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Hundreds of Christmas trees were donated to the Troop 521 annual Tree Burn at Mack's Apples Farm Stand on Saturday, Jan. 8 and a number of residents were on hand to enjoy the massive blaze just a after sunset.

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Town Council Votes to Table Woodmont Tax Incentives

STEPHEN HAUSER
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Jan. 10, the Londonderry Town Council met and continued to discuss the ordinance regarding the Commercial and Indus-

trial Property Tax Incentive Program. Specifically, the potential tax break proposed for the Woodmont project.

"It seems to me this Market Basket project looks like a failure," said

resident Robert McDonald during public comment. "They're doing a less than auspicious job of marketing that project and that's on them."

McDonald added, "I continued on page 6

Sub Committee Proposes New \$4.8M School District Office

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School Board heard a presentation regarding a potential new School District Office during the Jan. 6 School Board meeting.

School Board member Bob Slater, who served on the committee that explored the possibility of building a new district office, said that a lot of people worked hard on it.

"It's taken a lot of team effort in a short amount of time," said Slater.

Slater explained that the School Board made a move to go into a lease in 2017 for their current

district office because their previous building had many issues including a lack of space.

"There were a lot of things that went into that decision," said Slater.

Since August the School Board has selected Trident as the Owner's Project Manager which has helped the school district come up with plans and an estimated cost for the project.

In total it was announced that the new District Office would cost approximately \$4,799,082.

Slater said that one of the reasons why he thinks it's a good idea to

go forward with the project now is because it's unlikely that the cost of supplies will go down.

"One thing we know is that prices usually don't go down," said Slater.

Londonderry Business Administrator Peter Curro said that since they already have to pay for the leased building they are essentially paying to own the building instead by going with the proposed district office.

"What we're doing here is basically swapping a lease for a bond payment," said Curro, who said that the estimated bond payment is

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Town Manager Resigns to Pursue U.S. Senate Seat

STEPHEN HAUSER
LONDONDERRY TIMES

"After a considerable amount of thought and deep reflection over the last month or so," said Londonderry Town Manager Kevin Smith, "this evening, I am tendering my resignation."

At the Monday, Jan. 10 Town Council meeting, during the Town Manager Report, Smith formally announced his departure.

"It has been the utmost honor of my life to have been afforded the opportunity to give back just a little bit to a great Town that has given so much to my family."

Smith and his family moved to Londonderry in 1986. He was hired as Town Manager in August of 2013.

"I am extremely proud of all that we have accomplished over the better part of the last decade," Smith told the Town Council, "and there is much credit to go around, especially to many of you sitting in this room tonight."

Since the start of Smith's tenure, Londonderry has been one of the fastest growing communities for new industrial and commercial development. The town has added over \$250 million dollars of new value

to the tax base, and increased its valuation by \$2.2 billion.

Smith leaves as the municipal tax rate is at a historic low.

"We've returned over \$11 million dollars to property tax payers during this period," Smith said. "We've done this through prudent fiscal management and a bal-

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State Approves Groundbreaking Rebate for Contaminated Wells

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During the Monday, Jan. 10, Town Council meeting, Chairman John Farrell updated the status of the New Hampshire's Department of Environmental Services Rebate Program for PFAS in private wells.

Farrell reminded the council that the town was looking into having its own mechanism to refund up to \$500 to certain residents who qualified. This idea for a "rebate program" led to an unexpected response by the State of New

Hampshire.

Lisa Drabik, the Assistant Town Manager, explained further. "Those residents living in the consent decree area and have a PFAS exceedance, Saint-Gobain is on the hook to take remedial action."

However, that leaves other residents with nothing. Drabik stated that a new state plan was designed for those residents who live outside the consent decree area who also experienced a PFAS exceedance.

"We were trying to come up with how can we help those folks as

well," Drabik said.

"We applied for a state grant to fund this rebate program to recoup up to \$500 of cost to cover the PFAS exceedance in their private wells." For instance, to install a Point of View system.

"We were tentatively awarded \$500,000 by the Trust Fund," said Drabik.

As the grant went through various state approvals, it finally went before the Governor.

During this time, Drabik said, "the State thought it was such a great idea, they wanted to put together their

own Rebate Program. And it's better than ours, in a couple ways."

First, instead of being able to apply for a rebate up to \$500 dollars, the State's program is going to give a rebate up to \$1,500.

Second, it will have the same eligibility requirements as the proposed program.

Third, it will operate retroactively, back to September of 2019, when the standards were raised.

"And one of the best aspects of the program," Drabik said, "was residents don't have to front

the money to apply." She equated it to environmental justice. "If residents don't have the money to install a Point of View system, the vendors can directly apply to the State DES for the money on behalf of the resident."

This State's program has been officially approved by the Trust Fund. DES confirmed that Londonderry residents can opt in to this State program.

Drabik said this was great news for our eligible residents. "They can get three times the amount of money we

would've been able to give, and they can get their checks faster because the state has this process in place."

"This is groundbreaking in the state of New Hampshire," said Councilor Tom Dolan.

According to the State Rebate Program, owners of residential properties serviced by private wells that are contaminated with no other means of servicing are eligible for the one-time rebate of \$1,500. Eligible treatment systems may also be designed to remove other contaminants.

Londonderry School Board Sends Budget To Public Hearing

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After months of meetings the Londonderry School Board took a vote during its Jan. 6 meeting regarding the 2022-2023 budget.

"This discussion is the point in the budget season where the budget shifts from the Superintendent's proposed budget to the School

Board's proposed budget," said School Board Chair Amy Finamore.

She explained that their task during the meeting was to decide on a total dollar amount for the budget which would be sent to the public budget hearing on Jan. 13.

Finamore explained that they were starting with an operating bud-

get of \$83,107, 237 and that the default budget was a total of \$82,855,308.

She said that the proposed general fund operating budget is \$1,609, 781 above the current operating budget which does not include contractual costs for the teacher or allied health bargaining unions.

Londonderry School District Business Admin-

istrator Peter Curro explained that they were asked to see if there were any minor changes that they could make to the proposed budget.

"We obviously try to stay away from direct education and instruction," said Curro.

He also said that they try to stay away from after school programs where it would affect the students directly.

Curro said that ultimately their recommendation was to reduce the proposed budget by \$90,872.

One of the areas that they made proposed reductions was for equipment that was in the operating budget.

"Mainly this was in the buildings and grounds department," said Curro.

He said that while the need for equipment won't go away they will try to find money in the current budget for the equipment they need.

Curro said that they will likely have some reductions in regards to employee benefit reductions.

"We are making some assumptions to get to that number. If the assumptions do not pan out then the operating budget FY 2023 will need to fund that at that difference," said Curro. "We are confident that this adjustment to employee benefits will materialize in FY 23."

The budget Committee had no questions at the meeting nor did any members of the public.

School Board mem-

ber Bob Slater pointed out that the original budget came in at a 1.98 percent increase not including warrant articles, but said that it was a significantly lower increase than last year at this point. He said that last year the increase was 3.8 percent at this time.

"It shows that there were some cuts where they needed to be or could be made along with this," said Slater.

With the proposed budget reductions the total budget would be \$83,016, 365 which is about \$160,000 over the default budget.

The School Board ultimately approved sending the budget to the public budget hearing with a 5-0 vote.

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Londonderry Planning Board Approves Site Plan Amendment

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Planning Board held a public hearing during their Jan. 5 meeting for a subdivision plan review. The application was for the property at 61 Rockingham Road.

Representing the owner and applicant was Bob Kilmer from Sandford Surveying and Engineering.

Kilmer explained that

the current lot has 10.05 acres of land with an existing structure and their plan is to turn it into two lots.

The smaller lot will have improvements made to it and will be a total of 3.02 acres Kilmer said while the larger lot will have no improvements made to it and will be 7.03 acres in size.

Kilmer told the Board that both of the

lots will use the existing curb cut and will have a shared driveway easement. He also noted that the lots will be served by an individual well and septic system.

Kilmer said that they are currently waiting for State Subdivision approval and are also waiting for approval for the dual driveway use.

He told the Board that they addressed all the review comments they received from staff and the review engineer.

Londonderry Assistant Director of Engineering Jose Lovell said Town staff didn't have many comments for the application.

"This is fairly straightforward," Lovell said about the application.

One question that was asked by the Board was why they were seeking to have a shared driveway.

Kilmer said that because of it being on Rockingham Road if they are able to reduce the number of driveway that's what they want to be able to do.

The Planning Board ultimately gave conditional approval for the plan.

Also during the meeting the Board had a public hearing for an application for formal review of a minor site plan amendment for construction of two additional loading docks and other associated site improvements.

The property which is located at 14 Liberty Drive

is the home of Trend Moving and Storage.

Representing the owner was Ross Tsantoulis from DuBois & King.

He explained that the company is a moving company that serves southern NH, and they moved their location to Londonderry in March, 2021.

"He's serving the community that he lives in," said Tsantoulis.

He explained that in order to expand and add two additional sidewalks they need to make some improvements to the site.

Tsantoulis said that they are going to have erosion control measures, and are going to make improvements to the storm water drainage to help with the additional runoff.

It was pointed out by Tsantoulis that they will be removing six parking spaces for the loading docks, but they will still have 37 spaces even though only 35 are required. They will also have 17 truck spaces to park the trucks overnight in addition to the regular spaces.

The Planning Board had very little to say about the plan.

"It sounds good to me," said Planning Board member Roger Fillio.

It was pointed out that the application still needs to appear before the Heritage Commission.

The Planning Board ultimately approved the plan.

The next Londonderry Planning Board meeting is slated for Feb. 2 at 7 p.m.

OBITUARY

Muriel E. Plummer



Muriel E. Plummer, 80, of Londonderry, NH died Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022, at All American Assisting Living in Londonderry. She was born in Nashua, NH on April 29, 1941, the daughter of the late Lewis and Elsie (Goodwin) Marshall. Muriel was a member of the Londonderry United Methodist Church for nearly 60 years attending church regularly. She was an active member of the women's group, Jubilee Circle, and sat with the children in the nursery while their parents attended the second church service. If the church held a function to raise money, she would always bring and donate her famous apple pie. She was an avid Red Sox fan and took her late husband's place cheering them on during each of their games. She was able, over the years, to attend some games in person with her late husband.

She was a resident of Londonderry since her marriage in 1962. Her late husband used to say no matter how long you live in town you will never be like me, a native.

After graduating from Alvirne High School in 1959 she became a licensed cosmetologist, working at a couple of places, lastly, George's Hair Styling in Nashua. She married her husband in 1962 and worked until she had her first child in 1964.

She is survived by her son, Peter A. Plummer and his wife Pamela of Londonderry, her daughter, Laurie A. Johnson and her husband Douglas of Londonderry, five grandchildren, Briana O'Connell (with first great-grandchild on the way) and her husband Eric, Clark Plummer, Trevor Plummer, Cody Johnson, and Gage Johnson, a brother, Arthur L. Marshall and his wife Cheryl of Hudson, NH, and a sister, Trudy A. Marshall of Londonderry. She also leaves behind two aunts, several nieces, and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Peter N. Plummer in 2000.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, Jan. 13, from 4 - 7 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. At the family's request, all those in attendance are asked to wear face masks while in the funeral home. Graveside services will be held in the spring at Glenwood Cemetery, Londonderry. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Visiting Angels Auburn, P.O. Box 715, Auburn, NH 03032. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

District Office

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a little bit higher but doesn't think it's significant. "This is almost a complete swap from a rent lease situation to a bond capital asset acquisition. It's almost that simple," Curro added later in the meeting.

Right now the School District is paying \$206,130 a year for their lease payment for their current district office. If the bond is approved for the new office the payments will average \$274,500 a year for 20 years, Curro said.

If approved the new building will be located next to Town Hall which is where the District Office was before.

Curro said that he thinks where the pro-

posed project would go is the best location.

"Where we are putting this building is probably the 1A option to relocate the SAU office," said Curro.

As part of the project the Town would be utilizing two offices and a storage area which they will be able to access through a locked hallway.

School Board member Nancy Hendricks asked if they have the option of taking back that space if the school district needs it in the future.

Slater said that is

something they can look into.

School Board Chair Amy Finamore said that while she planned on voting to move it to a bond hearing she wasn't sure if she would be supporting it.

"I do plan to support moving it to the bond hearing but I still do feel very mixed about whether or not I'm going to support it at the bond hearing," she said.

Slater said that he thinks that going forward with the project will be a benefit.

"I just want to let

everybody know that this will benefit, I believe the School District, the taxpayers and the community," said Slater.

The School Board ultimately voted in favor of sending the project to a bond hearing on Jan. 18.

During that meeting they will vote on whether or not they should send it to the Town Meeting as a warrant article.

Note: At the Monday night, Jan. 10 Town Council meeting, it was stated that the town had yet to receive a lease agreement needed for the plan to be on the March ballot.



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Editorial

King's Dream Today

The third Monday in January is set aside to honor the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a man known for his historic "I Have a Dream" speech made 56 years ago during this month. His speech was a moment that would forever change the United States of America.

After the historic march on Washington for the justice jobs and freedom, King stood before a sea of 250,000 people gathered below the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. He rose to the occasion, departing from his prepared speech to deliver a passionate message, words that would become the most pivotal and signature moment of the civil rights movement.

King used his spirit and exceptional speaking skills to prompt United States citizens to begin transforming their views on race. Though there have been strides made since, sadly his dream is not yet fully realized.

Still it was King who set in motion the forces for change. So long as there are more of us who believe in this change, the dream for equality and acceptance can still be realized.

Unlike a lot of the influencers of today's political climate, King did not necessarily want to be the center of attention. In fact, the spotlight made him quite uncomfortable, but he did whatever was needed to propel the movement.

King made every effort to let his message be the focus, not himself. Having a background as a preacher, this humility helped him understand that a lesson should have more sub-

stance than style.

Regardless, King had remarkable style, whether he could help it or not.

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

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

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

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



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Letters

RE: Oil Industry Misrepresented

To the editor,

The title (yours) was the only thing that made any sense in your entire rant of last week. Before we dive in, I need to say; I did warn you this would happen. The letter written asking what kind of Dr. are you? Also, too bad this paper doesn't fact check (boy, you can say that again). If you had been standing in my kitchen when I read it, you would have heard the answer: A Dr. of Propaganda.

Since Both (Dynamic Duo) of Nonsense Propaganda brought it up, let's go over Keystone one more time.

The Keystone Pipeline was 8% complete at time of cancellation. It had a completion Date of 2032, which most likely

would have netted 2035. This means it in NO Way had anything to do with Oil Supply, Energy independence or Prices at the pump. PERIOD.

It would also appear that both of you seem to want FACTS. However, neither has shared ANY. Which of course is different from myself and Mr. Moskowitz's letters, which are easily verifiable.

Concerning your Gutter-Speak comment. I was a little taken back by this, as your letter was full of it (in more ways than one). Besides providing a regurgitated Right Wing propaganda laundry list, I wonder if you had a point at all. Or, perhaps you are trying to pass off your hate filled opinions as Facts?

I find your feeble attempts at questioning my Knowledge of Eco-

nomie and the English language laughable. I have known for some time now this is a tactic used by your kind. I will tell you one of us had Investment positions last year in Oil Futures, care to take a wild guess who? Who knows you might get something right? Also, perhaps someday I will get the opportunity to show you my full command of the English language.

We can cover the Horrible Betrayal Deal the previous Lying Criminal, Traitor Orange Rump Stain did with the Taliban, why for 12 months he did NOTHING as far as a plan, another time. This is not to insinuate he did nothing. Attending rallies, tweeting, appearing on his state run media Faux news, Golfing and plot-

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Kevin Smith

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 and promised to work with the Council and the senior leadership of Town staff to ensure as smooth and seamless transition period as possible.

Even more, Londonderry has increased staff resources in almost every town department, most notably in police and fire, to meet the demands of a growing community.

Smith oversaw the construction of the new Central Fire Station and the upgrade to nearly all the Town fleet.

In addition, he helped complete the national accreditation process for Londonderry's Police Department.

"I believe that offering my resignation at this time is the most prudent way forward for the Town and myself."

Smith gave the Council a sixty day notice,

and promised to work with the Council and the senior leadership of Town staff to ensure as smooth and seamless transition period as possible.

"Since day one, we have worked to build a culture within the walls of Town Hall premised on the pillars of trust and teamwork," Smith read from his statement. "We know that success is not the result of one person, but rather it's achieved by a group of people all rowing in the same direction with a common purpose."

Smith stated he has the utmost confidence in the staff to continue to provide exemplary customer service to the people during this time of transition.

Chairman John Farrell responded, "It's with a heavy heart that we accept your resignation."

It becomes effective on March 11.

Farrell said the Assistant Town Manager, Lisa Drabik, would remain in her role.

Smith said, "This is not good-bye." He and his family plan to remain in Londonderry, attending his kid's sporting events and announcing the football games.

"And maybe," Smith concluded, "With some hard work and a little luck, I'll have the opportunity to serve you all again in a different capacity."

Smith said it is his intent to formally announce his candidacy for the United States Senate in the not too distant future.

Gilcreast Road Property Considered for Development

STEPHEN HAUSER
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Jan 10, the Town Council addressed a Warrant for the Town to vote on the release of a conservation and open space restriction on the property at 35 Gilcreast Road currently owned by Gilcreast Reality Holdings.

Chairman John Farrell reminded the Council, "This is the land behind Home Depot that we acquired a number of years ago to build 800

apartments." It is the 22 acre parcel adjacent to the Nevins Retirement Community.

Farrell explained the Town currently has an easement on this land. Gilcreast Reality Holdings owns the land, but for them to develop the land, they have to pay the Town to release that easement.

The warrant said that amount to be paid to the Town is no less than \$2,650,000.

"For example," explained Farrell, "If we

have land that we own the development rights to, this is the money we are recovering from the development rights."

"This is a developer looking to build residential homes," Farrell revealed. He said the name of the developer would not be disclosed, but that it's a developer who is already developing in town.

According to the Warrant, \$750,000 of that \$2.65 million would be apportioned to the Conservation Commis-

sion's Land Acquisition Fund to replace the property with a separate parcel or parcels of land.

\$1,900,000 would be apportioned to the Unassigned Fund Balance to be used to pay tax abatements to Granite Ridge Energy. In other words, it would be used to pay down the court case the Town lost.

Town Solicitor Mike Malaguti clarified, "This vote is just the first step to determine if the public supports this. Further approvals from the

Town Council, the Conservation Commission, and the Planning board would be required."

Malaguti also suggested the Council and public approve this so a negotiation can continue with the developer. He suggested the approval for multiple reasons.

First, the land is overgrown, contaminated, and the public doesn't have the right to use it. In addition, the Conservation Commission can use the allocation from the proceeds to

replace this parcel with one of equal or greater conservation value. Furthermore, it will help pay down the Granite Ridge Energy abatement without reaching into the taxpayers' pockets.

However, Councilor Deb Paul voiced her concern about the health and safety of people purchasing homes on such a contaminated piece of land.

In response, Farrell asked the EPA Super Fund information be prepared for the hearing.

Letters

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ting to steal an election and then overthrow an Election, must have taken a boat load of time. Also, I think the days of lowering taxes and Running up Massive

Debt (11 trillion combined in the previous regime) are over.

I do understand you do not like the way President Biden speaks. I will say I prefer it to the Nonsensical ramblings of the past: Ex.: "Beautiful clean coal, you know

they wash it". "Maybe we can find a way to inject it (bleach) into people".

In Closing, how I long for the days when all it took was: Unemployment News (3.9%) and Stock Market (up over 6,000 points, new

record) to make you people clap like Mindless puppets and shout words like Great, Terrific.

Happy New Year!
Steve Homsey
Londonderry

In response to Paul Minnillo Letter

To the editor,

I never asked and don't care what your PhD is in. Its definitely not economics. Not sure how you would know my political position. Maybe

you have ESP along with your PhD? Again you demonstrate your lack of understanding energy independence. I never presented my opinions as facts. That's what you do. Just read your letters.

George Riley
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Londonderry School Board Sends Warrant Articles to Public Hearing

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School Board discussed different proposed warrant articles during the Jan. 6 School Board meeting.

One of those came from a petition in regards to face coverings being worn in school.

School Board Chair Amy Finamore said that the warrant article is to ask voters whether or not the District should adopt provisions which would allow face coverings to be optional for all stu-

dents at all times at the sole discretion of parents and guardians.

The other provision would be for face coverings to be optional at all times for staff and visitors.

Londonderry Business Administrator Peter Curro said that they received the petition last Tuesday.

"We are going through the process to verify that there are 25 valid signatures. I have no doubt that it will pass the test," said Curro.

Curro said that their legal counsel suggested that they put on the

warrant article that the vote would be advisory only.

He said that they wouldn't be allowed to make any amendments to the warrant article until the deliberative session but when it gets to the floor they should make an amendment to clarify that it is advisory only.

The School Board ultimately approved sending the warrant article to the Jan. 13 public hearing.

Another one of the warrant articles that were sent to the Jan. 13 public hearing was in

regards to accepting funds for the school lunch program and the IDEA grant.

Curro explained that if the warrant article gets voted down the School District wouldn't be able to accept the federal funds for the two programs.

It was explained that there would be a zero percent tax impact for it.

Another proposed warrant article that the School Board heard during the meeting was in regards to building security.

It was explained by Curro that the warrant

article was to raise and appropriate up to \$350,000 to improve school wide security systems district wide.

The funds would come from the June 30, 2022 fund balance which means there would be no tax impact if approved.

The School Board voted 5-0 in favor of sending the warrant article to the Jan. 13 public hearing.

The School Board also heard a warrant article regarding the capital reserve fund. The warrant article asked if the School District should raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in the School Dis-

trict equipment capital reserve fund.

Finamore said that the sum would come from the end of the year fund balance which means there wouldn't be any additional taxes that would need to be raised.

The School Board voted 5-0 in favor of sending the warrant article to the public hearing on Jan. 13.

The School Board voted 5-0 in favor of sending a warrant article to the public hearing which would ask voters to raise and appropriate \$620,000 to be placed in the District Wide Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve fund.

Woodmont

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don't think it should be placed on the taxpayers of Londonderry to subsidize that project."

Chairman John Farrell likened it to when Londonderry moved to using single trash cans years ago. "They came in one night and said everybody's getting one trash can." People with larger families complained. "So, what I promised is never to be involved in these fast decisions."

Farrell reminded the council, "This particular ordinance was brought

forward after we took a reduction in value on the power plant. The staff was directed to go find commercial revenue and keep residential taxes as flat as possible."

He explained the incentive ordinance was put in place to draw commercial projects to Londonderry.

However, during the public forum, McDonald said, "I don't think we need to make that easy for private enterprises."

"They have to be self-supportive," explained Farrell later. "If they don't generate that revenue, they have to pay

the difference."

But after talking to the town manager, the solicitor, other councilors and people in the public, Farrell found this project "too immature."

"The last thing we want to do when we bring this to the community is for it to be wrong," said Councilor Jim Butler said, "Then shame on us."

Vice Charmain Joe Green agreed, "We need to do more homework. If we rush into things, we make mistakes."

Farrell proposed to table it and "go out and talk to other commercial brokers in other commu-

nities."

He said, "Let's find out what they did wrong, and what they did right, and what works. Maybe we're going down the wrong rabbit whole here."

He added, "We can't pass an ordinance until we completely vet the entire thing out."

He suggested that may take a year.

A motion was made to table. The council voted unanimously to table.

Farrell said the town staff would be directed to "go back and execute against we just said."

OBITUARY

Kevin M. Chapdelaine



Kevin M. Chapdelaine, 58 years of age, passed away unexpectedly on Dec. 22, 2021 at Parkland Medical Center surrounded by his loving family. Kevin was the son of Paul and Helen Chapdelaine of Londonderry, NH. Kevin became a life-long resident of Londonderry, where he graduated from the first class of Londonderry High School in 1981. Kevin deeply loved his country and honorably served with the U.S. Marine Corps from 1981 to 1993.

Kevin was a member of the 150th graduating class of the State of NH fulltime Police Academy. Upon graduation from the police academy, he was hired as a patrol officer and served honorably with the Goffstown Police Department for the past 12 Years. It was Kevin's passion in life to serve and help anyone in need and known to always go above and beyond his duties with the intent of making a difference each and every day in the lives of the people he touched. He gave of his heart and time volunteering throughout the Goffstown Community and faithfully served for the past 10 years with The Shiloh Christian Food Pantry.

Kevin was a talented craftsman, known for his creativity and imagination and could build just about anything. His sense of humor and smile could brighten your day. When not in the wood shop, his time was spent making his home come to life through beautiful landscaped gardens while riding his treasured John Deere tractor. He filled his life and home with an unconditional love of all animals which included his dogs Bowie, Maggie, Pepper, Luke and Lucy.

Kevin deeply loved his family and is survived by his wife of 28 years, Michelle M. (Griffin) Chapdelaine; his only son, Maverick Chapdelaine and daughter-in-law Nicole Carrion; grandchildren, Carly and Wesley; his mother, Helen Chapdelaine; sister Kim Lesure; along with many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father Paul Chapdelaine and brother Keith.

Kevin would want people to celebrate his life, to remember the happy times they shared and to remember that most of all he loved them.

The family would like to acknowledge and extend their heartfelt appreciation to the Goffstown Police Department and all who attended and generously took part in representing and honoring Kevin at his service. A commemoration and remembrance service will be announced by the family for a later date where he will be laid to rest at the NH State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, NH. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund TBD will be established in Kevin's honor. To send a condolence or for more information,

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Londonderry School Board Reviews Union Contracts

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Monday, Jan. 6, School Board meeting, members discussed the tentative agreement reached between the Londonderry Education Association and the negotiation committee.

Board member Bob Slater, who was a member of the negotiation committee, said that negotiations began in August and in total they had eight meetings to work through

the wording.

Slater said it was a "great experience to see two groups of individuals work through some pluses and minuses on both sides. Not one side got all of what they wanted, not this side got all of what they wanted; it was a joint collaborative discussion."

He said that he thinks that both sides were pleased with the outcomes in the end.

One of the highlights in the tentative agree-

ment is in regards to professional improvement. Now teachers will receive an updated rate for participating in training and curriculum work to \$30 per hour, instead of a per day rate of \$100 and \$150.

Another area that was changed was in regards to salaries which includes updating the biweekly pay schedule to 26 pay periods per year. The tentative agreement also updates the rate to \$25 for a teacher being paid when agreeing to substitute for a class during their lunch or personal preparatory period. It also updates the rate to \$45 for teachers that provide coverage for a sixth class and an additional \$30 per hour for preparation that may be involved, \$40 per hour for Summer School programs (including ES,

Adult Ed, LIFT and Summer Academies), and \$30 per hour for additional tutoring during the school year and testing and screening outside school hours.

Slater said that the salary impact for the FY 2023 year is a total of \$1,061,168 and has a tax impact of 21 cents.

For FY 2024 the salary impact is \$1,271,040 and has a tax impact of 25 cents.

FY 2025 will see a salary impact of \$1,319,798 and will have a tax impact of 26 cents.

The total increase over three years is a total of \$3,652,006.

The School Board voted 5-0 in favor of sending the contract to the public budget hearing on Jan. 13.

Also during the meeting the School Board voted on sending the

tentative contract agreement between the School District and the Londonderry Association of Allied Health Professionals to the Jan. 13 public hearing.

Vice Chair Sara Loughlin served on the negotiation committee and said that they only had two meetings regarding the contract but they went well.

"Meetings went pretty smoothly," she said.

Some of the highlights in the contract include updating the wording for personal leave of absence to remove specific reason for using Personal time, updated bereavement leave to allow staff to take non-consecutive days, and provided one paid day for use on work restricted holidays.

Another change that was agreed upon in the tentative agreement be-

tween the Union and the Administration is in regards to time requirements. The change will provide a monthly maximum of two staff/departamental meetings for staff. It will also provide compensation for staff at \$40/hr for additional work being done during the school day outside their normal schedule.

Loughlin said that the salary impact for FY 2023 would be \$82,764 which would be a 3.92 percent increase and would have a tax impact of two cents.

For FY 2024 the salary impact would be a \$96,502 increase and in FY 2025 the salary impact would be an increase of \$97,314. The tax impact would be two cents per year.

The School Board voted 5-0 to send the tentative agreements to the public hearing on Jan. 13.

OBITUARY

Sarah E. Hamilton



Sarah E. Hamilton, 39, of Londonderry, NH passed away on Monday Jan. 3, 2022 at the Elliot Hospital in Manchester, NH following a courageous battle with cancer. Sarah was born in Nashua, NH on April 28, 1982, a daughter of Edmond and Linda (Koloc) O'Keefe. She had resided in Londonderry since 2016, formerly living in Manchester.

Sarah will be remembered for many things by those who knew her best - an animal lover, talented photographer, star athlete, detail-oriented leader of student residencies at SNHU, and an environmentalist. But mostly, she was a fun, caring, and loving mom, wife, daughter, sister, and friend to so many.

Sarah was grateful for the many wonderful memories she carried with her through the years. She often described a "perfect childhood" where she spent countless days playing with her sister Rebecca who she considered her best friend, playing tennis with her family, watching mom's softball games, and having dad coach her various sports teams. She excelled in softball, volleyball, and tennis where she led teams to multiple state championships and ranked second in NE in doubles tennis while in high school. Her personal values were strongly influenced through these experiences, which she's made sure to instill in her own daughters throughout their lives.

Sarah was proud to have traveled the world during a Semester at Sea during her senior year at the University of New Hampshire. She spent four months traveling across the globe, including stops in Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Vietnam, India, Tanzania, South Africa, Brazil and Cuba. This was an experience like none other in her life, meeting people across different cultures, adventuring with new friends, and gaining a new appreciation for the many gifts she had in her own life.

Most recently, Sarah was focused on her daughters, Ashley and Emily. She loved them fiercely, demonstrating incredible patience and kindness as she sought to provide them with a childhood similar to the one she loved so dearly. She was so proud of their accomplishments in school and sports, but even more so as kind, compassionate, and very silly young ladies.

She is survived by her husband, Corey Hamilton of Londonderry, two daughters, Ashley and Emily Hamilton, both of Londonderry, her parents of Hudson, NH, her sister, Rebecca Lauria of Westford, MA, niece and nephew Anna and Jordan of Westford, MA, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Following cremation, a small private memorial service will be held by the family in order to limit the risk of Covid exposure. A Celebration of Life is being planned to remember Sarah with a larger group of friends and relatives in the Spring of 2022. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that people make donations to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute to help find a cure for cancer.

OBITUARY

Clarence A. Wing Jr.



Clarence A. Wing Jr. of Portland, ME left this world on Jan. 7, 2022 in Salem Hospital in Salem, MA. He peacefully passed away of COVID-19 surrounded by his family. Former Veteran of the Navy in 1957 he served 4 years of service. Though he touched many lives during this time, the lives most important to him were his Wife and Children's. Clarence was a resident of Salem, MA area since 2009. Mr. Wing was born on Oct. 2, 1939 to Sadie Lois Wing and Clarence A. Wing Sr.

Clarence is survived by his wife Betty Wing of Everett, MA; His sister Grace Wing Cucinotta of Derry, NH; His 5 children Clarence A. Wing III. of Salem, MA, Michael P. Wing, Betty M. Parker of Revere, MA, Theresa A. Wing of Amesbury, MA, and Daniel R. Wing of NH. He also is survived by 13 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Private Services will be held in his Honor. Clarence's wishes were to be laid to rest peacefully with his mother in Portland, ME at a later date in the Spring.

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all of those who have supported them during this difficult time of loss. For more information please go to ruggieromh.com. Arrangements under the professional care of the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home North Shore, 10 Chestnut St., Peabody, MA, 978-595-3949.

OBITUARY

Judith Marie Moran

Judith Marie Moran, 82, formerly of Londonderry, NH, passed away Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022, at Windham Terrace in Windham, NH. She was born on April 21, 1939 in Malden, MA, a daughter of the late Stanley and Dorothy (Hartshorn) Hirtle. Judith was employed as a bookkeeper for many years for several companies. She was a member of the Londonderry UMC. Judith enjoyed gardening, crafts and walking her beloved dog.

She is survived by one daughter, Susan J. Fisher and her husband Robert of Hudson, NH, two sons, John K. Moran, Jr. and his wife Linda of Middleton, MA, and Robert A. Moran and his wife Cindy of Billerica, MA, nine grandchildren, and one great grandchild. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 51 years John K. "Jack" Moran Sr. in 2011.

There are no calling hours. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Londonderry United Methodist Church, Corner of Mammoth and Pillsbury Road, Londonderry in March. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, MA/NH Chapter, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452 or www.alz.org. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Members of Boy Scout Troop 521 continued the tradition of holding a community bonfire with Christmas Trees donated throughout the day. Hundreds of donations were taken and piled up behind the Mack's Apples Farm Stand on Saturday, Jan. 8, and the trees were ignited just after sunset. About 100 residents gathered around the massive burn, which lasted under an hour. The annual tradition was started over 20-years ago, last year the event was moved to the Londonderry Fish and Game do to COVID concerns.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancer Boys Hoops Squad Starts New Year with Split

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After finishing 2021 with an over .500 record, at 3-2, the

Londonderry High School Boys Basketball squad started the new year by dropping a game on the road to an unde-

feated Trinity High School team 68-53, but then bounced back nicely with a very strong fourth-quarter performance, at home, to win 50-48 against Bedford over the weekend.

In the win over Bedford, on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 8, a game that had been rescheduled from the night before due to snow, the flow of the game seemed to favor the Bulldogs for three of the four periods, but in the fourth quarter the Lancers outscored Bedford 17-8 and in the final seconds, after a well-timed steal from Justin Hoggard, senior forward Mike Rosatano went in for a hard-fought rebound at the LHS hoop followed by a crucial lay-up to put the LHS squad ahead for the victory.

The Bulldogs were heading into the game sporting a 6-3 season record, and came out of

the gate very strong, outscoring Londonderry 13-5 in the first quarter and 19-16 in the second, but in the second half, the LHS defense was able to keep the Bedford scoring down to just 16 points and allowed the home team to fight back for the much-needed victory.

Rosatano led his team in points, score five-points in the first half and 13 in the second for 18-points.

The freshman guard Mason Paquette had nine-points, senior guard Justin Hoggard finished with eight-points and junior guard Kevin Rourke had two three-pointers and a free-throw for seven-

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Senior forward Mike Rosatano got the go ahead two-point lay up with two seconds left.

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Sophomore guard Tyler Brown fights for a shot at the hoop against Bedford on Saturday.

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Lady Lancers Basketball Gets Third Win of the Season

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After a dismal 58-29 loss on the road to the Lady Bulldogs of Bedford High School, the Londonderry High School Girls' Basketball squad bounced back with a very nice 59-45 home win over Trinity High

School.

In the loss to Bedford, the Lady Lancers traveled to Bedford set with task of handing the Lady Bulldogs their second defeat of the season. Bedford was 6-1 heading into the game and have beat each of their opponents quite easily. Their only loss was to the State Champi-

on, Bishop Guertin Cardinals, in the first game of the season.

Unfortunately for the Londonderry girls, they lost that contest by 29-points and were faced with at 2-4 record to start the year 2022.

Then on Saturday morning, in a make-up game from earlier in the week, the Lady Lancers hosted the Trinity High School Lady Pioneers, who also had just two wins this season, and came away with a very convincing 59-45.

The one-sided game gave quite a few playing minutes to many of the Londonderry bench players; Trinity only had seven girls suited up.

Londonderry's biggest hindrance in the game was getting by the extremely tall Trinity forward Achol Tour, who rejected a number of LHS shots throughout the contest.

The Lady Lancer squad got off to a bit of slow start in the rare morning game, trailing 8-7 with three minutes left in the first quarter, but turned things around in the final minute to lead 16-8 at the end of one.

The home team opened up their lead to 31-17 by the end of the first half, giving new

Lancer head coach Jon Doherty a chance to put some of his bench to work.

The third quarter had the Lady Lancers dominate the floor, outscoring the winded Lady Pioneers 20-6.

In the final quarter, Trinity was able to score 22-points against some of Londonderry's younger players and made the game seem a bit closer than it actually was.

Senior forward Olivia Chau led the Lady Lancers in scoring with 21-points.

Junior guard Jordon Furlong 12-points in the game with 10 of them coming in the third quarter.

Junior Shannon Ball and freshman Kate Sloper each had eight-points in the victory. Junior guard Izzy Pucillo finished the game with six-points.

With Londonderry's third win of the season, the girls headed into this week with a very busy schedule.

The team started the week with a home game against a tough Portsmouth Lady Clippers team (7-1) on Monday night followed by three games on the road.

The Londonderry squad is scheduled to play Manchester Memorial (3-5) on Wednesday, Jan. 12, in Manchester, Keene High School (2-7) on Friday night and Alvirne High School (4-3) on Saturday afternoon.



Lancer junior Shannon Ball gets by a Trinity defender for a lay up Saturday morning.



Senior forward Olivia Chau led the Lady Lancers in scoring with 21-points against the Trinity High School Pioneers on Saturday, Jan. 8. The LHS team got their third victory of the season with a 59-45 win. Photos by Chris Paul

Athletes of the Week

Week of Jan. 2

Olivia Chau

Senior, Girls Basketball

Olivia has been the backbone of the girls basketball team all season, between scouting, leadership and playing a commanding role on the court. Olivia has been invaluable to the Lady Lancers thus far in the season.



Justin Hoggard

Senior, Boys Basketball

Justin was a leader in the team's win against Bedford. Scoring eight points, getting five rebounds, three assists and three steals, including a huge steal with 20 seconds in the game to give LHS the last shot to win the game.



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Lancer Hockey Squad Wins Big Then Loses One in OT

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Hockey team started the new year off with a tremendous 13-point shut out victory against the Nashua South-Pelham contingent, but then suffer a tough 4-3 overtime loss to Hanover High School to end the week.

In what turned out to be a rather one-sided affair at the Conway Arena in Nashua on Wednesday night, Jan.

5, against Nashua South-Pelham, the Londonderry squad came away with a 13-0 shutout victory and upped their season record to 4-1. The Lancers only loss to that point to Bishop Guertin, two-weeks into the season.

In the Lancers second game of the week, a home game against Hanover High School late Saturday night, Jan. 8, the Lancers had a very strong start, but gave their opposition an upper hand and lost 4-3

in the extra period.

After a scoreless first period, Londonderry was able to take the lead in the second period with the first goal of the game coming from sophomore Jayden Hamilton.

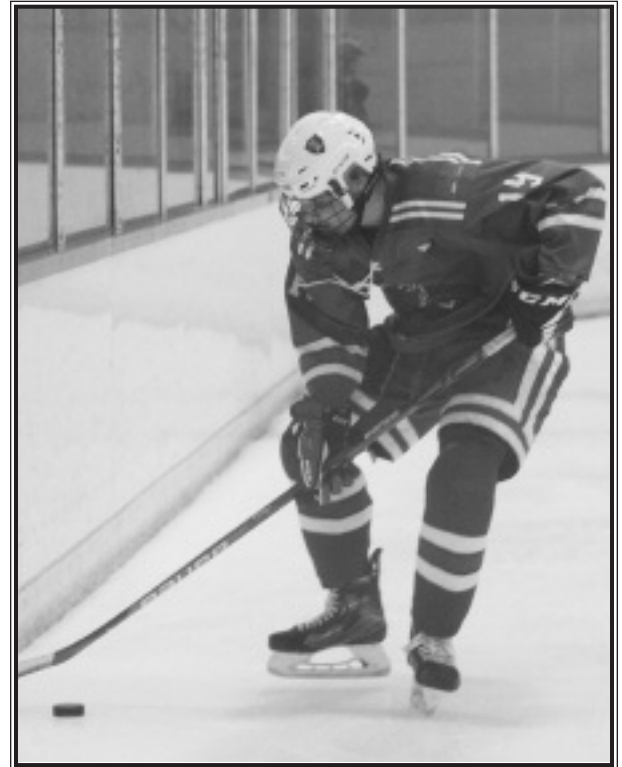
Lancer senior Noah Malcolm doubled the LHS lead with another goal in the second period, but their opponent quickly answered back, scoring on a power play and then tying the game before the end of the second period.

Malcolm got his second goal of the night with five minutes left in the game, but that slim lead was relinquished before the end of regulation play.

Londonderry had a man advantage heading into the overtime period but was unable to capitalize on the man advantage and wound up allowing Hanover to score the game winner for the 4-3 victory.

The Lancer squad will try to get back to their winning ways on Wednesday night, Jan. 12, at home against Bishop Brady High School (1-3).

On Saturday afternoon, Jan. 15, Londonderry will take on Trinity High School in Manchester.



Sophomore Jayden Hamilton had the first Londonderry goal against Hanover on Saturday night's disappointing overtime loss.

Boys Hoops

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points.

Aiden Warren and Tyler Miles both added four-points to the team tally.

In the Lancer team's first game of 2022, they headed to Manchester to take on a dominant Trinity Pioneers squad, that was 5-0 heading into the contest.

The Londonderry boys were able to keep pace with Trinity early, trailing by just three in the first period, 15-12, but let the Pioneers lead grow in each of the following three quarters for the 68-53 loss.

Rourke led the team in scoring, with most of

his 16-points coming from outside the arc. The junior guard had four, three-pointers in the tough loss.

Sophomore Tyler Brown managed 13-points with three, three-pointers and Rosatano finished the game with nine-points.

The Londonderry squad heads into this week with a very busy schedule and were

scheduled to play four games in six days.

The week started in Portsmouth on Monday nights, playing the Clippers (4-2) on the road. After that, the Lancers are scheduled to host three-games at home, first on Wednesday night, against Manchester Memorial (1-6), then on Friday night against the Keene Blackbirds and finally, they will be on the road on Saturday afternoon for a game against Alvirne High School (3-4).



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda January 19, 2022 - 7:00 p.m. Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Road

- I. Draft minutes to approve: December 15, 2021
- II. Report by Town Council liaison
- III. Regional Impact Determinations
- IV. Public hearing of cases:

- A. **CASE NO. 11/17/2021-3:** Request for two variances from (1) LZO 4.2.2.2 (B) to eliminate the use requirement at least 75% of single family and two family dwellings shall be restricted housing for older persons in the multi-family residential (R-III) zone; and (2) LZO 4.2.2.3.B.1.b to allow 55 residential 3 bedroom units where only 35 are permitted, 22 Young Road, Map 6 Lot 58-2, Zoned R-III, Zoned R-III, Edgar L. Pitts and Winnifred L. Pitts Revocable Trust (Owner) and Cedar Crest Development, LLC (Applicant) – continued from the December 15, 2021 meeting
- B. **CASE NO. 11/17/2021-4:** Request for two variances from (1) LZO 4.2.2.2.B to eliminate the use requirement of at least 75% of single family and two family dwellings shall be restricted housing for older persons in the multi-family residential (R-III) zone; and (2) LZO 4.2.2.3.B.1.b to allow 55 residential 3 bedroom units where only 35 are permitted, 20 Young Road, Map 6 Lot 53, Zoned R-III, Edgar L. Pitts and Winnifred L. Pitts Revocable Trust (Owner) and Cedar Crest Development, LLC (Applicant) – continued from the December 15, 2021 meeting
- C. **CASE NO. 12/15/2021-2:** Request for a variance from LZO 7.6.D.3.b to allow a total of 108 SF of wall signage where only 50 SF are allowed, 66 Nashua Road, Map 7 Lot 40-4, Zoned C-1, The Matarazzo Family Trust (Owner) and Midwest Convenience (Sunoco) (Applicant) – continued from the December 15, 2021 meeting
- D. **CASE NO. 12/15/2021-8:** Request for a variance from LZO 4.2.1.3.B.1 to allow a lot with 100.58 feet of frontage where 150 feet are required, Eight Wiley Hill Road, Map 5 Lot 28, Zoned AR-1, Belize Real Estate Holding, LLC (Owner & Applicant) – continued from the December 15, 2021 meeting
- E. **CASE NO. 01/19/2022-1:** Request for a special exception for a portable storage unit pursuant to LZO 5.15.1, 114 Litchfield Road, Map 11 Lot 26-1-2, Zoned AR-1, Gary & Amy Mellinger (Owners & Applicants)

- V. Communications and miscellaneous:
- VI. Other business – election of officers

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Lancer Wrestlers Get Win Over Central with One Match

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Wrestling team traveled to Manchester Central High School last week on Tuesday, Jan. 4 and came away with a team victory.

Unfortunately for both teams, there was only one wrestling match during that meet with most of the weight

classes being decided through forfeits.

The Londonderry wrestlers seven matches by forfeit while the Central team took four.

The only weight class that coach Jason Cucolo needed to send a wrestler out for was at 160 pounds. Senior Richardo Perez won the one and only match of the night, pinning his Manchester opponent,

Demetrio Cortez at 1:13 and helping his team to a 48-24 victory.

Winning by forfeit were: David Pento at 132 lbs.; Evan Madigan (138 lbs.); Emanuel Perez (145 lbs.); Owen Rondeau (182 lbs.); Andreas Taliadouros (195 lbs.) and Shanaira "Nikki" Stylianos at 106 lbs.

Over the weekend, the Lancer squad traveled south, to Massachu-

setts where they competed in the annual Chelmsford Invitational held at Chelmsford High School.

At that event Londonderry had nine wrestlers take to the mats and out of the 18 teams competing at the

tournament the Lancer placed 11th.

Three individuals on the team were able to add to the team score.

Sophomore Isaac Proctor placed sixth in the 113 lb. weight class.

Junior captain Nic D'Alessandro, wrestling

at 126 lbs. made it to the championship bout where he wound up in second place.

Freshman David Pento made it to third place with a win in the 132 lb. consolation championship bout.

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Karaoke

On Jan. 14, American Legion Post 27 will hold a Karaoke with DJ Sharon from 7:30 - 11 p.m., at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Rd.). Non-members interested in joining Post 27 are welcome to attend.

White Elephant Bingo

The Londonderry

Women's Club will be having their annual White Elephant Bingo at the Marion Gerrish Community Center (Room #1) at 39 W Broadway, Derry on Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. All attending will bring a wrapped item from their homes that is in good condition but no longer wanted. These will be the bingo prizes. LWC will also be supplying books to the Little Free Libraries located around Londonderry. All

should bring new or slightly used books for adults or children. Please contact Barbara Gensale Barbara@gensale.net for more information.

Republicans Meeting

Members, friends, and affiliates join us for our first meeting of 2022 on Thursday, Jan. 20, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at 78 Litchfield Rd., Londonderry. Come and hear from candidates for

2022 elected office. The Londonderry Republican Committee (LRC) meeting is the place where like-minded Londonderry residents come together and collaborate for election victories. If you are a Republican thinking about running for an elected office, LRC meetings offer great information and opportunities to meet and talk with those who know what it takes to be a successful candidate. State Representatives and officials often attend our meetings. For more information contact LRC Chairwoman Liz Thomas at eathomas@comcast.net.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Jan. 3

7:55 a.m. Assisted another Police Department with an investigation at Londonderry High School.

10:30 a.m. School Check/Walk-Thru performed at Moose Hill School.

11:22 a.m. Criminal Mis-chief investigated on Parmenter Road.

4:40 p.m. Three officers assisted the Derry Police Department with an investigation at Londonderry Flea Market on

Avery Road.

5:03 p.m. Criminal Mis-chief investigated on Lucas Road.

Tuesday - Jan. 4

9:13 a.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated at Londonderry High School.

9:55 a.m. Suspicious Activity reported at the Musquash Conservation Area on Hickory Hill Drive.

2:38 p.m. Services rendered for a report of Trespassing on Thorn-

ton Road.

8:26 p.m. Welfare Check performed by five officers on Avery Road.

9:44 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Threatening on Cohas Terrace.

10:35 p.m. Services rendered for a Repossession on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm Apartments.

Wednesday - Jan. 5

12:08 a.m. Peace rest-

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10 Steps to a Better Legal Status in the New Year

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The New Year brings a chance to clear the air from past uncertainties and to go forward into a better more organized life. I don't believe in resolutions because they're all too easy to break.

At the same time, as an attorney I like to see people think about certain issues best handled in advance. Here are 10 things you can do now to forge a better legal future:

Will. Do a will or review your will if you have one. This tells people how you wish to dispose of your house, your money and all other property.

You can specifically leave your jewelry or other specific items to your niece or anyone

else and eliminate quibbling later.

Advance Care Directives. A health care proxy designates someone to tell health care providers how to handle things if you are in a terminal condition. The actual name of the document in New Hampshire is the Power of Attorney for Health Care. The other directive is called a "Living Will". This is a direct statement to medical providers indicating your wishes whether to take measures to prolong life or not in a terminal situation.

Trust. A will must go through Probate Court to be effective. Many people do not understand this. A trust avoids probate. A trust will cost you more money but it will avoid the expense and delay of

probate later.

Power of Attorney for Financial Affairs. If you become incapacitated this document names another person to act in your place. Under a power of attorney that other person can handle your financial affairs. That includes paying bills, handling the bank account even managing your property.

Talk to Someone. Let your loved ones, someone close to you, know where all of your important documents are kept.

Even if you have done all of the above, what good is it if no one knows where it is? Organize all important documents and information needed to find your documents. Then let a trusted person know where it is and what to do.

Beneficiary State-ments. Any financial interest you may have in life insurance, annuities, 401Ks and other financial accounts of this nature will pass upon your passing through a beneficiary statement. Now is a good time to check and make sure your beneficiary statements accurately state your wishes. People tell me all the time "Oh, yeah, I did that."

There's actually a case in which a guy failed to change his beneficiary statement after he divorced and remarried. Because he failed to change the beneficiary statement, which is a contractual obligation, wife #1 was awarded the death benefit. Check your beneficiary statements.

File Business Entity

Documents. During the pandemic many people struck out on their own and formed their own businesses. If it's working that's great. Even if you did file papers to form an LLC or Corporation, those entities require an annual filing with the secretary of state.

Check Insurance Coverage. Many people buy auto, homeowners and other insurance with the goal of getting the cheapest insurance. Review all of your coverage. Make sure coverage is actually there if you need it. What if an uninsured driver causes an injury to you or your family? What if something happens to your home or business?

Change Passwords. The name of your first born, your dog and your

first car are awful passwords even if thrown in with some numbers. Experts recommend we all change passwords frequently and not use the same password for bank accounts, social media and other online presences.

Read a Book. Great books exist on these subjects. Online sites and bricks and mortar stores sell books on the law. Legal reference, true crime, hacking, biographies, the Supreme Court and other subjects provide engaging reading. My personal favorite is the continuing question over the JFK assassination.

Read about the law. It helps you understand and might make you the most interesting person to talk to at the next party or other gathering.

The Upper Room Offering Outside Approach to Teen Wellness

The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center in Derry is ready to launch a Walk and Talk Group, designed by their staff member Seren Elizabeth, who is a Mental Health counselor with the agency. After working extensively with teens, and especially during this time, Elizabeth recognized that the isolation, and lack of

stimulation was playing a toll on many of the teens she has been working with. After engaging in her own research and training, Seren developed a program where teens will gather, walk, talk, journal and practice mindful meditation to reduce stress, and improve mood.

Being offered for 6 students at a time, one

group geared toward female teens the other toward male teens, the group is being offered as a way to connect teens to a trained professional, who also wants connection between the members, and aspires to hold a place for meaningful discussions and fun.

The group will use the Londonderry Rail Trail as it's place to take

steps, and journey together. Thanks to the offer of use of snow shoes by The YMCA of Londonderry, if trails are snowy teens can borrow snow shoes for the walk. Teens can expect walking, talking journaling, breathing exercises. Journals, and snacks are provided for all enrolled. A one time 20\$ fee covers the costs of supplies, and

any student needing a scholarship will be granted one. The first group will meet Jan. 22, from 9 a.m. - noon. The meeting place will be The YMCA of Londonderry 206 Rockingham Rd., Londonderry. The group will meet once a month.

To register e mail Seren Elizabeth at selizabeth@urteachers.org or call 603-437-8477 x

128. Space is limited to 6 people for each group. "Providing unique ideas to support teens in building the tools they need to manage the daily impacts of life is critical", states Brenda Guggisberg The Upper Room's Executive Director. "I am always excited when one of our staff has a great idea, this one is so positive".

Police Log

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ored by five officers after a Domestic Disturbance on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm Apartments.

7:41 a.m. Services rendered for a report of a Missing Person on Sunset Drive.

2:14 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Sunrise Drive. Three officers assist with charging Christopher McCreedy, 31, of Londonderry with Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Physical

Contact).

3:42 p.m. Sudden Death investigated by three officers on Alexander Road.

3:45 p.m. Neighborhood Disputes investigated on Winterwood Drive.

7:59 p.m. Neighborhood Disputes investigated on Eagle Way.

Thursday - Jan. 6

8:22 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Rockingham Road.

8:54 a.m. School Check/Walk-Thru at Londonderry North School.

10:05 a.m. School Check/

Walk-Thru at Matthew Thornton School.

10:47 a.m. School Check/Walk-Thru at Londonderry Middle School.

1:12 p.m. Services rendered by three officers for Criminal Threatening on Chapparel Drive.

2:30 p.m. Sudden Death investigated by three officers on Hillcrest Lane at the Londonderry Flea Market

5:46 p.m. Involuntary Emergency Admission to a hospital performed by five officers on Avery Road. David Matthews,

52, of Londonderry receives Involuntary Emergency Admission.

6:19 p.m. Report of Missing Person investigated on Boulder Drive.

7:53 p.m. Criminal Threatening Investigated on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm Apartments.

Friday - Jan. 7

8:10 a.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Treadway Lane.

9:25 a.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Whittemore Road.

8:02 p.m. Suspicious Activity at Mr. Steer on

Buttrick Road.

Saturday - Jan. 8

7:23 a.m. Sudden Death investigated at All American Assisted Living on Button Drive.

10:30 a.m. Domestic Disturbance reported on Rockingham Road at Mammoth Road.

1:09 p.m. Four officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Rockingham Road.

10:40 p.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Lucas Road.

Sunday - Jan. 9

5:45 a.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated by three officers on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm Apartments

2:59 p.m. Peace restored by three officers after a Complaint at the Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

8:25 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm Apartments

9:17 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Owl Road.

9:48 p.m. Peace restored by five officers after an Assault on South Road.

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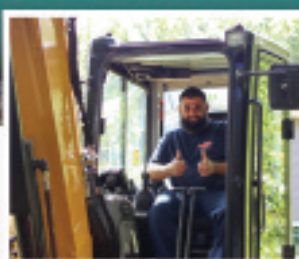
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