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The Londonderry School District is looking to move from their current location at Kitty Hawk Landing and build an office adjacent to the Town Hall. The project is expected to cost nearly five million dollars, and they need the approval of Londonderry voters to move forward.

Town Council Discusses School District Land Lease

STEPHEN HAUSER
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Jan. 13, the Londonderry Town Council discussed an Article concerning leasing land to the Londonderry School District for a term of 30-75 years and nominal rent.

The proposed land is adjacent to the town hall and would be used to build new School District offices.

Also in the Article, the Town would raise and appropriate \$300,000 from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance. Specifically, this money would contribute to the

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Londonderry School Board Gets COVID Update

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Jan. 11 Londonderry School Board meeting the School Board heard an update regarding COVID-19.

Superintendent Scott Laliberte explained that recently there were a lot of changes made in the guidance from the CDC which was eventually adopted by the State.

“The changes to the five day period was certainly one of them,” Laliberte said.

On the same day that the new guidance came out, Assistant Superintendent Dan Black said

that they happened to have a private meeting scheduled with the District’s Medical Advisory Group and the District AD Council which consists of school principals and District Office staff.

“It was probably a group we should’ve pulled together 21 months ago,” said Black about the Medical Advisory Group.

Once the new CDC guidance was adopted by the State Black said that the District began to figure out what the new guidance would mean for the District.

“Really the whole

team found themselves scrambling here and trying to adjust to this,” said Black.

Black said that it was really hard but they found a way to make it work.

“We have a great team, we have a dedicated team that finds a way to make it work for our families,” said Black.

One of the biggest changes to the guidance is that students can return to school on day 6 after testing positive for COVID however, they need to return with certain restrictions.

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Planning Board Discusses Changes in Chicken Ordinance

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Town Planner Colleen Mailloux said that they have received inquiries from people in town regarding the zoning rules for owning chickens.

Because of the increased interest in people in Londonderry wanting to own chickens, Mailloux said it was a prompt to “look at what was reasonable and what makes sense,” regarding possible changes to the ordinance.

During the Jan. 12 Londonderry Planning Board meeting the Board had a workshop regarding a possible amend-

ment to the ordinance.

“At the request of the Board, Staff have prepared draft language regarding the keeping of livestock and poultry on lots in the AR-1 District,” Mailloux wrote in a memo ahead of the Board meeting. “The proposed language makes a distinction between livestock and poultry, and would reduce the minimum lot size for poultry to 1 acre. The proposed language also prohibits roosters.”

It was explained by Mailloux that right now the ordinance makes it so livestock including poultry and horses need to be on lots that are two

acres or more.

Mailloux said that in the amendment it would add a definition for poultry which would be “Winged and feathered animals including, but not limited to, chickens, hens, roosters, ducks, geese, and turkeys.”

Additionally, Mailloux said that they added language into the amend-

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Planning Board Looks at Possible Kennel Zoning Ordinance

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In 2012, then Londonderry Zoning Administrator Richard Canuel proposed a zoning amendment regarding commercial “kennels” in town.

Now because there has been recent interest in people having kennels in town, current Zoning Administrator Nick Codner said that he wanted to see if the Planning Board wants to consider adding an ordinance regarding them in town.

Codner said that they currently don’t have any zoning for it which means they can’t allow them in town. Currently the definition of a kennel in Londonderry is having four or more dogs on a single lot that are more than six months old, according to Codner.

“There are presently no provisions in our zoning ordinance addressing kennels as a permitted use in any of the established zoning districts. The only reference to ‘kennels’ is contained in section 2.3.1.4 pertaining to the lot size and setback provisions

for the keeping of livestock. Also the existing supporting definition of a kennel is very broad,” Codner wrote in a memo to the Planning Board.

Codner explained that right now any commercial kennels would require a property owner to go to the ZBA to get a variance.

“Considering the var-

iance criteria, the ZBA would be hard pressed to grant such waiver to the ordinance without having specific provisions in which to reference,” Conder went on to write.

Codner said that under the current provisions of the Town’s ordinance, if he was to clarify a “commercial kennel” as a use it would

“more closely fit the definition of a Service Establishment. By comparison, the intensity of a kennel use is somewhat out of place with those uses commonly identified as service establishments,” Codner wrote.

“I propose that the Planning Board consider an amendment to the ordinance, which may help to clarify a distinction between kennels and other commercial uses that may be considered Service Establishments,” said Codner. “Presently Service Establishments are permitted in the following zones: C-I, C-II, MUC, IND-I, PUD, AD,

POD-102, POD-208. A kennel as a service establishment may not be compatible with those other uses permitted in these zones. For example, next door to a restaurant or assisted living facilities.”

Codner said that he is proposing that commercial kennels be allowed by conditional use permit in the C-II/POD-102/POD-28 zones.

It would also be allowed in the IND-I zone as part of the table of uses.

Under the proposed ordinance presented to the Board the definition of a commercial kennel would be “An establishment licensed to operate a facility housing

dogs, cats, or other household pets and or where grooming, breeding, boarding or training of animals is conducted as a business.”

Ex-Officio Deb Paul asked if the State has any conditions in place in order to allow kennels to operate.

“Will we be following the state’s licensing for someone to become a breeder or kennel,” Paul asked, saying that she wants to make sure the State statues are followed and are in the zoning ordinance.

Planning Board member Jeff Penta asked why it didn’t get passed originally when it was brought up in 2012.

It was explained by Chairman Arthur Rugg that there were other things going on at the time that discussions were happening and ultimately died out.

“It was a discussion that was never finished,” said Rugg.

Penta said that they should consider taking out “or other household pets” from the proposed definition in the ordinance and instead they should just stick to cats and dogs.

“I don’t want to go down the road of regulating hamsters or gerbils,” said Penta

Londonderry Town Planner Colleen Mailloux said that they will come back to the Board with another rendition of the proposed zoning ordinance before they go to a public hearing on it.

OBITUARY

Herbert D. Webster



Herbert D. Webster, 86, of Londonderry, NH died Sunday Jan. 16, 2022 at the Courville at Manchester, NH. He was born on May 28, 1935 in Manchester, NH, a son of the late Charles and Gladys (Walch) Webster. A former resident of Derry, NH, he had lived in Londonderry since 1997.

Herb served as a Derry Police Officer and was named one of the first Sergeants in the department. He had owned and operated Getty Gas Station in Derry for many years. Herb later worked for Walmart in Derry. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy “Dot” (Naylor) Webster of Londonderry, five children, Susan McKinnon of Folkston, GA, Debra Beaulieu of Derry, Tracy Webster of Goffstown, NH, William Webster and his wife Janet of Derry, and Gary Webster and his wife Mary of Candia, NH, his stepdaughter, Stephanie Marchant and her husband Mike of Londonderry, 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, eight great great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother, Charles H. Webster.

Calling hours will be held on Friday Jan. 21, from 2 - 4 p.m., at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. A funeral service will follow at 4 p.m., in the funeral home. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

OBITUARY

Matthew David Pedley



Matthew David Pedley, 47, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022, in the Southern NH Medical Center, Nashua, NH. He was born on April 13, 1974 in Morristown, NJ, a son of Dennis and Barbara (Kruse) Pedley.

Matthew graduated from Londonderry High School and spent a couple of semesters at UNH. His love was always in the culinary field, and he spent most of his adult life preparing pizza and other delicious meals for local diners. Matthew was artistic and especially enjoyed sketching superheroes. He collected comics and photos of celebrities at Comic Con conventions that he and his younger brother attended. Another passion was motorcycling on the backroads of New Hampshire, and as a pet lover, Matthew also enjoyed taking a drive with one of the family dogs riding shotgun.

In addition to his parents of Londonderry, Matthew is also survived by his brother, Chris Pedley of Milford, NH, and aunts, uncles and lots of cousins.

There are no calling hours. Following cremation, a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, Jan. 20, at 11:30 a.m., at St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, One South Rd., Londonderry. The celebration can be seen on livestream at St. Mark the Evangelist, Londonderry, NH (stmarksnh.org). Burial will follow in the Holy Cross Cemetery, Gilcrest Rd., Londonderry. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cocker Spaniel Rescue of New England, Inc. (CSRNE.org).

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that are back within their schools from days 6 to 10 from the start of their quarantine period will need to follow a strict independent masking requirement

while inside the school building,” guidance from the District Administration stated.

For parents and guardians not comfortable with sending their students to school with the restrictions in place for days 6 to 10 they

have the option of staying home until day 10 when they can return to school with no restrictions.

As part of joining the Medical Advisory Group, Black said many of the people who volunteered asked to have their identity hidden.

“They are afraid of the verbal abuse they get for helping us, they are afraid of the harassment they may get from other members of the public,” said Black.

School Board member Nancy Hendricks pointed out that while she understands the concerns that people have about their privacy when it comes to being on the Committee she said that it’s still a Committee that reports to the Board.

She asked if there is a

RSA that allows a committee to meet without disclosing names of who is on it.

“This is a Committee that has been convened by Administration and is more of a technical advisory committee,” said Laliberte.

Because of that it doesn’t fall under the same regulations under RSA 91 A, Laliberte said.

During the public comment period of the meeting Tim Porter said that he thinks that it was expected that if they were going to have a medical advisory group for the District it would be voted on by the Board and members of the public would know who is on it.

“I don’t think that’s appropriate at all,” Porter said about the public not knowing who

is on the medical advisory group.

Black said that they reached a “sad state,” as a community where people will only help them as long as they can stay anonymous.

School Board member Bob Slater said that he is frustrated with the fact that the guidance is constantly changing from the State and the CDD and feels that right now it’s contradicting itself.

“It feels like they are playing games with us,” said Slater.

He also said by the guidance constantly needing to be sorted through and implemented its taking staff away from what they’re supposed to be doing.

“It’s just not fair to these schools,” said Slater

As part of their conversations with the Medical Advisory Group, Black said that they were told that the best way they can think about the endemic for COVID is that it’s probably not going to go away but it becomes more manageable.

He said he would challenge the New Hampshire Department of Health and the New Hampshire Department of Education to tell them “how do we get to be more manageable.”

As of 2 p.m. on Jan. 11 Director of Public Services Kim Carpinone said that they had over 429 positive cases of COVID-19 since Dec. 23.

A full list of the new COVID regulations can be found on the School District’s website.

OBITUARY

Robert Earl “Baron” Bilodeau



Robert Earl “Baron” Bilodeau, 91, formerly of Londonderry, NH, passed away Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022, at the Courville of Nashua, a Nursing and Rehabilitation facility in Nashua, NH. He was born on Aug. 29, 1930, in Waltham, MA, and was the son of the late Albert and Louise Priscilla (Bilodeau) Baron. Mr. Bilodeau was adopted by his maternal grandparents, Cléophas and Caroline Jane (Mason) Bilodeau after the death of his parents. He was raised in Lewiston, ME, and moved to Connecticut where he met his wife, Irene “Rita” Teague. They were married in Hartford, CT, on Aug. 25, 1951. The family lived in Connecticut until 1975 when they relocated to Londonderry, NH.

Mr. Bilodeau served in the US Navy and did two tours of duty between 1949 and 1953. He served on the USS Rochester and the USS New, a Gearing-class destroyer during the Korean conflict.

Mr. Bilodeau was an active member of St. John Episcopal Church while living in Connecticut and a longtime member of the VFW and the Londonderry Country Club. He loved to play bingo, was an avid bowler and golfer, and sang in a choir both in his youth and at All-American Assisted Living. He was also a devoted Red Sox and Patriots fan, often tuning in to cheer them on to victory. His laugh and his smile were infectious, and his personality was legendary, earning him the nickname of “The Mayor” at All-American Assisted Living.

Members of the family include his daughter Wanda Redfield, and his three sons and their wives, Albert E. and Deborah Bilodeau, Robert B. and Mary-Elizabeth Bilodeau, James E. and Suzanne Bilodeau. Her eight grandchildren include Albert, Joseph and his wife Rebecca, Kaitlin, Robert and his wife Katherine, Patrick, Krysta and her husband Stephen Louks, Brendan Redfield and his wife Shealyn, and Derek Redfield and his wife Kirsten. He also has ten great-grandchildren: Eryn, Lucy, Mikaela, Landon, Noah, Jacob, Jameson, Bailey, Logan and Piper, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son-in-law, Ronald Redfield, and his wife, who passed in 2017.

Please visit the website for the Peabody Funeral Home for details on the calling hours and funeral for Mr. Bilodeau as well as to send a condolence www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Home Health and Hospice Care www.hhhc.org.

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school building expenses including landscaping and reconfiguring the Town Hall complex.

However, this moving forward depends on the School Board passing its Warrant Article, which it hasn’t done yet.

In fact, the Board asked Town Solicitor Michael Malaguti what would happen if the School Board didn’t cooperate on their end and have it on their Warrant.

Mr. Malaguti replied the Town council could “zero it out.”

“This is the frustration of the tax payer,” said resident Dan Bouchard. “I get one tax bill. It’s not for the Town or

for the school. It’s one tax bill. I can’t pick and choose who I pay it to, but when I get that tax bill, I expect everybody to work together.”

“We’re trying,” Chairman John Farrell responded.

“For 40 years, you see the school and the town butt heads,” Bouchard added, “I hope this isn’t politics being played - a delay tactic to put this project to bed. I’d like to see the School Board pass it, so the people can vote on it.”

“I agree,” Farrell responded.

Bouchard concluded, “I just wish everyone would work together.”

Farrell said the attorneys have been talking and the Town has been waiting for a response from the School Board for several weeks.

Town Councilor Tom Dolan clarified, “We’ve been working on this for several years now, not just several weeks.”

“We’re trying to do a good thing,” said Farrell, “and bring the School District building back to the center of town.”

Farrell added that his read on the School Board

was, “three nodding heads yes, and two nodding heads no. Yet we don’t have an opinion.”

Malaguti said his read was similar.

“If everything is a go,” Malaguti projected, “Then the School District moves their question to the Warrant and the bond passes, and then the Article passes. Then we will be able to come to terms on the lease.”

After the vote, the Chairman accepted the motion in the affirmative to recommend the Article.



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Editorial

Calling All Residents, It's Time to Step Up

The filing period to run for open elected positions in town and school starts on Wednesday, January 19 at 8:30am and ends on Friday, January 28 at 5p.m.

Are you frustrated after seeing your tax bill? Do you feel officials are not listening? Do you feel that your officials make decisions you don't agree with?

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

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

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

One must ask, are these needs or wants?

The hearings are for the most part over, and your next shot at participatory democracy comes at the Deliberative Session and Town

Meeting. It's not too late to offer a well thought out and practical way to save money, or to offer your thanks if you think your elected officials pay attention to the woes of the taxpayers.

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

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

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

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

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

Letters

School Transparency

To the editor,
What is going on in our school District that it is so lacking in transparency?

Our School Board is going off the record and on the record at whim, and moving public comment times back and forth in a manner that suggests they want to discourage parent commentary.

Parents at all schools in the District, but particularly Matthew Thornton and North School, are being unilaterally denied any requests for in classroom observation.

Our district reopening plan gives each school principal/administrator sole authority as to visitors to the school. They do not have to consult with the school board, the superintendent, or even their vice principal or assistant administrator.

For example, As Paul Dutton at North school informed me, he is the absolute final authority as to whether or not any parent is permitted to visit and observe the classroom, and the district reopening plan gives parents no appeal rights. Paul also specified to me in an email that North school has "never" allowed parental observation of the classroom. A concerning commentary, considering that is not codified in District Policy.

Now, despite that the reopening plan offers parents no appeal rights regarding observation of the classroom, parents can still certainly avail themselves of the usual appeal methods of contacting the district superintendent and the

school board. However, if they hope to find an understanding, helpful, or friendly ear, they would be hard-pressed to find it in our District. The school Board (with little exception) as well as the Superintendent are all in lockstep regarding their position that there is no need for parents to visit and observe the classroom.

This position of theirs predates COVID, despite the fact that it is the position of the federal government and the Every Student Succeeds Act, (the successor to the No Child Left Behind Act) that access to visit the classroom is a minimum integral part of improving communication with the teacher to get better student outcomes.

As parents, we understand that COVID is a real concern- I personally requested virtual classroom observation as an alternate. If we can do virtual learning, surely I can observe in classroom time virtually at a date and time of the School's choosing. I will note that the District has avoided responding to that inquiry for as long as possible.

Considering many SAU's are spending more time and money on litigation than they are background checks on educators, this should concern every parent and citizen.

Further, this is a poor look for Londonderry, a town that when I moved here, prided itself on being a preeminent special needs community. The District is actively fighting against IEP parents who are trying to get access to the classroom, and said parents

are having to seek legal counsel and pursue Department of Education Complaints.

As one parent recently put it, "this District's desire for parental involvement begins and ends with fundraising."

Now more than ever, it is important not just for parents, but all tax paying citizens to get involved and see what is going on in your local School District. Visitor rules allow anyone to visit our schools, not just parents. Hold them accountable! Keep an eye on House Bill 1137, and support new School Board Candidates come March.

Jonathan Esposito
Londonderry

Public Notices

To the editor,

It was a smart decision by Town Manager Kevin Smith to reinstate the Londonderry Times as the paper of record for the Town of Londonderry and reverse his decision to pull the town's Public Notices from the Londonderry Times pages.

The Londonderry Times has always been Londonderry's hometown newspaper that actively covers meetings, events and activities, includes great illustrative photographs, and lets the public comment, vent or say "thanks" via Letters to the Editor. It is a place you can catch up on what's happening in town and your voice can be heard. It's also where Londonderry doesn't play second fiddle to other towns in a multi-town paper or where

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 you have to go 'hunting' for your town's notices. In the Londonderry Times they're easily seen, in a point size you can easily read.

Owner/Publisher Deb Paul actually stepped up and offered a very generous solution to any objections some town councilors may have had about reinstating the public notices in the Times and showed that she and Chris Paul only have the best interests of the citizens of Londonderry in mind when they publish the Londonderry Times. She offered to post Londonderry's town notices free of charge, saving town taxpayers the yearly cost of publishing each and every one of them. That woman is incredibly wise beyond her years.

I'm glad our town manager did the right

thing and instituted the change.

I also wish him well in his run for the U.S. Senate.

Respectfully,
 Ann Chiampa
 Londonderry

Freedom to Vote

To the editor,
 I'm seeing signs around town in support of the Freedom to Vote Act, the zombie form of HR1 (the "For the People Act") that was killed in the US Senate last summer. Both bills propose greater federal control of elections and sweeping reforms purported to thwart voter suppression, which proponents see as a major obstacle to free and fair elections in the United States. But how suppressed are American voters, really? Compared to other relatively free nations, not so much.

Take voter ID laws, for example, which 80% of Americans support and Joe Biden disparages as racist. Of the 47 European countries, 46 require voter ID and the 47th has a bill on the topic pending in Parliament. Closer to home, Canada requires two forms of valid ID to cast a ballot. Mexico requires a biometric ID, including photo and thumbprint, and every voter's thumb is indelibly inked for good measure. In stark contrast, voter ID laws among the fifty united states are spotty and have generally been quite weak.

Mail-in or absentee voting is another area worth comparing. 35 of 47 European countries simply do not allow absentee voting for citizens living in country. Ten do, provided the voter shows up in person with a proper ID to pick up his or her ballot.

A few allow notarized proxy voting for citizens with disabilities, or those living outside of the country. They operate this way because to do otherwise, they have learned by experience, facilitates vote-buying and all manner of fraud. On the other hand, in 2020, most US states granted no-excuse mail-in ballot requests, while at least a dozen preemptively mailed ballots to every name on the voter list. Most states established ballot drop boxes and greatly expanded timeframes for receipt and processing of mail-in ballots. Believe it or not, some states reduced or even eliminated witness signature requirements!

There is much we can do to better safeguard the integrity of our elections and, thereby, restore the trust and confidence of the American electorate. Vast maj-

orities of Americans support common-sense measures to ensure one vote per eligible citizen, but the Democrats' Freedom to Vote Act will not accomplish this goal. Rather, it seeks to enshrine and expand no-excuse mail-in voting, early voting and post-election-day counting. It proposes automatic, online and same-day voter registration. It neutralizes any effective local identification requirements under the guise of a national standard. Perhaps most dangerous of all, it federalizes election oversight at the expense of state control and the decentralization that has heretofore protected our elections from systemic abuse.

This week the Democrats in Washington will try their hardest to eliminate the filibuster to pass the Voting Rights Act with a simple majority. For the good of our

country and the integrity of future elections, let's hope they fall short.

Laura El-Azem
 Londonderry

Biden's Poll Numbers

To the editor,
 It appears there's no point in arguing with a person who can't understand facts, reality or common sense so I'll just leave it to the latest polls regarding the failure of Biden and the Democrat agenda as proof of what I speak. The well-respected Quinnipiac University's December poll of adult voters found that only 33% or 1/3 of American's approve of the job Biden is doing; down from 36% in November as Biden grapples with his failing agenda. 57% percent of independent voters, an important voter block that helped Biden get

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elected, now say they disapprove of Biden's job performance compared to 25% of independents who approve. Even worse for Biden and his managers, approval among Democrats dipped from 87% to 75%. Maybe my friend should take note of that statistic. Among registered voters, 54% disapprove of Biden's job performance while only 33% approve. Further proof of Biden's ineptitude and failure is that 57% disapprove of his handling of the economy, 54% disapprove of his handling of foreign policy and 55% disapprove of his handling of the pandemic; once his bright spot that he stated he would end. These poll numbers are validated by NewsNation's own polling surveys. Further, NewsNation's poll found that only 16% trust information from Biden on COVID while 31% trust information from Anthony Fauci. The biggest dagger in House and Senate Democrat November re-election chances and a reflection of Biden's failed economic policy is the current 7% inflation rate causing higher costs of

living particularly impacting low and middle-income voters. 7% inflation is the highest and fastest rate increase in 40 years since 1982 with 92% of voters concerned about inflation and 40% stating they are worse off from a year ago during Trump's last year in office when the CPI inflation rate was 1.4% for 12 months ending December 2020. While the 7% inflation rate may taper off somewhat between now and November, it will still be at a rate continuing to impact voters being the nail in the coffin along with other Biden failures for Democrats to retain the House and Senate. After November, Biden will be a lame duck President and only able to advance some of his socialist agenda via Executive Orders that will expire when a Republican President is elected in November 2024. America is majorly a middle-of-the-road and slightly conservative nation. Biden and the socialist, left-leaning Democrat party is out of touch with the majority of Americans who after a year of Biden and the his agenda now realize that Biden's characterizations of Americans as racist if they don't agree

with his policies has divided the country beyond what voters had hoped for. So my friend, believe me or not; it matters not. But you can't argue with Americans when they rate Joe Biden's incompetent, confused and out-of-touch presidency. But of course, it's Trump's fault and I'm a terrorist and racist per Joe Biden.

Semper Fidelity
Bob Pitre
Londonderry

School Board

To the ditor,
At the Londonderry School Board, we are incredibly grateful for all of our teachers. Each year, we welcome new teachers who join a wonderful community known for valuing education and we always look forward to these teachers remaining with us for their careers. We are incredibly grateful to the teachers who make their careers in Londonderry. This consistency and continuity in our teaching staff is a gift. Most importantly, teachers who remain in Londonderry provide value and reliability for our students. Each year, our seniors return to their elementary schools, and

many of them are thrilled and blessed to be greeted by their first-grade teacher, twelve years later. Across the district, the "Senior Breakfast" is a highlight for our seniors each year, and brought to us by the teachers who make their careers here.

Beyond once-a-year events, teachers shape the lives of our students and do so on a daily basis. Our teachers- who are selfless, caring, giving, and compassionate aim to encourage and motivate our learners everyday. Our teachers, who have always been stellar, have been challenged in nearly unimaginable ways over the past two years. Despite this, they have steadfast in overcoming to serve our students- their "kids", and we are endlessly grateful for their dedication, perseverance and sacrifice.

Please join us in our deep appreciation for our teachers!

Thank you,
Amy Finamore
Londonderry School Board

Thank You Moose Hill

To the editor,
Since my wifes cancer diagnosis in May of

2021 the outpour of love and support has been overwhelming.

We want to express our thanks and gratitude to the staff at Moose Hill School. The ladies from Moose Hill

have shown us so much support and love, their generosity to our family has been over the

top. With the preparations of meals, gift cards and visits we are eternally grateful to our second family at Moose Hill.

Thank you and bless you Moose Hill.

Very Sincerely, The Downing Family: Patty, Jim, Jessica and Sean
Jim Downing
Londonderry

OBITUARY

Susan T. Nadeau



Susan T. (Perrin) Nadeau, 67, of Londonderry, NH, passed away on Jan. 9, 2022 at the Community Hospice House in Merrimack, NH surrounded by her family after losing her battle with rapidly progressing Alzheimer's disease.

Susan was born Jan. 22, 1954, in Lowell, MA a daughter of Theresa and Ephrem Perrin. She was a graduate of Lowell High School, Class of 1971. Susan earned her Degree at Newbury College in MA. She worked at WNA Comet Products in Chelmsford, MA, and Upper Deck Card Company in Las Vegas, NV.

Susan had been an active member with the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 662 in Lowell, MA. She was also a member of the Elks Club in Lowell, and Salem-Derry Elks in Salem, NH.

Susan enjoyed dancing, line dancing and going on cruises. She especially enjoyed vacations with family and friends, always looking for warm places to go. Las Vegas was one of her favorite destinations and enjoyed living there for years. Susan will always be remembered for her boisterous personality and laugh.

Susan contracted COVID-19 on Dec. 25, 2020, and after months of long haul side effects she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. She deteriorated rapidly over the months that followed, shocking everyone who knew her.

She will be deeply missed by all and welcomed by those that passed before her. God bless her.

Susan is survived by her husband of 47 years Henry "Harry" Nadeau, her daughter Krista Leahy and her husband Brian, her son Joseph Nadeau, and her granddaughter Ava Leahy. Susan also leaves behind her sisters-in-law, Grace Miller of Nashua, NH, Nancy Tremblay of Dracut, MA, Dorothy Nadeau of Pelham, NH, Barbara Taylor and her husband Terry of Aiken, SC, her brother-in-law David Hogue of Dracut, MA, and many cousins, several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. Susan is predeceased her sisters, Alice Curtsinger and Diane Hogue.

Due to the current COVID-19 conditions, the family will wait to hold a celebration of life gathering in the future when everyone can gather safely. If you wish, donations may be made in Susan's memory to the Community Hospice House, 210 Naticook Rd., Merrimack, NH 03055, or www.hhnc.org.

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Search for a New Londonderry Superintendent Begins

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During a School Board meeting earlier this year Londonderry School District

Superintendent Scott La-liberte announced that he would be retiring at the end of the school year.

During the Jan. 11 Londonderry School Board

meeting the Board heard from Heather Meninger, the Director of Human Resources for the School District regarding the search for the School District's next superintendent.

"Under the direction of the board, I have moved forward with hiring the NH School Board Association / The Bryan Group to conduct our Superintendent Search. I met with The Bryan Group (TBG) to discuss their lengthy vetting, interviewing, and hiring process they will utilize with the committee," Meninger wrote in a memo to the School Board.

Meninger said that the recommendation for

who to serve on the search committee includes herself, the special education director, the business administrator, an elementary school principal, Londonderry High School Principal, a high school administrator, a teacher, a member of Allied Health and a AFSCME support staff member.

In addition she said that they should have two active people from the community and two school board members.

Meninger said that she needed the School Board to decide on two school board members who will act as liaisons for the search committee.

School Board member Bob Slater volunteered to

be on it saying that he has the flexibility with his other commitments.

Slater asked where they are finding the community members to serve on the committee.

Meninger said that the consultants said that they should look at the PTAs to find people who may be interested.

Slater said he was okay with that but wants to make sure that they know what the time commitment is.

"We just have to make sure these people will attend these meetings," said Slater.

Meninger said that the consultants from the Bryan Group will be helping them throughout the entire process.

"The Bryan Group will lead these meetings and assist with assigning the roles and responsibilities, source candidates, screen and interview candidates, complete reference checks and help the committee determine the best match based on the committee's search criteria," Meninger wrote in a memo. "This assistance is going to be necessary with this position, and I've included a breakdown of roles and

responsibilities that further details their role."

Meninger also pointed out that towards the end of the process they will have focus groups which will include students and community members in order to get their feedback.

School Board member Nancy Hendricks pointed out that there are currently 12 open superintendent positions in the region meaning there will be a lot of competition as many school boards are looking for a new superintendent. She asked what happens if they go through the entire process and aren't satisfied with any of the candidates.

"The procedure is they will go back out and do another search for us," said Meninger.

She said that the timeline is for them to hire someone around April.

Slater and School Board Chair Amy Finamore were selected to serve on the Committee by the School Board.

The Board also approved the composition of the search committee and will allow Meninger to appoint the two members from the PTA to the Committee.

OBITUARY

Nancy Howes Pierce



Nancy Howes Pierce, a longtime school administrator and teacher of Derry, NH, died Friday, Jan. 14, 2022, at her home after a courageous battle with cancer. She was 76. Born on March 27, 1945, in Hyanis, MA, she was the daughter of Harold D. and Dorothy (Canning) Howes of Dennis, MA. She graduated from Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School in 1963, earned a bachelor's degree in English from Bridgewater (MA) State College in 1967 and a master's in education for school administration from Rivier College in Nashua, NH, in 1981.

Nancy retired in 2007, having worked for eight years as assistant principal of Highland-Goffe's Falls Elementary School in Manchester, NH. She also led the English Department for 14 years at Windham (NH) Middle School, where she taught English and French. Before that, she was the chairman of the English and Reading departments and taught English, reading and social studies at Hudson (NH) Memorial School and Alvirne High School from 1969-1985. She also taught summer school English at Pinkerton Academy in Derry and started her teaching career at Hanover (MA) High School in 1967.

She was a three-time finalist for the NHASP Assistant Principal of the Year award for the state of NH and received the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement. Among her numerous leadership positions, she served as president of the Windham Education Association, secretary of the Manchester Association of Principals, and was the chairperson of the Career Education and Communications committees and the school to careers coordinator for the Windham School District.

Nancy was deeply involved in community service and volunteer work. She served in several capacities for the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry, VFW Post 1617 of Derry, Derry Police Department Senior Advisory Board, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, Rivier College Alumni Association, and was an election official for the Town of Derry.

She loved animals and provided a forever home to more than 30 pets, many of which were old, sick or unwanted. She was known to see a distressed or emaciated stray on the side of a road or at a gas station and immediately spring into action to find a veterinarian at her own expense, and a good home after networking with local organizations. She was a voracious reader who loved historical novels and biographies, a dedicated daily reader of local newspapers and a plethora of periodicals, and did crossword puzzles every day. She loved traveling, sailing, music, and was passionate about her community, her country and public service. She believed you never stopped learning, and she knew in her heart that education could change everyone's life for the better.

Nancy was the beloved wife of Rodgers E. Pierce of Derry and is also survived by her sons, David E. Pierce and his wife, Dana, of Nashua and Eric R. Pierce of York County, PA; grandchildren Andrew, Ryan, Michael, Emma and Elizabeth; her brother, David L. Howes of East Dennis, MA; her sisters-in-law Judith (Pierce) Livingstone of East Dennis, MA, and Carol (Pierce) Lindop and her husband Jim of Cornwall, England; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents.

Visiting hours were held Tuesday, Jan. 18, from 4 - 7 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A memorial service and celebration of life will be planned for the spring, with burial to follow at the Forest Hill Cemetery in E. Derry.

In lieu of flowers, Nancy wished that donations be made to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) or to your local humane society.

OBITUARY

Arthur Louis "Bud" Wheeler

Arthur Louis "Bud" Wheeler, 80, of Londonderry, NH, passed away on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 13, 2022 at the Parkland Medical Center in Derry.

Bud was born on Aug. 1, 1941 in Salem, MA to Marion (Dumez) and Arthur F. Wheeler. He was raised in Beverly, MA, attended local schools, earned his bachelor's degree from Ottawa University, and went on to get his Master's at Syracuse. He married the love of his life, Janice (Ingalls) on June 26, 1965 and the couple raised their family in Hampton, NH. Bud had a wonderful 40 years as a teacher and assistant principal. He loved what he did and was well-liked by his colleagues and students.

He was an avid Patriots and Red Sox fan. Bud and Jan loved to travel together, traveling to all 50 states.

Bud is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Janice Wheeler of Londonderry, NH; his son, Warren A. Wheeler and his wife Cheryl of Nashua, NH; his grandchildren, Ben Wheeler, Bryan Wheeler, Zachary Malcolm, and Noah Malcolm; his sister, Janice Whitkens of Las Vegas, NV; his brother, Robert Wheeler and his wife Selena of Kensington, NH; as well as several nieces, nephews, and many friends. In addition to his parents, Bud was predeceased by his daughter, Jennifer Malcolm on Sept. 2, 2014.

Family and Friends are invited to attend the calling hours and funeral service for Bud, on Thursday, Jan. 20, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., with the Funeral Service at 1 p.m., at the Carrier Family Funeral Home, 38 Range Rd., Windham, NH 03087.

Arrangements are in the care of the Carrier Family Funeral Home. To leave a message of condolence, please visit www.carrierfuneralhome.com.

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Planning Board Gives Initial OK For Portable Storage Units Zoning

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Jan. 12 Londonderry Planning Board meeting one of the possible zoning amendments discussed was in regards to portable storage structures.

It was explained by Londonderry Zoning Administrator Nick Codner

that they should add a 16th question to the application when people apply for a special exception for your portable storage units.

He said that the question should be "how long will the portable storage structure remain on the property."

Codner explained that right now under the ord-

inance the structure could remain the property for decades if there isn't a change of property owners.

Londonderry Town Planner Colleen Mailloux explained that she thinks that the Zoning Board of Adjustments has struggled with some of the applications because it doesn't specify

anything about how long they can be left up for.

She said that with the language in the current ordinance there is an argument to be made they already have the authority to limit the time frame for the structures and that they can impose what conditions they want on it.

She also noted that by spelling it out it gives the ZBA a level of comfort that they have the authority to limit the time they can be left up for.

Mailloux said that she doesn't think the zoning ordinance amendment wouldn't change much but would be helpful for the ZBA.

"I don't think this really changes anything, I just think it clarifies it and makes the ZBA job a little bit easier," said Mailloux.

Ex-Officio Deb Paul said she was supportive of the possible amendment.

"I do think this is a good idea," said Paul.

She explained with turnover from time to time on the ZBA not everyone knows everything that they can and can't do and what questions they should ask.

Paul also noted that right now people could have a shed on their property indefinitely and not pay any taxes on it which they normally would have to pay an assessment on.

Planning Board member Jeff Penta said that he thought it was a good idea to have the question on the application.

"I think having that question there guides the applicant appropriately," said Penta.

Planning Board Assistant Secretary Lynn Wiles asked why they don't just impose a maximum amount of time in the ordinance.

Mailloux explained that the previous ordinance had set maxi-

mums and the previous amendment was done because there was some pushback in Town from people who thought they were being too restrictive.

"There was a lot of back and forth with that," said Mailloux.

Wiles said that he was concerned because they aren't giving the applicants any real guidance on how long they can apply to have the portable storage units up for.

The Planning Board agreed to send the ordinance to a public hearing in the future.

It was explained during the meeting by Rugg that for ordinances the Planning Board makes recommendations to the Town Council. From there the Town Council has to have two readings of the ordinance one being a meeting to introduce it and a second one to vote on whether or not they will adopt it or not.

Chickens

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ment that states "Agricultural operations shall be conducted in accordance with the 'Manual of Best Management Practices (BMP) for Agriculture in New Hampshire, published by the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food."

Ex-Officio Deb Paul who owns chickens on more than two acres of land said that she was in favor of the possible zoning amendment.

"I like this, I think it's

good," said Paul.

She noted that she thinks it should be two tiered so those with a half acre of land could be allowed to own around five chickens and a small coup, saying that she doesn't think it should be a big deal.

Planning Board member Jeff Penta said he wouldn't be opposed to seeing the minimum requirement reduced to .5 acres of land with some restrictions.

"This is NH. We definitely want to promote sustainability and I think this is one of the situa-

tions that allows us to do that," said Penta.

Planning Board Chairman Arthur Rugg said that he thinks they need it to be non commercial.

Mailloux said that may be more difficult for them to define.

Mailloux said that they are going to try to establish poultry density for the final version of the proposed amendment. Once the final proposed changes are drafted based on the Board's feedback it will be brought back for their consideration.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancer Hockey Team Adds Two More To Win Column

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Varsity Hockey Squad added two more dominating performances to their season's results last week with a win at home and one on the road.

In the team's first game of the week, on Wednesday, Jan. 12, they

faced Bishop Brady, who was 1-3 at that point in the season.

Londonderry was easily able to get by the Brady bunch without giving up a single goal and beat that team 6-0.

From there, the Lancers took their 5-2 record on the road and traveled to Manchester's JFK Coliseum on Saturday to take on Trin-

ity High School.

Both team's got off to a rather sluggish start, but the Pioneers seemed to carry the puck most of the first period and Londonderry was able to fight off a two-minute man advantage on a high sticking call.

The first period ended scoreless, despite a strong last minute flurry by the Lancers.

In the second period, Trinity got the upper hand with a goal at the five-minute mark, this after their first goal, two-minutes earlier, was taken back.

The Pioneers added to their scoring with another goal two-minutes later, for a 2-0 advantage, but before the period ended, senior captain Brandon Savage put the Lancers on the scoreboard with under 40-seconds left in the period.

The Lancers took control of the game from that point on, scoring five unanswered goals in the third period.

Freshman Brett McKinnon tied the game at two-apiece with an



Lancer junior Ben Padykula takes a shot at net on Saturday. Photo by Chris Paul

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Londonderry Boys Basketball Takes Three of Four

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys Basketball squad had one of their busiest weeks of the year so far and came away with three wins and a loss to remain well-above .500 as the cross the halfway mark in the season.

In that four-game stretch, the Lancers only loss was in their lone road game on the sea-coast.

On that road trip, Londonderry was coming off a very nice 50-48 win over Bedford and they were facing a Portsmouth Clippers team who were riding a five-game winning streak.

The streak continued for Portsmouth with a 62-57 win over the

Lancers.

Freshman guard Mason Paquette had an exceptional game scoring 22-point to lead the team. Senior forward Mike Rosatano scored 14 in the loss.

Two days later the Lancers returned home to face Manchester Memorial, who had only had one win this season.

The LHS squad outpaced the Crusaders 65-52 for their fifth win of the season.

Rosatano led the team with 19-points and Paquette had four, three-pointers and a bucket to finish with 14-points.

Senior Tyler Murray finished with 12-points, including two tree-pointers.

Senior guard Justin Hoggard had 10-points.

Londonderry kept

the wins coming when they faced the Keene Black Birds on Friday night, Jan. 14.

In that game the Lancers got off to a blistering starting outscoring Keene 24-9 in the first quarter and lead 37-20 by the half.

Sophomore guard Tyler Brown led the team with 18-points, 15 of which came by way of three-pointers. Murray and Haggard each had 12-points in the game and both had three from outside the arc.

Senior forward Aiden Warren had eight-points in the contest.

Londonderry finished their busy week at home on Saturday afternoon with a game against Alvirne High School (4-6).

That final game of the

week ended with Londonderry's third consecutive win but came at a price.

The team lost Hoggard early in the third quarter with what looked like a severe ankle sprain.

The Lancers opened the game with a 15-6 first quarter lead, but eased up in the second, allowing AHS to get within three-points by the half.

Both teams went into a scoring funk in the third, with each hitting for just eight-points.

By the final period, LHS pulled away with the 50-40 win.

Brown led the team with 11-points and Warren finished with nine.

Hoggard had seven-points when he left the game and Paquette had six.

Londonderry is



Senior guard Justin Hoggard heads to the hoop during Saturday's game. Photo by Chris Paul

scheduled to play three rival Pinkerton Academy games this week, including a game with the team on Saturday at noon.

Lady Lancer Hoops Squad Gets Split in Four Games

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls Basketball team continued the up and down path in the division last week with two wins and two losses.

The Lady Lancers started the week at home on Monday, Jan. 10 where they were severely out-matched by the Lady Clippers of Portsmouth High School.

Portsmouth added

their eighth win of the season with a 68-37 thrashing of Londonderry.

Two days later, LHS put the loss behind them for a road game with Manchester Memorial where they came away with a 14-point win.

Four girls did all the scoring for the Lady Lancers. Senior forward Olivia Chau scored 14, freshman Kate Sloper had 13, junior Izabela Pucillo finished with nine and junior Shannon Ball got eight.

On Friday night, Londonderry was able to add their fifth win of the season with a close 54-51 victory over Keene High School on the road.

In that contest, LHS trailed the Lady Black Birds to end the first quarter 19-12, but tied the game at 29 to finish the half.

They outscored Keene in the second half for the three-point victory.

Chau had another strong performance, scor-

ing 17-points to lead her team.

Junior guard Jordon Furlong had 16-points, Sloper gave her team 13-points and freshman Reagan Anderson added seven to the team tally.

Hockey

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assist from junior Drew Cameron at 10-minutes.

One-minute later sophomore Mike Maloney put LHS up 3-2.

Less than a minute later Londonderry went up 4-2 with a goal from junior Ben Padykula assisted by McKinnon.

The girls' final game of the long week was in Hudson against Alvirne High School.

The Lady Broncos handed LHS its sixth loss of the season in that game with a score of 57-50.

With just two and a half minutes left to play, the scoring continued for LHS when Padykula got his second goal of the night with the assist going to senior Noah Malcolm.

The final goal of the night came 30-seconds later with a goal by sophomote Mat Boyon, assisted by junior captain Kyle McPhail.

The Lady Lancers have three games scheduled this week, two at home and one on the road.

They will face the undefeated Lady Astros on Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Londonderry will try to continue their good fortunes with two more games this week. The first will be against Salem (3-4), on the road, Wednesday, Jan. 18. The second game is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 22, against Windham High School (4-4), who Londonderry beat 3-2 in their first game of the season.



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Swim Teams See More Success at Third Home Meet

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys and Girls Swim teams had another successful home meet against multiple opponents.

The teams took to the pool for the first time in 2022 after having their previous meet, one week earlier, postponed.

On Friday night, Jan. 14, Londonderry hosted four other teams and had significant success against each of them.

The Lancer boys' team beat Gilford High School 62-17; Derryfield School 62-31; and Winnicunnet 60-18.

The LHS girls had four wins, beating Derryfield 71-57; Gilford 80-27; Laconia 83-15 and Winnicunnet 91-23.

GIRLS

In the 200-Yard Medley Relay the Londonderry team of Ali Von Pichl, Maggie Edwards, Lexi Apholz and Kyra Courtemanche, had a second place finish with a time of 2:12.04

In the 200-Yard Freestyle, Lancer Maggie Edwards finished in second place with a time of 2:11.34.

In the 200-Yard Individual Medley, Kyra Courtemanche finished in second place at 2:40.06 and Ali Von Pichl placed third with her time of 2:53.49.

The 50-Yard Freestyle had Lexi Apholz finishing in second place with a time of 27.36. Avery Crimmins finished in tenth with a time of 34.29.

The 100-Yard Butter-

fly race had Apholz finishing in third at 1:13.25.

The 100-Yard Freestyle race had Maggie Edwards finishing in first place at 1:02.35. Courtemanche took second (1:03.05) and Daden Thomas placed third with her time of 1:11.23.

In the 500-Yard Freestyle, Von Pichl finished in third with a time of 6:47.94.

In the 200-Yard Freestyle relay, the team of Von Pichl, Thomas, Avery Crimmins and Courtemanche finished in second with a time of 2:03.42.

The 100-Yard Breaststroke had Crimmins taking third place with her time of 1:39.53.

Londonderry took first in the 400-Yard Freestyle Relay with the team of Crimmins,



Maggie Edwards



Kevin Moscat

Thomas, Apholz and Edwards finishing with their time of 4:39.71.

BOYS

First place in the 200-Yard Medley Relay race went to the LHS team of Kevin Moscat, Sean Bailey, Slate Branson and Reed Erdtmann with a time of 1:53.21.

In the 200-Yard Freestyle, LHS's Reed Erdtmann took first with a time of 2:01.91.

The 200-Yard Individual Medley race had Kevin Moscat finishing first at 2:25.02.

In the 50-Yard Freestyle, Caleb Howard had a time of 28.97 for fourth.

The 100-Yard Butterfly first place went to Slate Branson with his time of 1:05.60.

Moscat took second in the 100-Yard Freestyle race with a time of 57:31.

The 500-Yard Free-

style had Erdtmann taking first at 5:40.07.

In the 200-Yard Freestyle relay, the team of Branson, Howard, Erdtmann and Moscat finished in first with a time of 1:50.18.

The 100-Yard Backstroke had Sean Bailey finish in first at 58.38.

The 100-Yard Breaststroke had Howard take first with a time of 1:23.62.

Lancer Gymnastics Team Takes First in Salem Meet

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Gymnastics team took part in their third meet of the season and were able to come away with their second first place finish of the winter.

The Lancer team traveled to Salem on Thursday night, Jan. 13, and took part in a multi-school meet, one week earlier, the squad cancelled its second home meet of the season due to issues related to

COVID-19.

At last week's meet, the girls were able to show their depth and edge out their host, the Salem Blue Devils, to take first with 128.6 points to Salem's 128.35. The team from Bedford High School took third with 122.15 and Hollis-Brookline had 101-85 points for fourth.

In the Vault, senior Ella Houghton placed second with an 8.8 and junior Ava Ruppel placed third with an 8.3. Other strong vaults were

performed by from senior Nikki Stone and junior Marlie Fitzgerald.

On the Bars: senior Makenna Lord tied for second with an 8.0 and Marlie Fitzgerald placed third with a 7.7. Other solid performances came from freshman Sophia Beauregard and sophomore Amanda Robinson.

The team's only first place individual finish came on the Beam, where Lilly Haggett scored a 8.7 for the top spot. Ava Ruppel placed third in that event with

an 8.4. Peyton Beirne and Amanda Robinson also had stuck routines.

Ella Houghton had another second place finish on the Floor: with an 8.4. Junior Jess Bolduc, Ava Ruppel, and Amanda Robinson also helped to contribute to the team score.

Londonderry head

coach Heather Lennon was very pleased with the outcome, "Having to cancel last weeks home meet due to COVID was a hard blow to the team but the girls really worked hard to pull out the win this past week. We definitely have a lot of depth on this team, which helps when we

have people who are out. I'm hopeful our team will be back to 100% for the next meet."

The team will travel north to Plymouth on Saturday, Jan. 22 where we face the Salem team again and squads from Plymouth and Exeter High Schools.

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Lancer Wrestling Squad Wins One But Drops Four

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Wrestling had another tough week, dropping a home dual meet to a strong Salem Blue Devils team and then suffered three defeats and had one win at the annual Merrimack Duals.

In the home meet that took place on Wednes-

day, Jan. 12, at the Londonderry Middle School, only three Londonderry wrestlers were able to come off the mat with wins and the team wound up on the losing side of a 61-13 finish.

Forfeits were once a big part of the team's defeat, giving up five weights to their opponent.

Junior Lancer Nicolas D'Alessandro tallied the

first win for the team at 126 lbs. over Cameron Monahan with a convincing, 11-6 finish.

At 145 lbs., freshman Emanuel Perez gave Londonderry their second win with a lopsided 14-2 victory.

The final win for the Lancers came at 160 lbs., senior Ricardo Perez pinned Brayden Fleming at 2:42 for Londonderry's last six points of the

evening.

In Merrimack, on Sat. Jan. 15, the Lancers took on four schools in individual Duals during the annual Merrimack Meet.

Against the Merrimack Tomahawks, Londonderry was two pins shy of a tie and lost 42-30.

Freshman David Pento (132 lbs) managed a 17-2 Technical Fall win, followed by Evan Madigan's pin at 138 lbs.

Patrick O'Connor (152 lb.) had a 10-1 Major Decision win and Ricardo Perez (162 lbs.) managed a Fall win at 1:21.

At 285 lbs., Jason Senus got a forfeit win.

Nicolas D'Alessandro edged out Evan Torres 3-1 at 126 lbs. for the lancers final win of that contest.

In the team's meet against Natick High School the Lancers were only able to get three wins and wound up with a 45-15 defeat.

Wins came from David Pento (Fall 2:55); Evan Madigan (8-7 Decision); and Jason Senus (285 lbs.).



Nicolas D'Alessandro

The Londonderry

crew finally had a positive result when the faced the Portsmouth Clippers and beat that team 54-24.

Kaden Stone (126 lbs.) Nicolas D'Alessandro (132) and David Pento (138) each had forfeit wins to start the LHS scoring.

Londonderry then had five consecutive wins by falls. Emanuel Perez, Jonathan Millis, Patrick O'Connor, Ricardo Perez and Owen Rondeau each added six points to the team tally

with their pins.

Jason Senus added the final six points to the win with another LHS pin.

In the team's contest against Noble High School, Londonderry fell by just six points for a 36-30 loss.

Emanuel Perez had a forfeit win. Patrick O'Connor had a Fall win at 1:11.

Ricardo Perez had a Fall at 0:46 for six points. Owen Rondeau had a forfeit win.

Nicolas D'Alessandro managed a 9-4 victory.

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13 Musical

13 will be presented by the Ovation Theatre Company on Friday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 29 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 30 at 1 p.m., at Granite State Arts Academy (19 Keewaydin Dr., Salem, NH). Tickets are \$15 and are on sale at Ova-

tionTC.com. Ovation is not requiring proof of vaccination, however facemasks will be required for all audience members.

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Trustee of Trust Fund: One, Three-year Position available.

Filing Period Begins on Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 8:30 a.m. and ends on Jan. 28, at 5:00 p.m.

To sign-up to run for any position, go to the Town Clerk's Office to file the necessary forms during the filing period listed above.

Any questions, contact the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall.

Londonderry School Open Election Positions

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One School Board Member for a two-year term

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One School District Clerk - three-year term

To make arrangements to file, contact Kerri Stanley, Interim School District Clerk at (603) 860-9369.

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3:28 p.m. Services rendered for Sexual Offender Registration on Westminster Drive.
11:27 p.m. Services rendered for a Complaint received on Horizon Drive.
- Tuesday - Jan. 11**
8:06 a.m. Services rendered for a Structure Fire on Moulton Drive.
9:24 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at the NH Liquor Store on Michels Way.
10:56 a.m. Services rendered for an Assault Services at Home Depot on Nashua Road.
11:56 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Perkins Road.
8:31 p.m. Five officers respond to a Disturbance on Rockingham Road and make an arrest. Connor Hill, 18, of Londonderry charged with Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Physical Contact); and Criminal Mischief.
10:34 p.m. Three officers render services for Neighborhood Disputes on Capitol Hill Drive.
- Wednesday - Jan. 12**
9:29 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Harvey Road.
3:36 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Hazelnut Lane.
5:25 p.m. Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport transported to a hospital.
- Thursday - Jan. 13**
4:16 a.m. Services rendered

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Ovation Theatre Presents "13" Jan. 28, 29 and 30

SUBMITTED BY DAN GORE
OVATION THEATRE COMPANY

Evan Goldman is plucked from his fast-paced, preteen New York City life and plopped into a sleepy Indiana town following his parents' divorce. Surrounded by an array of simpleminded middle school students, he needs to establish his place in the popularity pecking order. Can he situate himself on a comfortable link of the food chain...or will he dangle at the end with the outcasts? With an unforgettable rock score from Tony Award-winning composer Jason Robert Brown, 13 is a musical about fitting in - and standing out. Ovation Theatre Company is kick-

ing off the theatre year with a big, talented cast and a really fun show.

Ryan Carrigan of Derry plays the leading role. "Evan is a relatable and lovable character who the audience can not only laugh at but relate too in many ways. I think the most unique part of 13 is how the actors are so connected to their roles. The entire cast is able to see themselves in their roles in one way or another and it allows us to have fun while performing."

People of all ages love the story, the music and the dancing of 13. Parents should consider the content as rated PG, but also know that everyone who has ever set foot in a middle school

will be able to appreciate this depiction of young teens finding their way in the world - or at least in their small town. Audience members can expect to laugh a lot, maybe cry a little and to be completely entertained.

13 features an accomplished cast drawn from towns far and wide. The creative team is Director Meg Gore, Music Director Kevin Fisher and Choreographer Mari Frederique-Streitburger. The cast includes Ava Amaro, Alex Barnes, Carter Blanco, Hanna Carroll, Rylee Dolliver, Michaela Horan, Cooper Jean, Genevieve Martin, Kate Schulsinger, Malia Smith, Dylan Torre-Moody and Everett Vago of London-



Ovation Theatre Company will present "13" at the Granite State Arts Academy starting Jan. 28. Courtesy Photo

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metz of Derry; Lisette Beauchemin and Cara Berman of Bedford, Deborah Hernandez of Chester, Ryan Kaplan of Windham, Olivia Rader of Bow and Natalie McCormick of Litchfield. 13 will be presented on Friday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 29 at 1

p.m., and 7 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 30 at 1 p.m., at Granite State Arts Academy (19 Keewaydin Dr., Salem, NH). Tickets are \$15 and are on sale at OvationTC.com. Ovation is not requiring proof of vaccination, however face-masks will be required for all audience members.

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dered for a Burglary on Bancroft Road.

4:56 a.m. Services Rendered for Suspicious Activity on Bancroft Road.

8:41 a.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated by four officers on Harvey Road.

9:56 a.m. Follow-up on Harvey Road leads to an arrest made by four officers. John Tadiello, 70, of Londonderry charged with Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Physical Contact).

10:42 a.m. Three officers assist the Londonderry

Fire Department with Transportation to a hospital from Bancroft Road.

12:50 p.m. Three officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with Transportation to a hospital from Vista Ridge Drive.

12:56 p.m. Services rendered keeping the peace on Harvey Road.

2:23 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Angelo Lane.

3:21 p.m. Services rendered for report of Trespassing on Gilcreast Road.

Friday - Jan. 14
7:05 a.m. Peace restored after a Disturbance at the

Sunoco on Nashua Road **7:58 a.m.** Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on Pine Hollow Drive.

8:57 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at the Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

12:14 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made on Pettengill Road. Angel Plata Valdez, 31, of Manchester charged with Operation of a vehicle After Certified as a Habitual Offender.

3:25 p.m. Drug Offenses investigated at the Lon-

donderry Police Department.

6:08 p.m. Shoplifting investigated at the NH Liquor Store on Michels Way.

8:44 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on High Range Road.

9:30 p.m. Welfare Check investigated by four officers on Shelley Drive.

Saturday - Jan. 15
8:50 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services at Matthew Thornton Elementary School

9:09 a.m. School Check/

Walk-Thru performed at Londonderry South Elementary School.

12:01 p.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

2:11 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud reported and Peace Restored at the MacGregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

11:49 p.m. Overdose transported to a hospital from Fairway Road.

Sunday - Jan. 16

3:46 p.m. Motor Vehicle Check leads to an arrest at the Shell Food Mart on Nashua Road. Five officers assist with charging Russell Martin, 37, of Derry with Theft By Unauthorized Taking (\$0-\$1,000).

6:38 p.m. Overdose at Elliot Primary Care/Urgent Care on Buttrick Road transported to a hospital.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Londonderry Town Council will hold a public hearing on the following items:

The conveyance of certain realty known as Tax Map and Lot 13-4-0 and 10-34 to the State of New Hampshire. The State is seeking to take such property by eminent domain for completion of the Exit 4A project.

The public hearing will occur on Jan. 24, 2022 at 7 p.m., at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053.

Londonderry Town Council

LEACH LIBRARY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS

The Leach Library Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing pursuant to RSA 202-A:4c, III relative to the acceptance of unanticipated moneys in excess of \$5,000.

Leach Library has been awarded American Rescue Plan Act grant funds totaling \$12,321 from the Institute for Museum and Library Services' "Grants to States" Program facilitated by the N.H. State Library.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022 at a Board of Trustees meeting scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in the Leach Library Meeting Room, 276 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. Contact the library for more information at (603) 432-1132.



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

The Town of Londonderry and the Londonderry School District will be conducting their Deliberative Sessions as follows:

- The 2022 Deliberative Session of the Londonderry Budgetary Town Meeting shall be held on Saturday, Feb. 5, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Londonderry High School Cafeteria. All warrant articles shall be acted upon at that time for placement on the Town Meeting Official Ballot.

- The 2022 Deliberative Session of the Londonderry School District shall be held on Friday, Feb. 11, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Londonderry High School Cafeteria. All warrant articles shall be acted upon at that time for placement on the School District Official Ballot.

Voting for all town and school officials and all Official Ballot Warrant Articles shall take place on Tuesday, March 8, between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m., at the Londonderry High School Gymnasium.

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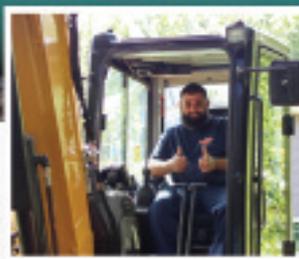
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