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## Outdoor Food & Fun

Nine-month-old Daphne Reekie and Maci Fiticanti enjoy some rest and a hot dog at Musquash Field Day Saturday, Feb. 12. The annual event is hosted by the town's Conservation Commission. See more photos on page 8. Photo by Chris Paul

## Chicken Ordinance Changes Continued at Planning Board

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Planning Board discussed a draft of a proposed zoning ordinance amendment regarding poultry during the Feb. 19 meeting.

During last month's

meeting it was explained by Town Planner Colleen Mailloux that they have had an increased interest in owning chickens in Town, which led them to look at "what was reasonable and what makes sense," regarding possible changes to the ordinance.

nance.

"At the request of the Board, Staff have prepared draft language regarding the keeping of livestock and poultry on lots in the AR-1 District," Mailloux wrote in a memo ahead of the Janu-

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## Officials Warn that Tax Abatements Due March 1

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After multiple residents expressed their concerns about the assessed values of their properties during the last Town Council meeting, the Town Council had Steve Hamilton, the Town Assessor give a presentation and answer questions at the Feb. 7 meeting.

One of the things that was discussed during the meeting was in regards to abatements. Hamilton explained that the only way to remedy mistakes made to the 2021 valuations is

through the abatement process.

Abatement requests are due in writing to the Assessing Department by March 1, from there the Town has until July 1 to answer each of the abatement requests.

"We strive to provide answers as quickly as possible as quickly as possible and have already begun processing," said Hamilton.

As part of the abatement process, Hamilton said that they do inspections of the physical description information on each property, and they may do a property inspection. He said that

the more information they are able to receive including the specific concerns a property owner may have the better.

After each of the abatements are analyzed they then provide a recommendation to the Town Council.

If denied property owners have a right to appeal.

"You can file an appeal as soon as you have a decision in your hand," said Hamilton.

Hamilton said that those who have questions or need help filling out the abatement form

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## Residents Send School District Warrant Articles to March Ballot

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Londonderry School District Deliberative Session on Feb. 11, nearly 240 residents moved all articles forward with a change made to just the mask article.

The first articles that was sent to the ballot asks voters to approve raising and appropriating the sum of \$4,800,000 (gross budget) for the final design, construction, fit up and other costs related to a new School District administrative office and authorize the issuance of not more than \$4,500,000 of bonds or notes under

and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); accept \$300,000 to offset construction costs; to authorize the School Board to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver such bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest thereon, and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the School Board to apply for, obtain, accept and expend any federal, state, or other, if any, funds which may be available for said project, to use such funds to reduce the amount of bonds or notes issued for the project and to comply with

all laws applicable to said project.

If approved it would also authorize the School Board to enter into a multi-year lease with the Town of Londonderry.

Because it's a bond the article requires a 3/5 vote to pass.

Superintendent Scott Laliberte explained that

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in his role as Superintendent he isn't allowed to take sides when it comes to warrant articles.

"However it is my responsibility as superintendent to present to the voters to present to the School Board more specifically solutions to problems in the operational realm," said Laliberte.

He explained that when they moved out of the original District Office location there weren't options that were feasible long-term. When they entered into a lease agreement for the Kitty Hawk location they knew that it would only be short-term.

"We knew there would need to be another step," said Laliberte.

He said that the option of building a new office on Town owned land is a solution to the problem and the voters will have final say.

School Board member Bob Slater who served on the committee that examined the building of a new District Office said that they researched different properties and spaces the District currently owns and they determined that they didn't have the adequate space to house the District Office.

Slater and Board member Greg DePasse were the two people on the Board who voted in favor of the project.

School Board Chair Amy Finamore said that she thought that they should've looked at other possibilities more closely including if some employees could work at home for part of the week.

She also said that she thought the process felt rushed.

School Board Vice Chair Sara Loughlin said that while she feels that they need to get out of their current lease situation, she said that she didn't think they examined all the spaces they have to see if they can fit it within the schools.

During a previous meeting Business Administrator Peter Curro said that the School District is currently paying \$206,130 a year for their lease payment for their current district office. If the bond is approved for the new office the payments will average \$274,500 a year for 20 years, Curro said.

Slater said during the deliberative session that he did a lot of research on it and feels that it is the best move for the District.

"I wouldn't be presenting this or wasting anybody's time if I didn't think this was the right thing to do," said Slater.

## Operating Budget

This year voters will be voting on a warrant article to either approve the proposed operating budget or the default

budget for next year.

The School Board budget is \$83,016,365, while the default budget is a total of \$82,855,538.

This year's budget is \$81,497,456.

A proposed amendment was made on the floor during the deliberative session to eliminate \$6,000 from the budget. While the amendment was originally to take out the funds for dues it was explained that since it is a bottom line budget specific line items can't be amended.

The amendment ultimately failed.

One concern that was brought up during the meeting by Christine Perez was how many students they are bringing in from Hooksett and the cost it is for the District.

The School District receives \$12,250 per student from Hooksett.

While the average cost per student by the Department of Education is calculated at over \$16,000 per student in Londonderry Curro said that it doesn't tell the whole story.

He explained that the cost per student by the State includes things like salaries that are paid by the federal government, for special education students, and doesn't account for other revenues that the School District receives.

Ultimately Curro said that the taxpayers aren't paying over \$16,000 per student.

"You do not pay



*Resident Christine Perez spoke on a number of articles at the Deliberative Session.*

\$16,000 and change for the average cost of a high school student," said Curro.

Curro said that the School District is projected to bring in about \$1.5 million in revenue from Hooksett students which helps to offset the tax base.

He said that because they bring in students when they have enough space in their classes it means they have essentially no overhead for bringing in the students.

## Londonderry Education Association [LEA] Bargaining Agreement

Londonderry voters will be asked to vote on a warrant article to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Londonderry School District and the Londonderry Education Association (LEA), and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,061,168 for

the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

In the first year the salaries and increases would cost \$1,061,168 \$0.21 \$1,271,040 in the second year and \$1,319,798 in the third year.

## Londonderry Association of Allied Health Professionals [LAAHP] Bargaining Agreement

The Londonderry voters will also be asked to vote on a warrant article that would approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Londonderry School District and the Londonderry Association of Allied Health Professionals (LAAHP).

The fiscal impact for salaries and benefits in year one would be \$83,764, \$96,502 in year two and \$97,314 in year three.

## School Lunch Program and Federal Fund Projects

Voters will be asked to approve the District accepting and receiving federal grants and other such funds to support the school lunch program and federal projects; further to raise and appropriate such funds in a special revenue fund as follows: school lunch program, \$1,795,000; and federal projects, \$1,625,641; for an estimated total appropriation of \$3,420,641 such funds to be self-supporting through local, state or federal revenue sources?

## Improvements to Building Security

A warrant will be on the ballot that will ask

voters to vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$350,000 for the purpose of improving School Wide security systems district wide, with this sum to come from the June 30, 2022, fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022.

## Special Article – Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

A warrant article that voters will be voting on would approve raising and appropriating up to the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in the School District Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 with this sum to come from the June 30, 2022 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022.

## Special Article - District Technology Network Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund

Voters will be asked to approve the raising and appropriating up to the sum of \$125,000 to be placed in the School District Technology Network Infrastructure Fund established in March 2019 School District meeting to provide funds for equipment and services for the school district network infrastructure such as, but not limited to, routers, wiring, switches, access points, wireless network improvements or any other equipment software or service that is necessary for the maintenance, improvement, performance or management of the district's network with this sum to come

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# Tax Abatements

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can contact the Assessor's Office.

An area that had some of the most vocal concerns is the residents who live in Forest Hills.

Chairman John Farrell said that he has a spreadsheet from the Forest Hill community that he gave to the Assessor and Town Man-

ager and asked them to review it.

He said his understanding is that they had a number of properties jump over \$200,000 in assessed value in one year. He said that it's also not equivalent to what the sale prices are for that community.

It was explained by Hamilton that "The goal of assessing is not to

create a value for property, it's to create a mirror that will reflect the actions of buyers and sellers reflecting market value."

He said that it's the buyers and sellers who will create market value in an open market space.

"That's the goal we strive for," said Hamilton.

During the meeting it was explained by Farrell that they moved the

assessments from every five years to every two years, so that way they would have incremental changes instead of major increases during one particular year.

Town Councilor Jim Butler said that there are a lot of people in the audience from the community and said that he hopes that they will file abatement requests if they haven't already.

"Let's get those

abatements in," said Butler.

Kevin Smith, who until last week was the Town Manager for Londonderry, said that the meeting wasn't the end of the process.

"Tonight's not the end of the process," said Smith.

He said that he shares the frustration with the disparity of the sale prices not matching up with the assess-

ments.

Smith encouraged anyone that feels that their valuations aren't correct to file for an abatement.

"If you haven't gotten your abatement in, get your abatement in," said Smith.

It was decided that the Council would have Hamilton come to the next Town Council meeting in order to give them another update.

# Chickens

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ary Board meeting. "The proposed language makes a distinction between livestock and poultry, and would reduce the minimum lot size for poultry to 1 acre. The proposed language also prohibits roosters."

Right now livestock and horses need to be on more than two acres

of property.

Mailloux said that she updated the proposed language from the one presented last month after looking at some of the input raised during the last meeting.

Mailloux said that she heard from some people who have current agricultural uses in Town and explained that those with existing poultry on a property with more than two acres

won't be impacted by the ordinance.

"The new restrictions don't apply to those properties," said Mailloux.

Mailloux said that the biggest thing that the Board needed to decide on was whether or not they should change the use from poultry to chicken which would mean they would only allow chickens on lots that are two

acres or smaller. If they wanted poultry it would have to be on a lot two acres or bigger.

Ex-Officio Deb Paul said that she likes that change saying that there's a lot more with turkeys and ducks.

"There's a lot more to it," said Paul.

Paul said that years ago chickens were very popular in Londonderry, and said that she is glad that people in Town are interested in them again.

"It's kinda nice it's coming back and people are able to do it again," said Paul.

Planning Board member Lynn Wiles said that he thought they should change it from poultry to chickens.

"I think we should change poultry to chickens," said Wiles.

Planning Board mem-

ber Jake Butler asked if they could have a compromise by allowing chickens, ducks and turkeys saying that many people want to be sustainable now.

Planning Board Vice Chair Al Sypek said that they would need to find the best management practices for each animal if they are going to do that.

Mailloux said the only concern is that it may be difficult to identify the different species.

The majority of the Board ultimately agreed to look at what the ordinance would be if they had the different animals. The Board agreed that roosters wouldn't be allowed.

Another recommendation from code enforcement is that the chickens need to be

properly enclosed at all times and there be fencing from them escaping onto public or private property.

Mailloux said that they received some feedback with concerns of poultry and chickens trespassing onto properties.

"It allows it so code enforcement has some teeth if there is a nuisance chicken," said Mailloux, saying that code enforcement can remind owners that chickens have to stay on their own property.

Mailloux said that she would be looking at different guidance and would return with a draft zoning amendment.

Mailloux added that she would be coming back to the Planning Board with a new draft before they have a public hearing on it.

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from the June 30, 2022 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022.  
**Special Article - Vehicle and Machinery Capital Reserve Fund**

The voters will be asked to approve raising and appropriating up to the sum of \$75,000 to be placed in the Vehicle and Machinery Fund established in March 2020 School District meeting to provide funds for the acquisition of vehicles and machinery with this sum to come from the June 30, 2022, fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2022.

## Special Article – Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund

One of the warrant articles that will be on the ballot will ask voters to approve raising and appropriating the sum of \$620,000 to be placed in the District Wide Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund established in March 2021 School District meeting for the purpose of the maintenance, construction, renovations, improvements and related professional services to all buildings, grounds, fields, substructures, and infrastructure to the overall property of the Londonderry School District.

The fund shall provide the funding source for all equipment, structures, professional services, machinery, and materials, necessary to sustain efficiency, safety, of the Districts buildings, grounds, and infrastructure and subsurface that meet the needs of the School District.

A proposed amendment to decrease the warrant article to \$320,000 ultimately failed.

Voting on the articles will take place on March 8 at the Londonderry High School Gym from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

*Note: See page 6 for article concerning Mask wearing in the schools.*



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# Editorial

## Presidents Day Reminds Us of Our Democracy

From a young age, many Americans begin to associate Presidents Day as nothing more than the third day of a long weekend. This could be from schools oftentimes closing to observe the holiday. Though its significance is taught in schools, it seems that so many still don't fully comprehend the meaning behind Presidents Day. Companies that use this day as an excuse to move excess inventory don't help preserve the significance of this day either.

Two of the United States' greatest national leaders were born in the month of February, and a big part of the national holiday is to celebrate these two figures. The main purpose of Presidents Day focuses on the lives of past Presidents of the United States of America, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. These two men have served as examples for future generations for hundreds of years, and their actions and messages must be preserved and followed to keep our nation strong.

These two Presidents in particular are celebrated together each year in the month of February, not just for their dates of birth, but also for their demonstration of strength during turbulent times in our nation's history. George Washington was a model for "Integrity, self-discipline, courage, absolute honesty, resolve, and decision, but also forbearance, decency, and respect for others." Not everyone agreed with Washington's viewpoints and qualities, but many honored, respected, and trusted him nonetheless. Furthermore, Washing-

ton had no need to tell his fellow new Americans how strong and capable of a leader he was, his actions were the proof.

Abraham Lincoln was born into a poor family, but he fought and persevered, became a country lawyer and eventually President of the United States. He received little formal teaching, and instead educated himself and gained a command of the English language, developing a way with words that would humble speechwriters of today.

During a time when a large national party had intentions to reject the Irish Catholics and Germans pouring into the country, Lincoln voiced praise for immigrants. When Southern leaders threatened secession, he stood firm against the expansion of slavery.

It is sad that this holiday, in honor of these two great men, has been reduced to just another day off to go shopping. This isn't to say that there is anything wrong with enjoying oneself on a national holiday, but we at Nutfield Publishing believe that Presidents Day deserves recognition for keeping the virtues of two great leaders alive.

We should never forget that as a Nation we must be grateful to live in a Country that allows us freedom; a voice in our government and a choice of our leaders. Therefore, the next time you see or hear a Presidents Day advertisement for your local car dealership, keep in mind that the day means so much more than discounts and not needing to set the alarm.

## School Mediation Reimbursement

To the editor,

I was recently up at the NH Legislative Office Building to listen to testimony regarding special education. Gerald Zellin, head of Drummond Woodsum Law firm, which represents the Londonderry School District, stated that his school clients pay parents for their legal fees if they go through mediation with the law firm. He stated that the schools are covered by their liability insurance, so they don't pay for anything but that they did cover parents' costs as well. This was news to me as I have never heard of the district paying for this. Mr. Zellin is also involved and lobbies for the NHSBA and the NHSEA as well as the NHSAA. If you are a parent who has been to mediation over some issue, then I recommend that you reach out to Superintendent Laliberte to receive your reimbursement for your legal fees in those processes.

Thank you.  
Moir Ryan  
Londonderry

## Vote Racheal Killian

To the editor,

I have lived in Londonderry since 1995. I have been active in the community in many capacities, and I have seen our town grow and change. Sadly, I have never seen this community so divided and so contentious as in the past two years. We have allowed political parties and their ideologies divide us on the local

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level. Local elections must be about what is best for our community, our neighbors, and our children. No other level of control has a greater impact than those that serve on our local boards and councils. These positions have no room for the rhetoric and divisiveness of national political agendas or national political parties.

We need to change the conversation from the politically motivated rhetoric that has drawn our focus off the education of our children. This past summer I had the honor of serving the community once again as a member of the committee appointed by the school board to develop and recommend a reopening plan for our schools. At each of those meetings I was impressed with participation of our neighbors. None more than the clear-headed, non-biased opinions than those of Racheal Killian. I had the opportunity to have several discussions with her. Conversations not just about reopening, but on so many topics that affect our district. Racheal has a clear and comprehensive understanding of the issues that we are faced with in our schools.

Racheal has a deep and broad background in the field of education. She has experience working with teachers and students on many levels. Her professional background in psychometrics provides her with a unique understanding of curriculum, assessment and data-driven decision making. She is well respected in the education communi-

ty and has contributed to many professional journals and peer-reviewed publications.

She is committed to open and honest communication with ALL of us. Her ability to converse with those of differing opinions with respect and an open mind is critical to our ability to successfully navigate the tumultuous waters ahead. Racheal is committed to ensuring that parents and teachers have the support that they need to provide the opportunities for our children to excel. She is supportive of a budget that focuses on the appropriate expenditure of funds and not those that do not directly support the success of our students.

I would like to thank all the candidates who have stepped forward to serve our community on the School Board. I encourage you research and learn about each candidate and join me in supporting one of the best qualified candidates in many years, Racheal Killian.

George Herrmann  
Londonderry

## Support Maureen Hardy for Budget

To the editor,

I am writing in support of Maureen Hardy who is running for a seat on the Londonderry Budget Committee in the upcoming March 8, 2022 Election. I am a resident of Londonderry and have lived in NH nearly a decade. Maureen is a great candidate for this key position in our town. She is currently an active participant in the Lead-

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ership Londonderry Program. This has given Maureen a good understanding of the Town's departments and functions. In addition, Maureen has a great background in business, an eye for detail, and a solid grasp of financial concepts. With a keen eye for detail and her analytical thought process Maureen is well suited to research & question the different facets of budget issues to offer sound common-sense advice for both the town and school district.

Maureen pledges to take a thoughtful approach to our Town budgets and support policies which provide taxpayers with adequate town and school services and the necessary infrastructure to operate in a fiscally responsible manner, while striving to maintain a stable tax bill. She is an active Londonderry resident committed to upholding the attributes that make NH the "Live Free or Die" State, and to the culture of Freedom that embodies NH and her residents.

I wholeheartedly support Maureen Hardy for the Londonderry Budget Committee position. She is committed to putting in the time and effort to serve the Town of Londonderry with

integrity, authentic service and duty to the community.

Robert Robicsek  
Londonderry

## School Tech Department

To the editor,

Across Londonderry's schools, we have a number of teams who work together—some "behind the scenes" to help support our vision of giving wings to children's dreams.

One such team is the Technology Department, a small team made up of 10, located within the District Office and dispersed throughout our schools. As in any field, the technology department is the team that makes everything "work". They balance a variety of tasks including providing tech support in our schools, managing Aspen and other systems, keeping our websites up-to-date and managing our internet reliability and safety across the entire district.

The past two years have shown us the importance of investing in our technology systems—the availability of laptop computers served hundreds of students while we were in remote instruction, and the early work and trainings the Technology Department did around Google Classroom helped our teachers and students

as we experienced education in new formats. Their constant work ensures we not only have access to internet in our buildings, but that we have internet that is safe and secure. Over the past two years, we've learned that technology is as much about people as it is about machines. Our Technology Department is a wonderful, dedicated group of employees who serve our district in a number of ways, and we are appreciative of all of their work!

Thank you,  
Amy Finamore  
Londonderry School Board

## Support for Killian

To the editor,

I'm writing this letter in support of Rachael Killian, candidate for the Londonderry School Board. We have not only a great divide in our country but in our town as well. We are in difficult and unprecedented times. What is right for one family may not be for another. Unfortunately, the current school board does not welcome differing opinions and has one-size fits all approach. Due to this many parents including myself feel that our wishes and even our rights for our own children are being ignored. The teachers are ex-

hausted stuck in the middle of this divide. We need someone that can bridge that gap and bring positive changes.

I can't think of a more qualified candidate than Rachael. Rachael is a respected member of this community. She has a bachelor's in education and a masters teaching English. She would be a great advocate for teachers and bring an insight to the board that is much needed. Rachael has shown her commitment by attending every school board meeting. The only other candidate who has done so is Tim Porter. Rachael shows a great passion for this community as a whole. She has proposed updating the school charter; which hasn't been done since the 1980s. Our children's education is lacking and many have fallen behind. There is almost no

transparency from the school board as to how our tax dollars are being spent. Londonderry is in much need for some positive changes. Our children deserve better. Our teachers and parents deserve to have a school board capable of advocating for them both.

Electing Rachael to the school board would be a great step towards positive changes and bringing the community back together. No matter which side of the divide you are on you will be listened too, advocated for, and given choices. Rachael is the bridge we need and our children deserve.

Thank you,  
Kristin Moss  
Londonderry

## Where are the defenders?

To the editor,  
A letter to the editor I submitted was pub-

lished Jan. 6. In that letter I asked Steve Hosey "When will your letters include praise for the present administration"? If there was a reply, I would have missed it. Today, with an approval rating less than 40% and 7 out of 10 Americans unable to name one thing Biden has done well, Steve Homsey's task to reply has gone from very difficult to impossible. The only defenders I can imagine are committed Democrats. Those who hid him from the public during the campaign and try to do so now. This hollow shell of a man, bumbling and stumbling, seemingly mentally compromised is considered the leader of the free world! Is there any wonder our allies shudder and enemies feel emboldened? Steve Homsey's fellow Democrats seeking reelection on the national

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# Mask Warrant Article Amended During School Delebrative

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Londonderry School District Deliberative Session on Feb. 11 one of the warrant articles debated and discussed stated “Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to adopt the following provisions pertaining to requirements to wear face coverings within the Londonderry School District; (a) The use of face coverings shall be optional for all students, at all times, at the sole discretion of their parent or

guardian, (b) the use of face coverings shall be optional for any employees and visitors to Londonderry school district owned or leased properties, including school sanctioned events, at all times?”

There wouldn’t be any tax impact if the warrant article is approved.

An amendment to the warrant article was made that would make the warrant article advisory only, meaning that if it did pass it wouldn’t require the School Board or School District to enact it.

When the School Board voted on the original warrant article the vote was 3 in favor and two opposed. The two School Board members opposed were Vice Chair Sara Loughlin, and Board member Bob Slater.

“For me this petition was going on the ballot either way so I supported it to go on because it was going on either way. As everyone knows this Town has been fighting over masks for many many months now, it’s been a long time,” said Loughlin.

She said that earlier in the year they talked

about doing a survey in order to get feedback about how parents felt about masking but they weren’t able to do it. She said that the warrant article would give the School Board a better sense of what the community wants.

Slater said that since last June he said that if the government at the State or Federal level won’t require masks then he doesn’t think he has the right to do so as a school board member.

One of the arguments made against the warrant article was that the School District would be

at risk of losing their insurance if they make masks optional against guidelines.

Rachel Killian said that it doesn’t state anywhere in the insurary policy that the School District would get their insurance dropped if the warrant article is approved and said even if it does they have other options.

Killian also said that the warrant article wouldn’t mean that they couldn’t wear masks in the future, it just wouldn’t put it in the hands of the School Board and instead it would leave it

up to State officials.

“This doesn’t mean we can never wear masks again if there is some horrible thing worse than what just happened,” said Killian.

She said during a state of emergency the Governor would be able to require schools to wear masks.

“It doesn’t take that away,” said Killian.

The vote on the amendment to make the warrant article advisory only was approved with 107 votes in favor and 95 against it. It means that the amendment was moved to the ballot.

# Planning Board Recommends Amendment to Portable Storage Ordinance

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Feb. 9 Londonderry Planning Board meeting the Board held a public hearing in re-

gards to a proposed zoning amendment for portable storage structures.

It was explained that the proposed change would establish that the Zoning Board of Adjust-

ments has the authority to regulate how long a portable storage structure can be left up on a property when they approve a special exception.

The proposed change was to add a line that states “The Applicant shall state what length of time a portable storage structure will remain on the property. The Zoning Board of Adjustment may approve or limit the length of time a portable storage structure may remain on the property.”

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Planner Colleen Mailloux said that they wanted to add an additional bullet point to the zoning ordinance stating that the Zoning Board of Adjustments can stipulate how long the portable storage structures can be left up for.

“We just wanted to make it clear that when an applicant is requesting they are going to put into their request for a special exception. Do they want it for a year, do they want it forever,” said Mailloux. She said that ZBA will then make

their decision with that consideration in mind.

Mailloux said that right now the Zoning Board of Adjustments has the authority under the zoning ordinance to add restrictions for the length of time the structures are left up for.

Ex-Officio Debra Paul said that she thought the change to the zoning ordinance was good.

“I think this is a good change by putting those parameters on there,” said Paul.

One public comment that was made is that the ZBA is already aware that they can put a time limit on the structures and that he thought the zoning ordinance am-

endment was redundant.

The Planning Board unanimously approved recommending that the Town Council approve the zoning amendment.

Planning Board Chairman Arthur Rugg, said that the Town Council will now decide if they will approve the zoning amendment or not.

“The Town Council will either approve or disapprove of this,” said Rugg.

He said that the Town Council will have two meetings regarding it, one as an introduction meeting and then one as a public hearing.

The next Londonderry Planning Board meeting is slated to take place on March 2 at 7 p.m.

## If I Were You...

My long time friend and associate, Janet Huttula recently told me she is running for Londonderry Budget Committee. Don't walk--run to your poling place and vote for her. You will be blessed by her representing your interests in Town Government. Me, my family, neighborhood, and City have experienced the value and benefit of Jan Huttula's voice.

Jan helped us mom's have a loud voice on the school's curriculum. She headed up an effort to have a small park built in our neighborhood, so our children would not have to cross a busy, dangerous street. Jan served as advisor to our City on disability access codes. She gathered some of us to help another neighbor who had become hooked on drugs. The neighbor became sober. She helped one of my family members succeed in a Worker's Comp claim from a work injury. Her legal knowledge astounded the attorneys. Also, I remember a million-dollar worker's comp issue she worked on. Jan had one opinion and a dozen+ state department heads, attorneys, and program managers had another politically motivated opinion. Jan's point prevailed.

Jan was the President of our neighborhood Watch Program (1,400 homes and apartments) and President over our City's 27 Neighborhood Watch Programs. She came up with the means to chase drug-dealing houses out of the City instead of into another neighborhood. When a drifter with a gun broke into a neighbor's house, the neighbor ran to Jan's house. Jan had local businesses and us post a picture of the drifter and the PD's phone number in our windows. The drifter was soon caught. She handled numerous disputes between neighbors. These are only a few stories about her.

My children loved Jan for her fun loving personality and humor. She has had several children model their life's careers after hers. While we were neighbor's Jan was always working, going to school to receive more education, teaching others, and volunteering in the community. Jan is like the energizer bunny. We have kept in contact with her and her husband. We have vacationed with them throughout NE. Know this if Jan says she will represent you, she will with grace and competence.

Please don't hesitate to vote for Janet Huttula.

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# Letters

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level must be hiding under their desks. No need for any help from uncle Joe. With everything he touches or is involved in ending in utter failure, who needs him? God bless and save America!

Dr. Paul J Minnillo  
Londonderry

## Deliberative Session

To the editor,  
Sad to say we are still doing things the old Horse & Buggy way here in Londonderry or NH to be more exact. Reading the stats from the paper

last week, there were 69 who were in attendance for the session. Most likely would have rivaled numbers from the 1700's for attendance. To clarify, if I take the numbers of voters who voted in the 2020 election, the 69 would equal 0.04% of potential voters. Silly me for complaining how taxes were increased when only a few hundred showed up at these sessions. It is a shame the Reporter did not ask for a show of hands: How many are here because they have a vested interest in one or more Articles? My guess is probably most. So, if I have this correct, 0.04% just voted to give the

other 99.96% a Tax increase.

I am sure there are those who would still think, nothing wrong with the number of people who showed up. Perhaps you would feel the same if 30 people showed up? Or 10? Perhaps, if someone had gathered up 75 people to attend, for the purposes of Defeating every article, would you still think this system works?

I always find it amusing the Town ALWAYS knows where to send the Tax bill twice a year. Once and a while even some notice is included. How about sending the Articles along? I would even pay for the stamp to send my choices back.

This type of system may work fine in places like Dixville Notch, NH. However, clearly does Not work for Towns like Londonderry. An old adage of mine: Embrace what works and Abandon what Clearly does Not work.

In closing, don't forget to rush to vote on Election Day here in town. Your choices again will be: A higher Tax bill OR a Really Higher tax bill. FYI, that's not a choice at all. As I refuse to participate in this antiquated obsolete

system, I will not attend. I will wait for when my opportunity to vote on tax increases arrives in the mail (or electronically). I would guess I will be waiting a Long time...(still).

PS. No worries for the 69, we do not share records on who was in attendance. Hundreds or thousands asking for you to pay the increase, would be too much to bear.

Steve Homsey  
Londonderry

## Killian and Porter

To the editor,  
I have lived in Londonderry for 12 years, I grew up in NH, and my wife grew up right here in town. When we moved here to raise our family, we did so in large part because of the tremendous reputation that the schools had in the state. We have since seen that reputation erode. While the quality of our schools continues to decline, the costs to run them continue to climb – and at unsustainable rates. We need to bring some accountability to the board to ensure that we are spending the money in the right places. Even with the incredible rising budget,

our teachers and staff aren't among the best paid in the state, and morale in the schools is at a low. We can do better for our kids, our teachers, and our staff. Those are the major issues that I see facing our next school board. The rapidly accelerating taxes, and the rapidly declining quality in education.

We have two candidates that can uniquely address these very specific items. Racheal Killian and Tim Porter. Racheal has spent her entire career working in education. She knows what our teachers need to be successful, and she will work with them to get our schools back on top. Tim grew up in Londonderry and runs his own business managing millions of dollars for his clients. He and his family are all well respected in the community. He brings a fresh set of eyes and the kind of business acumen that we need when we evaluate the future needs of the district. We have many expensive building projects on the hori-

zon, and we need someone with Tim's expertise to help navigate these projects. I trust Tim to help us to ensure that we are fiscally responsible as we move forward with these big-ticket items. And I trust Racheal to ensure that the requirements for any building improvements are properly vetted to give us the most value for our tax dollars. For the last several years, I have seen the school board put a rubber stamp on nearly everything that comes to them. Racheal and Tim will bring fresh perspective and ask the questions that need to be asked.

For the last two years, Racheal and Tim have been fixtures at the school board meetings. They have studied the rules and participated in public comment, asking questions, and bringing valuable pieces of information to the board's attention. They are arguably the most qualified candidates that we have had in years. They understand the level of

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## OBITUARY

### Thomas C. Gramstorff



Thomas C. Gramstorff, 65, of Londonderry NH passed away unexpectedly on Jan. 19, 2022. He was born on Aug. 24, 1956, in Stoneham, MA.

Tom is survived by his beloved wife of 38 years, Kelley (Connors); her parents John and Gail Connors, children RYANNE, husband Shadowen Cook, TJ Gramstorff, wife Sara, Kaitlyn, husband Jim Taylor, and Connor Gramstorff. Tom loved his eight grandchildren Dade, Abbigail, Killian, Lacey, Kennedy, James, Tommy, and Jacob. Tom is also survived by brothers Ted, wife Heather, Paul & David, sister Nancy, husband Tom Corti; brothers-in-law Kevin Connors, wife Laura, John Connors, wife Kelli, Scott Connors, wife Jeanette, sisters-in-law Sharon Steriti, wife Morgan, & Michelle Guenther and numerous nieces, nephews & cousins.

Tom loved classic cars, yelling at people, drinking bourbon, watching Wheel of Fortune, Judge Judy, and Tom Brady. Tom dedicated 15 years to Pacific Packaging, then went on to work HVAC, retiring from Trane International last year. Tom was living his best life spending most of his time at Totem Pole Park on Lake Ossipee & wintering in Florida. He had friends everywhere he went and was known for his great sense of humor and kind heart. He left us too soon and will be dearly missed.

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# Musquash Field Day Has Residents Enjoying Outdoor Fun



The Londonderry Conservation Commission hosted its annual Musquash Field Day on Saturday, Feb. 12 and residents hiked out to enjoy one of Londonderry's Conservation areas. Those making it to "The Landing" enjoyed hot dogs, cookies, roasted marshmallows and hot chocolate by a campfire. This year also featured a demonstration by K-9 Officer Rafael Ribeiro and his Belgian Malinois, Ammo. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Lancer Boys Hoops Squad Season Ended By the Astros

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It wasn't the ending that the Londonderry High School Boys' Basketball head coach Nate Stanton and his team envisioned, but the Lancer team made it into the Division I playoffs and played a very tough Pinkerton Academy opponent, but had their season come to an end in the first round.

The first round playoff game was played in Derry on Wednesday night, Feb. 9, and had the LHS team seeded 13th to the Pinkerton seeding of number four to start the tournament.

In the regular season meeting between the two teams, the Lancers were short-handed, but still managed to keep pace with PA, leading at halftime, but coming up just short in the game, with a 64-58 finish.

In the second meet-



*Senior forward Mike Rosatano led his tem in scoring with 18-points against Pinkerton.*

ing between the two teams, during the Division I Championship, the Lancers started out very strong, with the

score knotted at 24 by halftime, but the Astros pulled away in the second for a 65-49 finish, thus ending the Londonderry's team season.

Both teams started pretty evenly with each scoring 11-points in the first with four fouls each.

Pinkerton led for much of the low-scoring second quarter, but junior guard Kevin Rourke tied the score at the half with a buzzer-beating three pointer.

Unfortunately for the LHS squad, that's as close as the game would be, Pinkerton came out of the locker room after the half with a 14-2 run, leaving Londonderry far behind. The third quarter ended with Pinkerton leading Londonderry 46-33.

The Lancers finished with 15-points in the fourth quarter.

Senior forward Mike

Rosatano led his tem in scoring with 18-points. Rourke had 14-points, including four three-pointers and two free throws. Freshman guard Mason Paquette finished with nine-points and senior guard Justin Hoggard had five-points in the loss.

Coach Stanton commented after the game, "Not the ending we wanted, but I truly enjoyed coaching these guys. It was a very rushed season, but we made the most out of it and the guys worked hard day in and day out."

He added "Thank you to our eight seniors for your commitment and thank you for all the great memories you gave Lancer Nation."

Pinkerton followed up the win with a 56-50 quarter-final win over number five seed Portsmouth High School.



*LHS senior Justin Hoggard gets past PA's Tyrone Chin for a layup in last week's Divion I playoff game in Derry. Photos by Chris Paul*

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# Lady Lancers Hoop Team Gets to Division I Quarters

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The first year coach Jon Doherty of the Londonderry High School Girls' Basketball team had two exciting games in his first NHIAA Division I State Championship last week. His Lady Lancers were seeded as the number 13 seed to start and had to face the number four seed to extend his season and the team's position in the state finals. The LHS squad had their first game of the post season against Concord High School in the state capital on Tuesday night, Feb. 8, and wound up with a nail biting 41-40 victory, to extend their tournament run into the quarterfinals. The two teams had met in the regular sea-

son, and Londonderry came away with a close 48-46 win in December. In the first round game, the Lady Lancers kept pace with the Crimson Tide in a low-scoring 9-9 opening quarter. The final quarter had the Concord girls' leading the LHS squad by six-points with under a minute to go in the game, but Londonderry turned the tables with a 10-2 run in the final quarter and held on for the win. Olivia Chau came up big in the final minute of the game, getting the go-ahead lay-up with less than five seconds remaining on the clock. Chau was one of the highest scorers in the league, with most of her baskets coming from the free throw line and from lay ups. Chau finished the season at about 80 percent from the free throw line according to Dorherty. She is also the coaches nomination for the state's for Player of the Year honors. Freshman Kate Sloper also had a large portion of the points in the game for the Lancers. The tough guard scored 15-points in the victory. Junior guard Jordon Furlong had seven-points and Shannon Ball finished with two. The celebration of the come-from-behind win was short lived unfortunately, when the LHS squad headed to Nashua on Friday night, Feb. 11, for a quarterfinal game against Bishop Guertin. In that game against the number five seeded

Lady Cardinals the Lady Lancers had their season come to a close with a 75-45 finish. The game was a lot closer than the end results shows. The Lancer team was still in the game with three minutes left in the third quarter and a 36-31 score. The depth of the BG bench was the deciding factor in the game. The Londonderry girls' got tired and were not able to keep pace. Despite the loss, Doherty is very optimistic about the future of the team with a lot of very good players sticking around for next season and a few coming up from the eighth grade class. He's excited about adding some depth to his bench next year also.



Lancer senior Olivia Chau was a big part of the team's successes this season. Photo by Chris Paul

# Lancer Boys Swim Team Gets Fifth at States Girls 10th

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Swim Teams competed in the Division I Championships on Sunday, Feb. 13, and had a moderate amount of success. The Lancer boys' team placed fifth out of the 16 teams competing with a score of 104 and girls' were 10th out of 18 teams with a score of 52.

The Bedford High School swimmers took first in both the Men's (242-points) and girl's (307.5-points) side. **BOYS** In the Boys 200-Yard Freestyle, junior Slate Branson had a time of 2:04.01 for eighth. In the 200-Yard Individual Medley, sophomore Reed Erdtmann finished at 2:14.88 for ninth and senior Kevin Moscat was 10th with 2:15.81. Sophomore Sean Bailey was the best Londonderry finisher at the event, taking second in the 50-Yard Freestyle with 22.28 and getting first in the 100-Yard Freestyle with a time of 49.55. In the 100-Yard Butterfly, Erdtmann had a time of 58.84 for eighth. Londonderry took second in the 200-Yard

Freestyle Relay with a time of 1:35.25. In the 100-Yard Backstroke, Moscat was sixth at 1:01.03. The Londonderry boys took fourth in the 400-Yard Freestyle Relay with a time of 3:32.85. **GIRLS** In the Girls 200-Yard Medley Relay, Londonderry placed eighth with a time of 2:06.52. In the 50-Yard Freestyle, junior Margaret Edwards was fifth with a time of 25.98. Junior Lexi Apholz was 10th in the 100-Yard Freestyle with a time of 59.73. Edwards was 10th in the 200 Yard Free the 100-Yard Breast-



Sophomore Sean Bailey took second in the 50-Yard Freestyle and first in the 100-Yard Freestyle.

stroke finishing at 1:13.73. team had a time of 1:50.36 for third.

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# Lancer Gymnasts Battle Through Adversity at States

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Gymnastics team com-

peted in the State Championship on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 12, and wound up finishing in the fifth spot, with a

score of 132.575 against some tough teams and some unusual circumstances.

The Pinkerton Academy gymnasts scored a 139.925, for the state title this year with Bishop Guertin taking second with a score of 138.075. Bedford High School was third with a score of 133.150.

The NHIAA event got off to a troublesome start unfortunately, with a bomb threat causing the entire A2 Gym & Cheer building to be evacuated as the first competitor in the afternoon session began to perform.

After about an hour delay, with many girls huddled in buses at a nearby parking lot, the competition restarted after the Salem Police and Fire Departments gave the okay that the facility was clear. The girls were given plenty time for warm-ups before competing again.

During the warm-ups, the Lady Lancers had one of their beam starters dislocate her kneecap right before the team was about to begin. Junior Peyton Beirne stepped in and competed beam for the injured Londonderry

starter.

Londonderry had a team score of 34.775 in the vault, 29.85 in the bars, 33.175 in the beam and 34.775 on the floor at the competition.

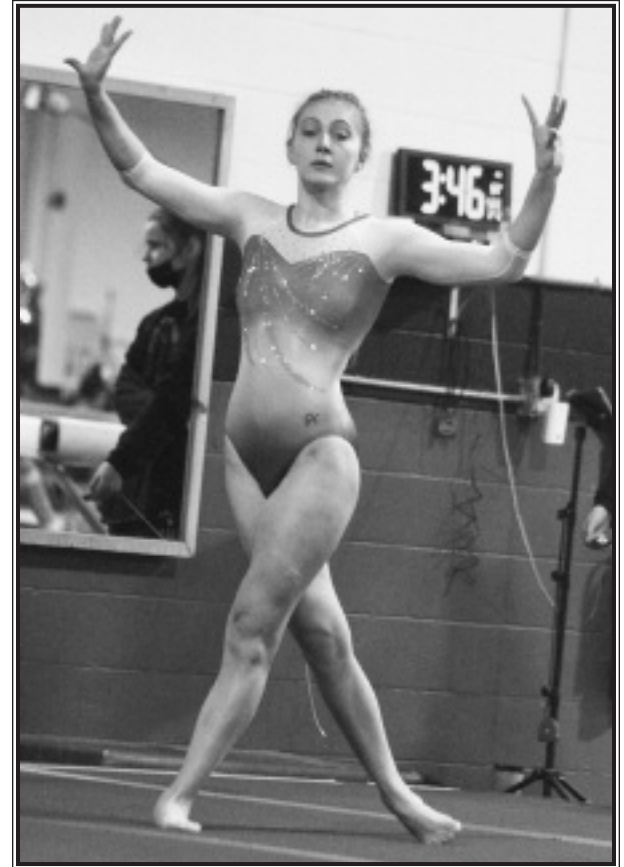
Head Coach Heather Tuden commented, "The competition was definitely a roller coaster of a day. Starting off the meet with a bomb threat was unsettling but the girls were still ready to compete. Then we had one of our beam starters dislocated her kneecap right before the competition. The girls were able to come back and put up our best score of the season which captured fifth placed."

Freshman Sophia Beauregard was tied for sixth in the vault with a 9.0 to lead the team in that event. Sophomore Lilly Haggett was tied for seventh with a score of 8.975. Junior Ava Ruppel and senior Ella Houghton had scores of 8.4.

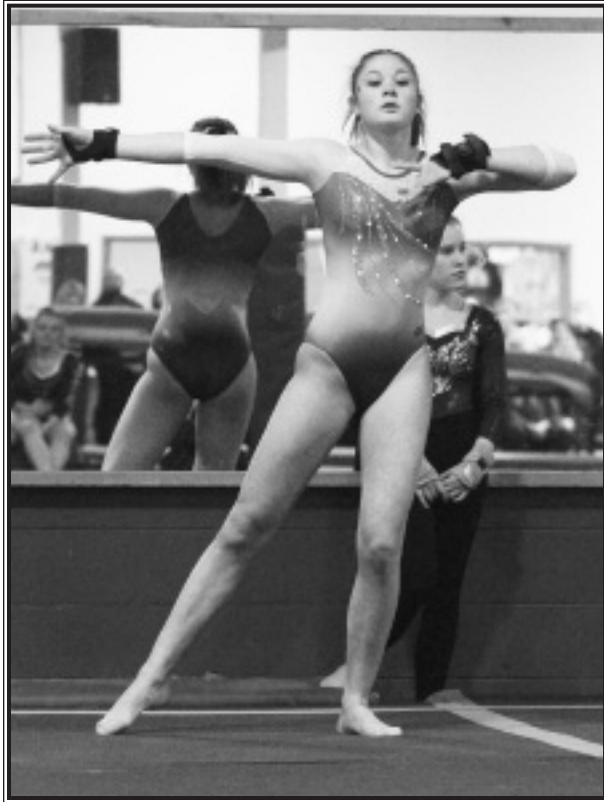
On the Bars, Haggett was the top Lancer with a score of 7.9.

Houghton was the top LHS gymnast on the beam with a score of 8.55. Haggett had an 8.3 in the event.

On the Floor, Haggett had an 8.75 and Ruppel scored an 8.7 to lead



Ava Ruppel



Lilly Haggett on the floor.

## Athletes of the Week

Week of Feb. 7



**Maura O'Shaughnessy**  
Senior, Indoor Track

O'Shaughnessy was able to make the most of the first and only meet for the Lancers Indoor Track and Field team in the past two seasons. Maura ran the race of her life in the 600m destroying her old PR. Maura also played a key role in supporting her teammates and making the meet memorable for them as well.

**Sam Street**  
Senior, Indoor Track

In a challenging season with only one opportunity to compete, Sam was a key leader throughout the winter. His dedication paid off with outstanding performances in the 55m Dash (4th place) and the 300m Dash (3rd place) in the team's only meet of the season.



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# Lancer Wresters Finish Season With Three Victories

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Wrestling team suffered another dual meet defeat last week, but bounced back over the weekend with three wins.

On Thursday night, Feb. 9, Londonderry

traveled to Pinkerton Academy and battled the Astros team to a 51-27 loss.

Starting at 182 lbs., sophomore Owen Rondeau defeated Trevor Raspuzzi with a pin at 4:29. Pinkerton senior Jack MacKiernan (195 lbs.) had a Fall win over

junior Matthew Ritchey at 2:18.

At 220 lbs., Astros wrestler Herve Durocher pinned Andreas Taliadouros at 3:11.

Londonderry got their second win with junior Jason Senus with a forfeit.

The Lancers then

gave up weights 106, 113 and 120 to forfeit.

LHS junior Nicolas D'Alessandro (126 lbs.) added six-points with pin of Cameron McMahon at 1:11.

LHS Freshman David Pento (132 lbs.) beat PA's Anthony Borbone with a Fall at 2:30.

At 138 lbs., Pinkerton's Michael Follo had a win over Michael Palma with a 9-6 decision.

Astro's 145-pounder, Nathan Lindquist, had a pin over Emanuel Perez at 1:42.

Sophomore Patrick O'Connor (152 lbs.) had Londonderry's final win of the evening with a 4-2 decision over Nelphison DeAlmeida.

Pinkerton's George Tsekrekas (160 lbs.) had

a fall win over Ricardo Perez and Michael DeMartino (170 lbs.) won over Colby Russel of Londonderry to finish the meet.

The LHS team finished the regular season at the annual Cavalier Duals at Hollis Brookline High School on Saturday, Feb. 12.

At that meet, Londonderry beat Winisquam Regional High School 52-24, Bow High School 45-18 and Pelham High 54-18.

Against Winnisquam, Londonderry wins came from Nicolas D'Alessandro (126); David Pento (132), Michael Palma (138) Emanuel Perez (145), Patrick O'Connor (152), Ricardo Perez (160), Andreas Tali-

adouros (182), Matthew Ritchey (195) and Jason Senus (285).

Londonderry victories against Bow came from Nicolas D'Alessandro (126), David Pento (132), Michael Palma (138), Emanuel Perez (145), Patrick O'Connor (152), Andreas Taliadouros (182) Matthew Ritchey (195) and Jason Senus (285).

In the meet against Pelham, LHS had match wins by D'Alessandro, Pento, Palma, Perez, O'Connor, Perez, Taliadouros, Matt Ritchey and Senus.

Londonderry will host the Division I state tournament on Saturday, Feb. 19 and the Meet of Champions the following weekend to end the season.



LHS Freshman David Pento (132 lbs.) beat PA's Anthony Borbone at the dual meet in Derry last week. Photo by Chris Paul

## Lancer Hockey Squad Get Two More Division Wins

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After losing two games to tough opponents the week before, the Londonderry High School bounced back with two strong wins last week.

The Lancers improved their season record to 10-5 with a 8-3 road win against Nashua North-Souhegan High School and a 3-0 shutout victory at home to Manchester Central-West Memorial.

In the Wednesday night, Feb. 9 win over

Nashua North-Souhegan scoring came from a number of sources. Sophomore forward Mike Maloney had three goals in the game for the hat trick, junior forward Logan Bower had a goal, sophomore forward Matt Boyon scored one, sophomore defenseman Brandon Morin had a goal, junior defenseman Ben Padykula scored and junior forward Jack Patti had a goal.

In the shutout over Manchester, junior forward Drew Cameron and Nick DiMaggio had goals

in the first period and Padykula had his second of the week in the second period.

The Lancer Hockey squad has three games left in the season, starting on Wednesday, Feb. 16, they will play Keene (5-9) at home.

They will travel to Concord on Saturday, Feb. 19 to play the undefeated Crimson Tide and finish their season with a second game against Pinkerton Academy (5-8-1) on Wednesday, Feb. 23.

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# Londonderry Police Log

### Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

#### Monday - Feb. 7

**2:35 a.m.** Services rendered for a Complaint received from Lucas Road.

**10:54 a.m.** Services rendered for Sexual Offender Registration on Lantern Lane.

**2:10 p.m.** Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at Northeast Flooring Solutions on Commercial Lane.

**2:55 p.m.** Three officers assist with taking a Run-away Juvenile to Family/Guardian/Other on King Henry Drive.

**9:17 p.m.** Pedestrian Check results in transportation to a hospital from Rockingham Road at Perkins Road.

**10:32 p.m.** Peace restored during a Missing Person issue on Winding Pond Road.

#### Tuesday - Feb. 8

**1:42 a.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with an investigation on McCallister Drive.

**9:11 a.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transport to a hospital from Fieldstone Drive.

**11:20 a.m.** Services rendered for Criminal Threatening on Haley Court.

**12:03 p.m.** Services rendered for a report of a Missing Person on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm Apartments.

**12:39 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Symmes Drive.

**1:09 p.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with Transportation to a hospital from the Londonderry High School.

**1:16 p.m.** Services rendered to keep the peace on Haley Court.

#### Wednesday - Feb. 9

**10:30 a.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Reed Street.

**2:18 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Shasta Drive

**2:57 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Scots Place.

**4:56 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Kendall Pond Road in Derry. Cynthia Ellis, 57, of Derry charged with Willful Concealment, Theft; and nine counts of Theft By Unauthorized Taking (\$0-\$1,000).

**8:44 p.m.** Five officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with an investigation on Pillsbury Road.

**11:57 p.m.** Suspicious Activity results in transportation to a hospital from Norwich Place.

#### Thursday - Feb. 10

**10 a.m.** Drug Offenses investigated at the Londonderry High School.

**12:29 p.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services at the Londonderry High School.

**2:49 p.m.** Services rendered

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# Letters

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commitment needed to succeed on the school board. They both have children in the schools and interviewed for the two temporary spots this past fall.

We have an opportunity to reign in spending, while improving both the quality of education and morale among the school staff. Therefore, I am very proud to stand behind Racheal Killian and Tim Porter. I hope you all will join me March 8 and cast your vote for them too.

Respectfully,  
Tom Croteau  
Londonderry

## Time To Vote For Change – Killian & Porter

To the editor,  
As a longtime resident of Londonderry, I have over the years watched our education system not living up to the amount of taxes we pay into the schools. I have watched Londonderry's declining test scores, year after year. At the same time, our taxes go up, year after year. People are quick to use the excuse that the declining scores are due to the pandemic. While this may be a small part of the recent issue, it is not part of the overall issue which has been happening well before the pandemic.

It is good to see people stepping up, willing to run for school board.

However, I see only 2 candidates that will bring meaningful and impactful change to the current status quo on the school board. Only 2 candidates that will bring the change that is needed to better children's education, back to what it once was, back to what made our tax money be put to good use. Those two candidates are Racheal Killian and Tim Porter. After reviewing the backgrounds of all candidates, Racheal Killian and Tim Porter stand out above the rest. Racheal's extensive educational background is highly impressive. I have watched her at the school board meetings and her knowledge of how the board should be run, honestly and

fairly, according to Roberts Rules is equally impressive.

Tim's financial background should be a no brainer decision on electing him. People trust him with millions of dollars, their life savings, to do the right thing. Londonderry should do the same, trust Tim Porter with doing the right thing with our tax dollars. Trust him to bring the change the children need, to make our money count, and not spend it recklessly. Tim's analytical and financial mindset will bring Londonderry's school spending back on track. He would look for ways to save money and streamline the budget. As a senior from the community, budget is a very important issue to me, and I trust that Tim is the right person for the job.

Board members swear to an oath to act morally and ethically, something which I have sadly not seen with the current board. Let's change the current status quo, make a change in the right direction for this town, our taxes, and the change children need with Racheal Killian and Tim Porter.

Sharon Barker  
Londonderry

## Open dialogue (not) welcome?

To the editor,

As a parent with students in the school district, I have been paying close and careful attention to the recent candidates for Londonderry school board that we will be voting for on March 8th.

Many of the candidates have created dedicated social media sites for opportunity to get to know them, as well as dialogue regarding policy and opinion. We all know social media has its positives and negatives, but this is an effective use of technology to get people informed and aware.

I could not help but notice a concerning action that occurred last week on candidate Amanda Butcher's social media page.

A concerned parent had posted publicly with a respectful but significantly disappointed statement, regarding the candidate's voting position during the Deliberative Session on Friday the 11th.

Apparently this parent had a previous, friendly, constructive social media exchange privately with Ms. Butcher, wherein the candidate stated that she would like to see masks go away, and that she was in favor of parental choice and taking the obligation off the district regarding masking policies.

The concerned par-

ent pointed out that these position statements seemed greatly at odds with the voting record reflected on the 11th: a notably unmasked Ms. Butcher can be seen at the Deliberative Session voting in favor of restricting parental choice when it comes to masking District students.

It needs to be noted again for the record that the parent was brief, to the point, and respectful. No commentary or conversation posted violated any social media terms of use, or even Londonderry standards of common decency.

That informative exchange, highlighting a significant disparity between the candidate's public statements and their voting record, can no longer be viewed on Ms. Butcher's social media page.

I find it highly concerning that Ms. Butcher, an individual who has not even been elected yet, would already be actively discouraging public dialogue with parents in the community.

If this is any indicator of the level of transparency and communication that will be offered while actually on the School Board, then Amanda Butcher is not the voice our kids and educators alike need.

Jonathan Esposito  
Londonderry

# Police Log

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dered for Suspicious Activity on Shasta Drive.

**3:39 p.m.** Welfare Check investigated by three officers on Lance Avenue.

**3:49 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Rainbow Drive.

**7:36 p.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at the 7-Eleven on Rockingham Road.

**8:44 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Complaint leads to an arrest at Park and Ride-North on Symmes Drive. Linda Stalzer, 45, of Manchester charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

## Friday - Feb. 11

**1:10 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made on Kendall Pond Road at Horseshoe Lane. Four officers assist with arresting Karissa Scruggs, 30, of Nashua on a Warrant.

**2:16 a.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a Hospital from Pine Street.

**9:56 a.m.** Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Constitution Drive.

**10:50 a.m.** Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at Market Basket.

**1:42 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Accident leads to an arrest at T.J. Maxx on Michels Way. Four officers assist with charging David Levesque, 60, of Litchfield with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

**3:07 p.m.** Disturbance investigated on Rockingham Road at Route 93.

**5:11 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an Arrest on Rockingham Road at Route 93. James Kenney, 26, of Hudson charged on Bench Warrants; Driving after Revoked/Suspended License; and Suspension of Vehicle Registration.

**5:10 p.m.** Shooting Complaint investigated on Alexander Road.

**9:27 p.m.** Peace Restored by three officers after a Disturbance on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

**9:49 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Pipe Dream Brewing on Harvey Road.

## Saturday - Feb. 12

**6:40 a.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated by three officers at the Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

**8:05 a.m.** Services rendered by three officers in

Keeping the Peace at the Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

**8:29 a.m.** Services rendered by three officers in Keeping the Peace at the Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

**12:32 p.m.** Criminal Mischief investigated at Pipe Dream Brewing on Harvey Road.

**8:43 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Accident leads to an arrest on Winding Pond Road. Catherine Marie Rondeau, 59, of Manchester charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

**10:35 p.m.** Domestic Disturbance reported on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

## Sunday - Feb. 13

**1:04 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Catamount Road. Thomas Levesque, 68, of Londonderry charged with Reckless Conduct.

**1:46 p.m.** Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**8:12 p.m.** Follow-up on Constitution Drive leads to an arrest made by three officers. Kristopher Eaton, 40, of Danville charged with Violation of a Protective Order.

# Around Town

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## 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 electing 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

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