulted in the decision to remove trees.

One row of apple trees along Gilcreast Road was pulled last month from a three-row section with an understanding that three rows of apple trees are to remain as part of the Woodmont Development Agreement that was developed and first made public in 2013 ...but the 'devil is in the details'.

A debate has ensued about plan parameters to keep the three rows of trees. Some residents understood the agreement was to keep the

three rows of trees already growing intact while the developer understood this agreement differently and had other plans.

The issue is a legal one, as some residents believe that the original plan, communicated around seven years ago, has been twisted from the communications articulated at the time after the heat of 'Save our Trees' rallies occurred. These rallies occurred when it was publicly announced that the Woodmont development would involve removing the Apple Orchards. Rallies were orchestrated at the time that negotiated to save a certain amount of living

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Home Water Contamination Found Near Apple Tree Mall

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Another residential family neighborhood area in Londonderry has been found with high levels of water contamination from PFAS/PFOA pollutants, and it is believed these contaminants may present health hazard. As of now, the contaminated water plume is in an area neighborhood from Lancaster Drive to the Cortland intersection. And testing is now ongoing to determine if houses on Cortland, Baldwin, and further north on Lancaster are also affected.

If the contamination is

confirmed, it is recommended that well water resources for homes in this neighborhood should not be used.

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) did testing over the summer and fall, and recently found this contamination.

The first source point of contamination has been identified at the Apple Tree Mall. The mall is now being held liable by the State of NH for the PFAS/PFOA leak that has found its way into the local aquifer.

During the installation of a sewer line begun in 2019, people in the neigh-

borhood were unaware of contamination issues, though in October 2019, the first residences in this neighborhood were notified of a need to test well water for PFAS/PFOA contamination. As the situation has unfolded, residents have been proactive about contacting Jim Young at Cooperstown

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Local Musician Preforms at Pinkerton Academy Fundraiser



Londonderry musician, Carleigh McRitchie, pictured at left on guitar, performed with her band, Carleigh Mack, at benefit concert at Pinkerton Academy to help raise money for the Pinkerton Junior Prom. Carleigh is well known in the local music community for hosting the Carleigh Mack Open Mic night once a month at the Coffee Factory in Derry. The weekly event is well attended by both Londonderry and Pinkerton students. Carleigh recently spoke at the Town Council meeting, hoping to become a performer at the Concert on the Common series.

Photos by Chris Paul

Deliberative Session Date

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

Candidates Sign Up for Elected Spots

A number of residents declared their candidacy last week for both town and school positions. The ballots that these candidates will be voted on at the annual elections on Tuesday, March 10, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Londonderry High School Gymnasium.

Those adding their names to the ballot are:

Town Council:
Two, three-year term seats are being sought by four candidates.

Ted Combes (incumbent)
Ronald C. Dunn
Joseph Green (incumbent)
Deb Paul.

Town Moderator:
One, two-year term position is being sought by one candidate

Tom Freda
(Current Moderator)

Budget Committee:
Three, three-year term seats are being sought by four candidates.

Steve Breault (incumbent),
Jennifer Kenney
Jonathan D. Kipp (incumbent)
Alexander Yip.

Budget Committee:
One, one-year term seat is being sought by one candidate.

Paul Skudlarek

Supervisor of the Checklist:

One, six-year term position is being sought by one candidate.

Anne L. Warner

Library Trustees:
Two, three-year term seats are being sought by two candidates.

Robert J. Collins
Cynthia J. Peterson.

Trustee of Trust Fund:
One, one-year term seat is being sought.

No candidate signed up for this position.

School Board:
There are three candidates running for the two, three-year term seats for School Board.

Robert Slater,
Amy Finamore
Greg DePasse

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Londonderry Resident Brings 'Action On Climate Pollution' to Vote

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Local resident, Cherylan Pierce is on a mission to make Londonderry, and our country a safer place to live with her effort to create a citizen's petition for a Warrant article - To Take Action on Climate Pollution. Her effort to get this petition in front of voters was successful thanks to support from the Town residents and officials including Town Manager, Kevin Smith, Executive Assistant, Kirby Brown, and the Town's lawyer.

Pierce's effort to get this article on the voting ballot for March took inspiration, perseverance, and dedicated efforts as the Town has not yet created an appro-

priate application template or a guide for a citizen's petition that meets Town standards.

However, the Town supports residents to have the Town's lawyer look at their citizen's petition article. This review of the language by the Town's lawyer is to insure the language and process meet guidelines and helps residents get a citizen petition placed on as a warrant article on the ballot for voting. Pierce was able to leverage application wording - fine-tuned by the Town lawyer and Scientist John Gage of Windham, who is the NH State Coordinator for the Citizens Climate Lobby.

Over a mid-January weekend, Pierce went door knocking to gather

the needed 25 signatures for the petition. She had been advised by Smith to get at least 5-10 more than 25 sign ups - as the signatures must be vetted to ensure they are from registered town voters. Pierce wound up with 32 verified, approved signatures. After getting the petition in order, Pierce attended a January Town Council meeting and got approval for the petition, which went through processing for the ballot via the Town Clerk's office. Town Council Chair, John Farrell, asked for videos to be created about all the warrant articles to make them clear for voters and Pierce offered up details with a flyer containing the substance around her Warrant Article 29.

The articles says, "Should Town of Londonderry vote to direct the Londonderry Town Council to transmit by written notice within 30 days of passage of this warrant article to Londonderry's State Legislators, Gov. Sununu, New Hampshire's Congressional delegation, and Pres. Trump, that the Town of Londonderry calls upon selected State and Federal representatives to enact carbon pricing legislation..."

This Warrant article states that the request is to support "...a carbon fee and dividend approach and a carbon cashback program to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction."

The article is based on practical methodology to deal with the climate crisis and related pollution by putting a price on the primary source of the problem and by letting efficient market forces unleash investment, innovation and transition solutions for the clean energy required to head off the crisis. The warrant article statement is based on protecting household budgets during the transition from carbon-based pollutions, while also protecting U.S. businesses from free-polluting foreign competition via a 3-part solution:

(1) The action would be to charge fossil fuel

producers and importers a fee based on the climate pollution generated from their products - starting at \$15 per ton of CO₂e and increasing it by \$10 each year.

(2) All the money fees collected would be returned directly to all U.S. households each month equally - one share per adult and a half-share per child - to recoup everyone for damages from the pollution being created.

(3) Additionally there would be a corresponding carbon fee put on energy-intensive imports from countries that don't match our carbon price and remove the fee from our exports to keep the U.S. globally competitive.

NH House Science, Technology and Energy Committee Chair, State Representative, Bob Backus, announced on 01/09/2020 there is a

"...recognition of the urgency of the climate crisis and (a need to) stand with those who believe the time for action is now." He also mentioned appreciation for efforts to bring the climate issue before Town Meeting voters this Spring through petitioned warrant articles. There are presently dozens of towns in NH with proposed or accepted ballot articles for this support. The NH Committee expressed confidence that the carbon pricing approach will be recog-

nized as the most effective way to reduce carbon pollution. Other NH politicians and officials are also involved with this effort including U.S. Representative Annie Kuster.

Interested readers looking for more information are encouraged to visit the Carboncash.org and citizens can write to Congress at cclusa.org/energy-innovation-act.

Pierce wanted Londonderry residents to know there is strong evidence that our seasons are changing here in Southern NH from climate pollution and we are seeing more extreme weather patterns including shortened growing seasons and temperature variations that are adversely affecting local Maple Syrup harvests.

Pierce told us, "This warrant article is good for local Londonderry residents and it's good for our country. NH is one of the few states in the country that does not generate fossil fuel and that will make our state more attractive to do business with in the future. Towns nearby Londonderry including Hudson, Windham and many others across NH are also voting on similar climate pollution articles at their town elections. Support of this effort is earning bi-partisan political support across the State."

Projects

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front entrance door, which will need to be replaced, along with rails and decking.

Council chair John Farrell asked whether this would make the entire building ADA compliant, to which Cotton confirmed.

The second project is for \$11,012.60 and will be used to replace a defective fire panel that was installed at Town Hall in 2005. Cotton explained that there is no warranty left on the system, and replacement part can no longer be found, therefore, the entire system is being replaced with one

from Mammoth Fire Alarms.

Farrell also commented on this request, saying that he wondered how the vendor was making any money.

The third order request was for the amount of \$4,835, this would cover invoices Plowing Salting and shoveling at the town-owned facilities. One bill was from Shady Hill for \$3,915, the other from Green Magic for \$920.

Member Tom Dolan inquired to Town Manager Kevin Smith as to whether he felt that the he felt we were in compliance with the town's purchasing policy, in terms of competitive bidding and the best

value for the taxpayer.

"In general, I am," Smith assured Dolan.

The council then voted to expend the money requested.

Also at the meeting, during the Town Manager's report, Smith shared what he deemed to be "some rather significant news."

"Our long national nightmare known as Exit 4A is coming to an end, in a good way. Today I signed off on the official Record of Decision, this completes the FEIS portion ... DOT can start moving forward on design and property acquisitions. With any luck we'll be under construction in 2021."

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Editorial

Get the Full Picture

The right to vote is a hallmark of living in America. In patriotic speeches, politicians declaim that our military fight for us to defend that right, a right that residents of far too many countries can only dream of obtaining.

All too often, that right is not given the respect and care it deserves. It appears that Presidential elections are the only times when large numbers of voters come out for elections. Local elections may be even more important; yet many of us don't take the time before a local election to research issues behind each warrant article.

Researching the questions you are voting on is so important. These warrant articles effect your lives in a personal way. If you don't understand what you're voting for or against, you're treating the right to vote with disrespect.

What kinds of questions might you ask?

On a bond measure, find out what kind of financial obligation is imposed for each year of the bond. That's often unclear; you'll hear what it will cost the first year, but the money will come out of your pocket for the life of the bond.

How about a union contract? Sometimes a contract covers just one year, and if so, its costs are likely to be clear. But most contracts are for two or three years. Make sure you understand the costs attached to each additional year of the contract - you won't be asked to

vote for it in consecutive years, but the money will be added to the overall budget and will be part of your tax bill. Also, money isn't everything. Does the contract take into consideration the economic downturn? Get the full picture to fully understand the issues you are voting on.

The choice is yours. Each warrant article has pros and cons - some may be harder to define than others, but it pays to listen, and not just listen but verify the information being told to you - understand both sides. If you're only hearing one side, you may be missing something.

For example, it shouldn't sway your vote that the budget committee - or your neighbor - recommends or doesn't recommend a warrant article. Get the facts yourself. Don't be persuaded by scare tactics, and make sure to consider the source. Get the facts behind the hype.

The taxpayer is the "forgotten third person" in budget discussions. Well, you're the taxpayer and all of us living in Town are "footing the bill".

The upcoming Deliberative Sessions for both Town and School are very important and some changes can be made at that time to the Warrants presented. Don't forget your right to get all the facts before you make your decision. And while you're at it, DON'T FORGET TO VOTE.

Letters

To the Voters of Our Town

To the editor,
I am very excited and proud to let the residents of our community know that I have decided to once again throw my hat into the ring and officially announce my candidacy for Londonderry Town Council.

I look forward for the chance to represent everyone in the town of Londonderry with a fresh set of eyes.

As the publisher of the Londonderry Times, I have learned a great many things about the way town government works, and now I wish to add my input on town matters through the Town Council.

I will be running a positive campaign, one in which I will display integrity and honesty in all my interactions with the voters of this wonderful town.

It will be a great privilege to serve my community as a Town Councilor. I will do so by listening openly to the concerns of all our community members with the goal of building a better Londonderry, one that thrives economically and maintains that "small town feel" in our neighborhoods.

We live in a great town! Let's work together to make it an even better place to live, work and play!

I humbly ask for your vote on March 102.

Debra Paul
Londonderry resident
Londonderry Times
Publisher and Town
Council Candidate

Climate Crisis Thank You

To the editor,
Thank you to NH House Science, Technology and Energy Committee. Committee Chair, State Representative, Bob Backus announced on Jan. 9, 2020 that "House Democrats recognize the urgency of the climate crisis and stand with those who believe the time for action is now." He went on further to say that legislation has been passed to invest Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) funds in energy and updating our renewable portfolio standards to require increased use of energy from renewable resources by the year 2040. (These funds are raised through regional quarterly sealed auctions.) He also mentioned appreciation for efforts to bring the climate issue before Town Meeting voters this Spring through petitioned warrant articles. There are presently 78 towns in NH with proposed or accepted ballot articles. The Committee expressed confidence that the carbon pricing approach will be recognized as the most effective way to reduce carbon pollution.

On Jan. 27, 2020, U.S. Representative Annie Kuster further announced that she will become 76th U.S. Representative on board as she is co-sponsoring the bi-partisan Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act; Bill HR 763, which is currently before Congress. Interested readers looking for more information are encouraged to visit the ourcarboncash.org website. Citizens can write to Congress very easily with the fill in the blanks for-

mat found at cclusa.org/energy-innovation-act.
Cherylann Pierce
Londonderry

My Choice for the Next President

To the editor,
After meeting most of the candidates and after a lot of thought, I've decided that Amy Klobuchar is the best Democratic candidate to vote for on Tuesday, Feb 11. Klobuchar is level-headed, savvy, and doesn't fall for nonsense and distractions. I want her as America's advocate to Putin and to the leaders of China and Korea. When she spoke in Londonderry at a town-hall meeting, I was impressed that, through her service on Senate committees, she has traveled widely abroad and met many foreign leaders in person. She has experience in foreign affairs. Klobuchar also has an engaging personality and is surprisingly funny.

A sense of humor can help break the ice in negotiations.

Amy is the best of the moderates. She is practical, collegial, and has passed the most bills in the Senate. She can win in the Midwest and the swing states. In November, Independents and disgruntled Republicans will mark their ballot for Amy, and Trump will be defeated.

Klobuchar is surging in recent polls. I want her in the White House and Trump out, and therefore, I urge you to vote for Amy Klobuchar in the New Hampshire Primary.

Marilyn Hoffman
Londonderry

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Heritage/Historic District Commission Approves New Site Design Plans

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the Londonderry Heritage/Historic Commission meeting on Jan. 23, multiple site plan design reviews were discussed and approved.

The first review was a continuance of a design review from a Nov 21, 2019 commission meeting that was set to discuss a design for a gas station with a convenience store and a bank, which will include drive through windows. This development complex will be located on 174 and 178 Rockingham Road. The property owners and site plan applicant is 2V Londonderry, LLC.

Chairman Kenney noted, "At the end of that meeting (on Nov. 21), we had requested a plan and design for the signage, for some lilacs to be added to the landscape plan. We said we like the newest gas station design better than the old one. We asked for a lighting plan and for textured material samples."

The requests made at that time are supported with examples that will be found in the Londonderry "Look Book." Lilacs are one of the Londonderry's preferred landscaping flower/bush choices.

The applicant noted they had worked with NH Department of Transportation (DOT) regard-

ing driveway access and that was now defined in their plans. The commission went over the design with the applicant representative and noted that changes had been made to their plan - since last November - and the updates were now in line with the commission's feedback to their plan. Members of the commission noted that the applicant had hit everything that had been suggested for the site in accordance with the initial November review of the planned design.

The commission gave unanimous approval of the plan design - subject

to a final approval of building samples, path materials and some signage brick samples that will need to be viewed by the commission. It was suggested that this final review could be accomplished, as aligned to planning board approvals, so the applicant can move forward with the project.

The next application presented was a design review of a site plan for the construction of a 61,400 square foot closed warehouse addition and associated loading area at 11 Ricker Ave., that is owned by Glenbervie, Inc. The board got a presenta-

tion of the plans for this commercial building addition that is located over by the airport and gave a unanimous approval for the design; the commission will make a recommendation to the planning board for this project to go forward in the planning process with commission approval.

The commission also got staff reports about applications for design reviews including for a review of a lot line adjustment between 28 Kelley Rd., and 40 Kelley Rd., that is owned by Paul + Meredith Beal and Jean Gagnon.

That project is also

aligned with an application for design review of a subdivision plan to subdivide one residential lot into eight lots at 40 Kelley Rd., that is Zoned AR-1 with Jean Gagnon as the owner and applicant. That plan was accepted with a recommendation for adherence to commission guidelines regarding how the stonewalls that are being moved must be properly repurposed. This approval is now passed, so the owners can move forward to the next phase in the planning process with an initial approval from the commission.

OBITUARY

Thomas Ahrens Jerrell, Jr.

Thomas Ahrens Jerrell, Jr., 68, of Manchester died Jan. 26 surrounded by his loving family after a brief illness. Tom was born in Illinois on Nov. 14, 1951, the son of Thomas A. Jerrell, Sr., and Ray Ann Jerrell. He graduated from the University of Illinois as a Chemical Engineer and later received his MBA from Purdue.

Tom enjoyed working on home improvement projects, large and small. He loved his Newfoundland dogs and was a member of the Newfoundland Club of New England and the Newfoundland Club of America. His favorite activities with the dogs were water work and going on nature walks. Tom liked going out to eat with his family and would always bring home treats for his pups. He was known as Pop-pop to his grandchildren and loved watching cartoons with them and reading them books. He was an avid WW2 history buff and was fond of playing board and video games. Tom was also an active member of the United Methodist Church and enjoyed volunteering his time.

In addition to his loving wife of 46 years, Susan (Turek) Jerrell, Tom is survived by his two sons; Thomas Edward Jerrell and Rich Jerrell (Lauren Doukas), and his brother John Jerrell (Milagros). He will also be deeply missed by his grandchildren; Nathan, Ian, David and Charlotte, his aunt Nadine Harmon, his step-mother Sue Jerrell, as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Visitation was held on Saturday, Feb. 1, at 10 a.m. at the Londonderry United Methodist Church, 258 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A Celebration of Life service followed at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Tom's name to The Preachers' Aid Society of New England (www.preachersaid.org) or to Food for Children (www.foodfc.org).

Cain & Janosz Funeral Home and Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements; to view an online obituary please visit www.cain-janoszfuneralhome.com.

Fish and Game Club Hosts Girl Scouts

The Londonderry Fish and Game Club welcomed Girl Scout Troop 10318 of Londonderry on Tuesday, Jan. 28 to listen to a proposal in hosting an invitational Girl Scout Community event.

Troop 10318 proposed a Target Sports Day to be held in early May, where all levels of Girl Scouts will have an opportunity to participate in various Sporting events.

The Londonderry Fish and Game Club has assisted with various donations to make this event possible for the Londonderry-Litchfield Girl Scout Community. LFGC has also donated range time, sup-



Right to left, top row: Richard Olson Jr, Chairman of the Board, Amanda Mills, Jessica Stewart, Summer Brow, Autumn Chadbourne, Amy Cypher, Beth Brow Troop Leader. Left to Right Bottom row: Robert Boilard, Treasurer/Board Member, Edward E Bouche, Jr., President of Londonderry Fish and Game.

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Conservation Commission Discusses Environmental Permits

SAM HAUT
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry conservation commission meeting on Jan. 14 began with Michael Leach presenting an application to the commission for a temporary wetland impact application for a sewer extension. The application was approved by unanimous vote.

During the meeting, Rob Robinson, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent with the City of Manchester, presented the case for removing a pump station as part of the reworking of sewer lines. The proposed changes would impact the development around Manter Mill road and would use gravity to move sewage instead of a pump station.

Robinson said all impact to Londonderry will be temporary and it would start in summer 2020, though the project will begin in Manchester and work its way towards Londonderry.

The commission voted that the project is subject

to approval by stipulating that the area be monitored for invasive species, that there is no work in surface water areas and that the work is consistent with open-space restrictions.

Eric Mitchell sought approval for an eight-lot extension at Walnut Drive, however commission member, Deborah Lievens, said she was worried that the creation of the lots would expand to far into wetlands.

"It makes me so nervous to see a lot that's got all that wetland on it when you're trying to build a house and septic tanks and wells."

Mitchell reassured Lievens by saying that they would put signs at the edge of the wetlands to warn developers and people living there of what the boundaries of the wetland are.

The development was approved on the condition that the various lots that will be developed are properly marked and current wells are sealed to prevent contamination.

The commission also

discussed Musquash Field Day and that dedication of the Shoots and Ladders trail to Mike Considine. This year's event will happen on Saturday, Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Chair, Marge Badois, said the commission had gotten emails following the publication of an article in the Londonderry Times that detailed the Considine dedication.

"After that article was in the paper, I got emails

from people saying 'oh, Mike's wife Margaret didn't know anything about it,'" Badois said. "That's because we don't have a time, we don't have any details yet. So there are people just waiting to be notified about that, so I think our thoughts were to incorporate that on the walk."

The commission discussed where they would do the dedication, and decided to do it on the landing of the trail, rather

than have people hike all the way up the trail, as it may be difficult for some to travel the whole way, especially in the snow.

There was also discussion on the conservation of the New England Cottontail Rabbit in terms of what has and has not been successful in the conservation effort. A commission member said there has been a lot done to help keep the Cottontail Rabbit alive, but it might not be enough to

fully bring the species back

"It's debatable that the bunnies are ever going to come back," the member said. They did a lot with the forester when they had their session in Nashua and he was explicitly asked "do you think they're going to survive?" and he responded "Probably not. The habitats of the canary species, which other species require as well, aren't as sensitive."

Gilcrest Road

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apple trees already in the ground that have been a significant part of town's historical legacy.

The issue of disagreement concerns parameters outlined in 2013 - when the plan to save some apple trees was discussed with input from town residents and officials. The concept at the time was to put together an appropriate agreement with developers to pave the way for the 600-acre multi-use, multi-phase development plan that is to combine streetscapes, retail shopping, restaurants and housing with appropriate landscaping and planted green areas.

There was an understanding by a group of residents that the original 3 rows of trees and the spacing in place at the time would remain intact. However, the developer pulled one of the rows recently and intends on planting crabapple trees in the middle of the 2 remain rows, thus gaining substantial real estate footage that will provide

additional property revenue and sales opportunities. This is the Woodmont developer's legal interpretation of the plan details that are now recognized by Town officials including Town Council Chairman, John Farrell. At the Jan. 20th meeting, Farrell deferred to the town attorney summary document and noted there was no legal malice in this apple tree decision.

Longtime areas resident, Jack Falvey, disagrees and recently spoke out at a December Town Council meeting saying, "They agreed to a buffer zone in parts of the development. And they agreed to three rows on Gilcrest Road."

Efforts to save trees within the Woodmont Commons plan date back many years. And Falvey was involved in those efforts - along with other long time Londonderry residents. Falvey and this group feel the developers have not kept their word - as was communicated in 2013; they believe the current actions of the tree removals have evolved to a situation that is no

longer in the spirit of the agreement of that time. Several planning board meetings have been held related to this issue since 2013 - specifically in 2018 and 2019. Falvey says the deal interpretation of the plan was moved by the Town to create an advantage for the developer by the Planning team that is not in best interests of the community.

Falvey told the Londonderry Times that Town Manager, Kevin Smith has been responsive and helpful to try to sort out the issues involving the Apple Tree dispute. Falvey reports Smith told him via email that Town Planner, Colleen Mailloux believes "...in following the written word where it's explicitly clear and being conservative in her interpretation when it's not. In this case, the wording in the PUD (Planned Unit Development) was not clear about what to do when there is a conflict between the 50-foot buffer and the three rows of trees."

Falvey further reported that Smith wrote -

"Thus Colleen, not having had the benefit of sitting through the Woodmont hearings when it was being approved in 2013, interpreted the proposed plan as in keeping within the rules of the PUD, and the Planning Board agreed and approved. Unfortunately, none of the Planning Board members who did sit on the PB during those hearings in 2013, seemed to remember the discussion about the keeping of the existing third row of trees (which were in the minutes), or if they did recall it, they did not bring it up during the hearings. They relied solely on the language in the approved PUD, which made it open to interpretation."

Falvey added that he believes there is another possible issue regarding contaminated soil that has been removed from the Woodmont orchard areas that could have ramifications on residential areas around Londonderry; this issue may need further considerations by NH DES as to what exactly might be affected by such soil.

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Londonderry Heritage/Historic District Commission Re-elects Officers

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Jan. 23 at their regular monthly meeting, the Londonderry Heritage/Historic District Commission met to support election of commission officers, as is their timely duty. The commission voted unanimously to re-elect current officers to their same positions - so Krystopher Kenney, who has been the Chair for about a year will continue as Chair. Arthur Rugg, Vice Chair has been on the commission for 22 years and previously was a Commission Chair for 12 years. Commission

Secretary, David Colglazier has now served in that position for 15 years.

Jim Butler is the Town Council Liaison for the commission and Laura Gandia, Associate Planner, who is the primary contact, who helps coordinate organizational information, including communication with the public, applicants and town officials. Gandia also helps to organize, as well as, present site planning documents and other information. Additional members of the commission include Victoria Gorveatt, Sue Joudrey and John Mahon.

Jason Knights and Snehal Patel serve as alternate members of the commission at this time.

The Heritage/Historic District Commission works under the provisions of NH State Law and supports the Londonderry Municipal Code. By design the Commission is comprised of seven members and up to five alternate members. All members are appointed to stag-

gered terms of three years.

The primary purposes of the commission is to oversee the preservation of historical and cultural resources for the Town, to educate the public on matters of historical interest and to work with other Boards, committees and commissions to assure responsible development that reflects the Town's Master Plan. The Commission's responsi-

bility includes site design reviews to ensure development in the town is aligned to meet, both visual and structural design guidelines, in compliance with Londonderry's design goals that conform to the town's historical character.

This commission meets bi-monthly on the fourth Thursday of each month, at 7:00 PM in the Sunnycrest Conference Room of the Town Offices, 268B Mammoth Road.

This commission is also a Historic District Commission with responsibilities as enumerated by state statute and from the Historic District section of the Town's Zoning Ordinance.

Pieces of property that have been designated Historic Districts are governed by the Heritage/Historic District Commission as per votes from a Town Meeting and subsequently by the Town Council. These properties include the Town Common, the Kent Allen Town Forest (the parcel directly south and west of the Town Common), the Morrison House Museum on Pillsbury Road (owned by the Londonderry Historical Society), and the Grange #44 facility (owned by the Grange #44).

Outside of the Historic Districts, the commission oversees the Town Pound (restored in 1990) on Mammoth Road, the Town Common, and the Kent Allen Town Forest. The Heritage/Historic District Commission must approve all changes within the Historic Districts, according to the Town of Londonderry Zoning Ordinance, Section 2.6.4.

The Heritage/Historic District Commission is also responsible for implementation of recommendations from the Historic Properties Task Force Report, as adopted by the Town Council in 2006, which includes periodically updating Londonderry's List of Historic Structures and Properties contained within the Report. The purpose of this List is to protect the designated properties by using a variety of tools and by keeping any measures voluntary.

Commission goals include preserving other historically significant properties, furthering the protection and restoration of stonewalls and other historic features, protecting tree lined vistas, local designation of scenic roads, assisting the Londonderry Historical Society to make the Morrison House Museum fully functional and likewise with the Grange #44 for potential community usage.

OBITUARY

Marie C. Pollock



Marie C. Pollock, 77, of Londonderry, NH, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020 in the Community Hospice House in Merrimack, NH. She was born in Manchester, NH on Oct. 16, 1942, a daughter of the late Joseph and Cecile (Paquin) Rioux, and had been a resident of Derry and Londonderry for many years. Marie had been employed as an office manager for the Masonic Temple in Manchester. She was a member of the Londonderry Senior Center and was a communicant of St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry. Marie enjoyed motorcycling and RV-ing with her husband, as well as partaking in any adventures with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband Robert Pollock of Londonderry; two sons, Jim Pollock and his wife Pam, and Dan Pollock and his wife Chris; one daughter, Jolene Santoro; her grandchildren, Ashley, Bryanna, Diana, Brian, and Jessica; two brothers, Rolly Rioux, and Ray Rioux; and her sister, Dolores Gile. She was predeceased by her brother, Joe Rioux.

Calling hours were held on Saturday, Feb. 1 from 1 - 4 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. Funeral services will follow at 4 p.m. in the funeral home. Following cremation, she will be buried in the Holy Cross Cemetery in Londonderry. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Community Hospice House, Attn. Development Dept., Home Health and Hospice Care, 7 Executive Park Dr., Merrimack, NH 03054.

OBITUARY

Robert L. Kodash



Robert L. Kodash, 81, of Litchfield, NH, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020. He was born in Allentown, PA on March 7, 1938, a son of late August and Viola (Sell) Kodash. After graduating high school, Bob spent 22 years proudly serving his country as a member of the United States Navy. Once retiring from the Navy, he worked for General Electric as a field engineer, installing CAT Scan and MRI machines. Bob greatly enjoyed spending his time wood working and making toys in his woodshop for his grandchildren. He also enjoyed boating, skiing and traveling, especially to Peaks Island, ME and Aruba. Bob cherished his family deeply and was always there for his friends and family as 'Mr. Fix-it'. He is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years, Brenda Kodash; daughter, Janet; three grandchildren, Nicole, Tyler and Michael; in-laws Shirlene Kodash, Paula and David Wood, Joel and Mary Lynn Whitney; and several nieces and nephews. Bob is predeceased by his son, Robbie and his brother, Donald. Calling hours were held on Friday, Jan. 31, 2020 from 3 - 5:30 p.m. at the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. A time of sharing was held at 5:30pm followed by Military Honors. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St. Framingham, MA 01710. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com



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Water

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Environmental - the company in charge of testing the water and coordinating resolution - and Paul Rydel at the NH DES.

Resident Ethan Paul who lives in the area says, "All of us are collaborating with each other to make sure each of us is represented in our efforts to have this issue resolved thoroughly."

A neighborhood committee has been formed to align efforts and the committee has released a statement:

"On behalf the Lancaster-Baldwin Neighborhood Committee (LBNC), we want to thank Paul Rydel at the State of NH Department of Environmental Services for all the assistance he has been providing us through this process."

"We do want to encourage the customers of all the small businesses at

the Apple Tree Mall to continue their patronage throughout this process. The mall's owner, George Vernet III, has been working through Cooperstown Environmental towards installing temporary Point of Entry water filters until a permanent solution (municipal water) can be funded and installed. We look forward to working with all involved parties, including the town, over the next few months to achieve this solution."

"We are deeply concerned over the health of our children, some of whom have been drinking this contaminated water for years. We will continue to monitor their health over the years to come. As many of us are new homeowners, we are also concerned about the depreciation of our home values. We as a community have to work with the State as well as the town to ensure that we all have clean drinking water and

the complete extent of the contamination plume is determined."

Up to now, people in this neighborhood have been working primarily with the NH DES. The only related town involvement the neighborhood is aware of has been the installation of a new sewer line for the Apple Tree Mall behind Lancaster Drive in 2019. At first folks in the area were somewhat confused as to why the town would put in the sewer line as opposed to the private businesses doing this, but now people in the area believe they know why and to the best of their knowledge, the Apple Tree Mall is the only building now connected to it.

Ethan Paul says, "Going forward, our hope is that the town addresses water contamination in a proactive fashion. We want the town to provide clear communication about potential contami-

nation sites, such as notifying adjacent neighborhoods about nearby testing, and for them to develop a plan for long-term mitigation and treatment. We know we are not the only neighborhood affected by PFAS contamination, and we want everyone in town to feel confident that town officials are working hard to ensure our access to clean water is uncompromised."

Paul points out that research on PFAS/PFOA buildup in humans is still emerging. Folks in the contamination plume from Lancaster Drive to Courtland have been told not to use their well water for cooking, drinking, brushing teeth, or watering gardens because PFAS/PFOA in human bodies has been linked to a variety of cancers, endocrine problems, thyroid disruption, and other developmental problems.

"Many of the residents of our neighborhood have small children," says Paul.

"...so the concerns for their developing bodies are particularly strong. Additionally, many members of the neighborhood have battled cancer and cancer-related health problems and several of them have passed away as a result."

Paul says the residents are still consulting with realtors to determine the exact impact this contamination will have on our property values. He says, "A rough estimate we were given, however, is that each home's value is decreased by the cost of connecting the building to municipal water. That is easily tens of thousands of dollars."

Cooperstown Environmental reports efforts continue to trace the migration of the PFAS in the groundwater in the area as specified by regulations and ongoing guidance from NH DES. Recently, NH DES has agreed that Cooperstown should investigate the possibility of PFAS contri-

bution from other commercial operations or residences in the area. Cooperstown is currently developing that scope, which will need to be approved by NH DES before implementation.

Cooperstown is also finalizing specifications for the filtration systems to be installed in the homes, taking into account changes required by the shift from a POU type water filtration to a POE filtration system. Once finalized, NH DES must approve it - though this is anticipated to be a relatively quick approval period. Cooperstown will provide further information on the timing of filtration installations as the information becomes available.

If you live nearby and need more information, please contact Jim Young, PG, LSP of Cooperstown Environmental LLC at 978-470-4755 or by email (JYoung@CooperstownEnv.com) with any questions.

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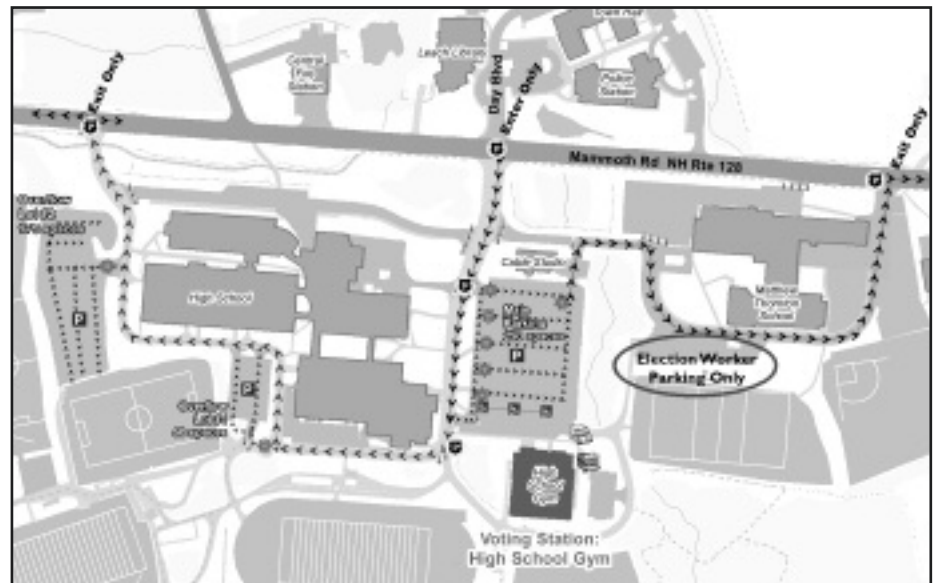
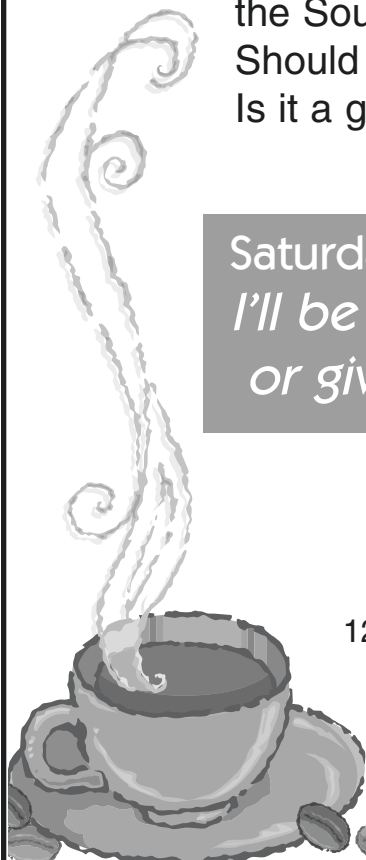
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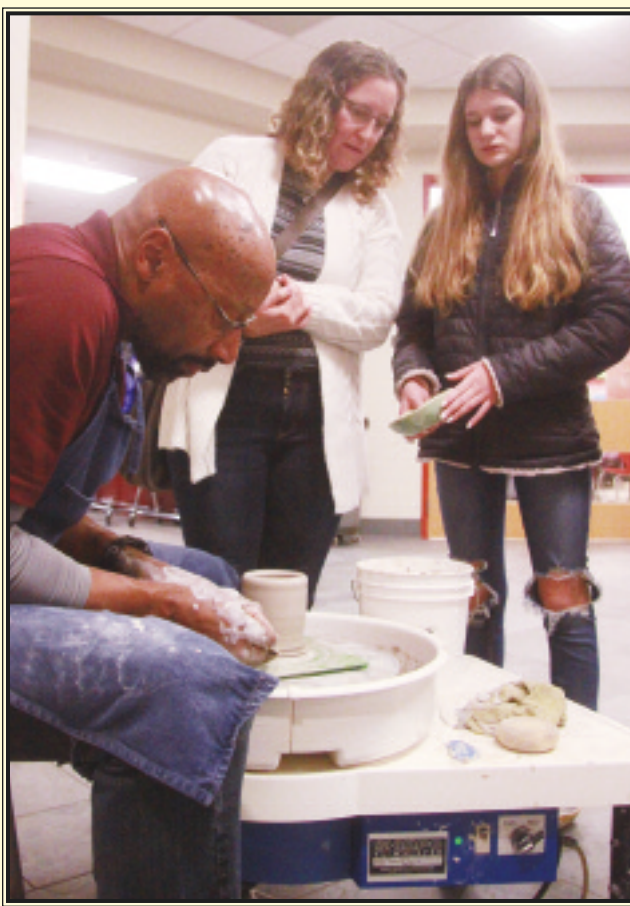
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Lancer Gymnasts Celebrate Seniors and Take First Place

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Gymnastics team hosted their first and only home meet of the winter season last week, on Tuesday, Jan. 28, and competed against seven other teams.

The meet also served as the Lancers senior night and they celebrated the last home meet with Marissa McKay and Cas-

sidy Williams for their time with the program.

The Lancer girls' earned first place with a total score of 118.4. Bedford High School came in a close second with a score of 115.9.

At the Vault, Ashley Griffin finished first with a score of 8.5, while her teammate Ella Houghton came in third place with a 7.9.

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Fitzgerald and Ella Houghton both gave strong routines according to Lancer head coach Heather Lennon.

At the third event of the evening, the Beam, senior Marissa McKay tied for third with a 7.8.

On the Floor, the final event of the evening, Ella Houghton earned first place with a 8.7 score and Peyton Beirne placed third with a 7.9.

Ella Houghton also took first place in All-Around with a score of 30.5.

After another first place finish coach Lennon spoke about her girls and the significance of her two seniors. "The girls love to compete in front of their home crowd. Marissa, our only senior captain, has been on the team all four years, she has always been one of our silent leaders on the team. She leads by example and practices hard every day."

She went on to talk about the unfortunate injury that sidelined Cassidy Williams, but was pleased with how the girls supported her and all the support Cassidy gave to her teammates. "Cassidy was a strong competitor on the team her freshman year and just came back this year for her senior year. Sadly her season was cut short with an ACL and a bilateral meniscus

tear in her knee. The girls are so happy to have Cassidy back even if she isn't able to compete, they love having her cheering them on at practices and meets. We will truly miss both of these amazing athletes next year." Lennon said about her senior Williams.

The Lancers now have their eyes set on DI State Championship, which are set for Saturday afternoon, Feb. 15, at Pinkerton Academy, but before that, they have one final meet, this one is hosted by Nashua North. That meet includes the team's only meeting with the Pinkerton Astros. Londonderry will head to Tyngsboro Mass. on Wednesday, Feb. 5, and compete for a point towards the Ball Family Trophy.



Ella Houghton took first place on the Floor and in All-Around at the Lancers only home meet.



Senior Marissa McKay tied for third on the Beam during Senior Night. Photos by Chris Paul

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Lady Lancer Hoops Squad Starts the Week with 5-6 Record

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Basketball team had a full week to prepare for their only match-up of the week last week. In that contest, the Lady Lancers hosted Nashua South High School on Friday Jan. 30, where they improved to an even 5-5 on the season with their 55-36 win.

The final score doesn't reflect how the game started, as it was a back and forth game throughout much of the first half. Courtney Shay got the game started with sinking her first three-pointer, three minutes into the game, but the Lady Purple Panthers put the defensive pressure on with a very tough, full court press. The Lancer's did a good job handling the press as Katie Sullivan served up a great pass to

a wide-open Shay for a lay-up plus the foul to give her squad some life.

In the next possession Rourke nailed a beautiful jumper to put Londonderry up 8-4. Nashua South responded with their own basket, and then continued to make it difficult for Londonderry to move the ball up court as they turned it over several times. The girls really had to work for the defensive rebounds, and they ended the first quarter with a Olivia Chau fast break pass to Rourke for an easy lay-up.

At the end of one quarter the score was 14-9 Londonderry, but Nashua South answered back to start the second.

They started with a full court pass and score, along with some smooth ball movement that kept Londonderry's defense on their toes. The Lancers were able to respond as

Sarah Clegg hit her first shot to push the lead to six, and then Ashley Schmitt was able to score inside the paint off a Colleen Furlong assist. Nashua South's defense didn't let up, but the Lancers were able to figure it out as Furlong turned defense into offense with a great steal and a lay-up plus the foul to put her team up 23-17. The girls ended the first half of a high note as Shay had two coast-to-coast lay-ups in a row to give her squad a 27-20 lead.

It was an interesting start to the second half, as both teams handled the ball poorly, and both teams started to getting a bit aggressive on defense. The Lady Lancers maintained the momentum and pace of the game as they lead 32-24 with five minutes left in the quarter then both Colleen Furlong and Shay had inside scores to push

lead to eleven. Shortly after that Furlong drilled her first three-pointer of the game, and then her sister Jordan Furlong immediately hit her first shot coming off the bench off an assist from Shay to give her team a commanding 41-29 lead heading into the final quarter.

The fourth quarter is where Londonderry put the game completely out of reach. Kylee Crawford sank her first shot of the game, along with Jordan Furlong getting her second shot to fall. Kylee McGurn joined in on the fun as she nailed her first shot, which gave the Lancers a 22-point lead with 4:17 left on the clock. Nashua South couldn't turn things around, which resulted in the Londonderry 55-36 win.

Shay was once again the high scorer for LHS, as she poured in the shots to lead the team with 17 points. Colleen Furlong was right behind her with very consistent playmaking, and she scored 16 points. Ashley Rourke had eight points for the winning side.

It was great win for the squad especially after hearing the tragic news of the death of Laker legend Kobe Bryant and his 13-year old daughter Giannina Bryant.

Lancer head coach Nick Theos and his team were affected by the very sad and shocking news as both Kobe and Gianna were becoming a strong



Senior forward Katie Sullivan is getting plenty of playing time and gives the team a threat on both defense and offense. Photo by Chris Paul

voice of Women's Basketball. "Well it was something we talked about on that Sunday at our practice. Kobe was becoming a spokesperson for women's basketball. He and Gigi believed that a female could play in the NBA one day, and that the gap between men and women's basketball was shrinking," Theos said. "It was a good message for the girls to hear and hopefully some female athletes will except that challenge and work to see it through."

Some of the players grew up with Kobe being their role model, and for

him and his daughter to pass unexpectedly was tough them to cope with. "He was a big leader to me and his work ethic drove me to work harder and just seeing him put that much work in, I got to do that too," said senior guard Colleen Furlong.

The Lady Lancer's played a road game on Monday, Feb. 3, against Portsmouth High School where they lost a close 45-43 contest, leaving them at 5-6 for the season.

They will face rivals Pinkerton Academy on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 8, starting at noon.

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Londonderry's Swim Teams Dominate in Final Home Meet

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

As the Swimming Lancer's prepare for State Championships they competed in a Duals Meet on Friday, Jan. 31, at the Workout Club in Londonderry. Londonderry hosted six other high schools and both teams went undefeated that evening.

The boys' swimmers beat Keene 98-19, Manadnock Regional 105-6, Pelham 105-5, Salem 100-37, and Campbell 105-8.

The girls they beat Derryfield 88-76, Campbell 139-5, Keene 119-38, Monadnock Regional 118-38, Salem 127-40, and Pel-

ham 133-25.

In the 200-yard Medley Relay, the Lancer team of Elizabeth Allen, Lillian Law, Megan St. Germain, and Lexi Apholz placed second with a time of 2:10.39. For the boys Kevin Moscat, Brandon White, Christopher Byrne, and Stephen Bompastore earned first place with a 2:01.33 swim time. Coming in second was the squad of Dylan Anderson, Caleb Howard, Hunter Turek, and Connor McKinnon with a final time of 2:09.15.

In the 200-yard Freestyle, Lancer's Maggie Edwards placed first for the girls' (2:06.35). Brandon White took first for

the boys' (1:54.08), Theodore McKnight second (2:13.50), and Dylan Anderson placed third with a time of 2:21.57.

In the 200-yard Individual Medley, Hunter Turek came in first place with a time of 2:32.38, Megan St. Germain came in second (2:39.03), Joanna Davis third (3:01.95).

For the 50-yard Freestyle, Julia Ethier placed third (27.62) for he girls, while Christopher Byrne came in first with a time of 25.10.

In the 100-yard Butterfly, Londonderry swimmers Maggie Edwards finished second (1:06.09), and Megan St. Germain came in third with a

1:15.52. For the boys Brandon White finished in first place with a time of 56.55.

In the 100-yard Freestyle, Julia Ethier came in second (1:01.60) for the girls, and Connor McKinnon took first for the boys (1:02.45), and Kevin Moscat came in second with a 1:03.27.

In the 500-yard Freestyle, Isabella McKnight came in third (6:36.30), and Theodore McKnight placed first with a time of 6:12.91.

For the 200-yard Freestyle Relays, the Londonderry team of Julia Ethier, Jasmine Brown, Lexi Apholz, and Maggie Edwards came in first

with a 1:51.53 relay time. As for the boys Christopher Byrne, Connors McKinnon, Theodore McKnight, and Brandon White also finished first with a 1:44.84.

For the 100-yard Backstroke, Kevin Moscat placed first (1:09.72), and Dylan Anderson finished in third with a final time of 1:11.03.

Then in the 100-yard Breaststroke, Christopher Byrne swam away with first place as he finished with a time of 1:08.63.

Wrapping up the night with the 400-yard Freestyle Relay, the team

of Maggie Edwards, Jasmine Brown, Megan St. Germain, and Julia Ethier came in second with a time of 4:11.37. Behind them was Joanna Davis, Isabella McKnight, Lillian Law, and Elizabeth Allen coming in third with a 4:32.29. The boys team of Dylan Anderson, Kevin Moscat, Hunter Turek, and Theodore McKnight placed first with a time of 4:18.44.

The Lancer's now have their eyes set on State Championship, which will take place Saturday, Feb. 15, at the University of New Hampshire.

Lancer Boys' Basketball Squad Drop Two More and Fall to 2-7

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Basketball team just passed the halfway mark of the season, and they continue to have problems putting tallies in the win column. Two more losses this week brings their losing streak to six, and their hopes of making the playoffs are quickly dwindling.

Last week, the Lancer squad traveled to Salem High School, to take the court against the Blue Devils on Tuesday, Jan. 28, where lost by nearly 30 points, 74-47.

Senior Cole Keegan led his teammates with 12 points and junior Jackson Cox scored 11. Wil Reyes had ten points,

and both Luke Marsh and Alex Tsetsilas had four points. Mike Rosatano, Jake Ruppel, and Zach Fawcett all had two points.

Following that rather troubling loss, the squad traveled to Nashua South High School on Friday, Jan. 31, to take on the Titans. That game was a much closer contest, but still resulted in another Lancer loss, this time 52-43.

Cox did all he could as he poured in 19 points, while Jake Ruppel score seven, Cole Keegan had five, Luke Marsh and Alex Tsetsilas both had four.

It was a rough week for the entire basketball community last week, when shocking news broke on the sudden death of Los Angeles Lak-

ers legend Kobe Bryant and his 13-year old daughter Gianna Bryant on Sunday, Jan. 26. Head coach Nate Stanton took some time to talk to his team about the tragic unexpected event. He made sure to emphasize that basketball is more than just a sport.

"I spoke to the team briefly about it after practice on Monday night and just explained the importance of appreciating these moments we have together and with our families. At the end of the day it is just a basketball game. As Kobe showed throughout his life, you can be an amazing basketball player and win many games, but he did so much more than basketball and had such positive impact on thou-

sands around the world. He is a caring father, a husband, and someone who was involved in the community giving back to others, in other words an inspiration to all. As a program, as a community, and as a family, we our deeply sorry for the loss to all the families involved in this tragedy." Stanton went on to say.

The Lancer boys' played again on Tuesday, Jan. 4, with another road game, this time at Merrimack High School (7-2) after the Londonderry Times went to print. They will then host their rival the winless Pinkerton Astros on Saturday, Jan. 8, and will try and win a point towards the Ball Family Trophy.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Jan. 26



Lilly Law
Senior, Girls Swim Team

Lilly has been a four-year member of the Swim Team. She dropped six seconds in her 100 breast to come within less than a second of the state cut. She's a great leader and role model.



Stephen Bompastore
Senior, Boys Swim Team

Stephen has been a four-year member of the Swim Team and he ended his high school swimming career with a three second drop in his 100 backstroke. He worked hard this year and is an all around great kid.

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Lancer Wrestling Squad Performs Well in Methuen Meet

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School varsity Wrestling team hosted the Salem Blue Devils on Wednesday, Jan. 29 for their final home meet of the season. The meet also served to honor the team's three seniors, Brandon Drake, Nick Walter, and Sam Choate. The three were recognized for all the work they have given to the Lancer program during their time with the team. Unfortunately for the Lancers, the Blue Devils spoiled their special night, as they won the match 48-30.

Starting with the weight class of 182 lbs, Josh Bean got his Lancer's on the board first with a 33 second pin over Joseph Colecchia.

After that Salem had a run of five straight wins with two forfeits, two pins and an 8-4 decision. The Lancer's got back on the board with Evan Madigan (120 lbs) taking six points by forfeit. The next LHS win came at 152 lbs, with Londonderry's Johnny McKinnon pinning Michael Williams at 3:24. Dylan Barnes (160 lbs) followed that up with a win for the home squad by forfeit. The night ended on a positive note, as Lancer senior Nicholas Walter (170

lbs) toughed out a 4:19 minute pin over Blue Devil Met Breton.

Londonderry head coach Jason Cucolo spoke about what these three seniors have meant to the team this year, and what he has seen from them throughout their time on the team. "They have been hard workers all season long and have stepped up as strong leaders as well. Sam is a first year wrestler, and has done an amazing job and continues to get better each week." Cucolo couldn't be prouder of how hard his squad has worked and how much some of the seniors have grown. "I am proud of all the wrestler at how hard they work each day and the effort they give. It was an honor to see Brandon and Nick mature into young men over these last four seasons," Cucolo added.

The Londonderry squad's week of competition ended on Saturday, Feb. 1, when they competed in the Methuen Invitational against 19 other schools including some Rhode Island, Vermont, and Connecticut schools.

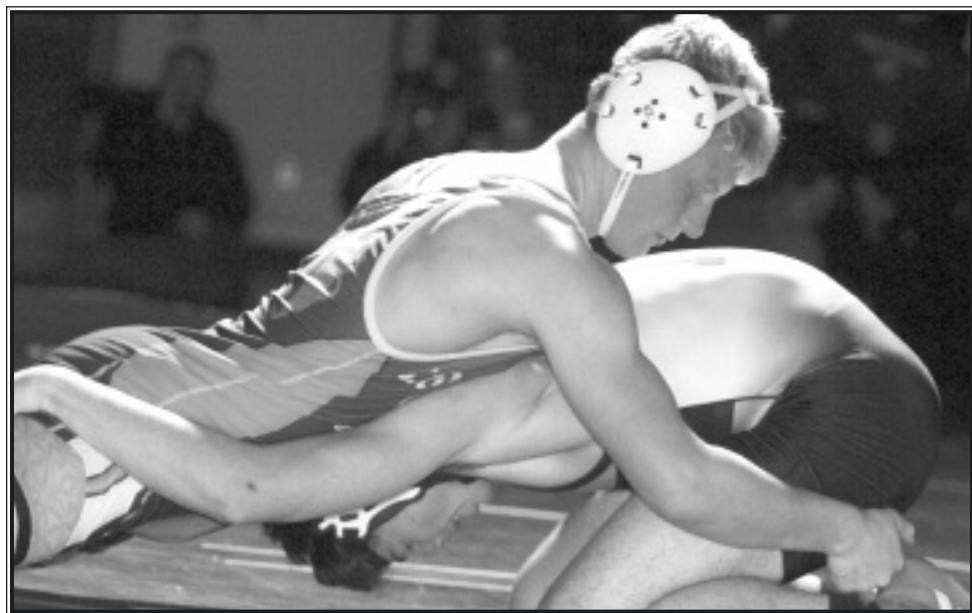
At that meet, Lancer Brandon Drake (132 lbs) earned sixth place Nendoe Gleekia (145 lbs) took home sixth place, at 170 lbs, Nicholas Walter came in fourth place, and Josh Bean

(182 lbs) came in sixth.

Walter started his day with a 3:43 pin over Mount Anthony's Logan Sprague. In the quarterfinals Walter took down to Pat Fleming of Tewksbury by a pin at 2:25. Walter worked his way through the conciliation bracket with a 3-2 decision win over Desmond McLaughlin of Springfield Central and in the third place match, Walter was unfortunately taken down by Ryan Miner of Xavier High School with a pin.

Nendoe Gleekia (145 lbs) started his day with a 3:25 pin over Luke Wilson of Toll Gate High School. He lost his second match and moved into the consolation second round where Gleekia beat Salem's Brayden Fleming in a 12-6 decision. Gleekia then earning a 50-second pin over Eric Hanson of Algonquin Regional High School in round three of consolation. In the fifth place match, Gleekia was taken down by Zachary Gauthier of Nashua South High School by a fall.

Londonderry's Josh Bean (182 lbs) began his day with a quick 45 second pin against Jeff Parisi of Toll Gate High School. In the quarterfinals Bean was pinned in a long 5:10 by Jacob Swan of Melrose. In the consolation round Josh Bean responded



Senior Nicholas Walter got a pin over his Blue Devil's opponent at 170 lbs on Senior Night at LHS. Photo by Chris Paul

with a 7-3 decision win over Shreyas Vasireddy of Xavier High School. Then in the third round of consolation Bean won another decision, this time 12-2 against Joey Czechowicz of Algonquin Regional.

For the fifth place match Anthony Romano of Methuen was able to toughen out a 5-1 decision over Lancer Josh Bean.

Londonderry traveled to Alvirne High School on Wednesday, Feb. 5 for a

Tri-Meet against Alvirne and Pinkerton Academy after the Londonderry Time went to print. They then will compete again in the New Fairfield Duels on Saturday Feb. 8 in Connecticut.

Lancers Hockey Team On a Two Game Winning Streak

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Hockey team has had its problems finding the back of the net for most of the season, but last week they were able to do that two

more times and notch another check in the win column.

After showing Lancer fans just how much offense they could produce, when they beat Manchester Central-West 18-2 a week, on Saturday, Feb. 1 the LHS squad started a very modest win streak of two games, when they beat a very decent Hanover High School team (6-2) by a score of 2-1 at the Tri-Town Ice Arena in Hooksett.

Both Lancer goals came in the second period as Zach Rheault found the back of the net first off

an assist by Ben Padykula. Shortly after that, Londonderry's Sam Neville scored their second and final goal with an assist from Brandon Savage.

The Lancers hoped to keep the winning streak going this week as they took the ice again on Wednesday, Jan. 5, and faced off against the Exeter High School Blue Hawks (5-2-2) on the road after the Londonderry Times went to print. Then, over the weekend, on Saturday, Jan. 8, the Londonderry team will take on Nashua South-Pelham (4-8).

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Londonderry Indoor Track Teams Brush Up Before States

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The members of Londonderry High School Boys' and

Girls' Indoor Track teams competed in a last chance meet on Sunday, Feb. 2, at the University of New Hampshire. This meet was not recorded, but it

gave all the athletes a chance to reach and mark their best times and scores before the state championship.

Girls

Starting in the girls 600-meter run, Grace McDonough placed fifth (1:45.34), and Cailin Borovicka came in 12th place with a time of 1:53.43.

In the 4x160 Relay the squad of Meghan Daileanes, Retta Hatin, Erica Waters, and Tara Wright came in sixth for the Lancer's with a time of 1:31.70.

The 4x400 Relay team of Caitlin Boufford, Abby Ellis, Brynn Foster, and Erica Waters also came in sixth with a time of 4:33.56.

Next in the final 4x800 Relay the Londonderry team of Cailin Borovicka, Caitlin Boufford, Cailey McDonough, and Grace McDonough came in third with a time of 10:23.15.

For the high jump Lancer Isabella Landry tied for eighth with a score of 4'6".

In the long jump, Erica

Waters placed sixth (15'4.25") for the Lancers, Meghan Daileanes 14th (13'5.25"), and Retta Hatin came in 15th with a score of 13'3".

In the Shot Put competition, Gia Komst placed second with a throw of 32'5.25".

Boys

As for the Lancer males, starting with the 300-meter dash, Damon MacLeod placed seventh (39.02), and William Bieler came in 13th with a time of 40.04.

In the 600-meter run, Lancer Matthew Griffin placed first with a run time of 1:26.12.

Competing in the 1,000 meter run, Kerry Daley came in third (2:44.05), Dylan Hotter placed sixth (2:48.52), Will Plante tenth (2:53.08), Ryan Fortin 13th (2:56.01), and Matthew Vogel came in 14th with a time of 2:58.52.

In the 4x160 Relay, the team of William Bieler, Eugene Donovan, Damon MacLeod, and Steven Swiderski placed tenth with a time of 1:22.23.

For the 4x400 Relay William Bieler, Kerry Daley, Matthew Griffin, and Damon MacLeod came in third for Londonderry with a time of 3:46.45.

In the 4x800 Relay, the squad of Cole Borovicka, Ryan Fortin, Will Plante, and Matthew Vogel finished fifth with a time of 9:17.17.

Wrapping up with the Shot Put, Hayden Fielder came in sixth with a throw of 38'11.5", and Eugene Donovan placed 11th at 35'4.5".

The next time the Lancer's will compete will be in the Division I state championship on Sunday, Feb. 9, at Dartmouth College.

Tigers Teach Students Social Skills



The Plymouth State TIGER Theater Company visited South Elementary School for the 17th time recently to help students better understand social problems. Tigers stands for Theater Integrating Guidance, Education, and Responsibility and is considered a powerful collaboration between the Integrated Arts and Counselor Education graduate programs at Plymouth State University. TIGER is a professional theatre company designed to help children, schools, parents, and communities deal proactively and positively with social issues and concerns facing children in schools. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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

Legion Meeting

On Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. the American Legion Post 27 will hold their Monthly General Meeting at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry. All members are welcome to attend.

Karaoke Night

On Feb. 21 Karaoke with DJ Sharon will be held at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry by the American Legion. Starts at 7 pm. Non-members interested in joining Post 27 are welcome to attend.

VA BINGO

On Feb. 24 Post 27 will be playing bingo with patients at the VA Hospital in Manchester from 7 - 8:30 p.m. We'll be serving pizza and diet soda as well as providing prize money.

Renew Clothing

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

Exchange Students Program

Exchange students program of academic exchange "Pax" is currently seeking families to host for

the 2020-2021 school year. There are students coming in from over 60 different countries both male and female ages 15-18 the students come with good English skills own spending money/medical insurance. Families would provide a bed for the student to sleep in, place to study, share meals together occasional rides to and from after school activities once the student make friends carpooling is wonderful. For more information on the program Contact linda_coffey@hotmail.com or go to pax.org.

Republican Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 20, 7 - 9 p.m. Help get your Republican candidates elected. Join us to discuss 2020 events, current issues, and more at Victory Baptist Church, 78 Litchfield Rd., Londonderry.

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.

Step-Families

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).

Child Development

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.

Teen Talk

An after-school group

for teens ages 13-18 years old to talk, connect, relate and support each other on on Tuesdays from 3 - 4 p.m., at the Upper Room in Derry. Drop-ins are welcome! For more information, call 437-8477 ext. 29

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.

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. Begin-

ning 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. 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. 29

from 10 a.m. - noon; Feb. 5 is the last day to register to vote prior to NH Presidential Primary Day (Feb. 11); and Feb. 29 is the last day to register to vote prior to the Town Election Day (March 10). To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency, Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers), Proof of age, or Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, domicile and citizenship. Any question contact Kristin Grages Supervisors of the Checklist Town of Londonderry 432-1100, ext 198.

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. 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 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

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Around Town

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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 con-

nected with family centered early supports & services.

Bingo

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

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Jan. 27 9:29 a.m. Services rendered for Weapons Offenses on Pettengill

Road at Enterprise Lot. **11:54 a.m.** Three officers serve warrant and make arrest on Green Street.

Markice Seignious, 27, of Manchester Charged with Identity Fraud.

1:13 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated at Londonderry High School.

1:15 p.m. Juvenile Offenses Investigated at Londonderry High School.

1:16 p.m. Burglary investigated by three officers

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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 compassion. Facilitated by: Jim Gamache, Julia Gamache, & Jerry Goncal, Journey-afhopenh@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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on West Parish Drive.

8:21 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Mohawk Drive.

Tuesday - Jan. 28

5:43 a.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity on Hunter Blvd.

12:37 p.m. Welfare Check conducted by five officers results in transport to hospital from Winding Pond Road.

1:05 p.m. Disturbance investigated at Londonderry High School.

1:39 p.m. Sex Offenses investigated on Hall Road.

3:02 p.m. Services rendered for report of Sex Offenses on Westminster Drive.

4:50 p.m. Services rendered for Sex Offenses on Trolley Car Lane.

Wednesday - Jan. 29

7:45 a.m. Assault investigated at Londonderry High School.

12:12 p.m. Services rendered for Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

4:42 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Trolley Car Lane.

Thursday - Jan. 30

1:49 p.m. Services rendered for Welfare Check on Trolley Car Lane.

2:31 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Hall Road.

6:58 p.m. Peace restored by four officers after disturbance on Baldwin Road.

10:05 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Capitol Hill Drive.

Friday - Jan. 31

8:40 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Sanborn Road at Cozy Kids Child Care.

4:26 p.m. Suspicious Activity results in an arrest made at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

8:40 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Sanborn Road at Cozy Kids Child Care.

Manchester charged with Possession of a Controlled Drug.

6:23 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated at Londonderry High School.

9:18 p.m. Juvenile Offenses reported on Nashua Road at Starbucks.

9:39 p.m. Services rendered suspicious activity on Nashua Road at Staples.

Saturday - Feb. 1

12:18 a.m. Disturbance investigated on Cortland Street.

12:27 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated at Sleep Inn on Perkins

Road.

2:14 p.m. Medical Emergency investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

2:32 p.m. Peace Restored after complaint at Burger King on Nashua Road.

3:07 p.m. Warrant Served and arrest made at Brentwood Jail in Brentwood.

Christian Driscoll, 50, of Londonderry charged with Violation Of Protective Order; Stalking, Domestic Violence.

6:07 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Southwood Drive.

10:43 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated at Convenience Plus Londonderry on Rockingham

Road.

Sunday - Feb. 2

1:12 a.m. Five officers investigated an Assault on Boulder Drive.

3:39 a.m. Suspicious activity on Crosby Lane investigated by five officers.

5:08 a.m. Four officers investigate suspicious activity at Dunkin Donuts on Mohawk Drive.

2:09 p.m. Overdose leads to arrest on Mammoth Road. Donald Fraize, 32, of Londonderry arrested on a Bench Warrant.

4:52 p.m. Services Rendered for Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

The Upper Room and Marion Gerrish Partner to Start New Teen-life Series

The Upper Room, A Family Resource Center and Marion Gerrish Community Center have created a series with fun ways for teens to learn the skills necessary to live independently. The "On My Own" program started as a conversation between Brenda Guggisberg and Sarah Garvin, Executive Directors of their agencies, and this concept has become a reality which will kick-off on Wednesday, March 4, at The Upper Room.

The Upper Room and Marion Gerrish Community Center both noticed a need for teens to explore the skills they will need before they head out on their own. The two Executive Directors had many conversations about some simple and not so simple skills that could be explored with students, to facilitate learning and create a place where teens can do something fun and productive afterschool.

All classes in the series will be offered for FREE on Wednesdays from 2:30 to 4 pm at The Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Road, Derry, and will run for four (4) weeks. The program kicks off on March 4th with basic sewing; where students will learn how to sew on a button, how to hem pants and basic repair of clothing. On April 1st the second class in the series will be basic cooking, facilitated by UNH Cooperative Extension;

offering the opportunity to prepare fun recipes. Registration for the program is done through Shelly Koza 603-437-8477 x 27 and all classes are completely FREE, with the help of generous volunteers. Future classes may include basic personal finance, yoga and baking. A survey of students will help us decide future offerings for this year-long series.

"The name On My Own evolved from the very concept, teaching teens things that will prepare them to be self-sufficient," states Sarah

Garvin, Executive Director of Marion Gerrish Community Center, "This partnership with The Upper Room will allow us to support our community in a very positive way."

Brenda Guggisberg, Executive Director of The Upper Room states, "We are very excited about

this promising offer for teens and hope that this will be an opportunity to come together and learn things that will improve their lives as adults. It will probably save them a little money too, as they will have the capacity to do things on their own."

"We are happy to offer

an afterschool alternative for teens, where they can not only learn but be connected to other teens, in a place that is easily accessible from Pinkerton Academy," states Shelly Koza, Marketing & Events Coordinator for The Upper Room.

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