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Saturday Session

There were under 70 residents that took part in the Town Deliberative Session on Saturday morning. All 20 Articles were moved to the ballot without change. *Photo by Chris Paul*

NHDHHS Addresses Cancer Concerns in Southern Area

LYDIAN KENNIN
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Jan. 28, the Southern NH Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) conducted a public information meet-

ing to address concerns about Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and their cancer risks in the local area.

In 2016, PFAS were found in drinking water in the Merrimack Valley District (MVD) Water System. In January 2018,

the DHHS published the Merrimack Cancer Report, which found that "No cancers associated with PFOA were found to be higher than would be expected." In 2021, the DPHS reinvestigated this concern and discovered

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Warrant Articles Sent to Ballot During Deliberative

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Deliberative Session took place on Saturday, Feb. 5 and 69 voters attended the meeting and moved 20 articles forward to the March ballot.

The first warrant article sent to the ballot was Article 2, the operating budget. This year's budget is \$38,996,68. If the warrant article is defeated, the default budget will be \$39,069,640 which is the amount of the appropriations contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous

fiscal year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law.

If passed, the Town will need to raise \$21,124,977 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$4.099 per \$1,000 in property value.

Article 3 asks voters to approve the Town raising and appropriating \$180,000 to be placed in the Town's Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund for the purpose of repairing and maintaining town facilities and infrastructure. \$90,000 would come from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance.

If passed it would mean that the Town will have to raise \$90,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.017 next year.

A question that was asked was how much they currently have in the Trust Fund.

Londonderry Finance Director Justin Campo said that currently they have \$162,000.

Article 4 was asking voters to approve the Town raising and appropriating \$650,000 to be placed in the Roadway Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund was moved to the ballot.

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School Board Approves Superintendent Job Posting

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School Board held a short Board meeting on Feb. 2 to discuss and vote on the superintendent job posting.

School Board member Bob Slater said that on Monday the search committee finished their third three and a half hour meeting.

"I can honestly say I haven't been through anything quite like it," said Slater who said the process was very informative.

The Committee has been working with the Ryan Group who was hired to help the School

District with the superintendent search.

Starting March 7 Slater said that the representatives from the Ryan Group will go through the resume and eliminate the ones who are definitely "no's" because they don't have a superintendent certificate or aren't able to get one in time.

The next Committee meeting they will then go through them and set up phone interviews. From there they will pick the candidates that they want to do a longer interview with.

Slater told the Board that if all goes well the School Board will be

doing the final interviews and making a selection around the end of April. The next Superintendent is expected to begin on July 1.

Slater said that they would give the Board an update about the timeline as they go along.

One question that was brought up by School Board member

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If approved, the article will require the Town to raise \$650,000 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.126 in FY 2023.

The article was then moved to the ballot without much discussion.

Article 5 was also moved to the ballot and will ask voters to approve the Town raising and appropriating \$100,000 to fund legal and consulting expenses related to the possible expansion of the existing public water system and/or the creation of a public water system owned by the Town.

"This funding is necessary to study the rates

such a public water system would be able to offer, and to compare such rates with those offered by other utility providers operating in town," the warrant article states. "These funds will also be used to study the potential costs of acquisition of existing utility infrastructure by the Town, potential costs of adding necessary infrastructure, potential expenses related to remediation of water contaminated by PFAS and other contaminants, and the potential costs to provide potable water to Londonderry's residents at reasonable rates. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse

until the earlier of the completion of its purpose or June 30, 2027."

Article 6, the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund warrant article, will raise funds to help purchase equipment and to help provide matching funds for grants they may look for.

The warrant will ask voters to approve raising and appropriating \$100,000 to be placed in the Fire Equipment capital reserve fund and to authorize the use of \$50,000 from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance to go towards the appropriation.

Article 7 asks voters to approve raising and appropriate \$75,000 to be placed in the Pillsbury Cemetery Expansion Capital Reserve Fund was moved to the ballot during the Deliberative Session.

It was explained that it would allow for the Town to plan for the expansion of the cemetery without having a burden on the taxpayers during any particular year.

Article 8 is related to the Technology Capital Reserve was moved to the ballot during the meeting. The Warrant article will ask voters to vote on whether or not they approve the Town establishing an "Information Technology Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of maintaining and upgrading the Town's information technology needs and infrastructure, in-



Captain Chris Gandia was recognized as he retires from the LPD.

cluding cyber security."

It will also ask voters to allow the Town to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to be placed in the fund.

Article 9 will establish a Recreation Revolving Fund. The warrant article will ask voters to approve raising and appropriating \$1,000 to establish the fund. The fund will ultimately create an account to allow for funds from fees and charges for recreational park services and facilities as well as any donations to the Recreation Revolving Fund to be placed in it. Money from the funds would only be used for recreational purposes.

One question was asked if they have any other funds that are protected like the one being proposed. Campo said that the Police Detail Fund and the Sewer Fund are.

The warrant article was moved to the ballot.

Article 10 will ratify a new collective bargaining agreement reached

between the Town of Londonderry and the International Association of Firefighters Local 3160 was moved to the ballot.

If approved the Town would need to raise an additional \$86,623 in property taxes in 2023 resulting in a tax rate impact of \$0.017 in FY23.

Article 11 allows the Town Council to have a special meeting if the fire contract warrant article isn't approved. That article was also moved to the ballot.

Article 12 will ask voters to approve, discontinuing and dissolving the Eco-Industrial Park capital reserve fund was sent to the ballot during the Deliberative Session.

If approved the \$32,800 that is in the fund would be transferred to the June 30th unassigned fund balance.

Article 13 will be asked to approve the Town to raise and appropriate \$32,800 for the future updating of the

Master Plan after the warrant article was moved to the ballot during the Deliberative Session.

The funds will be placed in the Master Plan Capital Reserve Fund. The funds will come from the unassigned fund balance.

Town Councilor Deb Paul asked if they currently have enough funds for the master plan. She was told no. Town Planner Colleen Mailloux said that they hope to bring a consultant on board in the spring and then start the process in the fall.

Article 14 will have the Town raise and appropriate \$32,500 to be placed in the Cable Equipment Capital Reserve Fund after the warrant article was sent to the ballot during the Deliberative Session.

The funds would come from the annual distribution of Public Educational and Government Access programming from the current Franchise Agreement.

Article 15 was sent to the ballot asking voters to authorize the Town Council to execute a lease with the Londonderry School District where the Town would lease to the School District certain property adjacent to Town Hall for purposes of constructing new School District Offices, for a term of 30-75 years, and for nominal rent.

It will also ask voters to approve raising and appropriating \$300,000 for the Town to contribute to the construction of the new School

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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.

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District Offices and directly related expenses such as landscaping or reconfiguring the

Town Hall complex.

The funds would come from the unassigned fund balance.

A second warrant article related to the school district office will

ask voters to restore the site of the former School District Offices at the Town Hall complex to a safe, landscaped, slightly condition if the Londonderry School District and the Town do not agree or are unable to return the District Offices to the Town Hall complex and further to authorize the \$150,000 from the June 30 unassigned fund balance was moved to the ballot.

This special warrant article will be a nonlapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the completion of restoring the site of the former School District Offices at the Town Hall complex to a safe, landscaped, slightly condition or by June 30, 2025, whichever is sooner.

Article 17 was then discussed and was related to the property at 35 Gilcreast Road.

The warrant article will ask voters to vote to authorize the release of a conservation and open space restriction on approximately 23 acres of land at 35 Gilcreast Road, which is currently owned by Gilcreast Realty Holdings for consideration to be paid to the Town of Londonderry for no less than \$2.650,000.

It was explained that the conservation easement came about in 2002 when the Town paid \$1,230,000 for it.

One question that was asked by resident Chris Paul was how they can get around selling the easement when the town had already voted to buy it previously.

It was explained by Assistant Town Solicitor Mike Malaguti that the

way the easement works is it allows the Town people to vote to amend the restriction.

He said that even if the warrant article passes the Town isn't obligated to sell it and it would need to go to the Town Council and Conservation Commission still for them to weigh in.

Malaguti said it ultimately allows people in Town to decide whether or not they want to move forward with it.

Conservation Commission Chair Marge Badois said that they haven't officially discussed it yet.

Article 18 will ask voters to approve the Town putting \$750,000 in the Conservation Commission's Land Acquisition Fund to be used in a reasonable amount of time to replace the 35 Gilcreast Road property. The funds would come from the release of the conservation easement and open space restriction.

One warrant that drew a proposed amend-

ment was in regards to the speed limit for Town roads.

Article 19 will be a non-binding question asking voters if they think they should reduce the speed limit for the roads from 35 MPH to 30 MPH.

Londonderry Police Chief William Hart Jr. explained that every quarter when they have their Traffic Committee meetings one of the biggest concerns brought up is speed in town.

He said that they thought this would be a good time to see if the voters think they should reduce the speed for Town owned roads only.

"This is just a temperature taken of the Town," said Hart.

Hart said that in order for the change to happen it would require a traffic study and for the Town Council to vote on it.

One amendment made was to ask voters if it should be 35 MPH which ultimately failed.

The warrant article was moved to the ballot.

Article 20 drew some discussion in regards to pickleball engineering work. The warrant article will ask voters to approve raising and appropriating \$6,000 for engineering fees for a conceptual design summary outline for pickleball courts, tentatively at 94 West Road or another suitable location.

A proposed amendment during the deliberative session was to have the money come from the unassigned fund balance instead of having the funds being raised from taxes.

Town Councilor Deb Paul said that she was concerned about using the funds from the unassigned balance.

The amendment ultimately failed 18-30 meaning the original warrant article was sent to the ballot.

The Town election is scheduled to take place on March 8 at the High School gymnasium.



OBITUARY

Alfred H. Elliott

Alfred H. Elliott, 87, long-time resident of Londonderry, NH, passed peacefully with his family, Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022, in the Elliot Hospital, Manchester, NH. He was born in Phillipsburg Quebec, Canada on Feb. 27, 1934. Alfred, more fondly known

as Al, Uncle Al, Big Al, "the Canuck", became an American Citizen after he proudly served this country as a forward observer in the U.S. Army, 7th Infantry during the Korean War. He retired from the Teamsters union, Local #633, after over 30 years driving oil tankers and tracker trailers. He also retired from the Derry School system after 10 years maintaining school buildings, equipment, and their grounds. Al was a lifetime member of the VFW and Halcyon Club of Derry, NH. He enjoyed any machine with a motor, especially his truck and camper or motor home traveling with his family. In his younger days he enjoyed racing cars and water skiing with his boat. He was an avid mechanic who loved his garage. Al loved spending time in his garage working on cars, motorcycles, lawn mowers, etc. or spending time with family and friends there. He enjoyed watching sports, especially the Bruins, Red Sox and wrestling with his family and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents Henry Elliott of Alberg Springs, VT and Gladys Provencher of Derry, as well as his half-brothers Donald Elliott of Swanton, VT and Leonard Elliott of Highgate, VT.

He is survived by his wife, of 61 year, Pauline (Misiaszek) Elliott of Londonderry; his daughters, Jane Elliott of Andover, MA and Linda Elliott of Bedford, NH, his son in-laws, Stuart McDowell of Andover, MA and John Argeropolous of Bedford, NH; his treasured granddaughters, Emily McDowell, Lauren McDowell, and Kyra Argeropolous; his sisters, Gloria Gutwein of Edison, NJ, Shirley Pochick of Staunton, VA, and Gilda Pinedo of Laguna Niguel, CA; his step sister, Judy Rochleau of Highgate, VT, his half-brothers, Randall Elliott of Londonderry, NH, Craig Elliott of Sheldon, VT, Raleigh Elliott of Swanton, VT and John Elliott of Highgate, VT as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 16 from 5 - 7 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 15 Birch St. Derry, NH. Memorial services will follow at 7 p.m., in the funeral home. A military service and burial will be held on Thursday, Feb. 17, at noon, at the NH State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Web-

Londonderry School Deliberative Session:

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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Editorial

February, Short But Important

It is the shortest month of the year. The month is named for the Latin word februum; meaning purification, together with January. It was the last of the months added to the Roman calendar.

February days grow steadily longer, with a promise of spring and better weather.

February is the only month to have a length fewer than 30 days. Most years, the month has just 28 days but if there are 29 days in the month, then it's called a leap year. The next leap year will be in 2024, which means there will be a Feb. 29, 2024. The reason we have February 29 every four years is because of two different time cycles involved with the rotation of the Earth.

Originally, February was made the last month of the calendar year. However, in 450 BC, the month was moved to the place that it holds today. February holds significance because it is National Freedom Month, which is always observed on Feb. 1st, this celebrates freedom from slavery. It was the date Abraham Lincoln signed the 13th Amendment outlawing slavery in 1865. On June 30, 1948, President Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming February 1st as the first official National Freedom Month in the United States. In honor of African American History Month, the Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution, and the United States Holocaust Memori-

al Museum all join our nation in paying tribute to the generations of African Americans who struggled with adversity to achieve full citizenship in American History.

This year, Feb. 1st is also when we celebrate Chinese New Year. It is the Year of the Tiger.

Feb. 2nd is Groundhog Day, the day we find out whether winter will last six more weeks or call it quits early.

The 2022 Winter Olympics and the Super Bowl traditionally is played on the first Sunday of the month of February.

Feb. 12th is Abraham Lincoln's Birthday; he was the 16th president of the United States.

Feb. 14th is always Valentine's Day, a day celebrated with love, chocolate, and flowers.

Feb. 15th honors Susan B. Anthony's birthday – the great women's rights leader.

Feb. 15th also is President's Day this year, which is a federal holiday and also known as Washington's Birthday. This is always, celebrated on the third Monday in February. Washington's actual birthday is Feb. 22nd.

Feb. 16th is Mardi Gras, also known as "Fat Tuesday" or Shrove Tuesday. This is the final feasting day before the Christian tradition of Lent begins on the following day, Ash Wednesday. There are many more things happening in February, a few I thought I would mention; World Cancer Day, National Boy Scout Day, and National Pokémon Day.

There you have it, some fun information about February.

Spindel Eye Donates to Trailways



Over the last 10 years, Spindel Eye Associates has donated five times to Londonderry Trailways in support of each of the five sections of the Londonderry Rail Trail and on Monday, Feb. 7, they made their sixth donation in support of Phase 6, which will connect the Londonderry Rail Trail to the Manchester Trail. According to Bob Rimol, President of Londonderry Trailways, construction of Phase 6 is scheduled for 2023.

Spindel Eye Associates stated,

"It is an honor to be able to support a wellness initiative right here in our own back yard. Many of our staff jog, hike, and walk the rail trail on a regular basis. We view the rail trail as an important part of our community and an extension of our practice."

Pictured are: From left, Representing Spindel Eye were Tim Svenson, Anne Stuart and Dr. Sarah Wood. Bob Rimol and Sandy Lagueux were accepting the Check.

Photo by Chris Paul

Letters

Republican Representatives

To the editor,

I am outraged at our Republican representatives in Concord. Last night, WMUR News (2/2/22) reported that NH Republicans want to spend your money to challenge NH's 2020 state election results. How insulting to the poll workers of our great State! I firmly believe in our election officials' honesty, integrity and the results of our election. Even Trump's head of elections, Christopher Krebs, said that "this was the most secure election in our history". (Trump fired him the next day.) To think that some of our legislators are actually so ignorant that they believe the biggest lie that any politician has ever told the American people. Look back,

Trump (alone) started to convince people before the 2020 election, that if he lost, he must have been cheated. It doesn't take a genius to see that Trump is a manipulator extraordinaire. This Trump mind trick mirrors how Adolf Hitler convinced the German people that the Jews, the disabled, the weak and the intellectuals were what was wrong in post WW1 Germany.

Winston Churchill: "Those who forget history are doomed to repeat it: Think about this."

Donald Cox
Londonderry

Vote Killian

To the editor,

I am writing this letter in support of Racheal Killian who is running for School Board. Racheal has shown her dedi-

cation to Londonderry and its children by attending every School Board meeting, something I have only seen from one other candidate, Tim Porter. Her experience in education speaks for itself, but more importantly, I am truly amazed with the passion she has to better our schools, our children's education, and to get Londonderry back to a place we can all be proud of the schools and our education system.

Racheal appreciates the need for each family to make decisions that are best for their child. This is not about masks. This is about the choices that we as parents should be able to make for our children and how they learn and what works best for them. This does not matter

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what side of the political table you sit on, choosing the right candidate, with the right qualifications for the job is crucial if this town is to move forward in better-

ing the education for our children. We spend so much money as taxpayers towards the schools, let's make that money count and spend it wisely.

We need to have transparency on the School Board and at the

District Office, something that has been lacking, in my opinion, the past few years. This town has grown, and changed in many ways, our School Board should reflect the same. It should not be comprised of people who all agree on one thing

salary.

Slater said that members of the Board can give them questions that they think they should ask during the phone interviews.

"We're going to do the same for the community," said Slater.

He said they are likely going to have a short questionnaire so people in the community can give them their input before the interviews about what questions should be asked.

The Board unanimously approved the job posting.

Superintendent

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Nancy Hendricks is if they should have language in the posting saying that they would like the superintendent to live locally.

"That was a big topic," said Slater.

Slater explained that due to the housing market the Committee thought it was best to keep it to a certain mile radius instead of making the person live in Londonderry.

School Board Vice Chair Sara Loughlin said that she didn't think they should require

them to live in Town.

"I don't think we can restrict and say you have to live in town," said Loughlin.

She said that she thinks having a 20 to 30 mile radius is standard.

As part of the final negotiations with the candidate they select they may be able to discuss a relocation package as well, Slater said.

Slater also noted that in the job posting they don't list an exact monetary figure for the salary so they don't restrict themselves to a certain

her every day. She was a wonderful wife, mother, Grandma, sister and friend to many. I can (and do) commune with her from anywhere, but I like to visit her actual grave once a month or so as well.

She is buried at the cemetery on Hovey Road and I went there last week to spend some time with her, only to

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the School Charter, to expand the School Board seats to best represent the entire community.

Racheal Killian is truly "The Voice our Kids Deserve".

Christine Fitzgerald
Londonderry

Plowing Cemetery?

To the editor,

My wife passed away 5 years ago and I miss

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find that the entrance roads are chained off. I would have walked in but there was no place that I felt safe to park.

I pondered for a minute and drove off, but I have been unable to shake the unrest that came from the experience. What is the reason for this? Are we trying to save a few bucks by not plowing? Are there liability issues? I don't know. I would venture a guess that whomever made the decision to close the cemetery in the winter does not have the love of their life waiting there for a visit.

Lee Moulton
Londonderry

Running For Budget Committee

To the editor,

My name is Maureen Hardy and I am running for a seat on the Londonderry Budget Committee in the upcoming March 8, 2022 Election at the Londonderry High School. Please allow me to introduce myself: I

am currently participating in the Leadership Londonderry Program. The Leadership Londonderry Program is "a program designed to educate, inform, develop and motivate residents for leadership roles in the community and beyond". Participants are educated about the operations, fiscal management, and issues of local government. Leadership Londonderry "provides an in-depth orientation regarding all local government functions as well as an opportunity for interaction with current community leaders". By participating, I have achieved a good understanding of the Town's departments and functions.

I vow to honor the mission of the Budget Committee which is to offer a 3rd party taxpayer perspective to the Town and School Board. The Committee's goal is to ensure that the budgets of both the Superintendent of Schools and the Town Manager provide taxpayers with adequate town and school services and the neces-

sary infrastructure to operate in a fiscally responsible manner, while preferably maintaining a stable tax bill.

My background is in Clinical Microbiology, Infection Control, Epidemiology, Research & Development (Diagnostic Devices) and Pharmacovigilance (Drug Safety) Compliance. I have also owned and operated a franchise restaurant and have served on the board of my HOA. I have taught Microbiology and the Community College level and Medical Ethics at the University level. My attention to detail and my analytical thought process means that I am well suited to research & question the different facets of budget issues to offer sound common-sense advice for both the town and school district.

I am a relatively new member of the community as I moved to Londonderry from Illinois about two years ago. NH called to me as the "Live Free or Die" State. It is not my intention to bring the policies which have harmed Illinois and the great people who live there with me, but rather to embrace the culture of freedom that embodies NH and her residents. I have built a home in Londonderry and this is my long-term

residence.

It is my wish to serve the Town of Londonderry with integrity, authentic service and duty to the community. I am not on Social Media but I welcome any questions or comments at: meauxx2@gmail.com

Maureen Hardy
Londonderry

Janet for Budget Committee

To the editor,

I am a candidate for the Londonderry Budget Committee. Londonderry has been my hometown for 22 years. It is a wonderful community with committed and caring people. This was reinforced to me this summer, when my rescue coonhound ripped his leash from my hand and went full force chasing a raccoon into the woods. The community rallied and within two days some wonderful old and new friends cut through yards of thick forest to save my beloved Tucker, who was wrapped and pinned in vines. This event and finally moving past the personal care and loss of my mother to a decade long battle with Alzheimer's stirred my nature to return to public service in a more committed way. By fami-

ly nurturing, an outgoing personality, and my career choices, I have learned the value of being involved in one's community whether it be part of the Beautify Londonderry Volunteers, by membership in a book club, service group, Old Home Day Committee, or working with others to speak up about issues that affect the quality of life in Londonderry: children's education, business ordinances, warrant articles, and property values. As a retiree, escalating costs for the same or equivalent level of (excellent) town services is very noticeable to me. In assessing what I might be able to do and after consulting with

friends and neighbors, I was drawn to and encouraged to run for the Budget Committee. In an advisory capacity, the Budget Committee represents and presents the taxpayers' perspective to the officials of the Town and School Board about their financial needs and wants, their abilities to fulfill their operational responsibilities, and their annual budgets. The Budget Committee offers recommendations, like using grants with no strings attached to make one time purchases thereby avoiding using or using fewer tax payer dollars. I have degrees, certificates, and training in such areas

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OBITUARY

Scott Edward Kirby



Scott Edward Kirby, 59, of Londonderry, NH passed away unexpectedly at his residence on Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022. Scott was born Jan. 18, 1963, in Medford, MA and was a son of the late Robert and Ann (Morrison) Kirby. He was raised and educated in Melrose, MA and was a graduate of Melrose High School. Scott had been a resident of Londonderry for the past 29 years.

Scott was currently self-employed but his lifelong career was as a Steam Engineer. He worked for many years at the Granite Ridge Energy plant in Londonderry. He enjoyed the local sports teams, especially the Patriots. He was an avid collector of pinback buttons and enjoyed writing short stories. He also loved to feed people and was very skilled in the kitchen.

Scott is survived by his wife of 29 years, Toni (Andreucci) Kirby, his son Dan and his significant other Meaghan Hodge, a sister, Cheryl Eastridge of Wilmington, DE, and three brothers, Robert (Linda) Kirby, of Derry, NH, James (Noni) Kirby of Londonderry and Steven (Joyce) Kirby of Melrose.

Calling hours were held Friday Feb. 4, at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday Feb. 5, at St. Jude Parish, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry followed by a cremation.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Raymond E. Andreucci Scholarship Fund, C/O Notre Dame High School, 1 Notre Dame Way, West Haven, CT 06516. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Letters

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as Public Management, Public Administration, Business Law, Organizational Development, Business Consulting, and have managed annual budgets in the millions of dollars. I have worked in government, served on town, state, and national committees. Friends have told me that I have good common sense and am astute at problem solving. I would appreciate your vote. As importantly, if elected, I would appreciate your thoughts and ideas including coming to Budget Committee meetings to keep board members an effective voice for you.

Janet Huttula
Londonderry

Residents of 55+ Developments

To the editor

An open letter to all residents of the age 55 and older developments of Londonderry. Including Forest Hills, Sugar Plum, The Nevins, Hickory Woods, Cross farms and any that I have missed.

As we all saw when we got our second quarter tax bills in December the School Budget is out of control and they want to spend between 4 - 5 million more of our hard earned money for an office building they don't need.

With the coming election it is time for us to remind the School Board that they don't have a blank check to spend money as they see fit.

We all should vote

against any of the Articles for School funding (as that is the largest part of our increase). And that especially means the above 4 - 5 million and the Teachers contract.

We are all getting hit with either price increases or inflation on almost everything, it is time for us to speak up.

If we don't things will get a lot worse.

Kevin J. Olvaney
Londonderry

Vote Tim Porter

To the editor,

I am writing this letter in support of Tim Porter who is running for a Londonderry School Board seat. I've seen Tim attend almost all of the school board meetings over the past couple of years, something I have only seen from one other candidate that is running, Racheal Killian. Tim's full time job is helping people plan for their financial futures, what an amazing skill to share with the planning for our children's future in the school system.

In addition to attending School Board meetings, Tim volunteered his time and energy on the School Board Reopening Task Force. Those who attended the Task Force meetings would be able to see how well he works with others, and more importantly, how thorough and factual he was at presenting his information.

He has children in the school system and understands the educational challenges our children face. He sees how our taxes are spent,

and sees the challenges our schools face. Tim will not only help to make improvements to bring back Londonderry's first class public education, but to focus on how and where the financial spending can improve and limit our already ballooning taxes. We can improve our resources to our teachers and students by examining where changes can be made or improved. I can think of no better person to do that, than Tim.

With all of the time Tim spends attending School Board meetings, volunteering for the Task Force, he also volunteers his time coaching for multiple local sports programs. For those that have volunteered their time to coach local programs, you understand how much time, energy and patience is needed. To say that Tim is a generous person with his time is an understatement. As a town, we would be very lucky to have a person serve on the School Board who has this much passion in helping our children and investing in their education.

Let's invest in our children and vote for Tim Porter for Londonderry School Board.

Robert Fitzgerald
Londonderry

Vote for Janet Huttula

To the editor,

We are voting for Janet Huttula for Budget Committee. She is honest and cares about our community. She is well qualified for the Budget Committee having been a Manager of the State of California's Department of Forestry and Protection Worker's Compensation Program and managing millions of dollars. From discussions with "Jan" and frankly testing her on her knowledge, she is well informed and puts the interests of what is best for all first and foremost. Jan is not running for this position to build her resume and career power-base. She is retired. Jan has had a varied career that included 30 years of State government work, private business ventures, and being a university instructor on business subjects. She is running for the Budget Committee out of her inherited sense of civic duty and her sensibilities to be part of the solution to pressing issues like rising inflation and increasing taxes. Since our business responsibilities keep us from being able to run for office, we appreciate that Jan, if we all elect her, will listen to our concerns and represent our interests to the best of her capabilities—that are more than ample. Join us and Vote for Janet "Jan" Huttula.

Doug and Michelle
Tisdell
Londonderry

OBITUARY

Kenneth (Ken) Albert Hamel



On Jan. 30, 2022, Kenneth (Ken) Albert Hamel passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus surrounded by his loved ones at MGH in Boston, MA. His friends and family jokingly called him "miracle man" after courageously battling interstitial lung disease and becoming a successful double lung transplant recipient in 2017.

Ken was born to the late Shirley and Philip Hamel on June 6, 1947, in Haverhill, MA. He was the oldest of 4 children. He spent family time with many aunts, uncles, and cousins growing up.

At age 14 he developed an early interest in the printing industry, which eventually led him to the Haverhill Trade School. After graduating, he built a successful career representing some of the largest global equipment companies such as Presstek, NuArc, Polaroid, Danagraf, and Web Press Corp. After an impressive 60 years, he officially retired from that field but stayed connected to the people he worked with.

Ken was also an educator at heart and attended both Northeastern University in Boston, MA and Fitchburg State University earning a Teaching Certificate. Helping all levels of students learn the art of printing was a passion and with any opportunity to teach he jumped right in. This soon spread to all areas of his life.

For 8 years, he also proudly served in the United States Army Reserves and received an honorable discharge. He felt the time he served was one of the most important accomplishments he'd made.

Ken found the love of his life Cheryl in 1983. They were married for over 37 wonderful years. A loving and devoted couple, they had a fun spirit that brought happiness to many. Their appreciation for travelling together took them throughout Europe, Hawaii, and many trips to local New England spots. One of their favorite annual events was the K-LOVE fan awards in Nashville. They became deeply committed to their faith, volunteering in organizations and missions for the good of others. Ken gave his life to the Lord in 2009.

Deacon of the Londonderry Christian Church, Ken had also held positions at Emmanuel Covenant Church as Church Chair and started the Tech team at Bethany Covenant Church. Once officially retired, Ken and Cheryl led 3 mission trips to Romania and volunteered at the New England Seafarers Mission in Boston. Ken served on the boards of the NE Seafarers Mission and the Emmanuel Maria Mission Foundation (Mission to the Children and needy in Romania) until his passing.

Ken and Cheryl had two children each that they raised as one family. They were blessed with 9 grandchildren who brought laughter and light to their lives. If Ken wasn't enjoying time with his family or volunteering, he was out with friends. In his later years he invited many to the house for board games, cards, and to watch Patriots.

Ken is survived by his faithful wife Cheryl; his adored children, Karen Baron, Heather Furber and her husband David, Shelly Barnett and her husband Sean, Steve Street and his wife Stacie; his beloved grandchildren, Nicole and Tyler Baron, Jacob and Joshua Furber, Christopher Barnett and his wife Aly, Nicholas Barnett, Sam and Sullivan Street. He also leaves behind his much-loved siblings, Stephen Hamel, Susan Riley, and Donna McIntosh, their spouses and children, Aunt Doreen Snow, many cousins, and dear friends.

In lieu of flowers the family is requesting that donations be made to the non-profit charities Ken gave his time to: NESM, 1 Black Falcon Terminal, Boston, MA 02210, or EMMF c/o Londonderry Christian Church, 372 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH 03053

On Saturday, Feb. 12, a Celebration of Life will be held at Bethany Covenant Church, One Covenant Way, Bedford, NH 03110. Service will begin at 1 p.m. Light snacks and visitation with family and friends at approximately 2:30 p.m. Ken's favorite color was BLUE, please incorporate this into your attire for the service as we honor his life.

The Cremation Society of NH is assisting the family with arrangements. To view an online memorial, leave a message of condolence, or for more information please go to www.csnh.com.

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NHDHHS

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new data on higher-than-usual kidney cancer rates that led the group to conduct a new study.

The DHHS analyzed data for 27 different cancer types in Merrimack and found that the results were consistent with the initial report from 2018, but there was “some evidence” of an association between PFAS and the following types of cancer: Kidney, Testicular and Pancreatic.

The DHHS has looked at cancer data for Merrimack, Litchfield, Bedford and Londonderry. Other towns will be included in the DHHS’s “case definition” because it will provide a larger sample for cases and controls and there is a concern about PFAS exposure and related health impacts in addi-

tional areas.

Population Health Bureau Chief Sai Cherala, MD MPH, introduced the discussion by acknowledging the public’s concern for safety.

“I want to take a minute to reflect on the seriousness of this issue and share what we have been hearing from citizens around the clock because they are concerned and want to understand what is going on,” Cherala said.

Cancer Program Administrator Whitney Hammond, MSW MPH, led the meeting by addressing the protocol and steps the DHHS has and will be taking henceforth.

In the 2021 study, the DHHS found a higher number of people with kidney and renal cancers in Merrimack. 66 cases were observed compared with an expected 47 cases

between 2009-2018. The group found this to be “statistically significant.”

“Does this mean that there is something in Merrimack that is causing Kidney and Renal cancers? We don’t know,” Hammond said. She emphasized the limitations of the data and reiterated that the DHHS is doing everything in its power to find answers as quickly as possible.

In response to public safety concerns such as this, the DHHS convenes the “Cancer Concerns Review Team” or CCRT to include a full range of expertise in the following: cancer epidemiology, environmental epidemiology, risk communication, cancer prevention, guidelines on cancer cluster investigations, and familiarity with the geographic area and environmental

concerns of the community.

As a part of the investigation process, the DHHS utilizes the Standardized Incidence Ratio (SIR).

“The Standardized Incidence Ratio is what is recommended by the CDC as the way we look at cancer in a community,” Hammond said. “We calculate it to give us an estimate of the likelihood that there’s an excess of cases in a certain population of concern.”

Since cancer rates vary by age, the SIR calculates “age-specific” rates, which takes into account the actual age distribution of a population. The SIR is the recommended measure for comparison of cancer in small areas with small numbers of cases rather than comparison of age-adjusted rates. It provides a “signal or indica-

tor” that can lead to further investigation.

Hammond compared the urgency of the SIR to that of a check engine light versus other more serious indicators that can light up on a car’s dashboard. “The SIR is not like that. It’s more like your check engine light. It’s a signal that something could be going on, but it doesn’t tell you what’s wrong.”

The DHHS has operated its response to their findings in three phases.

In Phase One, the DHHS opens to questions and concerns from the public and typically responds to calls and emails within two business days. The DHHS shares a “conclusion summary” with inquiries and logs the concerns on its public website.

In Phase Two, the DHHS conducts a review of NH State Cancer Reg-

istry (NHSCR) data and then convenes the Cancer Concern Review Team (CCRT) for input to decide whether or not further investigation should occur. All conclusions and next steps are shared publicly.

In Phase Three, the DHHS convenes CCRT and experts to determine whether or not a new study is feasible. The DHHS then convenes a Community Advisory Group (CAG) to inform the investigation.

“The government isn’t known for moving quickly. It will take time,” Hammond said. “We will do our best to cast a wide net.”

For any public health related questions or concerns, the DHHS accepts inquiries by phone (603) 271-4959, (603) 271-9389 and by email DHHS-CRT@dhhs.nh.gov.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lady Lancer Hoops Squad Finishes with Two Strong Wins

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Basketball team has had their problems this season, but during their final two games of the regular season had some positive results.

The Lady Lancers had a 62-58 overtime win against Salem High School on the road and a 58-40 victory at home against Nashua North High School to finish the season with at 8-10.

The wins solidified a spot in the upcoming Division I Championship playoffs.

In the Monday night, Jan. 31 game against the Lady Blue Devils of Salem, both teams battled through four quarters and wound up tied and needed an overtime period to settle the contest.

In that quarter, the LHS squad came out on



Kate Sloper

top with the 62-58 win.

Londonderry senior forward Olivia Chau had 28-points in the game to lead her team. Junior guard Jordon Furlong

finished with 16-points, freshman Kate Sloper had nine-points and Talia Iorio had five in the game.

The team's final contest of the season, its Senior Night game against Nashua North scheduled for Friday night, Feb. 4, was rescheduled to the following day due to weather, and had each of the seniors contributing to the win.

Lancer seniors Madelyn O'Shaunessy, Olivia Chau and Kaitlyn Hardy where all given playing time in the game and O'Shaunessy was able to put the final two-points of the game on the board for her team.

O'Shaunessy had missed much of the season due to injury.

In the 58-40 win over the Lady Titans, the LHS squad got off to a slow start in the first half but was able to get the victo-

ry with a very strong second half.

The Lady Lancers led after one quarter with a 17-10 lead, but let Nashua back in the game in the second period for a 27-25 first half finish.

In the final half of the last game the team will play at home this year, Londonderry outscored their opponent 13-8 in the third and 18-7 in the fourth for the victory.

Sloper was the team's high-scorer with 17-points, Chau was right behind her with 16-points. Furlong finished the regular season with 12-points, freshman Reagan Anderson had six and junior Shannon Ball had five.

The team was scheduled to play number four-seeded Concord High School (15-3) to start Preliminary Round of the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association's Division I



Lancer senior Madelyn O'Shaunessy put the final two-points of the game on the board in her last home game. Photo by Chris Paul

Championship on Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 6 p.m. on the road as the 13th seed.

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Lancer Gymnasts Host Their Final Meet of the Season



Lancer Gymnastics head coach Heather Lennon congratulates senior

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Gymnastics team competed in their final meet of the winter season before heading into the State Championship this coming weekend and celebrated the team's five seniors that will be lost to graduation next year during that event.

The event, held on Tuesday night, Feb. 1, brought teams from Pinkerton Academy, Plymouth High School and Pelham High to compete against the Lady Lancers squad.

Head coach Heather Lennon chose to feature each of her departing seniors throughout the night and the LHS team finished in second place with a score of 125.95. Pinkerton finished first that evening with a team

score of 130.4, Pelham was third with 114.6 and Plymouth finished with 114.2 for fourth.

The Lady Lancer gymnasts were able to place in each of the four events that evening.

In the Vault, the LHS squad had senior Ella Houghton finish with an 8.3 to place second. Emma Nadeau finished with an 8.1, just out of placing in that event.

In the Uneven Bars, Londonderry sophomore, Lilly Haggett, finished in third place with her score of 8.3. Senior Makenna Lord finished with a 7.5 as the second highest LHS gymnast.

On the Beam, Ella Houghton was able to get another second place spot with her score of a nine. Also getting high scores were Makenna Lord, who had an 8.2 and Peyton Beirne

and Emma Nadeau both had a 7.8.

In the Floor competition, Houghton gave a very strong performance in her final home event with a first place finish and a score of 8.85. Marie Fitzgerald had a 7.9. Jess Bolduc and Makenna Lord each had a 7.5.

In All-Around, Pinkerton Academy held the top two places. Allie Merrill was first with her 32.75 and Tina Bjelogrić was just .15 points behind her, with a 32.6 for second place.

Head coach Heather Lennon had mixed feelings about the final home meet of the season, "The Senior Meet is always a bitter sweet night. We celebrated our five graduating seniors Laura Bowen, Quinn Brown, Makenna Lord, Nikki Stone and Ella

Houghton. This graduating class is definitely special because all five of them came in together has freshman and competed all four years together. That is not easy in the sport of gymnastics. All the girls preformed beautifully and Laura stuck her first beam routine in competition. We couldn't be happier with all our seniors and we wish them the best of luck with the next chapter in their lives. This next week we will be really focusing on getting ready for states and determining our best line up."

The team will finish the winter season this weekend, at the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association's State Championship on Saturday, Feb. 12, at A2 Gym and Cheer in Salem.

Lancer Wrestlers Drop Home Dual Meet to Concord

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Wrestling team had another difficult night of trying to defeat a very tough opponent last week.

The Lancer team hosted their latest Dual Meet against the Concord High School Crim-

son Tide and lost 50-16 in that meet.

The Londonderry squad gave up three weights to forfeit in the match and knew heading in, that it would be a tough deficit to overcome those 18-points.

Starting in the 106 lb, weight class, freshman Nikki Stylianios lost by a technical fall 20-5.

Weights 113 and 120 went to Concord by forfeits.

LHS junior Nicolas D'Alessandro (126 lbs.) lost to Concord in a 10-7 decision.

Senior Evan Madigan (132 lbs.) lost in a 7-3 decision.

Junior Michael Palma (138 lbs.) had the first Londonderry win with a

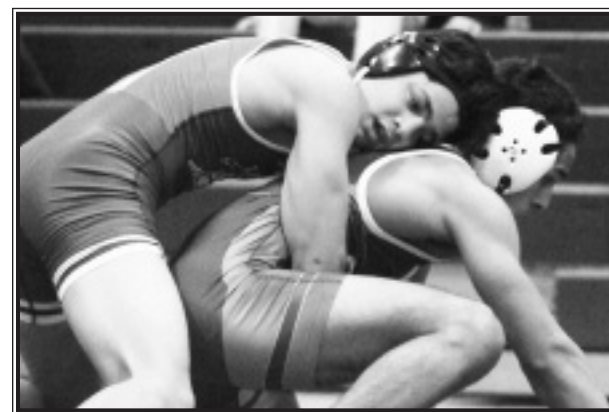
6-2 decision.

Freshman Emanuel Perez (145 lbs.) had a 13-0 Major Decision win.

The Concord team had wins in the 152 and 160 lb, weights, then senior Colby Russel got a pin for six-points at 170 lbs. over Connor Beauman.

The final win for Londonderry came from sophomore Andreas Taliadouros (182 lbs.) over Odeyi Kizungu of Concord in a 5-4 decision.

The team will travel to Derry this week to



Michael Palma

take on Pinkerton Academy for their final meet of the season before preparing for the Division I State Championships scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 19 at Londonderry High School.

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Lancer Hockey Squad Loses in OT to Bedford Bulldogs



Senior Noah Malcolm had a break away assist for the first goal against Bedford.

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Hockey team played their 11th and 12th games of the regular season last week, winning their first game 4-2 against Bow High School, but losing 5-4 in overtime to the Bedford Bulldogs at home during Senior Night.

In the 4-2 win over Bow, taking place at the Everett Arena in Concord on Wednesday, Feb. 2, the Lancer squad had goals scored by sophomore forward Matt Boyon, sophomore forward Jayden Hamilton, sophomore forward Mike Maloney and senior forward Drew Nutter.

The win gave the team their eighth win of the season with seven left to play.

On Saturday night, in a home game at the Tri-Town Ice Arena in Hooksett, the team celebrated their eldest members during a Senior Night ceremony. Defensemen Kevin Griffin and Matt Palmer, goalies Jake Holdsworth, Mike Anstey and Aiden Cardosi, and Forwards Jack Beirne, Brandon Savage, Drew Nutter and Noah Malcolm were all hon-

ored before the game against Bedford High School.

The Bulldogs came into the game with an 11-2 record and had the number two spot in Division I.

Londonderry sat in the fourth spot, with an 8-3 record and gave the Bedford bunch all they could handle throughout three periods of regulation.

The Lancers came out strong, but Bedford put themselves on the scoreboard first, at 6:47 in the first.

The LHS squad got on the board after a break away by Noah Malcolm for an assist to Brandon Savage to tie the game at 1-1.

Bedford took a 2-1 lead just before the first period ended.

The second period started with two quick goals by both sides, Londonderry's Maloney scored to knot the game at two, then Bedford regained the lead, 3-2 and that score remained until the third period.

The Lancers tied the game 3-3 after getting a two-man advantage on a double penalty by the Bulldogs.

The tying goal came



Londonderry senior forward Brandon Savage had the first goal to tie the game at one in the first. Photos by Chris Paul

from Malcolm at 7:27 in the third period.

At 5:39 in the third, Bedford took a 4-3 lead during a man-advantage power play.

Then, with just :49 left in the final period of regulation, junior defenseman Ben Padykula got the game tying goal to send the game into overtime.

Bedford got the game winner at 3:11 in that

period to give Londonderry its fourth loss of the season with six games left in the regular season.

The team is scheduled to play Exeter (8-2-1) at home on Tuesday, Feb. 8, at Nashua North-Souhegan (3-10) on Wednesday night and then play Manchester Central-West-Memorial (7-5) at home on Saturday, Feb. 12.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Jan. 31

Alanna Vargus Unified Basketball



Alanna Vargus had a great week of basketball just in time for the playoffs. Her skills on the court, especially her offensive skills, have helped the team make it to the postseason tournament.

Ben Laverty Unified Basketball



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This public hearing will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022 at a meeting of the Town Council scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in the Moose Hill Conference Room, 268B Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. Information on the grant is available in the Finance Office during regular business hours. The public is urged to attend.

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Lancer Hoops Squad Finishes Regular Season at .500

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys Basketball team

split the final two games of the regular season and will now head into the Division I Championships at 9-9, and right

in the middle of the DI standings.

The team's week started with their final home game of the season where they honored the squad's seven seniors and came away with a much-needed 62-57 win over the Salem Blue Devils.

At senior night, the team celebrated the accomplishments of Tyler Murray, Justin Hoggard, Mike Rosatano, Manny Waters, Aiden Warren, Grady Daron and Andrew Sorrell before the game.

The Lancers started strong, outscoring Salem 17-14 and getting four three-pointers from three players.

The team added another four three-pointers in the second and lead 36-20 by the end of the first half.

The second half got a bit dicey for LHS, but they were able to hang

on despite being outscored 37-26.

The team was back to full strength to start the week, after suffering the past few weeks with players out on injuries and illness.

Murray had a total of 14-points, with three three's to lead the team in scoring.

Freshman guard Mason Paquette had 13-points. Senior forward Rosatano was back with 11-points to support the team and Tyler Brown finished with eight-points.

In the final game of the regular season, a game that was postponed one day due to the weather, the Lancers traveled to Nashua North High School to take on the very strong Titans, who have only lost three games this season.

The Lancers kept pace with Nashua North



Tyler Murray

ond half, with the Titans leading 33-31, the Nashua squad slowly pulled away outscoring LHS 17-12 in the third.

In the fourth, the Lancers were outscored by the widest margin in the game 19-13 for the 69-56 finish.

Murry had another three, three-point night and finished with 15-points to lead the team. Hoggard had 10-points, Warren had seven and Rosatano finished with six.

The team will have a rematch against Pinkerton Academy in the first round of the NHIAA Division I Playoffs in Derry, on Wednesday, Feb. 9, starting at 5 p.m.

The Londonderry boys were seeded number 13 in the tournament and the Astros finished the regular season with a 15-3 record and were seeded number four in the championships.

for the entire first half, trailing by two after one period and maintaining that spread into the second half.

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LHS junior Kevin Rourke battles to get to the hoop against Salem last week. Photos by Chris Paul

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Winter Carnival

On Saturday Feb. 26, A Winter Carnival will be held at Spring Hill Farm located at 96 Towle Rd., Chester. Winter Activities will be held from 2 - 4 p.m., including: Hot Cocoa Bar, Ice Skating, Kiddie Sledging, Curling Demonstration, Cross County Skiing, Snow Shoeing, Wagon Rides, Winter Olympics. A Chili Cook Off will be held from 4 - 5 p.m., Beans or No

Beans, Spicy or Sweet, all ages encouraged to participate anyone can enter anyone can judge. Finally a Bonfire & S'mores making will be held from 5 - 7 p.m. Questions contact recreation 603-887-3636-x100 director@chesternhrec.org

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.

Needle Felting

What is Needle Felting? That's what the Londonderry Women's Club will be learning at its Feb. 16 meeting at the Yarn & Fiber Company. This is located at 14 East Broadway Rd., Derry and will

start at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person plus any materials you want to purchase. This meeting is open to the public so consider joining us for a fun evening. To learn more, contact Barbara Gensale at Barbara@gensale.net Also check us out on our website, www.londonderry-womensclub.org

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.

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. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity,

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Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Jan. 31
12:54 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Constitution Drive.
8:25 a.m. Six officers assist with a Suicide Attempt/Threat, transported to a hospital from Kimball Road.
9:28 a.m. Welfare Check investigated by five officers on Pillsbury Road.
11:46 a.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated at Londonderry Middle School.
11:48 a.m. Neighborhood Disputes investi-

gated on Boulder Drive.
12:43 p.m. Sudden Death investigated by three officers on Kimball Road.
3:03 p.m. Peace restored by three officers after a Domestic Disturbance on Tanager Way.
3:34 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated at LAFA Complex on Nelson Road.
3:36 p.m. Runaway Juvenile investigated on Iroquois Circle.

Tuesday - Feb. 1
9:56 a.m. Larceny/Forg-

ery/Fraud investigated on Page Road.
11:07 a.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Winding Pond Road.
12:17 p.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on South Road.
2:34 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace at Bluebird Self Storage on Perkins Road.
4:55 p.m. Peace restored during Juvenile Offenses on Elwood Road.

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5:36 p.m. Peace restored by four officers after Suspicious Activity at Bauchman's Towing on Enterprise Drive.

8:27 p.m. Services rendered during Suspicious Activity on Josephine Drive.

Wednesday - Feb. 2

7:52 a.m. Three officers make arrest while keeping the peace on Haley Court. Amy Jensen, 49, of Derry, charged with Bench Warrants.

2:41 p.m. Neighborhood Disputes investigated on Prairie Lane.

11:51 p.m. Three officers

assist other police department with services Rendered on Michels Way.

Thursday - Feb. 3

6:29 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Winterwood Drive.

10:38 a.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated by four officers at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store on Nashua Road.

4:23 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at the N.H. Liquor Store on Rockingham Road.

4:35 p.m. Three officers assist Derry Police with services at Right Space Storage on Mohawk Drive.

6:42 p.m. Services rendered for a Welfare Check on Kendall Pond Road.

8:33 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Nashua Road.

Friday - Feb. 4

7:09 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on West Road at the NH Dept. of Transportation shed.

7:31 a.m. Services rendered for a Structure Fire at G.A. Laflamme Inc. on Harvey Road.

10:18 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made at the Franklin Police Department on Hancock Terrace. Sean Macdonald, 35, of Londonderry charged with Aggravated Felonious Sexual As-

sault - Domestic Violence - Family Member; Witness Tampering (Induce Another); and Incest with victim under 18-years old.

2:44 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Hovey Road.

3:45 p.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

4:07 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat transported to a hospital from the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

9:55 p.m. Welfare Check by three officers leads to an arrest at Rebel on Nashua Road. Vanessa Edwards, 33, of Nashua charged with Driving after a Revoked/Sus-

pended License.

Saturday - Feb. 5

7:45 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

12:43 p.m. Three officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a Hospital from Hovey Road.

3:05 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Alltown on Hampton Drive.

6:13 p.m. Services rendered during a disturbance at T-Mobile on Nashua Road.

10:18 p.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm Apartments.

11:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made on McAllister Drive. Steven Pestka, 63, of Londonderry charged with Driving After Revoked/Suspension for Driving Under

the Influence.

Sunday - Feb. 6

12:14 a.m. Disturbance investigated at The Stumble Inn on Rockingham Road.

1:55 a.m. Services Rendered for Suspicious Activity at 7-Eleven on Rockingham Road.

10:26 a.m. Abandoned 911 call investigated by four officers on Route 93 at Rockingham Road.

1:17 p.m. Arrest made by six officers during a Disturbance on Whittemore Road. Lauren Benitez, 23, of Manchester, charged with Resist Arrest/Detention.

3:12 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by four officers on Grenier Blvd.

7:19 p.m. Auto Theft investigated by three officers at 7-Eleven on Rockingham Road.

9:25 p.m. Auto Theft investigated by five officers on Noyes Road.

Londonderry Green Team to Host Seed Starting for Gardeners Class

The Green Team of Londonderry will have its first educational program on Feb. 16, from 6:30 - 8 p.m., at the Massabesic Audubon Center in Auburn or via Zoom. In-person participation limited to 20 people so registration is required.

During this workshop attendees will learn the benefits and best practices for starting plants from seeds and cuttings. Attendees

will learn about how to get started, successful germination requirements, different growing methods and mediums, light and temperature requirements, overcoming common problems, hardening off seedlings for transplanting into the garden, and best practices to ensure seedlings successfully grow into healthy mature plants.

The presenter of this workshop is Sarah Mar-

coux has been a UNH Extension Master Gardener since 2016. She is an active member of the Master Gardener Speakers Bureau, sharing her knowledge with other gardeners across the state. Her special interests are in herb gardens, working with children and educational gardens. She also has experience with vegetables and pollinator gardens.

The workshop is free, but donations are wel-

come to support the new Demonstration Garden Partnership between UNH Extension and NH Audubon. Details will be provided to participants.

This workshop is designed for beginning gardeners or gardeners who are new to raising plants from seeds. Pre-registration is required. Sign up for either in-person or online at <https://signup.com/go/MPbROUG>

Around Town

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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.

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 legislative 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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TOWN OF LONDONDERRY ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AGENDA

February 16, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Road

I. Draft minutes to approve: January 19, 2021

II. Report by Town Council liaison

III. Regional Impact Determinations

IV. Public hearing of cases:

A. **CASE NO. 11/17/2021-3:** Request for two variances from (1) LZO 4.2.2.2 (B) to eliminate the use requirement at least 75% of single family and two family dwellings shall be restricted housing for older persons in the multi-family residential (R-III) zone; and (2) LZO 4.2.2.3.B.1.b to allow 55 residential 3 bedroom units where only 35 are permitted, 22 Young Road, Map 6 Lot 58-2, Zoned R-III, Zoned R-III, Edgar L. Pitts and Winnifred L. Pitts Revocable Trust (Owner) and Cedar Crest Development, LLC (Applicant) – continued from the January 19, 2022 meeting

B. **CASE NO. 11/17/2021-4:** Request for two variances from (1) LZO 4.2.2.2.B to eliminate the use requirement of at least 75% of single family and two family dwellings shall be restricted housing for older persons in the multi-family residential (R-III) zone; and (2) LZO 4.2.2.3.B.1.b to allow 55 residential 3 bedroom units where only 35 are permitted, 20 Young Road, Map 6 Lot 53, Zoned R-III, Edgar L. Pitts and Winnifred L. Pitts Revocable Trust (Owner) and Cedar Crest Development, LLC (Applicant) – continued from the January 19, 2022 meeting

C. **CASE NO. 12/15/2021-8:** Request for a variance from LZO 4.2.1.3.B.1 to allow a lot with 100.58 feet of frontage where 150 feet are required, Eight Wiley Hill Road, Map 5 Lot 28, Zoned AR-I, Belize Real Estate Holding, LLC (Owner & Applicant) – continued from the January 19, 2022 meeting

D. **CASE NO. 02/16/2022-1:** Appeal of the Zoning Administrator/Chief Building Inspector Nick Codner's administrative decision/determinations dated November 23, 2021 regarding necessary site improvements and approvals pursuant to LZO sections 5.21.A, 4.3, 4.3.2.A-D & 4.33, Six Dickey Street, Map 10 Lot 109, Zoned C-II, Leon & Tamara Lampes (Owners & Applicants)

V. Communications and miscellaneous:

VI. Other business – election of officers



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