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## Winter Break

Maeve Stevenner and Crickett Considine enjoy some hot chocolate during the annual Musquash Field Day hosted by the Londonderry Conservation Commission. The event gets residents out to the town's conservation trails each year to see what they have to offer. See more photos on page 2

Photo by Chris Paul

## Conservation Commission Looks at Shasta Drive Thru

SAM HUNT  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the conservation commission meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 11, Josh Bruton presented a proposal to the commission to get approval to build a retainer wall for a drive through at

the Dunkin' at 72 Shasta Drive.

The engineer working on the project, described how the addition of a drive through to the Dunkin' would be a "safety convince to the development," as the parking lot there can be congest-

ed at certain times. The proposal would also add another freezer and dumpster site to the Dunkin'.

Look said their design for the drive through includes a bypass lane so cars or safety vehicles

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## Town Council Increases Tax Benefits for Elderly and Disabled Residents

MACK LEATHURBY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council Met on Feb. 3 to consider 2 Public hearings related to town tax exemptions. The first one was for Resolution #2020-01 that is a resolution relative to the Elderly Exemption Policy from the State and as supported with modifications by the Town of Londonderry. Assistant Town Manager, Lisa Drabik, and Town Assessor, Rick Brideau,

Presented the overview of this resolution. The second public hearing was regarding

Resolution #2020-02 that is a resolution relative to the Disabled Persons Exemption Policy and that one was also presented by Assistant Town Manager, Lisa Drabik, and Town Assessor, Rick Brideau.

Lisa Drabik said, "What you have before you are two resolutions - with the elderly exemption policy, as well as the disabled exemption policy. The purpose of these resolutions is for the proposal to change the benefit level as the Town Council had requested."

As per the request, the resolution put forward by Drabik was set

up for a 22.5% benefit increase. Drabik noted that these two resolutions were being presented together as the 2 exemptions are tied together in the town documentation.

Drabik pointed out, "Nothing is changing with regard to policy and definitions - rather just the benefit levels."

Drabik provided the council with a spreadsheet that provide the number impacts not only for the proposed 22.5 % increase but also for a 20% and a 25% increase - though the resolution was proposed to include

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## Londonderry's 2020 Presidential Primary Election Goes Smoothly

MARTHA SMITH  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry held its 1st in the Nation Presidential Primary Election on Feb. 11 at the Londonderry High School Gym. The polls opened bright and early at 6 a.m. and remained open for voters until 8 p.m. that evening. The voter turnout for this election was record breaking. One can only hope that these same town residents will all come out and vote in the Town and School elections coming up on March 10.

The election on Feb. 11, with record-breaking turnout, went very smoothly. Again at this election, like last years Town election, the iPads,

supplied by LHS Associates were used to check in voters. The iPads contained the voter checklist of the Londonderry residents registered to vote in the town. When voters arrived at the polls, rather than heading to the line with the initials of their last name, they were able to go to any of the lines where the ballot clerks were stationed. The ballot clerks were able to look up the names electronically on the iPads, which brought up the voters information instantly. The iPads avoided having the ballot clerks thumbing through all of the pages on the paper checklist to find the voters name. Each voter

was given a slip of paper after the initial check-in, which they gave to the ballot clerks, who handed them a ballot. After voting and turning in their ballot they were out the door. All of this made for a much quicker voting experience.

According to the reviews on public facebook pages residents appeared to have been

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# Musquash Field Day Brings Residents Out to Conservation Land



The Londonderry Conservation Commission held its annual Musquash Field Day on Saturday, Feb. 15, and a large amount of residents chose to take the long hike out to the landing where a campfire awaited attendees and allowed folks to enjoy roasting marshmallows, hot chocolate and hot-dogs. The event went on throughout the day, but in the morning, Conservation Commission Chair, Marge Badois, announced the renaming of the Shoots and Ladders Trail to be named after long-time member Mike Considine, who passed earlier in the year. A bench donated by Considine's family members and friends was also announced. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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# Legislation for Property Owners on Private Roads Introduced

JOHN GOGLIA  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Wednesday, Feb. 12, House Bill (HB) 1490 to establish a committee to study the taxation of property owners on private roads was introduced to the House Committee on Municipal and County Government by Dover Representative Peter Schmidt and co-sponsored by State Senator David Watters. HB 1490 came about through the efforts of the New Hampshire Private Road Taxpayers Alliance (NHPVRTA), a non-profit

organization trying to unite property owners on private roads on a statewide basis, to support their efforts to rectify the unfair tax treatment of property owners on private roads. The NHPVRTA can be contacted at nhpvrt@gmail.com.

After introduction of HB 1490 several private residents from different parts of New Hampshire, including the President of the NHPVRTA, spoke to the committee in support of the bill. These residents owned property on all types of private roads

such as, dirt, gravel, stone and paved. Only one was from an age-restricted community development. There were approximately 18 members of the Municipal and County Government Committee (MCGC) present and an equal number of individuals present supporting the bill.

The common theme in support of HB 1490 was that although owners of properties on private roads were assessed and paid taxes equal to owners of properties on public roads they had sub-

stantial additional costs for snowplowing, maintenance and replacement of those roads that other taxpayers did not. It was mentioned by one supporter that all 11 of the senior communities in Londonderry are situated on private roads.

Some private road property owners talked about safety issues in the event of a need for emergency services stating that their private roads although acknowledged by local authority and required to meet certain minimum standards were

incapable of access by certain types of emergency equipment. A retired Fire Captain addressed his concerns about the existence of certain inaccessible private roads. A City Councilor also addressed the committee about his take on the issue of private roads. He concluded that it would probably be a good idea to study the problems, since there is an apparent proliferation and concern about the issues surrounding private roads.

The MCGC members

were very respectful of the supporters of HB 1490 and quite a few committee members asked very good follow-up questions. However, many of those questions could not be answered at present because of insufficient research about certain relevant facts. One example of an unanswered question was "what percentage of NH roads are private roads?"

The committee now needs to deliberate on HB 1490 and a decision should be made in about 2 weeks.

# Recreation Commission Looking At Summer Activities

MACK LEATHURBY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Recreation Committee with William Manning, Chairman met on Feb. 10 at their monthly meeting to prepare for summer events.

The mission for the Recreation Committee, as well as the recreation department, - as led by Director Art Psaledas - is to provide recreational activities and facilities for residents of all ages. The Committee coordinates with organizations established in the community and provides administrative support and direction that leverages the department's staff and town volunteers.

Recreation Director Psaledas began the meeting with his report from the Recreation Department for the committee.

The Director reported, "Currently with our facilities, there is not much going on - we have had nothing break so that is good news. With our equipment, it is the same deal with nothing going on.

With regard to the budget, we spent a minimum last month because we are not buying stuff other than electricity and we are not paying for porta potties at this time. I noticed the porta potties did go up for this year, but that is the first time in several years, so we're good with that."

Psaledas continued, "For the Maintenance position we have open, we did have one application. The application is posted, so if anybody out there is listening and wants to apply for part-time maintenance position, go to the town website Londonderry.nh.org and look under employment opportunities."

One of the committee members asked, "Do they have a deadline for this position?"

Psaledas said, "Not sure. Guess it has to be before spring though - probably a month or so. I have also gotten some applications in for the summer playground program. That has not been posted yet, but we typi-

cally get applications in early and inquiries about now. Again, the application is online for anybody who wants to apply for a summer recreation program counseling position. I don't know yet how many have openings from last year. We had a really good crew last year and I don't know if any of them have other jobs now."

The Town Recreation Director overviewed a few pertinent points to the members from the Town Deliberative session held this month saying, "Our capital reserve fund has been moved to the ballot and there was not much discussion on it. There was not much discussion on any of the warrant articles. There was some discussion on the Kenos Bill and an environmental bill, though the budget went right through."

Director Psaleda noted, "A couple of other things - the Woman's Club have asked to do a fund raiser on West Road. I called it a race when I talked to Todd about the

field though it's not really a race - it is a kind of a fun activity and they're doing it to fight hunger, so the funds will go to that. Kids will be going on a little run and there will be a splash with a green color

and blue color. Sounds like it will be a fun thing for the kids."

I also had a group of people who wanted to do a fun run type thing though it turned out that the group was nonprofit, but the peo-

ple running it would be making a profit. So, they were going to charge the kids 40 bucks for five races ...so I said if you're making money like this - typically this is not what we're going to support."

## Mark Oswald Invites You to Have Coffee with a Realtor



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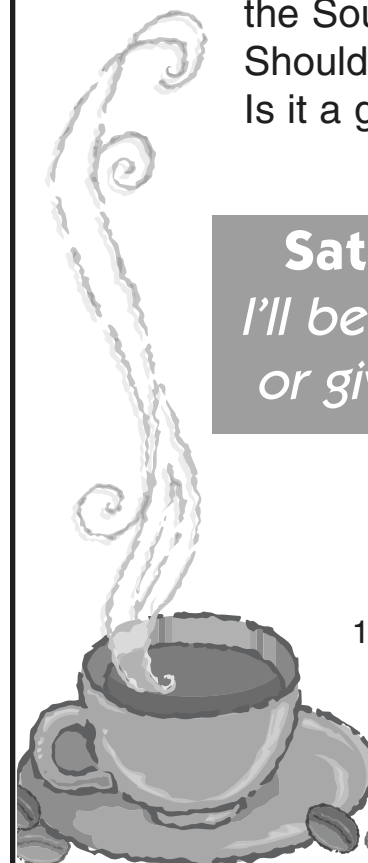
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# Editorial

## Meager Masses

It is not surprising to see yet another poor turnout at Deliberative Sessions in the area. This is the time and place where you have the power to, lower, zero out, or increase budgets and dollar amount of warrant articles. This is where you can make a change to what goes on the ballot, yet only a few citizens show up at these Deliberative Sessions.

If you don't show up and share your thoughts, but only complain after the fact, then you are not truly meeting your responsibility as an active interested citizen. High numbers of voters and Deliberative Sessions definitely do not go hand in hand, despite the fact that taxes are going up. The Deliberative Session is where you get an explanation concerning the proposed budget and the reasoning behind the warrant articles that are proposed for the town and school ballots. You, as a registered voter, have the power to question anything that will appear on the ballot. At this meeting you have the power to tweak the dollar amounts that will directly affect your taxes, before these measures appear on the ballot.

Many Towns have adopted the SB2 Deliberative Session in hope of attracting more voters, and have all articles voted on by ballot. SB2 got rid of the traditional New England town meeting, (also where few people showed up). Although this change has been adopted the voter turnout for local elections remains very low, as compared to the number of total registered voters.

We'll spare you the pitiful percentages. It seems highly unlikely that the low turnout means that all of the voters who didn't come to the Town and School Deliberative Sessions agree with the numerous warrant articles presented by the town and school and are ready

to vote on March 10.

Are the elected officials who represent you doing an outstanding job? Regardless of what the majority of voters were doing that was more important than attending the Deliberative Sessions, the next opportunity to participate in our democracy is the local election, which will be held on March 10. Use your time wisely between now and March 10 to study the candidates and learn how they stand on the issues facing the town. Read about their positions in our pages and improve your knowledge on the issues that will appear on the warrant articles on the ballot.

We encourage you to study the money being spent, check out candidate forums, ask questions, and verify what the proponents and opponents of a particular warrant article are telling you. This year's election has attracted, in most cases, a choice of candidates for the various open positions. Make your vote an informed one. If people have made the effort to offer their time for public service we owe them, at the very least, enough interest to pay attention to their words. If their words are platitudes, agendas and generalities, you must demand specific answers. Asking tough questions about local politics matters and is bipartisan. These elections involve issues that affect all of us most closely. We have far more power with our vote in local town and school elections than in other election. Send in letters to the paper letting others know how you feel and whom you support. You may have missed your chance to participate at the Deliberative Sessions. Now is the time to participate for your own good and the good of the community, so please come out and vote on in the local Town and School election on March 10.

# Letters

## Supporting Deb Paul

To the editor,

This year as I look at our list of candidates for town Council I've noticed that Deb Paul has again chosen to step up and run. Deb Paul with her no-filter approach to a council meeting could be quite refreshing for all of those people who feel there's no transparency in town government. In the years that I've known Deb I have never questioned if what she was saying was what she truly believed.

Deb often speaks with her heart before it filters through her head but that may be the kind of counselor that we need. Someone who sees the town as family, friends, and a place for people to build a future with their families and not just as a "business." I believe it takes many different personalities do you have a productive counsel and I think Deb Paul would be a good fit.

Dan Lekas  
Londonderry

## Deb Paul for Town Council

To the editor,

Are you still smarting from your last Londonderry Real Estate Tax bill?

It is time to make a change!

Deb Paul for Town Council

We have known Deb Paul for many years. She is a strong individual who stands up for the greater good. Deb is not afraid to ask the hard questions or say the things that need to be said. The very fact that she is running again for Town Council shows that she won't back down to Town politics.

Deb is a strong leader who no matter what she is faced with, always

maintains her professionalism.

Deb has dedicated numerous hours volunteering in the Londonderry community. Deb works to bring out the best in people and in return there are many people who look up to her.

The Deb I know is knowledgeable about the Town of Londonderry's operations, budgets and personnel. She is dependable, responsible, professional and courteous.

The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over expecting a different result. Well, continue voting for the same slate of politicians to make spending decisions on your tax dollars, and well

through the insanity of it, expecting your taxes to decrease... Your Taxes Will Continue to Increase!

It is time for a change. Deb Paul is running for Town Council. Deb will be an asset to the Town of Londonderry by giving a new perspective on things. I confidently recommend Deb Paul for Town Council.

Sincerely,  
Richard A. Matckie II.  
Londonderry

## Citizens of Londonderry

To the editor,

As a Londonderry resident for 32 years and watching this town grow I think we need a person like Deb Paul for town counsel, with her knowledge of this town and her hard working demeanor I believe she would make the best candidate for the job.

Please vote on March 10

Jacqueline Fermoye  
Londonderry

## Just Turn The Drugs In

To the editor,

We are starting to make some much-needed progress on the drug crisis in NH. However, much work still needs to be done. Especially good progress has been made to turn in old prescription drugs no longer needed. Now it's time to extend that idea to Schedule I (illegal drugs) as well. What does a Mom or Dad do with these substances if found perhaps in the laundry room or the pocket of dirty jeans, or family member's bedroom? Great question.

Should they be flushed down the toilet to go into the ground water or neighboring river? No. Should they be thrown into the trash to be put into a landfill? No. Just turn the drugs in.

House Bill 1223 will enable a community to decide to set up a separate receptacle to anonymously receive these found drugs. No questions asked. Let's get these dangerous drugs out of circulation. Please contact your state representative to support HB1223 and let's give Moms and Dads this legal option to properly dispose. Just turn the drugs in, and let's save lives.

Representative  
Tom Dolan  
State Representative  
Londonderry

## Thank You from the Historical Society

To the editor,

Thank you all for stopping by our tables on Voting Day, February 11th and supporting the Londonderry Historical Society, whether through your purchase of our '\$300 Voting Day Gift Card Raffle' tickets or our delicious baked goods and coffee, our Historical Society

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items, by leaving a monetary donation, or just to talk a little Londonderry History!

We also can't thank enough Londonderry's wonderful businesses that gave generously for our Gift Card Raffle: Effective Fitness Personal Training and Sports Conditioning, Countryside Florist, Lucciano's Ristorante & Bar, Janie's Uncommon Café, Salon Sorrell, DG Cycle Sports, Blue Seal Feeds & Needs, O'shea's Caife & Tae, Great American Subs, and Coffeeberries Gourmet Specialties.

Right after the polls closed at 8:00pm, Mack's Apples owner Andy Mack Sr. reached in to pull the winning raffle ticket. Thank you Andy for assisting us and congratulations go to the raffle winner, Londonderry resident Glen Sawyer! Glen was notified and received the 'First in the Nation' plate and the \$310 in Londonderry Gift Cards the next day. We're sure Glen and his family will enjoy visiting all these great area businesses soon. We hope that you will too!

From all of us at the Londonderry Historical Society, heartfelt "Thanks!" go to you, the wonderful residents of Londonderry, for supporting our mission to preserve the History of Londonderry. And please remember that the funds raised through your generosity on voting day will go towards our efforts to make the Historical Society's Old Home Day event this year at the Morrison House Museum in August just as wonderful as last year. We want you to be

able to step back in time to the 18th century and enjoy a day of interaction with Colonial reenactors, the military encampment and canon firings, Colonial tradesmen and women, children's games, and so much more on our museum grounds!

Sincerely,  
Ann Chiampa  
Curator  
Londonderry  
Historical Society

### Running For School Board,

To the editor,  
I am a citizen of Londonderry for over 34 years. I have had three children graduate through the Londonderry School system and currently have two grandchildren in our schools (Moose Hill and Matthew Thornton). Since running for a School Board position last year I have continued working with the school board and administration on policies, developing a long term district master plan, advocating for technology improvements and adding curriculum. I have attended nearly every school board meeting for the last two years. I am a member of the facility study committee as well as a member of the C3 Committee. I continue to be fully committed to making Londonderry school district one of the best districts in the state. I feel as one of five School Board members I could make even more of an impact to help improve our great school district for our students, teachers and community. For more information please search Bob Slater for School Board on Face-

book or email me at bob.slaterforschoolboard@gmail.com

Bob Slater  
Londonderry

### Trial?

To the editor,  
Was there a Trial? Yup, there sure was. Although it wasn't a real trial. It was the kind of trial that goes on in criminal banana Republics (like ours). The kind where people are found guilty or innocent before the darn thing even starts. I remember one of the Newspaper's Front-page headlines: "Innocent, Now let's have a trial". Yes, that pretty much summed it up. With Moscow Mitch and the rest of the Un-Patriotic, Un-American, mindless, soulless, lemming Senate Republicans. What a complete disgrace! What made then throw away the rule of law, constitution? All because some Lying, Con Artist, Criminal, Traitor, Ignorant Clown shouts: Witch hunt, Hoax?

I had warned people for years; these Republicans talk a good game, Constitution, Law, etc. However, when it comes down to it, there's really nothing there, absolutely soulless. At least I now have any answer to a long stand question of mine. I have watched WWII history programs and always wondered: Why couldn't those people see him for what he was? Why the blind loyalty to someone like him? Thankfully, I now



## And The Winner Is...

Andy Mack Sr. picking the winning ticket of the "\$300 Voting Day Gift Card Raffle" shortly after the polls closed at the Primary with Ray Breslin holding the bucket of tickets. Glen Sawyer was the winner of the "\$300 Voting Day Gift Card Raffle." The raffle benefited the Londonderry Historical Society.

*Courtesy photo*

have my answer: they must have been Republican minded.

It strikes me; I wonder if everyone who has been convicted in a court of law, can now petition for a new trial? This time NO documents and NO Witnesses (and refuse any request to testify yourself). Just site precedent: If it's good enough for the President and sanctioned by Republicans, that's the justice I am entitled too. Please make sure to scream Witch hunt and Hoax every darn minute as well!

Believe it or not, at the time of writing this, four Federal prosecutors have just resigned overnight concerning this criminal administration injecting

itself into the Roger Stone case. It would seem no one with a conscience, belief in law, or the constitution can work for this Criminal Banana Republic. America's new title: "The 50 states of the CBR"?

Looks like it's now up to us. That would be those who can still hold their head high. We will have to collectively exact justice (if that's still a thing anymore?) in November! Remember, does an unpunished child learn their lesson? Or, are they most likely to try and get away with something even more grander? Nevermind a 400 Pound Ignorant child.

If you think any of the above is rude, vile, obnoxious, etc. Just remember; I am not the one whom has torn this country in HALF! Also, think of all the rude, vile, obnoxious garbage that has been spewed on twitter or out of the Orange clowns mouth.

Lastly, a shout out to some REAL American Hero's: The Ambassadors (all), Lt. Colonel Vindman and Retired 4-star Marine General John Kelly; for standing up for America and the Rule of law against this Criminal Traitor!

Steve Homsey  
Londonderry



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# Senior Community Coalition Group Holds Third Meeting

JOHN GOGLIA  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Monday, Feb. 10, the Londonderry Senior Community Coalition (LSCC) held its' third meeting ever at The Grand Estates at Londonderry. 8 of the 11 Senior Communities in Londonderry were represented at the meeting. Those present approved the official name of the LSCC. Resident Jim Wright of The Nevins presented his views on property tax research he had done comparing assessments of senior residences to other

residences. The general conclusion was that individual units in senior communities are assessed equivalent to other types of similar single family residences and maybe even more due to a current high demand. Although seniors pay for additional services such as snowplowing, maintenance, repair and replacement of their private roads, which the town provides to residences on public roads, these additional costs are not reflected in reduced assessed values and the corresponding property taxes.

The LSCC representatives discussed the visits by John Farrell, Chairman of the Town Council, and Kevin Smith, Town Manager, to several senior communities to present information about taxes, the property revaluation and the future of Londonderry. All agreed that the information was well received by residents and valuable going forward. Some of the communities also advised of various meetings with Rick Brideau, Town Assessor, to discuss the revaluation and the how's and

why's of the assessment process, particularly as it applies to senior communities. Again, there was insightful information shared by the group.

There was information provided regarding the pending introduction of House Bill (HB) 1490 to the Municipal and Government Committee at the Legislative Office Building in Concord scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 12. HB 1490 is a bill co-sponsored by 2 legislators from the Dover/Barrington area to consider establishing a committee

to study the taxation of property owners on all private roads in New Hampshire. HB 1490 came about through the efforts of the New Hampshire Private Road Taxpayers Alliance (NHPVTA), a non-profit organization trying to unite owners of properties on private roads statewide, for the purpose of lobbying for unfair taxation of property owners on private roads.

There was a discussion and various suggestions towards starting construction and imple-

menting a Mission Statement for the LSCC, which would be finalized at the next meeting.

In closing the LSCC decided that whichever member community or communities organize a particular monthly meeting they should determine and advise how many representatives from each community could attend based on the agenda and the size of the meeting room. The meeting was adjourned subsequent to a request for volunteer(s) to host next month's meeting.

## Conservation

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can get around cars that may be at the window. He also mentioned that when they had spoken with town council about the design, town council had affirmed the need for a bypass lane.

Chair, Marge Badois, told Look that while he had mentioned a 50-foot buffer area for the drive through and bypass lane, because it is situated on

the Bear Meadow Wetland, there would need to be a 100-foot buffer.

Look tried to explain to Badois that most of the property, from the building to the parking lot, is within a 100-foot buffer, but Badois responded by saying "that doesn't make it right."

One of the commission members said that because of how close the bypass lane is being built to the edge of the buffer zone; he believes it will

endanger the health of the wetland.

"I get that you're not directly digging in the wetland, but putting impervious surface behind there with cars and motor oil and gas and all that, is very close to the actual wetland itself so you're effectively defeating the entire purpose of the buffer, which is supposed to protect the wetland," the member said.

Look tried to explain that even if that were the case, during the construc-

tion they would be able to mitigate any negative effects to the wetland with sump pumps and the like.

"From a store water management perspective, we would design most likely catch basin's with deep sumps and hoods to make sure we're capturing all those greases that may be coming off the cars," Look said. "We would treat it being discharged anywhere near the wetland, and again we're not impacting the

wetland so to speak, by a physical disturbance of the wetland, it's all buffer zone impact."

Bruton reassured the commission that they were there just to discuss a possible three-foot retainer wall that they plan on building for the project, and that they will be returning later to discuss other issues surrounding the project.

One person who lives near the proposed changes took the opportunity to voice her concern for the project, saying it would be damaging to the neighborhood she lives in.

"The biggest concern is all the damage it would do to the wetlands too," she said. "You can propose however you people need to, but it's the residents that live there. This has a direct, adverse impact on us and our safety and whether you like it or not, we should be considered. We should not be allowing a drive through to go there."

Bruton responded by

saying that what they were there to discuss does not concern what the community member mentioned, and that based on their projections, the project will not adversely impact the wetlands.

"We're talking about safety in the sense of reapportioning and moving vehicles around, that's what I'm talking about," Bruton said. "But that's just one of the precursors to our application, again, we're talking about this wall and its proximity to the buffer and we're also trying to think about the wall and the buffer in relation to any impact to the functionality of the wetlands, of which there's none. That's our assertion, and I believe that's what the engineering will say."

The commission recommended 5-0 not approve the retaining wall because they deemed it would be too close to the end of the buffer zone, which would result in greater environmental impact

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# Discovering the First Settlers of the Town of Londonderry

DAVID ELIS  
SUBMISSION

**W**e've all heard how the first Scots/Irish settlers arrived at West Running Brook in 1719. Who was the first person to settle in present day Londonderry? The answer is surprising.

Home lots in Derry were granted to each settler during 1719 and 1720. Eight were granted in the easternmost part of present Londonderry but the homes were at the easternmost end of those grants and fell within Derry. Those homes were near North High Street and Franklin Street Extension. The town proprietors were also examining the land westwards for future additional grants. They were surprised to find

Jonathan Butterfield already settled on a farm! Jonathan was from Chelmsford where he was still being taxed. In Willey's Book of Nutfield the Rev. Jesse McMurphy wrote that "Jonathan Butterfield of Chelmsford was found occupying a large farm and living in grand style at a place which may be located as near Plummer's corners, in Londonderry". The proprietors did not evict Jonathan but granted him the one hundred acre farm on June 8, 1721. At that time no other grants had been made within the present day Londonderry. Jonathan was our first settler and, because he was "living in grand style" in early 1721, it is likely he had built his home at least a year or two earlier and

may have even been the first settler in the original combined towns!

The Old Dunstable Path ran through the southern end of Jonathan's farm. His home would have been on that route - on Young Road, between Cross Road and Crosby Lane.

Black Brook ran through his farm. It was called formerly called Little Stone Dam Brook. That name was first recorded on July 25, 1723 proving that the Little Stone Dam was built before then. The first grants after Jonathan's were not made until March 1722. They were along Gilcreast and Hardy Roads. Only some of those recipients actually built homes on their grant. Most already had homes in Derry. Those

that did need lumber to build would have used a mill on Indian Brook, formerly called Fourteen Acre Meadow Brook. They would not have crossed that brook in order to travel another mile and half to fetch lumber from a saw mill at

the Little Stone Dam.

The Little Stone Dam was only one third of a mile downstream from Jonathan Butterfield. The inescapable conclusion is that Jonathan Butterfield built the Little Stone Dam and probably used lumber from the mill to

build his home.

The Little Stone Dam was at the southeastern extremity of the Estey property. Have successive owners been cutting lumber on that property since 1720?

## Tax Benefits

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the change for a 22.5% increase.

Town Manager, Kevin Smith, asked Drabik about the total town tax impact numbers in the spreadsheets they were working with - with regard to the spreadsheet supporting the resolution changes. The numbers in the spreadsheet were set up for the different age brackets that are mandated by the Town for the elderly tax exemption, as well as how they were also related to the disabled number changes.

Town Assessor, Rick Brideau, came forward to overview the spreadsheet number specifics he had created with the Councilors. Brideau explained the numbers Smith was pointing out

with clarification saying, "Those are total tax numbers."

The numbers were further explained - that the \$671,000 number is not the increase amount from the change. That number reflects the total number of exemption credits on the town - from the exemption program. Brideau explained that the difference with the new resolution as stated at 22.5% would be \$123,348.

It was also discussed that if the program was set up before April tax time, then this updated resolution would begin to take effect in the June tax bills.

The Council discussed the resolution and member Joe Green supported an amendment change for the two

related resolutions. Green proposed changing the benefit numbers to an increase of 25% benefits across the 3 elderly age ranges - for ages 65-75 (for \$123,625), ages 75-80 (for \$154,500) and ages 80 and above (for \$206,000). This amendment change would also be linked to the disability exemption resolution for the related age categories.

Brideau noted that those utilizing these exemptions and that have already qualified for them will automatically get the updated benefits, so they do not need to reapply to be supported by the updated resolution changes that will increase their benefits.

The Town Council passed both of the resolutions, as amended by Councilman Green's amended numbers.

## Londonderry Primary Results

**N**early 5,000 registered voters in Londonderry made their way to the polls for the Presidential Primary on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

The top vote getter on the Democratic side was Pete Buttigieg.

Donald Trump was the overwhelming winner on the Republican ballot.

The results of the New Hampshire Primary in Londonderry are as follows:

### Democratic Candidates

Pete Buttigieg - 1381  
Tulsi Gabbard - 136

Kamala Harris - 3  
Henry Hewes - 2  
Amy Klobuchar - 1,031  
Tom Koos - 1  
Lorenz Kraus - 1  
Deval Patrick - 17  
Bernie Sanders - 1011  
Joe Sestak - 1  
Tom Steyer - 229  
Elizabeth Warren - 408  
Robby Wells - 1  
Marianne Williamson - 2  
Andrew Yang - 153  
Michael Bennet - 19  
Joseph R. Biden - 427  
Cory Booker - 1  
Steve Bullock - 1  
Steve Burke - 1  
Write in: 88  
**Total Votes: 4,914**

### Republican Candidates

Star Locke - 1  
Matthew Matern - 9  
Mary Maxwell - 13  
Eric Merrill - 5  
William Murphy - 4  
Juan Payne - 1  
Donald Trump - 2,729  
Joe Walsh - 15  
Bill Weld - 322  
President R Brodie - 2  
Stephen Comley - 7  
Rocky De La Fuente - 3  
Bob Ely - 1  
Rick Kraft - 5  
Write in: 121  
**Total votes: 3,238**

*Results acquired from  
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# Local Music Talent Make Fundraiser, Open Mic Nights Happen

MACK LEATHURBY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Carleigh ‘Mack’ McRitchie and her band, the Haze - are helping to bridge the Derry music scene with Londonderry talent and both towns should be proud. Last month the Pinkerton student council along with Sunday Ave, a local Derry band, organized the Bridge-stock concert to include the Haze. The event, to raise funds for the school’s junior prom, was staged at the Stockbridge Theatre and featured top musical talent from the Derry music scene.

Many Pinkerton students perform, entertain or attend Mack’s popular open mic night events that she has organized in Derry. The Pinkerton student council had the idea that well-known bands including Carleigh Mack and the Haze, the Stepping Stones and Sunday Ave might be a good draw for their fundraiser.

However, the fundraiser almost did not happen because after months of planning and rehearsals, the show was about to be cancelled when it was learned by school officials that Carleigh and Haze - who are

from Londonderry - and some other performers - were not members of the Pinkerton student body. This situation came to light only a couple of nights before the big show and most everyone involved was highly disappointed that this school activity fundraiser was about to be cancelled.

However, Pinkerton’s Dean of Students, Susanne Tartarilla, found out about all the efforts that had already gone into the event and how the three bands were an integral part of the Derry and Pinkerton community, through their music. Upon realizing this Dean Tartarilla announced that the show could go on. She said that the organizers should convey this support to the bands and promote the concert to the community. In the end over \$1000 was raised through the concert.

Carleigh Mack is a 16-year-old singer/songwriter and a Londonderry High School student, who has already made an impact on the local Derry/Londonderry music scene, including with her high school student friends from Pinkerton, Londonderry, and

other nearby towns. She has already received a partial scholarship to the prestigious Berklee College of Music’s five-week program. Carleigh has won local talent contests including Londonderry Sings, Derry’s Got Talent, Milford’s Got Talent and she was accepted to sing for NH Allstate festivals, as well as, perform solos at Prism shows.

Mack has had the musical bug since she was a toddler, singing rock and jazz styles, including a jazz style influence of the late great, Amy Winehouse. Mack is actually Carleigh McRitchie’s stage name - one she proudly uses to honor her Grandpa, Jimmy Mack - who was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II for his contribution to UK radio. Jimmy Mack is one the UK’s most famous radio DJ icons and is listed in the Pirate Radio Hall of Fame - while finishing his career with Clyde Radio Scotland.

Even at her young age, she is a mover and shaker in the Derry/Londonderry music scene. She hosts an open mic night at the Coffee Factory in Derry, once a month. This open mic



Londonderry musician, Carleigh “Mack” McRitchie, performed at a recent concert to benefit the Pinkerton Academy Junior class. Photo by Chris Paul

night is open to anyone of all ages, skill, and interests.

For those interested - check the monthly schedules with Mack or the Coffee Factory. Signups are at 6:30 p.m. - usually all 15 spots fill up within a few minutes of the list going out; entertainment starts at 7 p.m. and typically runs until after 9 p.m.

Mack says, “My open mic night has open arms for everyone who wants to express themselves in ways they don’t really get the chance to do any-

where else. I’ve had poets, comedians, local musicians, and even a clarinet quintet! This is a family friendly event, so I’m appreciative that the content to be suitable. The turnout is amazing every month, and has been growing rapidly since my first one, two years ago. I usually see around 70-90 friends, students, and locals; I run this open mic because I am passionate about music and I love providing a space for locals to express themselves through art.”

She says, “This event

provides a popular spot for teens in the Greater Derry and Londonderry area to go hangout. Teens need a place to congregate and not get in trouble, and to go where we can be social and have fun. Here we have a safe and encouraging environment to do just that!”

You can connect with Carleigh Mack to find out more about the open mic nights or about her and her band via her social media connection - @hazebandoofficial and @carleighmackk.

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## South School Helps Homeless Animals

Students and staff at South Elementary School have been collecting items for the Salem Animal Rescue League recently. The collection table is overflowing with item donations for the cats and dogs waiting for forever homes. Diane Fisher and Pat D'Avella are advisors for the twelfth year of the People to Paws club. Jinelle Hobson, Executive Director from the Salem Animal Rescue League, will be at the school's All School Meeting on Friday, Feb. 21 to thank everyone.

*Photo by Chris Paul*

## Election

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very pleased with this new system. The iPads are still being used as part of a larger trial period with the State of New Hampshire, before they are officially approved and put into common usage throughout the State. There were still ballot clerks stationed at the back of the LHS gym who were still responsible for checking off the name of each voter on the paper checklist, as a backup to the LHS Associates iPads. Londonderry is among the Towns that have opted to take part in this trial program. After using the LHS Associates equipment in two election cycles Londonderry is pleased with the results. Moving the voters smoothly and quickly through the voting

experience is important to everyone involved in the process.

One issue the frequently arises during the voting in any primary is when a voter, who believes they are registered as an independent/undeclared voter, finds that they are listed on the checklist in a particular party, either democrat or republican. This change happens when a voter who is registered as independent/undeclared has voted in a prior primary for a candidate running in either political party. When you vote in a primary for a candidate in a particular party, your voter status is automatically changed on the checklist to whichever party that candidate was running in. If you come into the polls to vote as

an independent/undeclared voter you must take action to change your affiliation back, either at the polls on the day of the election or any other day at the Town Hall. If you fail to take action to change your affiliation back to being independent/undeclared you will remain on the voter registry of the candidate you voted for in the last election. This can be a frustration for many who believe they are an independent/undeclared voter and find when they check-in to vote at the primary that they may only take either a republican or democrat ballot. If you find yourself in this situation, it is likely, you forgot to take the action to change your affiliation back to independent/undeclared. If you think

you might be in this situation you can check with the Supervisor of the Checklist at Town Hall and be sure you are registered how you wish to be before you go to the polls. Any voter is able to change their affiliation on the voter checklist any day up until 90 days prior to any election.

Other than this issue

that frequently comes up during elections the Presidential Primary election on Feb.11 was a smooth one without issue. The schools were off that day so the parking problems were alleviated (it would be great if the parking was just as available for the upcoming Town elections).

Many thanks go out to the ALERT Team and Lon-

donderry Police Officers who helped out on the day of the election. Additionally thanks go out to many other volunteers, elected town officials, school food services and others who devoted their time and effort to make our Presidential Primary election, with record breaking voter turnout, a successful election.

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# Students Celebrate 100th Day of Classes at South School



First and second grade students at South Elementary School celebrated hitting the 100th day of school last week, on Wednesday, Feb. 12. The classes had lots of activities for students based on the 100 theme. Counting, building, adding and reading were a few of the things children did. A good many of the students dressed up as 100-year-olds

Photos by Chris Paul



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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Lancer Courtney Shay Hits Milestone with 1,000 Points

MATT TRITTO  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Basketball team edged closer to the .500-mark last week with two wins. Senior star forward Courtney Shay also celebrated her 1,000th basket at home on Friday night against Dover High School.

The team broke a three game losing streak on Tuesday, Feb. 11, when they traveled over to coast for a game against Winnacunnet High School (1-12).

The close, 45-40 victory, gave the Lady Lancers their first road win of the season with the help from Ashely Rourke dropping 15 points and Colleen Furlong who scored 12.

In that match-up, it wasn't looking good for LHS in the first half, as the Lancers trailed Winnacunnet 26-21 when the second quarter ended.

The Lady Lancers came out with a new game plan in the second half and outscored the Warriors 24-14. Rourke was scoring hot as she scored 12 of her 15 points in the

second half, along with Jordan Furlong coming off the bench and hitting a big three-pointer, like she usually does, which sealed the game for the Londonderry squad. Rourke added to the lead with a pair of free-throws late.

Head coach Nick Theos loves how fearless and competitive his freshman player is. "Jordan's shot was a big one, it was a nip and tuck game, and as a freshman, she is not afraid of the moment. She saw it and knocked it down, it was a tough win, but I was proud that the girls responded to the challenge.

The Lady Lancers ended their week with a home game against Dover High School and won that contest with ease 66-40.

Other than getting two wins on the week Londonderry High School witnessed history as senior Courtney Shay engraved herself into Lancer basketball history.

Coming into the game, Shay knew she was close to that major achievement, needing 15 points to hit the millennial mark.

Shay ended the first half of play with 14 points, and her teammates made sure she got that one point immediately in the second half. Shay scored her 1,000 career point moments into the second half with a lay-up plus the



There was a break in the Friday night game Courtney Shay as the Lancer team presented Courtney Shay with a game ball for 1,000 point.



Courtney Shay goes up for her 1,000 th point as a Londonderry Lancer in the game against Dover on Friday night. Photos by Chris Paul

foul.

The game was stopped for a few minutes as her family came onto the court to congratulate her and the school had a little surprise with a game ball and some balloons.

Shay was overcome with emotion as she hugged all her teammates and the head coach. The Dover team showed their respect despite being down a bunch of points as they clapped and cheered her on.

Courtney was in shock and filled with joy know-

ing she has accomplished something amazing. "Personally, I'd say its crazy, but I couldn't have done it without my teammates and my coaches they're what got me to this point, unbelievable its a lot of points." She got to this point in her career from simply just the pure love she has for the game of basketball. "I just love basketball, I love to succeed, I love working hard, competing and taking my game to the next level." Shay added.

In that game, Courtney

Shay had 20 points, Ashley Rourke, 14, Colleen Furlong, 12, Katie Sullivan, seven, Ashley Schmitt, six, Olivia Chau, four, and Jordan Furlong had three.

The Lancers only have one game this week, and it will be all they can do to keep their winning streak going when they face Manchester Memorial High School, who have only lost one game this season. That game was to the defending state champion Bishop Guertin Cardinals.

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# Lancer Gymnastics Team Places Third at DI Championship

MATT TRITTO  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Gymnastics Team com-

peted against 20 other schools and a number of individuals during the NHIAA State Championship held at Pinkerton

Academy on Saturday afternoon, Feb 15 and finished in the top three to cap off an extremely productive season.

The Lancer gymnasts wound up with a third place finish of 126.15 points at that event. Pelham came in second with 133.25, due to the exceptional performances by Abigail Druding who came in first place in every event but the bars. The Pinkerton Academy team took the State Championship title for the fourth consecutive year with a score of 136.925.

The highest Londonderry finish that day was in the Floor event, where Ella Houghton tied for sixth place with a score of 9.05. Lancer Peyton Beirne tied for 11th with a score of 8.9, Marissa McKay had a 8.9 to finish 19th. Pelham's Druding took first with a 9.45.

In the Beam, Londonderry's Ashley Griffin tied

for 11th with an 8.15, and Ava Ruppel followed closely with a tie for 15th by scoring an 8.12. McKay scored a 7.9. Pelham's Druding took first with a 9.35.

For the Bars, Makenna Lord came in 14th with her score of 7.45, Sophie Hagymas came in 18th with a 7.15 and Nicole Stone tied for 20th with a score of 7.0. Spaulding High School's Audry Stuart took first with a score of 8.65.

In Vault, Ella Houghton was once again the highest scoring Lancer with a score of 7.8, and tied for 26th. Marlie Fitzgerald was the next highest Lancer with a 7.775. Pelham's Druding took first with a 9.45.

Lancer Ella Houghton was the highest Londonderry finisher in All-Around that afternoon with a 31.35, 12th place finish. Sophie Hagymas came in 18th with a score



Ashley Griffin scored an 8.15 on the beam and was the highest LHS scorer in that event.



Lancer Ella Houghton was the highest Londonderry finisher in All-Around at the State Championship with a 31.35. Photos by Chris Paul

of 30.04. Druding took first place in this event for her school with a 36.35.



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# Lancer Boys' Hoops Squad Suffer Two Overtime Losses

MATT TRITTO  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After the Londonderry High School Boys' Basketball team was able to put an end to their seven game losing streak, with a comeback win against Pinkerton Academy, the losses started piling up again last week.

The Lancer squad hosted the Winnacunnet Warriors on Wednesday night, Feb. 12, in what turned into an absolute battle for both sides. Unfortunately for LHS, the game didn't end in their favor, as they lost 66-63 in an overtime thriller.

Londonderry's energy on the court and on the bench was through the roof, and Winnacunnet

couldn't match it. Wil Reyes put Londonderry on the board first, and then senior guard Jackson Cox threw a half court baseball pass to Luke Marsh for an easy lay-up. Next possession Cole Keegan attacked the rim for an inside score off another Cox assist and the Lancer's had a quick 6-0 lead and looked unstoppable.

On the other end of the court Alex Tsetsilas delivered a huge block on defense and energy levels in the gym skyrocketed. The LHS defense was tough in that quarter, but the Warriors ended the first with a corner three that beat the buzzer and the Lancers had a 18-12 lead.

In the second quarter,

Londonderry maintained their energy and Cole Keegan setup Jackson Cox with an inside score as Cox made a tough lay-up plus the foul. Mike Rosatano followed that up with back-to-back corner three's and extended their lead, but Winnacunnet responded with a three that forced a Lancer timeout with the score being 27-23 with five minutes remaining in the half. In those very competitive final five minutes the game evened out, resulting in a 33-32 Londonderry lead heading into halftime.

Things got a bit sloppy to start the second half, as both squads came out aggressive and fast paced. It was a tie game at 37 with 4:30 left in the game,

and Luke Marsh fired up his Lancer squad with a successful lay-up plus the foul to retake the lead.

Both teams traded baskets, and Londonderry ended the quarter barely maintaining a 46-45 lead.

The fourth quarter really got intense, as players were diving for the ball, and doing whatever they could to win the game. Baskets were still being traded, and when the clock showed 1:50 it was a 53-51 Lancer lead. It then became a free-throw match as Winnacunnet tied it with a pair from the line, and Londonderry struggled at the line. With six seconds left in the game Winnacunnet found themselves at the line again and Lancer fans did all they could to distract them, but the Warriors tied it at 56 and the game went to overtime.

In that deciding period, Londonderry continued to struggle from the line, and ultimately cost them the game, as they shot only 12 for 25. Winnacunnet had a 62-57 lead with 1:30 left on the clock, but Tsetsilas stole an inbound pass and kicked it out to Mike Rosatano for another corner three and he cut their deficit to just two. Winnacunnet went on to hit another pair of

free-throws, but the Londonderry followed that up with a Cole Keegan offensive rebound and lay-up which made it a 65-63 Winnacunnet lead with 21 seconds remaining. It all came down to the Lancers as they had the final shot, and Alex Tsetsilas pulled up for three and almost made a miracle shot but it didn't fall.

Cole Keegan was the team's high-scorer with 25 points, Jackson Cox scored 13, Mike Rosatano had eight, Luke Marsh contributed with seven, and Wil Reyes had six.

The Lancer's ended their week on Friday, Jan. 14, when they traveled to Dover High School where they lost another overtime thriller, 57-55.

Cole Keegan had another great scoring performance with 19 points while Jackson Cox had nine and Alex Tsetsilas had eight. Luke Marsh had seven, and both Mike Rosatano and Wil Reyes had five. Londonderry's Nick Pao came off the bench, with 1.7 seconds left in the game, to hit two clutch free-throws to send the game into overtime.

Londonderry hopes to get back in the win column this week with a road game against Timberlane Regional High School (2-10) on Wednesday, after the Londonderry Times went to print. The team will then be at home against Manchester Memorial High School (2-9) on Friday night, Feb. 21.



## Hockey Champs

The Londonderry Middle School "L" Hockey Team won the Middle School Championship recently by upsetting the top-ranked Tewksbury Redmen by a score of 5-4 in the finals with a come-back victory. The Lancer team also overcame a 4-1 deficit in the semifinals and knocking off Belmont in overtime. the Lancer Middle School team was the number two seed in that championship. Pictured from left (back): Victoria Savage, Ava Camelio, Ali Verani, Will Brauer, Jack Nadeau, Jayden Hamilton, Alec St. Hilaire, Brandon Morin. Middle: Tyler Rushton, Mary Croteau, Owen Carey, Matt Boyon, Gabe Williams Front: James Kircaldie. Missing from the photo were: Elijah Sharp, Nathan Barrett, Logan Santello, Brett Mckinnon, Brady Charrette. Head Coach: John Kircaldie; Assistants: Lou Boyon, Ray Croteau, Dave Nadeau.

*Courtesy photo*

## Athletes of the Week

Week of Feb. 9

### Jake Holdsworth Sophomore, Hockey

Dont' let Jake's quiet demeanor masks his incredibly high compete level. As a goaltender he is the last line of defense and battles for every puck. Off ice he is a solid student that represents the best of what being a Lancer is about.



### Ella Houghton, Sophomore, Gymnastics

Ella has been the team's one consistent all arounders all season. At states she tied for sixth on floor and placed 12th in the All Around, which helped the Lancers place third as a team.



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# Lancer Swimming Squads Finish Top 10 at Division I Meet

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Swimming teams competed for the NHIAA Division I State Championship against 15 other schools at the University of New Hampshire in Durham on Saturday, Feb. 15.

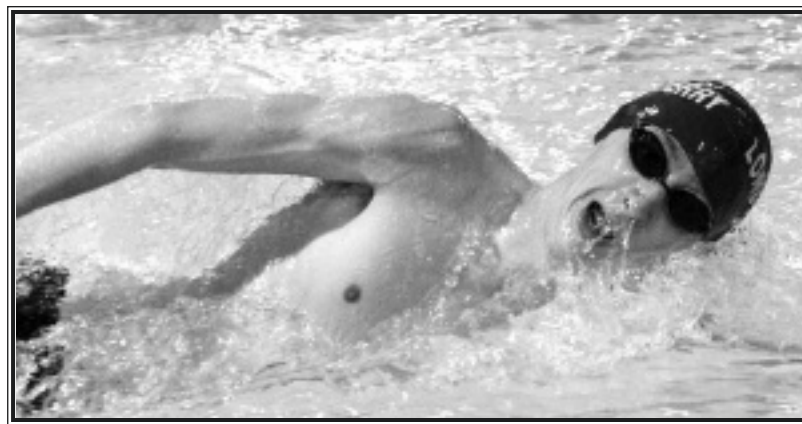
The Lady Lancers came away from that event placing sixth overall with 104 points. The Pinkerton girls took third (168), Bedford second (251), and Exeter High School was crowned State Champions with their first place score of 266.

The Lancer boys' team finished in eighth place with 87 points, as Nashua North took third (153), Exeter second (177.5), and Bishop Guertin were the State Champions with an overall score of 263 points.

In the 200-yard Medley Relay, the Lancer girls' team of Elizabeth Allen, Maggie Edwards, Megan



Lancer Maggie Edwards took first place in the 100-yard Breaststroke and the 50-yard Freestyle at the State meet.



Lancer Brandon White came in third in the state with a time of 22.86 in the For the 50-yard Freestyle. Photos by Chris Paul

St. Germain, and Julia Ethier came in third with a time of 2:00.90. The boys' squad of Kevin Moscat, Christopher Byrne, Brandon White, and Connor McKinnon placed fifth with a relay time of 1:53.24.

In the 200-yard Freestyle, Theodore McKnight came in 12th (2:09.55), and then in the 200-yard Individual Medley Christopher Byrne came in ninth with a time of 2:15.51. For the 50-yard

Freestyle Lancer Maggie Edwards took home first place with a time of 25.18, and fellow Lancer Brandon White came in third with a time of 22.86.

In the 100-yard Freestyle, Lancer Brandon White earned third place with a time of 50.02.

In the 200-yard Freestyle Relay the team of Julia Ethier, Jasmine Brown, Lexi Apholz, and Maggie Edwards place third for the girls with a time of 1:48.06. For the

boys Christopher Byrne, Theodore McKnight, Connor McKinnon, and Brandon White came in fifth for Londonderry with a relay time of 1:42.81.

In the 100-yard Backstroke Elizabeth Allen came in ninth (1:07.08) for the girls, and Kevin Moscat finished 11th with a time of 1:08.20 for the

boys.

Next in the 100-yard Breaststroke, Maggie Edwards earned first place with her time of 1:09.87, and for the boys Christopher Byrne came in fifth with a time of 1:06.67.

Finishing up with the 400-yard Freestyle Relay, the Lancer squad of

Megan St. Germain, Isabella McKnight, Lexi Apholz, and Jasmine Brown finished sixth with a time of 4:09.24. The team of Connor McKinnon, Dylan Anderson, Hunter Turek, and Theodore McKnight placed tenth in that event for the boys with a time of 4:08.06.

## LHS Wrestling Finishes Up & Down Season With Loss

MATT TRITTO  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Wrestling squad finished their regular season on Wednesday night, Feb. 12, with a tough, 47-27 road loss, during a dual meet with Nashua South High School.

The Lancer grapplers didn't have a whole lot to cheer about as the won only five of the 14 bouts.

Londonderry was down quickly in the meet, losing at the 126, 138 and 145 weights, but Bradon Drake won a close 15-14 decision at 132 lbs.

The Lancer squad

then showed a quick burst of their own, with wins resulting in 24 points as they had pins in the next four weights.

Londonderry showed its strength starting at 152 lbs, when Johnny McKinnon pinned Edinel Reye-Adorno in 2:00.

Dylan Barnes managed another six points at 160 for LHS over Connor Comeau, and then Nicholas Walter of Londonderry added another six points to the Lancer total with a pin over Connor Goodwin at two-minute mark.

At 182, Josh Bean received the last points for his team with a pin

over Robert Isaac.

The Londonderry wrestlers will have to throw away all the negatives from the season and keep the positives as their focus is now set on the last two events of the season, the Division I State Championship and the Meet of Champions.

Londonderry will be hosting the Division I State Championship again this year, on Saturday, Feb. 22 at the High School Gymnasium starting at 9:30 a.m.

The Meet of Champions will take place the following Saturday, Feb. 29 at Nashua South High School.

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# Lancer Skiers Place in Top 15 at State Championship

MATT TRITTO  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Ski teams traveled to Gunstock Mountain in the beginning of the week as they competed in the NHIAA Division I State Championship against 17 other schools. The boys'

hit the slopes on Tuesday, Feb. 11, and the girls' team competed on Wednesday, Feb. 12. The skiers faced some tough weather on Tuesday as it was a rainy day with some sleet, but on Wednesday it was day filled with blue skies and perfect snow condition.

The LHS boys' squad

finished in 12th place with 453 points. Exeter took third (694), Bedford placed second (726), and Bishop Guertin High School earned the State Champions with 736 points.

The Lancer girls' placed 11th in the Feb. 12 competition with 503 points while Exeter High

School took third (639), Concord second (644), and the Bedford Bulldogs were the State Champions with a total score of 758 points.

Starting with the Giant Slalom Race, Brandon Fish crossed the line first for his Lancers and 31st overall with a time of 1:13.70. William Louiselle finished second and 50th (1:18.98), Evan Dugas third and 63rd (1:23.35), Ryan Griffin fourth and 75th (1:28.16), and Tyler

Kraics placed fifth and 79th overall with a time of 1:29.36.

In the girls' Giant Slalom for the Lancers, Juliette Louiselle finished

first for the team and 19th overall for the Lancers with a time of 1:24.10. Julia Deschamps placed 25th overall (1:25.32), Rylee McGrath third and 66th (1:38.82), Emma Donnelly fourth and 75th (1:45.11), Alexandra Tufts fifth and 80th (1:51.47), and Rease St. Gelais placed sixth and 85th overall with a ski time of 2:00.09.

In the Slalom Race, Londonderry's Brandon Fish was once again the first finisher for his team and 31st overall with a time of 1:30.46, William Louiselle placed second and 40th with his time of 1:34.96. Evan Dugas had a

time of 1:42.48, and 57th place, Dominic Viola (1:51.82), Ryan Griffin fifth and 72nd (1:52.26), and Tyler Kraics finished sixth and 73rd overall with a time of 1:53.92.

For the Lancer girls' team, Julia Deschamps was the first Lancer to cross the finish line, and 24th overall with a time of 1:28.51. After her was Juliette Louiselle at 1:33.92 and (31st), Rylee McGrath third and 45th (1:40.39), Alexandra Tufts fourth and 62nd (1:46.62), Emma Donnelly fifth and 69th (1:52.49), and Katie's Chylinski placed sixth and 80th overall with a time of 2:20.09.

## Lancer Hockey Suffers a Shutout Loss to Blue Hawks

MATT TRITTO  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School's Hockey team woes continued last week, as they fell to an unbalanced 4-8-1 record this winter season, after suffering a 6-0 loss to the Exeter Blue Hawks (10-2-2) on Monday, Feb. 10, at the Tri-Town Ice Arena in Hooksett. The squad currently sits in 12th place with just five games left in the regular season.

After playing Exeter High School just five days prior to the match-up, they still couldn't figure out how to get through their defenses and the game ended much like the prior 5-1 loss.

The Lancer squad has scored at least one goal in their previous six games, but couldn't extend that



Freshman, Sam Neville

streak on Monday night when they left the ice without a goal.

Exeter scored two goals in the first period, two more in the second, and another two goals in the third.

With that contest being the only game last week, Londonderry as

scheduled to face off against Bishop Brady High School (1-10-1) at the Tri-Town Arena on Monday, Feb. 17. They traveled north to take on Bow High School on Wednesday, Feb. 19. Both games took place after the Londonderry Times already went to print.

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: We will run the full versions of any calendar items online free of charge at [www.nutpub.net](http://www.nutpub.net). Please send items to [londonderrytimes@nutpub.net](mailto:londonderrytimes@nutpub.net).

## PFOA/S Discussion with NHDES Officials

On Monday, March 2, officials from NHDES will be visiting during the Town Council meeting to discuss the on-going issues and investigation into the PFOA/S well contamination in Londonderry. NHDES officials will be speaking at 7pm during the public comment section of the meeting, at which time the public is also invited to speak and ask questions.

## Watch Me Grow!

On March 24, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Learn how to assess child development and know when there is a need for further resources and where to turn in your community, at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd., Derry.

## On My Own Teen Series

Want to build new skills and have fun? Free Basic Sewing Survival Wednesdays March 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 2:30 - 4 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd., Derry.

## Teen Talk

You are not alone group Teen Talk (TT) for ages 13-18 yrs. - Free Tuesdays from 3 - 4 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd., Derry.

## The Future of Work and Play

Wayne Kurtzman will talk on "The Future of Work and Play" Sunday, Feb. 23, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Rd., Derry. It is free and open to the public. This Sunday program includes bagels and all the fixings Wayne Kurtzman is a World-wide Research Director at a global market intelligence company responsible for analyzing the future of social communications, communities and collaboration. Wayne writes extensively on the Future of Work

and the Future of Customer Experience. An experienced technologist, Wayne led emerging technology programs for global B2B and B2C companies, including with the knowledge management team of Intel. A former journalist, Wayne volunteers with Destination Imagination, building 21st century creativity and problem-solving skills for students around the world.

## Stone Walls

Discovering New England Stone Walls Amoskeag Mills Questers hosts NH Humanities Kevin Gardner presenting a program on the history, construction, and styles of the thousands of miles of NE stone walls. This event will be on Wednesday March 6, at 10 a.m., at the Marion Gerrish Community Center Derry. Free and open to the public. For additional information contact Meredith Hatch 603-434-8673.

## Our Neighbors, Ourselves

Honoring our Shared Humanity through Creative Expression, St. Peter's Episcopal Church opens an art show on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. to explore the lives and stories of those who have come to New Hampshire from around the world over the course of six weeks. For more information Contact Rev. Colin Chapman, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, (603) 437-8333, [rector@stpeterslondonderry.org](mailto:rector@stpeterslondonderry.org) Rev. Jason Wells, NH Council of Churches, (603) 219-0889, [jason@nhchurches.org](mailto:jason@nhchurches.org)

## Gorgeous Gardens of New England

Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m., the Leach Library will offer Ms. Joanne Pearson's presentation "Gorgeous Gardens of New England". Joanne Pearson is a landscape architect turned professional photographer. She lectures on photography

and gardens, and seeks to inspire and engage through her presentations. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library. The event 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.

## Library Movie

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, March 19 from 3:15 - 5 p.m. for our young adult movie Nancy Drew and the Hidden Staircase. Participants in grades 6 - 12 will enjoy the movie, along with popcorn and beverages. In addition, at this special event, there will be a raffle for fun door prizes. No registration is required.

## Take and Make

Starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 2 and ending at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, participants in grades 6 - 12 are invited to pick up supplies to create their own Origami Animal bookmark. Craft supplies are located at the Leach Library circulation desk.

## Flume and Isinglass Voting

Starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 2 and ending at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, participants in grades 6 - 12 are invited to the Leach Library to vote for their favorite Flume or Isinglass nominated title. Flume Award titles are books nominated by New Hampshire high school readers. Isinglass Award titles are books nominated by New Hampshire middle school readers. Voting slips are located on the drum table in the young adult area. Participants may vote for more than one book. For each voting slip handed in, participants will be entered into a random drawing for a chance to win a Barnes & Noble gift certificate!

## Dinosaurs Visit

How Do Dinosaurs Visit the Library? Come to the Leach Library on Monday, March 9 from 4 - 5 p.m. for a special visit with Dinosaur from the How Do Dinosaurs series. Hear stories about how Dinosaur does things, including visit the library, and learn to march like a dinosaur. There will be plenty of time for a hug and a picture with Dinosaur! At the end of the program, each participant will receive a special hugging pterodactyl! This program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. This program is being sponsored by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library. To register, stop by the Children's Room or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 2.

## Craft Time

Come to the Leach Library on Wednesdays from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. to explore their creative side. Each week, participants will discover a different fun craft to make using a variety of materials. Advance registration is required. Meeting dates are: March 18, and 25, April 1, and 8.

## Delve into Knowledge

Stop by the Leach Library Children's Room desk to answer our special trivia challenge question. If you are not sure of the answer, use one of our books or the Internet to help you. All answers will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a cool prize. A new trivia challenge will be available each week starting at 9 a.m. on March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, and will be available until 5 p.m. on Saturday each week.

## Spring Fling Book Bingo

Come to the Leach Library on Monday, March 23 from 4 - 5 p.m. and play a fun picture version of the popular game. All participants will win and have a chance to choose books from our special selection tables. 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, March 16.

## Magnificent Monster Circus Puppet Show

Join CactusHead Pup-

pets at the Leach Library on Monday, April 6 from 4 - 5 p.m. for their fun and interactive show, Magnificent Monster Circus. Meet Max, the Monsters' Caretaker, and many friendly monsters with their amazing tricks of daring-do! Step right up and enjoy the thrills of Clarissa the Crested Cannon, the chills of Eustace the Uni-Browed, make friends with the Fiery Fang Worm, and much more. This entertaining 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, March 30.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:linda_coffey@hotmail.com) or go to [pax.org](http://pax.org).

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

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## Around Town

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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.

## TeFebruary 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.

## en Talk

An after-school group for teens ages 13-18 years old to talk, connect, relate and support each other on Tuesdays from 3 - 4 p.m., at the Upper Room in Derry. Drop-ins are wel-

come! 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.

## 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. 26, March 18, and

25, April 1, and 8.

## 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

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## Londonderry Police Log

**Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs**

**Monday - Feb. 10**  
**6:23 a.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Medical Park on Buttrick Road.

**9:15 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated at

Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**Tuesday - Feb. 11**  
**7:15 a.m.** Suspicious activity investigated on Coleman Place.

**3:48 p.m.** Services rendered in assisting citizen on Fieldstone Drive.

**4:05 p.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Ash Street.

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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 iden-

tity, 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.

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 weekly group. To register, Call 437-8477 to register ext. 16.

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. 26, March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, and will be available until 5 p.m. each Saturday.

TIPS

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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 Lon-

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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.'

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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

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Bingo

The Londonderry Senior Center at 535 Mammoth Road in Londonderry, has Bingo every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. all seniors over 55 are welcome, come and enjoy the fun. Cash prizes, small fee per card. If you want more information call Senior Center at 432-8554.

Walking Together

A support group for widows and widowers meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Manse at Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry. When we meet, we walk together our journey of grief. No need to do it alone. If you have any questions, please call 781-866-9976.

Police Log

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4:33 p.m. Welfare Check investigated on Charleston Avenue.

9:49 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Beech Hill Drive.

Wednesday - Feb. 12

8:57 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Angus Avenue.

2:33 p.m. Services rendered for Sex Offenses at Londonderry Police Department.

5:17 p.m. Juvenile Offens-

es investigated on Hazel-nut Lane.

9:12 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Mohawk Drive.

Thursday - Feb. 13

9:47 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated N.H. Liquor Store on Michels Way.

12:30 p.m. Drug Offenses investigated at Londonderry High School.

1:29 p.m. Services rendered for report of Missing Person at Londonderry High School

1:56 p.m. Services ren-

dered for Sex Offenses at Londonderry High School

6:46 p.m. Services rendered for Sex Offenses at Nashua Road Mobil on Nashua Road.

6:56 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Mohawk Drive.

7:35 p.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses on Pendleton Lane.

7:46 p.m. Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

9:49 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Anthony Drive.

Friday - Feb. 14

2:48 a.m. Warrant Served and arrest made on Green Street, Augusta, Maine. Kenneth Cordwell, 46, of Augusta, ME charged with Criminal Threatening.

3:03 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Lawson Farm Road.

5:53 a.m. Homeland Security investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

9:58 p.m. Peace restored

after Disturbance on High Range Road.

Sunday - Feb. 16

9:49 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. at Workout Club And Wellness Center on Orchard View Drive.

11:35 a.m. Four officers assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. on Pleasant Drive.

12:44 p.m. Peace restored by three officers for a

Domestic Disturbance on Crestview Circle.

5:48 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

7:40 p.m. Domestic Disturbance at 603 Brewery on Main Street results in an arrest made by four officers. Daniel Roche, 57, of Salem, N.H. charged with Domestic Violence (Simple Assault, Physical Contact).



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