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Matthew Thornton Elementary School Student Council President Molly Kerrigan presents a check to Make-a-Wish Volunteer Coordinator Olivia Stanas, last week. Photo by Chris Paul

Matthew Thornton Student Council Helps Make Wishes

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the month of December, the Matthew Thornton Elementary School student council held a “Mystery Gift Raffle” fundraiser for the NH Make-a-Wish Foundation.

The fundraiser had each stu-

dent council member bring a present into school; they wrapped them, and placed clues on each one. For example, a stuffed animal’s clue could read, “I am soft and cuddly.” The school’s students were invited to purchase raffle tickets and place them in a bag next to the gift they

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Town Council Discuss PFAS Commission Representation

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the Jan. 24 Londonderry Town Council meeting the Council discussed who they should appoint to the PFAS Study Commission.

Londonderry Assistant Town Manager Lisa Drabik explained that there has been a State legislatively created commission to study the environmental and public health impacts of PFAS chemicals. Drabik said that right now Londonderry doesn’t have any representation on the Commission but were recently told they

are allowed to have two people from Londonderry on it.

Drabik said that there are two different appointments that the Town has.

The first one is a representative from Londonderry appointed by the governing body. There aren’t any restrictions on it and the Town Council can appoint anyone. She said that one example is Merrimack, which has a Town Councilor serving as their representative who is also a State Representative and the person who wrote the Bill to create the Commission.

The other appointment is supposed to be a resident who is a member of a drinking water related advocacy organization. While the Town Council doesn’t get to decide they are allowed to make recommendations. The Senate President is ultimately the one who decides on who is selected.

Town Councilor Tom Dolan said he has already been selected for the senate appointment but it hasn’t gone to the Senate process.

“When it does make its way through that process I would volunteer,” said Dolan.

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Heritage Commission Discusses the 9-1-1 Street Naming Process

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Heritage Commission heard a presentation from Bryan Young the 9-1-1 liaisons for the Town.

He said that in his role he is a member of the Street Naming Committee for Town and one of the things that they have done is went through the different streets in town and tried to clean up the names to meet the E 9-11 standards so they can avoid things like conflicting names or conflicting sounding names in case of an emergency.

“When people are pan-

icked they don’t speak clearly,” said Young.

Young said that now they have a process in place that allows them to screen the proposed names better before they are built.

He explained that they try to meet the guidelines from the State and try to please the general public saying that if they are paying for the road to be built they have a little bit of say in the name.

Young said that during the process one of the important things that they look at is the numbering of the different addresses saying that they want to make sure

that the houses are labeled in an order that’s easy for first responders and others to follow.

He said that when they aren’t in an easy to follow order it can make things more difficult.

“It makes it a little bit more challenging for us when we are responding to an emergency,” said Young.

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School Board Approves Latest American Rescue Plan Funds

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Jan. 18 Londonderry School Board meeting Kim Carpinone Director of Pupil Services for the District explained that they were notified that the District would be receiving additional federal funds from the American Rescue Plan.

"The Londonderry School District has been notified by the Department of Education that our allocation of federal ARP monies for use under IDEA is \$201,285.34," said Carpinone in a memo before the meeting.

Carpinone said that the guidelines for the funds is that it needs to be spent from COVID related issues and ties to what they are doing already with their IDEA grant funding.

"It's a much narrower monies that can be spent," said Carpinone.

Carpinone said that she met with the special education admin team and came up with a plan to spend the funds.

One of the main areas they looked at, Carpinone said, is emotional social learning.

She said that one thing they are hoping to

do is "additional counseling support to LHS and LMS to support students struggling emotionally as we transition through the pandemic."

"Our goal would be to contract with two additional counselors that could work at LHS and LMS to support students in real time," said Carpinone.

Providing both professional development for teachers, parent training and small group interventions for executive functioning skills.

"Many students lost or did not have the opportunities to develop

developmentally appropriate executive functioning skills during these past two years," said Carpinone. "All stakeholders need training on developmental expectations and how the pandemic may have interrupted skill development. Short term targeted executive functioning groups will help increase missing skills."

Since the funds can be spent until 2023 Carpinone said they are looking at some activities for the spring, during next school year and ESY in the summer of 2023.

Rachael Killian, a candidate for the Londonderry School Board said that she wanted to clarify that it was part of the CARES Act which means by accepting the funds they would have to comply with certain federal regulations regarding COVID-19.

"This does commit the District to complying with and committing to sharing students and community data and implementing and enforcing quarantine and isolation," said Killian.

"We're trading that for getting this money," said Carpinone.

School Board member Greg DePasse asked if there were any additional constraints that are put on the District if they accept the funds particularly related to COVID-19 that would be in addition to the other CARES Act regulations.

Carpinone said that they have to follow the same rules for the other IDEA grants they receive as a District but they aren't related to any COVID-19 protocols.

The School Board ultimately voted in favor of accepting the funds.

ZBA Approves Special Exception For Portable Storage Unit

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Jan. 19 Londonderry Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, the Board heard a case in regards to a special exception to allow a portable storage unit at 114 Litchfield Road.

Presenting the case was Gary Mellinger, the owner of the house.

He explained that they want to get a portable storage unit for the driveway to store items he is getting from his parents house in Kingston Massachusetts.

Mellinger said his mother passed away in February and that they are in the process of selling the house.

ing the house.

"We are in the process of selling the house in Kingston MA, and there are some items in there that we want to keep for another house that we will be hopefully getting in the next year," said Mellinger.

Londonderry Zoning Administrator Nick Codner said he wanted to make sure the Board knew that because of recent changes they are able to put conditions on it.

"I just want to make sure the Board understands that you have the leeway to put conditions on it," said Codner.

Codner said that the Board could ask questions like the duration of

time they want to keep it for and can set conditions like having to screen it or other conditions.

No one spoke for or against the application during the meeting.

One of the issues that the Board pointed to is the fact that originally Mellinger wanted to have it located less than a minimum of five feet away from the nearest wall or structure.

Mellinger said that because of the way his house is situated on the property he would be snow blowing into the container if they put it five feet or more away.

Vice Chair Jacqueline Benard asked if they could make a condition

on it that it has to be moved in the spring to accommodate the snow removal issue.

Codner said no. It was explained to Mellinger that if he puts it on the other side of the driveway so it is flushed with the house then he would be okay. Otherwise he would

have to seek two different variances in order to have it where he was originally proposing it.

He agreed to do so. One question that was asked by the Board was how long he was planning on having the portal storage unit there. He said that they were looking to move

into a new house in October or November.

The Board ultimately unanimously approved the special exception with the condition that they can only keep it until Dec. 31 2022. If that isn't enough time they would have to file a new special exception request.

Londonderry Deliberative Sessions Begin This Week:

The 2022 Deliberative Session of the Londonderry Budgetary Town Meeting shall be held on **Saturday, February 5, 2022, 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, February 11, 2022, 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.



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Town Council Approves Trolley Car Property Takings

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Monday, Jan. 24 Town Council meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to two property on Trolley Car Lane being taking by the state through Eminent Domain.

It was explained by Londonderry Assistant Town Solicitor Mike Malaguti that in order to complete the Exit 4 project the State needed to take two pieces of property 51 Rear Trolley Car Lane and 4 Trolley Car Lane.

Malaguti said that they also needed it for the sound barrier.

He explained that the issue was in front of the Town Council before during the summer to get a census from the Council in order for the sound wall to be installed to expedite the process.

Malaguti said that he needed the Council to give formal approval in order to cooperate with the takings process of the properties.

He said that they

sent notification to all the abutters to give them a chance to weigh in but didn't receive any kind of response.

He said that they also went to the Planning Board and to the Conservation Commission and neither had any objections to it.

The Council voted 5-0 in favor of allowing the Town to go ahead with the conveyance of the two properties.

Also during the meeting the Town Council approved the reappoint-

ments of Gene Harrington and Mike Speltz to the Conservation Commission.

Earlier in the meeting Malaguti addressed a concern brought up by a community member regarding the Conservation Commission meetings.

Malaguti explained that the resident wanted to watch a recent meeting and noted that it wasn't being recorded.

After talking to Marge Badois the Chairperson for the Commission and Director of Cable Ser-

vices Drew Caron it was determined that the reason why the meetings aren't being recorded right now is because they meet on Tuesday nights as well as the School Board.

Before the pandemic the Commission was meeting in the Sunny Crest room and was able to record remotely when they met there.

"Obviously with the COVID-19 concerns that hasn't been happening," said Malaguti. It was pointed out that School

Board no longer goes to town hall for meetings

It was pointed out that the School Board no longer goes to Town Hall for their meetings however, Cable Access sends their staff there instead of recording to the Commission meetings.

"There's a lack of current resources to accommodate both," said Malaguti.

He said that they are looking at if it can be accommodated going forward so both meetings can be recorded.

Candidates Enter the Race for Town and School Positions

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Signs have already started to spring up along Londonderry roadways as candidates

for town and school positions start to campaign.

Town and School District candidates had until Friday, Jan. 28, to

get their names for the March ballot and most positions will have contested races.

Local elections will be held at the London-

derry High School Gymnasium on Tuesday, March 8 this year and the candidates are listed below.

TOWN CANDIDATES

Town Council

Two Seats for a three-year term

Ted Combes

John Farrell

Chad C Franz

Budget Committee

Two Seats for a three-year term

Maureen Hardy

Janet D Huttula

Patrick Cassidy

Ronald C Dunn

Tar Myles

Supervisor of the Checklist

One Position for a six-year term

Kristin Grages

Cara Dunn

Town Treasurer

One Positions for a three-year term

Kathy Wagner

Trustee of the Library

Three Seats, for a three-year term

Kimberly Bears

Vicki Stachowske

Liz A Thomas

Janet McLaughlin

Heather Burr Carey

Trustee of the Trust Fund

One seat for a three-year term

Howard Bookman

Patrick Cassidy

Janet McLaughlin
Jason M Hopkins

SCHOOL DISTRICT CANDIDATES

School Board

One seat for a three-year term

Kevin Gray

Rachael Killian

Tracey Ramshaw

School Board

One seat for a two-year term

Amanda Butcher

Timothy Porter

School Moderator

Cindi Rice-Conley

School Treasurer

John Conley

School District Clerk

Kerri Stanley

Assistance for Energy Bills

Eversource is encouraging customers to take advantage of additional energy assistance funds available to help pay energy bills through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

"There is more energy assistance funding available for our customers than ever before and we want to make sure those who need help are aware of the many programs they can take advantage of, especially now, during these cold winter months," said Eversource Vice President of Customer Operations Jess Cain.

Customers can get

help to lower or pay heating bills with Fuel Assistance through their local Community Action Agency. Call 2-1-1 to find your local agency.

The NH Emergency Rental Assistance Program covers past-due and future rent payments, utilities and heating costs, and other housing-related costs such as internet. Customers can learn more or apply online through their local Community Action Agency or call 2-1-1 for more information.

Customers that meet certain income guidelines may qualify for a discount on their monthly electric bill through the NH Electric Assis-

tance Program. For eligibility guidelines, please visit Eversource.co.

Customers that don't qualify for federally funded assistance but are experiencing a temporary crisis may qualify for assistance from Neighbor Helping Neighbor at NHNFund.org.

Eversource Payment Plans are available to all customers to pay their past-due balance over a period of time. Customers can also call Eversource at 844-273-7760 to learn more about the assistance and payment programs available. For more information on how to apply for federal energy assistance, visit 211nh.org.



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Editorial

It Starts with Respect, As Elections Start-up

What exactly is respect? It's the sense of worth or personal value that you attach to someone. Respect is an overall evaluation you give someone based on many factors; what that person is doing with their life, how they treat you and others, whether they are honest or not, and if they seem to consistently do good things, large or small, for other people.

Showing respect for others, just like with yourself, when you demonstrate respect for others, you give value to their being and ideals. In addition, you'll make someone feel good by granting them respect, provided that it's something that they deserve.

One of the best ways to show respect for someone is to truly listen to another's point of view. Obviously, we'll not always agree with one another on every topic and you should never adopt a point of view with which you do not agree, but we should allow each other to have and express our own views regardless of whether we agree with them or not.

Try to keep this in mind, you owe everyone a basic level of respect for being a fellow human being, but your level of respect

for others will vary from person to person. Just like your self-respect will grow as you master the ideals discussed above, your level of respect for others will vary depending upon your view of them and their own self-respect.

There's nothing wrong with affording some people greater respect than others. You should be kind and polite to everyone no question about that. For obvious reasons, some of us simply deserve more respect than others. For example, I think we would all agree that a consistently honest person deserves more respect than a habitual liar. So, always be kind, polite and afford a basic level of respect for your fellow man, but you shouldn't afford beyond basic respect to those who aren't working on ideals you believe to be important.

Respect is one of mankind's most noble sentiments. The highest levels of respect are always earned, never given. This is true of self-respect as well as respect for others. Before granting the highest level of self-respect or respect for others, make sure the person is worthy of the honor.

Letters

Thanking Custodians

To the editor
At the Londonderry School Board, we are incredibly grateful to all the employees who contribute to the excellence we see across the district. This week, we want to highlight and thank our custodians. Across our six schools, we have over 30 custodians, all of whom do excellent work, with custodians in some of our schools working across three shifts.

In addition to the "regular" cleaning-sweeping and mopping floors, vacuuming, and cleaning desks, the last two years have brought new practices and procedures to this role, as well as new tasks. Custodians come in mid-day during student break times, to clean and sanitize classroom spaces. At night, our custodians use UV light robots to further sanitize our classroom and common spaces—tools that we have been able to purchase due to the availability of ESSER federal grant money.

Our custodians—like so many across nearly every industry—are short staffed, and many willingly stay late or come in early to ensure our schools are kept clean, our parking lots are plowed and sanded, and school is ready to open on time. Across all six schools, we are grateful for our custodians and want to thank them for everything they do!

Please join us in our deep appreciation for our custodians!

Thank you,
Amy Finamore
Londonderry School Board

"Experience Matters"

To the editor,
Hello, my name is Ted Combes, and I am running for Londonderry's Town Council on March 8th. I am a lifelong resident of the town, where I grew up playing rec soccer, playing in the high school marching band, and completing my Eagle Scout with Troup 521. I completed my undergraduate degree (BA) at Suffolk University, and my Master of Business Administration (MBA) at Southern New Hampshire University. The 10+ years of project management, construction management, and real estate development experience, paired with my previous Londonderry Town Council, Budget Committee, and Planning Board experience leaves me well prepared to lead the town for many years to come.

I live in Londonderry with my wonderful wife Kara and our 9-month-old son, Grayson. My parents, George and Cindy, also live in Londonderry, and may be known to many due to their extensive volunteer work through their church and the Lions Hall. My siblings, Dan, Bridget, and Mitch, have all taken on different career paths, providing me with great perspective on economic and lifestyle difference, which will also help me serve the town.

"Experience Matters" when it comes to Town Council, and I have an abundance of it. This is proven not only by my vast career experience, but also a lengthy resume of volunteering and serving on town boards and enhanced by my

strong family values.

Town Council is a very important role; the responsibility of helping to lead the town forward is not one that I take on lightly. In this, "Experience Matters." Town Councilors need to understand and have vision for the future based on the wants and needs of the constituents and businesses, gained through experience. Londonderry needs to develop new strategies to entice business to come to town, helping to reduce the tax burden on the residential taxpayers.

"Experience Matters" when working across departments, understanding the budget process, and looking at the overall big picture. As your Town Councilor, I will not just represent myself, but will serve as a good steward for the townspeople, police department, fire department, department of public works, and business owners, while keeping the budget in check.

I look forward to representing the town and hope to have your vote on March 8th!

Ted Combes
Londonderry

China Controls Critical Supplies

To the editor,
Alan Dowd documents some problems with China in The American Legion Magazine of December 2020, and I liberally quote from the article.

The COVID 19 pandemic has highlighted the adverse impact on the world attributable to China's domination of the production of medi-

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Sledding at Mack's Apples Halted After Serious Accident

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A sledding mishap that took place behind the Mack's Apple Farm Stand over the weekend has put a halt to the longstanding family tradition.

According to an Incident Report released by the Londonderry Fire Department a woman was airlifted to a Boston hospital on Sunday afternoon after she was injured while sledding on the hill behind the Farm Stand at Moose Hill Orchards.

The following day, a sign was posted asking that residents not use the hill for sledding. It read, "No sledding at

this time please."

In the report, the department received the alarm and responded at 2:37 p.m. to the scene, it read, "Londonderry Fire Alarm received an E911 call from a subject on the property of 230 Mammoth Road reporting a person injured in a sledding accident. Dispatched to the scene was Londonderry Engine 1 and a mutual aid Derry Ambulance. At the time of the incident, Londonderry companies were committed to a 'gas in the building' call at Fieldstone Drive. Battalion Chief Butler released Rescue 1 & Engine 2 from the previous incident. Rescue 1

responded directly to the incident scene to provide manpower and equipment for a patient carry-out from a remote location at 230 Mammoth Road, not easily accessible. Engine 2 responded to Central Station to staff Medic 3, canceling the mutual aid Derry Ambulance.

Engine 1 arrived on scene to find a patient suffering traumatic injuries as a result of a sledding accident. Rescue 1 arrived on scene and utilized a stokes basket for patient removal. Due to the severity of injury, Air Medical Transport was requested. Medic 3 and Engine 2 arrived on

scene establishing Incident Command.

Engine 1, Rescue 1 and Medic 3 worked to treat, package and extricate the patient to the parking lot of 230 Mammoth Road. Battalion 2 cleared from a previous incident responding to the area to establish a Landing Zone (3 Peabody Row - Saint Peter's Church) in preparation for Air Medical Transport (Boston Med Flight).

Firefighter/Paramedics provided advanced life support treatment and transported the patient via Londonderry Medic 3 to the Landing Zone. Upon Boston Med Flight's arrival, patient care was transferred and the patient was airlifted to a Level 1 Trauma Center.



A woman was seriously injured on the hill behind Mack's Apple Farm Stand and a sign was put up shortly after asking residents not to sled on the hill. Photo by Chris Paul

9-1-1 Street Naming

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Other things that they consider are trying to not have people's names and not having directions in addresses.

Young said that the State of NH also has their own guidelines and while they can't enforce any of the rules they are able to make recommendations for towns to follow.

Heritage Commission Vice Chair Art Rugg asked if they could look into having a representative from the Heritage Commission on the Committee.

Young said that is something they can look into.

It was asked if the Committee would be interested in getting some historical names from the Heritage Commission so they could propose them to developers.

Young said that is something they would likely consider.

"I don't think we would be opposed to that," said Young.

He said that having more options for names to give to people wouldn't be a bad thing and

said he thinks it would be beneficial in the future.

Young said that when someone proposes a name in a development the road name goes on the plan that then goes to the Planning Department, the Street Naming Committee and the other appropriate people.

He said that once the Committee gives approval for the name based on the guidelines it then goes to the Planning Board, the Heritage Commission and other appropriate boards and commissions for their input.

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cines, personal protective equipment and other medical supplies. Prior to the pandemic China produced “35.9% of America’s antibiotics, 49.8% of our medical bandages, 71.7% of our face-masks and 77.2% of our plastic gloves. During the pandemic China “quietly managed to buy up much of the world’s N95 masks.”

China, a potential adversary, also controls the production of rare earth elements, which are used in the manufacture of a wide array of products, including “cell phones, televisions, vehicle engines, computers, lasers, industrial magnets, fiber-optics, and superconductors, and they are also used in our military hardware such as “F-35 aircraft and our M1A2 tank.”

A number of friendly countries are working together to move the manufacture of critical supplies and elements away from China to facilities in Australia, Japan, South Korea, India, Europe and Latin America, but the U.S. cannot rely on foreign manufacturers for these critical products. We must speed up our manufacturing of these

items in our country.

Note: My letters are designed to go out every three or four weeks to approximately 5000 editors across the U.S., Canada, the Caribbean, Europe and the Far East. I see many responses, which are far too many to respond to.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry

RE: Biden’s Poll Numbers

To the editor,
Who said we cannot agree? Your Comment: there is no point in arguing with someone who cannot understand facts, reality, or common sense. I could not agree more. I have often said; it would be far easier to train a pet rock to sit up and roll over, than it would be to educate a republican (if that’s still a party?) with Facts, Reality or Common sense. Since I haven’t found one that possesses any of the qualities mentioned, in well over 10 years, I think it best to call it extinct.

I will remind you what your Cult Leader said about Polls: Fake news, fake news, that’s fake news, your fake news, everyone is fake news. Just having a little

fun with you. What we all “should have learned” is that Polls can be misleading. I am sure many of them, like yourself, believe the gas prices are his fault. Let’s all hope they don’t Betray America for a gallon of gas. I guess we can thank right wing Brainwashing Propaganda media for that.

I cannot imagine someone cheering for Let’s STALL America and make it go around in circles. I would imagine it would be similar to the nightmare of the previous criminal treasonous administration, whereby over 200 Bills passed the House and never even got out of closet in the Senate.

You may get your wish, now that the Freedom to vote act was not passed. What it would have done was create a national automatic voter registration, allow all voters to cast ballots by mail. It would have banned partisan gerrymandering and force “dark money” groups to disclose their major donors (most likely the reason it failed). FYI, Gerrymandering can make it possible for 25% of the electorate to win over the other 75%. It was in response to what voting advocates say is an effort by Republican-led states to make it harder for Black Americans and others to vote. This is evident in what has transpired in some “red” states, passing laws making it harder to vote, and targeting certain groups who vote democrat. Also, Moscow Mitch’s comment: “Black people

vote just as much as Americans do”. Could it be made any clearer why the Act was needed?

Our own Senator Maggie Hassen spoke out of turn, calling the republican position on the vote Shameful (not the word I would have used). Referring to; many of them had spoken in support of the act, not so long ago. One can only assume the order came down from Mar-A-Lago.

I would hope you are not railing against socialism aspects and be on: Social Security, Medicare, or a government pension? Overall, I would say leaning towards Socialism is far better than leaning Fascist.

Finally, your comment on; Joe thinks you are a terrorist. I have news for you, my Friend. You are not alone and Joe’s not the only one who thinks this.

Steve Homsey
Londonderry

Why aren’t you playing?

To the editor,
Pickleball started in 1965 in Bainbridge Island, Washington, with the concept of starting a game that the whole family could play. This cross-generational sport combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong, and we are looking to bring outdoor courts to Londonderry. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country. In 2020, it grew to 4.2 million players in the US, with a growth rate of

21.3% from 2019. Many of our residents are playing elsewhere, and asking for courts in town. There are now well over 8500 places to play in the US, and the spread of the sport is attributed to its popularity within community centers, PE classes, YMCA facilities and retirement communities. Imagine if we could bring this to Londonderry, and even start engaging the youth within the schools... my money is on the 65+ crowd.

Our goal is to take an unused piece of land off 94 West Road, and give the town a space to engage and serve it up with other community members. These courts in Londonderry would give seniors a chance to play in the morning, and open access for all to join throughout the day. On the March 8 ballot is a warrant article for the engineering bid as the first step in this process. We have connected with other New England

towns that have created courts of many sizes, and researched all aspects of the project; from excavation to paving to court painting. Our group is growing, and looking to fundraise to off-set the requested costs along the way. Based on current interest and numbers, the end result will be eight well-utilized courts to bring Londonderry residents together. Please support pickleball in Londonderry by voting YES to article 20, and stay out of the kitchen!

Heather Carey
Londonderry

Running for School Board

To the editor,
My name is Kevin Gray and I am running for the 3-year term School Board position in Londonderry. I’m running to support public education, civic cooperation, and fiscal respon-

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OBITUARY

Thomas Marzola, III



Thomas Marzola, III, 60 of Londonderry, NH passed away in his residence Friday Jan. 28, 2022, after a courageous battle with cancer. Tom was born Sept. 1, 1961, in Northridge, CA and was a son of the late Thomas, Jr. and Sylvia (Wilson) Marzola. His family relocated to Syosset, NY when he was a toddler and then to Sanford, ME when he was eight. He attended local schools in Sanford. Tom has been a resident of Londonderry for the past 20 years.

Tom was employed for many years in Banking with Santander. He loved being surrounded by his friends and family and was a big New England Patriots fan.

Members of the family include his wife of 38 years, Debbie (Morin) Marzola, his two sons, Thomas Marzola, IV and Matthew Marzola, a sister Ann Marzola Scherrer and his brother John Marzola.

A liturgy of the word was celebrated Wednesday, Feb. 2, in St. Jude Parish. A committal will be held at St. Ignatius Cemetery in Sanford, ME at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to: Friends of Dana-Farber, 450 Brookline Ave., SW120, Boston, MA 02215. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium is assisting the family. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Letters

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sibility.

My wife and I moved here 6 years ago with our boys; and Londonderry schools were the main reason for our choice. I grew up in a family where my grandmother, aunt and uncle were all teachers in public schools, and I attended public school. I witnessed their full-time commitment to students, often working late into the night on lessons or grading exams, and experienced that commitment from my teachers in school. This devotion is the heart of a public school district, we must foster and support it.

As someone driven by community involvement, I have volunteered as a coach for over 20 years. Currently, I coach and/or coordinate multiple-age groups in baseball, football, basketball, soccer, and lacrosse in Londonderry. I also serve as president of the North School PTA. It is in this role, in particular, that I had the privilege and opportunity to work closely with parents, teachers, and school administrators, and share in the passion everyone has for delivering the best to our children.

The last couple of years have brought about a number of challenges and some contentious situations within our community. A pri-

mary goal of mine is to foster a spirit of communication and cooperation. I firmly believe that the School Board shouldn't be politicized; it should be impartial members of the community, working for and listening to other members of the community they are serving, to do what is best for the students and the town.

I want to engender an atmosphere of proactive collaboration to support the teachers, as opposed to an adversarial and defensive approach, as problems arise. Oftentimes, that means finding a middle ground, and always involves communication. Teachers are facing a lot of challenges right now. We run the risk of having them burn out or even losing these stalwart gems in our town.

I firmly believe in fiscal intelligence. Most of us can agree that Londonderry taxes are relatively high, so we need to efficiently and effectively use school funding. We must look holistically at the district, not only where current needs are, but also where, potentially, needs will be in 5 or 10 years in the future. We need to account for things like necessary building maintenance, and student enrollment now, so we aren't caught off guard with future expenses; we need to diligently explore avenues of funding, like federal grants

that would benefit our district, to offset taxpayer burdens. Sometimes, fiscal responsibility means making tough choices, but we need to apply logic and intelligence, as well as have the tenacity and financial savviness to make these calls.

I welcome the opportunity to hear about your concerns and idea as a community. Please visit my facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/kevinforlondonderry> and or email me kevin@kevinforlondonderry.com

Thank you for your consideration.

Kevin Gray
Londonderry

Salvation Army of Greater Derry

The Salvation Army of Greater Derry has served the communities of Derry, Windham and Londonderry for over 20 years. There are many services and programs offered including assistance to our local homeless population. Now, we find ourselves potentially homeless.

New Hampshire Department of Transportation is adding a new exit to Route 93, known as "Exit 4A". Exit 4A creates a bypass through Londonderry and Derry that impacts Folsom Road. Our Service Center was taken by NHDOT through Emi-

nent Domain along with several other Folsom Road properties. Our buildings located at 18 Folsom Road will be demolished as NHDOT widens the roadway to accommodate Exit 4A.

Salvation Army is in search of a new home. Ideally, we would like to purchase commercial space similar in size to our current location which is approximately 10,000 square feet. With the scarcity of available commercial properties in the area, we have yet to locate anywhere suitable.

NHDOT has already acquired 18 Folsom Road and Salvation Army is leasing it temporarily while we search

for a new home. That lease expires at the end of May 2022 at which time we need to vacate the property which is scheduled to be leveled shortly thereafter. We are hoping that someone may be able to direct us to a property for sale or lease so that we can continue our much-needed work in Greater Derry.

Further details are available by contacting Lieutenant Tyler Adcox or Lieutenant Sojourney Adcox at the Salvation Army of Greater Derry, 603-434-7790.

Thank you.

Vern Thomas

Chair of the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army of Greater Derry

Town Council

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teer to fill that role," said Dolan.

Drabik said that if they want Dolan on it right away the Council could make the appointment as their selection. She said if they do so they can then immediately solicit interest from people in Town in order to make a recommendation for the second representative.

The Council ultimately unanimously ap-

proved making Dolan the appointment from the Town Council. Dolan said that they should look for an engineer or someone in the related field so they have some knowledge of what is being discussed at the meetings, especially at first. It was also noted that they could ask members of the PFAS Task Force in Town to see if anyone would be interested in being on the Commission.

Town Councilor Deb Paul said that she has

been going to the meetings to observe for the last six months or so and said that she had a long conversation with State Representative Rosemarie Rung which is how she found out that Londonderry doesn't have anyone sitting on the Commission.

She said that she also found out that they are looking for other mem-

bers from different professions and if they were able to recruit residents who fit the need they would be able to have even more representation on the Commission from Londonderry.

Paul said it would be smart to find residents who are able to join the Commission in that capacity.

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Wishes

Continued from page 1 wished to have during lunch each day. There were over 25 gifts available for students to try and win. The raffle tickets were drawn just before winter break so the students who won the gift could bring the present home for Christmas.

The money students raised during the event went directly to the New Hampshire Make-A-Wish Foundation, an organization whose mission is to “create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses.

According to the organization’s website, Make-A-Wish shines a light of hope for children fighting critical illnesses

when they need it most. They help create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses during their darkest days. The support they receive through fundraisers transforms lives, one wish at a time.

The students were able to raise \$1,090 during the fundraiser and the officers of the student council presented a check to Olivia Stanas, a Make-A-Wish Volunteer Coordinator on Wednesday, Jan. 26.

Stanas was delighted with the generosity of the students and presented each with stickers and a Make-A-Wish t-shirt.

This was the sixth year that the students at Matthew Thornton have given to the Make a Wish Foundation.



Matthew Thornton Student Council members presented a check to Ann Smith, the Special Curriculum Advisor with the Mak-A-Wish Foundation, standing behind students. Photo by Chris Paul

The presentation was after the holiday break, last week. originally scheduled for but for a number of reasons was rescheduled to at Matthew Thornton Elementary helped to facilitate the event.

Heritage Commission Approves BobCat of New Hampshire Sign

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

One of the items on the agenda for the Jan. 27 Londonderry Heritage Commission meeting was in regards to a formal review of a site plan amendment for BobCat of NH.

The site plan amendment was for a change of use for equipment sales, rental and service, parking lot reconfiguration, outdoor display and storage areas, and associated site improvements at 307 Nashua Rd. Heritage Commission

Vice Chair Arthur Rugg that since the other part of the business is located in Hudson they needed to receive permission in both Towns pointed it out.

Pete De Tone, the General Manager for BobCat of NH said at the November meeting Jason Hill

was they’re representing them, and came back to him with recommendations from the Heritage Commission regarding the sign for the business. It led him to consult with NH Signs.

It was explained by De Tone that one of the things that they are planning on doing for the sign is creating a stone base for it to give it a more natural look. He said that the sign would be standard double facing and would have approved LED lighting.

One issue that was brought up came from Heritage Commission Secretary John Mahon who said that he thought they had an agreement that all lighting would be

turned off at night.

De Tone said that they consulted with NH Signs and for a compromise they wanted to have just the lettering lit up after business hours instead of the whole sign like it was originally proposed.

It was pointed out by Londonderry Associate Planner Laura Gandia that at the last meeting they talked about not having any lighting for the sign after business hours saying that it was in the site plan regulations, which they discussed previously.

De Tone said that there are certain times of the year that they are open after dark and wanted to make sure it could be lit then. The Board

said they were okay with the sign being lit during business hours.

“Then that’s a concession we’ll make,” said De Tone.

One of the last things that they still need to sort out is painting of the building but De Tone said that they are likely going to go with white paint. Regardless he was asked to return to the Board anytime they make any changes to the exterior. De Tone agreed to it.

It was also requested that they have a timer for the sign lighting to be turned off at 10 p.m., which De Tone agreed to.

The Heritage Commission ultimately approved the signage for the business.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancer Hoops Crew Battles Through Injuries, Illness

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Despite having a number of players sitting on the bench due to injuries or illness over the last two weeks, head coach Nate Stanton and his Londonderry High School Basketball squad is heading into to final week of the regular season at the .500 mark, getting a win and a loss last week.

The team's week started on Monday, Jan. 24, with a slim 66-62 loss suffered at home against Merrimack High School, where having three boys out of the line up definitely proved to be a difference maker.

The Lancers started the game very strong,

outscored the Tomahawks 25-22 in the first quarter and led 35-34 by halftime.

The third quarter proved to be Londonderry's biggest problem, being outscored 20-14 and not being able to recover in the fourth from the 54-49 deficit at the end of that period.

Lancer senior guard Tyler Murray led the team in scoring with 23-points, including five, three-pointers.

Senior forward Aiden Warren scored 14-points, freshman Mason Paquette had 12-points and junior Kevin Rourke finished with 11-points.

The result of that game was a fourth straight loss for the

Lancer squad and they were looking to right the ship four days later when the team traveled to Exeter High School to play the 10-5 Blue Hawks.

In that game on Friday night, Jan. 28, the LHS team broke their losing streak and kept Exeter away from the hoop for a 50-43 win.

The Lancers managed to hold Exeter to just two-points, on foul shots, in the first quarter and tallied 16 of their own to start the game.

Londonderry fell short in the second, scoring just four to the Blue Hawks 10-points. The half finished with a 20-12 Lancer lead.

In the third, Exeter closed the gap to get within six, but LHS held on for the victory.

Paquette had 15-points in the game to lead his Lancer team in scoring.

Murray had 11-points, Warren had nine-points, senior guard Justin Hoggard finished with eight-points and Rourke had seven in the win.

The team rolled into the final week of the regular season at 8-8 and played the Salem Blue Devils on Monday night at home and traveled to Nashua North for the final game of the season before heading into the Division I playoffs.



Lancer senior guard Tyler Murray led his team in scoring against the Merrimack Tomahawks with 23-points, including five, three-pointers.

Photos by Chris Paul



LHS freshman Mason Paquette had 12-points against Merrimack and 15 against Exeter.

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Lancer Ski Teams Compete in Three Events This Season

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Ski Teams have competed in three events this year, all of which were at Pat's Peak in Henniker. The girls were able to place in each of the events, but the boys' team only consists of three members and is unable to place in the races. Four members are required to place in the events.

In Week One the results for the Girls' Team in the Giant Slalom

race were:

Sophomore Laurel Guthrie had a total race time of 62.71 and earned 87 New Hampshire Athletic Association (NHIAA) points. She finished 16th overall in the race.

Freshman Piper Locke had a total race time of 64.52 and earned 84 NHIAA points. She finished 22nd overall in the race.

Senior Captain Alex Tufts had a total race time of 67.01 and earned 82-points. She finished 26th overall in the race.

Freshman Madison

Tufts finished 38th overall in the race and had a total race time of 78.2, earning 73-points.

Overall, the girls finished fifth with eight teams competing.

For the Boys' team in that Giant Slalom race:

Junior captain Will Louiselle had a total race time of 64.96 and earned 82 NHIAA points. He finished 25th overall in the race.

In Week Two, the Girls and boys participated in Slalom races.

Sophomore Laurel Guthrie had a total race time of 83.02 and earned 87.5 NHIAA points. Guthrie finished 13th overall in the race.

Freshman Piper Locke finished 16th overall in the race and had a total race time of 84.62, earning 85 NHIAA points.

Alex Tufts finished 31st overall in the race and had a total race time of 96.86 and earned 78 NHIAA points.

Madison Tufts had a total race time of 102.06 and earned 74 NHIAA points. She finished 37th overall in the race.

Overall, the girls' team finished sixth out of nine teams.

For the Boys' Slalom race in week two, Will Louiselle had a total race time of 98.42 and earned 77 NHIAA points. He finished 34th overall in the race.



The Lancer Boys and Girls Ski teams have been competing in some very cold conditions this season. Courtesy photo.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Jan. 17



Alex Tufts
Senior, Girls Ski Team

Alex, is a fourth-year senior captain on the Lancer Ski team and is a consistent member who usually places in the top three at meets. Alex can always communicate coach expectations to all teammates, and is a mentor to the large group of under-class this year.



Will Louiselle
Junior, Boys Ski Team

Will, is a third-year junior captain, on the Lancer Ski team and has been a varsity athlete since his freshman year. Will strives to become a better skier at each event. Will shows also shows great respect to his teammates, coaches, and opponents.

Student Athletes supplied by Athletic Department

Sophomore Jacob Vogel finished 35th overall and had a total race time of 101.59 to earn 76 NHIAA points.

Freshman Mason Turek had a total race time of 141.97 and earned 68 NHIAA points. He finished 51st overall in the race.

In Week three, the teams competed in a Giant Slalom race again.

For the girls', Piper Locke had a total race time of 75.64 and earned 88 NHIAA points. She finished 13th overall in the race.

Laurel Guthrie had a total race time of 76.95 and earned 86 NHIAA points. She finished 15th overall in the race.

Alex Tufts had a total race time of 89.43 and earned 76 NHIAA points. She finished 34th overall in the race.

Lilly Maher had a total race time of 94.26 and earned 72 NHIAA points. She finished 40th overall in the race.

Overall, the girls finished fifth out of 10 teams.

For the boys', Louiselle had a total race time of 81.33 and earned 87 NHIAA points, finishing 17th overall.

Jacob Vogel had a total race time of 93.72 and earned 74 NHIAA points, finishing 32nd overall.

Mason Turek had a total race time of 119.99 and earned 65 NHIAA points and finished 54th overall in the race.

International Winter Bike To Work Day

On Feb. 11, join riders from around the world and brave the elements on International Winter Bike to Work Day! Riders in Southern NH can stop by a "fueling" station for hot beverages, snacks, and smiles.

Riders in Derry are encouraged to stop by The Grind Rail Trail Café for special "grab & go"

items from 8 - 10 a.m. If you're working remotely, come work from The Grind and receive a special discount.

Those who live too far away to bike to work are invited to drive to a designated Park N Ride location. Simply park your vehicle, unload your bicycle, and pedal the rest of the way to your destination. Commuters can use the rear parking lot at the West Side Ice Arena in Manchester or the Abbott Court Lot in Derry.

For all the event details including an interactive map, other winter cycling events in NH, and tips for winter riding, please visit <https://fb.me/e/1A512ng2s>.

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Lady Lancers Basketball Suffer Two More Tough Losses

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Basketball squad suffered two more tough losses last week and now sit at 6-10 on the season and will have a difficult time getting into the post-season as they head into the final two games of the season.

The Lady Lancers started the week with a 10-point loss at Merrimack High School against the Lady Tomahawks.

In the 66-56 loss the Londonderry team got behind 21-11 in the first quarter and were never able to catch up despite outscoring Merrimack 33-25 in the second half.

Much of the offense was contributed by senior forward Olivia Chau, who scored 31-points, 22 of them from the foul line.

Junior guard Jordon

Furlong contributed 11-points in the game.

Fellow junior Shannon Ball had six-points and freshman Reagan Anderson finished with nine.

The results didn't get much better when the team hosted the Lady Blue Hawks of Exeter High School on Friday night, Jan. 28.

The Lady Lancer had two single-digit scoring periods, which led to the 48-33 defeat, despite a very strong third quarter, where Londonderry held Exeter to just two-points and put them within three heading into the final period.

Londonderry had trouble getting the ball to drop through the hoop much of the night and got behind in the first quarter 12-5.

The home team was down 30-17 by the half with Chau being shut-down without a basket.

The third period was by far the best quarter for the Lady Lancers, holding Exeter to just two-points and trailing 32-29 in the game.

In the fourth, the Lady Blue Hawks shut down the LHS offense to just four-points and went on to win their seventh game of the season.

Furlong led the team in scoring with 12-points, many of which came from quick passes to her under the hoop in the third quarter where she scored eight.

Freshman guard Kate Sloper finished with 11-points and Shannon Ball had four.

The Lady Lancers will finish the last week of the regular season with games at Salem High School (5-7) on Monday, Jan. 31 and a home game against Nashua North (3-12) on Friday night, Feb. 4.



Londonderry junior guard Jordon Furlong contributed 11-points in the game against Merrimack and had 12-points in the home game against the Exeter High School on Friday night. Photo by Chris Paul

Londonderry Wrestlers Suffer Loss to Black Birds at Home Dual Meet

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Wrestling team hosted a Dual Meet against the Keene High School grapplers on Wednesday night, Jan. 26 and suffer another tough defeat.

The Lancer squad fell 63-18 in that match-up, with the only match win coming from David Pento at 132 lbs. He

delivered six team points with a pin over his Black Bird opponent.

The other 12-points came by way of forfeits. Nikki Stylianios got six-point at 106 lbs. and Jason Senus had a forfeit at 285 lbs.

The team was scheduled to compete in a Tournament at Methuen High School in Massachusetts over the weekend, but that event was

cancelled due to snow.

This week, they were scheduled for a Dual Meet at home with Concord High School.

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Lancers Swim Teams Get Hit by Illness at Last Meet



Slate Branson was one of the few LHS swimmer this week.



Kyra Courtmanche placed secon in the breaststroke for LHS

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys and Girls Swim Team competed in their final meet of the regular season last week, but because of an overwhelming amount of illnesses did not fare very well.

The Lancers girls fell to Pinkerton Academy 98-52 and lost to St. Thomas Aquinas High School 73 to 45.

The Lancers males were the hardest it by ill-

ness and didn't compete in any of the relays. The team has been very strong in relays this year.

GIRLS

In the 200-Yard Medley Relay, the team of Ali Von Pichl, Kyra Courtmanche, Lexi Apholz and Catilyn Bailey finished in third place with a time of 2:16.68.

In the 200-yard Freestyle, Courtmanche took fourth with a 2:19.15.

In the 50-Yard Freestyle, Londonderry had

Apholz take first place with a time of 27.28 and Arianna Fennessey finish in eighth (36.09).

In the 100-Yard Freestyle, Bailey was fourth with a time of 1:16.89.

Apholz took second in the 500-Yard Freestyle again this week with a time of 6:06.69.

The team of Apholz, Von Pichl, Fennessey and Courtmanche were second in the 200-yard Freestyle Relay with a time of 2:04.41.

In the 100-yard Backstroke Von Pichl finished

in fourth place with a 1:17.82.

In the 100-Yard Breaststroke Courtmanche got second place with a time of 1:22.06.

BOYS

The boys didn't compete until the eighth

event of the evening due to the number of swimmers out sick that evening, but in the 50-Yard Freestyle, Londonderry had Slate Branson finish in fifth place with a time of 26.32.

Slate finished in first place in the 100-Yard

Freestyle with a time of 58.01. Caleb Howard was third with a time of 1:05.23.

Howard also placed well in the 100-Yard Breaststroke with his time of 1:22.91, finishing fourth.



Senior Send Off

The Londonderry High School Winter Cheerleading team celebrated senior night on Monday, Jan. 31 with the squads only senior, Summer Graczyk, center of picture. The team will be heading into some winter competitions before they enter the Division I State Championship next month.

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Around Town Policy: This section is meant to be used to announce free events to the communities. If your group is receiving money for what they are publicizing, there will be a charge of \$40/week per paper. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held to 100 words maximum. All free announcements in the Around Town/Calendar section can run a maximum of three weeks. Deadline for submissions is Monday at 5 p.m. Please send items to londonderrytimes@nutpub.net.

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is back with in house dining Starting in February on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays from 11 a.m. - noon must be 65 or better to participate. It cost \$3 per meal. Make reservations and reserving your space. Call Jess at 603-434-5148.

Karaoke Night

On Feb. 11, American

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

Legion Meeting

On Feb. 14, at 7:30 p.m., Legion Post 27 will hold their Monthly General Meeting at Post 27 located

at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Rd). All members are welcome to attend.

Parenting Workshop

The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center in Derry is offering "Red Flags in Child Development" a parenting workshop on child development and understanding children's behavior. Facilitated by Pam Miller Sallet

and Donna Cavalieri, parents and caregivers can discuss typical development and when there may be a need for additional support or assessments. Join us Feb. 9 from 6 - 7:30 p.m., via ZOOM. To register call 603-437-8477 x 122.

Musquash Field Day

The annual Musquash Field Day is back on Saturday, Feb. 12, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., at Hickory Hill Dr. More details soon, but for now know that it occurs at the Landing which is about a half mile walk into the Musquash. Parking is at the trailhead at Hickory Hill Drive. As usual there will be free food, campfire and a couple of guided walks.

GriefShare

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? You are not alone. We invite you to attend a GriefShare

support group taking place at Orchard Christian Fellowship, 136 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry. Choose between an IN PERSON daytime session which meets on Tuesdays at 10 a.m., beginning on Feb. 1, or an evening ONLINE session meeting on Mondays at 6 p.m., beginning on Jan. 31. Register at www.orchardnh.org. For more information, contact Lynne at lynne@orchardnh.org.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on: Saturday, Feb. 26, from 10 a.m. - noon. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency, Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers), Proof of age, Photo ID. Appli-

cants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, domicile and citizenship. For more information or if you have questions contact; Kristin Grages Chair, Supervisors of the Checklist 603-432-1100, ext 198.

Spartans Tryouts

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Jan. 24

1:59 a.m. Peace restored after a disturbance on Owl Road.

9:33 a.m. Disturbance reported on Buttrick Road at Elliot Primary Care/Urgent Care. Subject transported to a hospital.

2:11 p.m. Warrant serves and arrest made on Chapman Street in Newington, Conn. Michael Obuchon, 46, of Newington, Conn. Charged with Driving Under the Infl-

ence - Aggravated Collision with Severe Injury.

3:32 p.m. Three officers assisted Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Crosby Lane.

3:59 p.m. Missing Person investigated by three officers on Nutfield Drive.

5:06 p.m. School Check/Walk-Thru at Londonderry Middle School.

6:01 p.m. School Check/Walk-Thru at Londonderry High School Gym

Tuesday - Jan. 25

8:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest on Gilcreast Road. Astrid Lucero Barron-Alvarez, 22, of Manchester charged with operation of a motor vehicle without a Valid License.

9:10 a.m. Services rendered to keep the peace on Norwich Place.

3:57 p.m. School Check/Walk-Thru at Londonderry High School.

5:05 p.m. School Check/

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ReKINDling Curiosity: Every Kid Goes to Camp this Summer

The NH Department of Education is launching its second year of ReKINDling Curiosity, a unique initiative aimed to ensure that every child can attend summer camp in 2022.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been disruptive to children of all ages, which is why the opportunity for a positive childhood experience such as attending a NH-approved overnight or day youth recreation camp is crucial to improve their social,

emotional and mental wellness.

"We want every child to have a chance to enjoy their youth, celebrate summer and create new memories at one of the many enriching summer camps NH has to offer," said Frank Edelblut, commissioner of education. "For many children, especially those from low-income backgrounds or with disabilities, this opportunity to attend a summer camp could help alleviate anxiety and

trauma resulting from the pandemic, and succeed in academic instruction when they return to school in the fall."

The state-operated summer enrichment program will pay up to \$650 of the youth recreation camp fees for qualifying students. Parents and caregivers of qualifying students may select a NH youth recreation camp from a list of approved camps across the state; participation in the program is priori-

tized on a first-come, first-served basis.

"This program truly benefits families, especially those families that want to send their kids to camp but might not have the financial resources to make it possible," said Garrett Colgan-Snyder, director of Camp Hawkeye in Moultonborough and member of the Board of Directors for the NH Camp Directors Association. "It is my hope that camps across the state

will take advantage of this and more children will be able to access the program, as kids each summer look forward to camp as a way to get outside and socialize with their peers."

Using federal COVID-19 response funds, students with a disability are eligible for a \$650 camp fee, and other eligibilities of \$500 or \$350 are possible depending on the family's federal poverty level. For more details on the program,

or to apply, visit ReKINDling Curiosity <https://rekindlingcuriosityeducation.nh.gov>.

"Last summer we had four children attend our camp who would not have been able to participate without assistance from ReKINDling Curiosity. I am excited for even more families to utilize this incredible resource in the summer of 2022," said Eleanor Elbers, camp director at Daycamps at Orchard School Community Center in Alstead.

Access to Free, One-on-One Tutoring with Khan Academy

From the founder of Khan Academy, Sal Khan and Schoolhouse.world recently launched Live Help, a free math homework help service. The new, online platform offers one-on-one help from peer tutors while utilizing Zoom rooms.

The nationwide resource is currently available from 8 - 10 p.m. each weekday. Students ages 13 and up who are seeking assistance will be matched with a volunteer tutor for individualized sessions.

"One of our most requested features has been for one-on-one help - in real time. Students

can show up during the two-hour time frame, join a queue and receive live help in about two or three minutes," said Drew Bent, co-founder and COO of Schoolhouse.world. "Students in many cases often need help with a math problem immediately, especially if they have an exam or homework due

the next day. This is a great resource, and tutors are carefully trained not to provide answers, but rather to guide students in the problem solving process."

Each volunteer tutor, many of them high school students, are certified through Schoolhouse.world. Tutors can

assist with SAT preparation, as well as offer math help in a variety of courses such as algebra, geometry, calculus and more. Live Help launched a few weeks ago and is hoping to eventually expand its hours of availability.

"Live Help is a great resource for NH students who might need a little

assistance with their math homework or a specific math concept while outside of school hours," said Frank Edelblut, education commissioner. "Instructional, one-on-one support can deliver big benefits for students."

Live Help may be accessed here <https://schoolhouse.world/live-help>.

Police Log

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Walk-Thru at Matthew Thornton School

6:22 p.m. Assault investigated at McDonald's on Nashua Road.

8:01 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Iroquois Circle.

11:15 p.m. Trespassing investigated on Bridle

Path at Wallace Farm apartments.

11:37 p.m. Overdose transported to a hospital from Fairway Road.

Wednesday - Jan. 26

10 a.m. School Check/Walk-Thru at Londonderry High School.

10:24 a.m. School Check/Walk-Thru at Londonderry South School.

10:59 a.m. Identity Theft investigated on Morrison Drive.

12:44 p.m. Services rendered by four officers for a Suicide Attempt/Threat on Winding Pond Road.

1:22 p.m. School Check/Walk-Thru at Londonderry North School.

3:32 p.m. Services Rendered for report of an

Auto Theft on Wilson Road.

5:18 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated by five officers at the NH Liquor Store on Rockingham Road.

6:53 p.m. Missing Person Taken To Family/Guardian/Other on Winding Pond Road.

7:32 p.m. Missing Person transported to a hospital from Winding Pond Road.

11:42 p.m. Report of Shoplifting results in transport to a Hospital from RMZ Truck Stop on Rockingham Rd

6:08 p.m. Missing Person investigated on Winding Pond Road.

6:41 p.m. Disturbance results in an arrest made four officers at Taco Bell/KFC on Nashua Road. Travis Dahood, 40, of Manchester charged with Bench Warrants.

8:36 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident results in an arrest made on Sherwood Road. George Dekeon, 33, of Londonderry charged with Driving Under the Influence.

Friday - Jan. 28

2:58 a.m. Disturbance investigated by four officers at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

9:23 a.m. Services rendered for Drug Offenses at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

2:06 p.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

6:22 p.m. Disturbance

investigated by five officers at the Bluebird Self Storage on Perkins Road.

10:44 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Oakridge Drive.

Saturday - Jan. 29

1:58 a.m. Pedestrian Check results in an arrest at Parmenter Road on High Range Road. Christopher Molis, 32, of Manchester, arrested on a Warrant.

2:20 a.m. Services Rendered for Suspicious Activity on Pillsbury Road.

2:19 p.m. Services Rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Reed Street.

5:41 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by four officers on Iroquois Circle.

Sunday - Jan. 30

2:55 p.m. Three officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Peabody Row.

Around Town

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date is Sunday Feb. 6. Times are 3rd - 6th Grade boys and girls: 11 a.m. - noon, 7th & 8th Grade boys and girls: noon - 1 p.m., High school boys and girls 1 - 2 p.m.

Republicans Meeting

On Thursday, Feb. 17, from, 7 - 8:30 p.m. the Londonderry Republican Committee will meet at 78 Litchfield Rd., to hear from and ask questions of our 2022 candidates for elected offices. Members, friends, and affiliates will learn the latest on legisla-

tive actions at the State House. State Representatives and local officials often attend our meetings and provide updates on important happenings. Meetings allow great opportunities to share your thoughts. For more information contact LRC Chairwoman Liz Thomas at eathomas@comcast.net.

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