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## Division Champs

Londonderry High School senior football captains Colby Ramshaw and Aidan Washington display the NHIAA Division I State Championship trophy after the team defeated the Winnacunnet Warriors 24-14 in Exeter on Saturday afternoon. See the complete story and more photos in the sports section. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Heritage Commission Reviews BobCat of New Hampshire Plan

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Nov. 18 Heritage Commission meeting the Commission had a formal review of a site plan

amendment to allow BobCat of NH to operate at 2 Rebel Rd., 345 Derry Rd., and 307 Nashua Rd. Jason Hill, who was representing the owners at the meeting explained

that they met with the Planning Board and conditional approval for the improvements. One of the conditions that they have to meet is to re-

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## Proposed Housing Increase on Young Road Continued

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the Nov. 17 Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting one of the cases that the Board heard was in regards to the property at 22 Young Road.

The variances were to eliminate the use requirement that at least 75% of single family and two family dwellings shall be restricted housing for older persons in the multi-family residential zone and to allow 55 residential 3 bedroom units where only 35 are permitted.

The property is owned by the Edgar L. Pitts

and Winnifred L. Pitts Revocable Trust and Cedar Crest Development is the developer for the proposed project.

John Cronin who was representing the developer at the meeting explained that the two properties were recently rezoned to allow the units to be built with the agreement that they wouldn't build high density apartments there.

The Planning Board and the Town Council approved the rezoning.

He said that they received feedback from people in Londonderry that they have an abundance of housing design-

nated for the older population and is why they are looking to get a variance to build modest homes which is what they feel the market is calling for.

One question that was asked was in regards to the size of the lots.

Adam Orso, the co-owner of Cedar Crest Development said that they would have a Home Owners Association there meaning that the homes would all be on common land, and they would take care of the road maintenance.

He also explained that they have had significant

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## Town's Budget Workshop Reveals Modest Increase in FY23 Budget

MONIQUE BRAND  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Town Council Chair John Farrell advised there is "very little wiggle room" when it comes to its upcoming budget.

On Nov. 6, town officials met for a fiscal year 2023 budget workshop where concerns of continued pandemic challenges, along with maintaining a balanced financial forecast with taxpayers in mind – especially with an aging community as 1,000 properties belong to residents over the age of 55.

Farrell said this particular population is part of the reason for

increased calls of service to the town's fire and police department over the last decade.

Londonderry also has issues to address in the upcoming budget including its continuing water contamination and shortage in revenue.

Farrell added that in the 10 years Londonderry has worked on a default budget the town has been "at or below."

"It would be more than likely the recommendation of the council [for staff] to continue to hold the line on spending as we go into these inflationary times versus the COVID times last year," Farrell said at the begin-

ning of the meeting.

Fiscal Year 2022 amended general fund budget was \$36.1 million. Town Manager Kevin Smith's requested operating budget is \$36.3 million - an increase of \$200,000 or 0.87%.

Smith called the proposed budget the most straightforward in the last 10 years.

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## Local Veteran Thanks Moose Hill Students



Local retired veteran Lieutenant Colonel John Lohmann visited with students at Moose Hill Kindergarten last week to personally thank them for the baskets and cards the American Legion Post 27 members had received on Veterans Day.

Lohmann also explained to the children where and when he served in the U.S. Army. Lohmann entered the U.S. Army as a member of the Infantry in 1969 and went on to become part of the Military Intelligence to protect those here and overseas.

While in the intelligence, Lohmann learned to speak Russian and spent a large part of his time with the military in Russia, where he was part of a team that oversaw the destruction of about 2,000 missiles.

He showed students where he served on a map and described a number of places he has lived. He also left the children with a collection of military pins that he had gathered over the years.

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# Londonderry ZBA Approves Variance For Renegades Pub North

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During the Nov. 17 Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting two of the cases were in regards to variance requests for Renegades Pub North, which is located at 103 Nashua Rd.

The case was continued from the previous meeting.

Chris Drescher, who represented the owners, explained at the previous meeting that the 30x50 patio has been in existence since the business was built. Drescher said that they built an 8x12 foot extension to the patio and explained that the patio was already non conforming because it only had 12%

of green landscaping where 33% is required. With the extension it meant that they only had about 11%.

Drescher also explained that they know that they should've gotten a variance before doing the extension.

"We are the first to admit that we are here to right a wrong. This is an after the fact variance," he said.

Drescher explained that they built a wall for the patio as part of the expansion of it which they feel was an improvement to it.

He said that when the owners bought the business it was in tough shape and have continued to improve the property with the sup-

port of the landlord.

"We would contend that this is an improvement," Drescher said.

He said that they would be willing to do what is needed to rectify the situation.

"Tell us what to do and we will move forward," Drescher said.

The case was ultimately continued during the Oct. 20 meeting because the Board had concerns about the safety of the wall and whether or not it would be able to sustain a significant impact from a vehicle. The Board asked that they have an engineer look at it and determine what should be done.

"That's exactly what we have done," Drescher said.

The engineer for the project said that they should install pre cast bumpers which are usually installed in parking lots to keep cars from going into places they shouldn't be.

He said that it would be made out of the same concrete as the sidewalk in front of the building, which means it would have the same level of protection.

Zoning Board of Adjustment Vice Chair Jacqueline Benard said that she thought it would satisfy the safety concerns with having them installed.

"I think they satisfied that," she said about the safety concerns.

The Board approved the variance to reduce the

required 33 percent green landscaping area to 11% with the addition of an 8 x 12 foot extension to the existing patio.

The conditions put on it was to install the precast bumpers and to receive approval from the Planning Board.

Additionally the Board also heard a variance request from the applicants to encroach 32.2 feet into the 60 foot front setback for the addition roll up/down plastic barriers on an existing patio.

Drescher explained that they put plastic barriers up so when there is inclement weather they can put down the barriers and when it's nice out they can put them up.

He explained that the

Town said that by putting the plastic barriers up it creates a new structure which meant that they had to get a variance even though the patio was already a non-conforming use.

"I don't think putting these plastic barriers somehow created a structure that wasn't already there," Drescher said.

He noted that no new seats would be added to the business, noting that the number of seats they are allowed to have are tied into their liquor license.

The Board approved the variance with the condition that they receive full approval of the Planning Board and must have proof of an assembly permit.

## Bobcat

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ceive feedback from the Heritage Commission. He also noted that they received a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustments to have equipment on display.

Hill explained that the property was previously used as a site contractors shop.

He also explained that two of the properties 2 Rebel Rd., and 345 Derry Rd., are located in Derry and 307 Nashua Rd., is located in Londonderry.

He said that the Londonderry property will be used for new equipment

sales and leasing and they will also have a body shop component to it.

Hill pointed out that the majority of the property is located in Hudson, with less than an acre of it located in Londonderry.

"We're pretty close to getting approval there," Hill said about Hudson.

The site next to it which is located in Hudson will be used for used equipment rentals and a repair shop. He said that they are proposing to connect the two properties with a two way shared drive.

For lighting Hill said that they are proposing

new lighting on Nashua Rd. He said that they are proposing to have the lights full tilt while the business is open and then it will be dimmer at night.

He said that they are reasonable commercial lights for the area.

It was asked by the Commission whether or not the current construction sign is going to be taken down or not.

Hill said that it would be replaced by an equal or smaller square footage sign. He said that they have to apply for a sign permit.

"It would be a compliant sign within the zoning ordinance," Hill

said.

Hill also explained that the new equipment displayed would be further back from the road than it is now and there would also be shrubbery around it.

"It will look cleaner," Hill said.

Heritage Commission Vice Chairman Arthur Rugg asked how much equipment would be on display.

It was explained by Hill that it would depend on how much equip-

ment they have for inventory.

"It depends what the supply chain looks like," Hill said.

He said it's like a car dealership where they want to display as much as possible for people driving by.

One question that was asked was if they decide to make any changes to the exterior of the building in the future if the owners would agree to bring it to the Commission for

their consideration.

Hill said that they would agree to that.

One of the comments that the Commission had is that they return to the Commission with a completed sign plan for them to review. They said that they were satisfied with the landscaping plans that were submitted. For lighting they were told that all unnecessary lighting needs to be turned off after hours, except for the lighting that is for security purposes.



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# Editorial

## Season For Giving and Giving Thanks

The season is rapidly ramping up to its frantic pace for overindulging on Thanksgiving and buying too much for Christmas. One of the nice things about living here is the generosity that comes out in full force during the holidays. Whether it's a free church-sponsored Thanksgiving dinner hosted and prepared for anyone and everyone who, regardless of their financial status, seem ready to dig into their pockets to help those less fortunate. As side note, recent national news stories report that wealthier people donate less of their income proportionately to charity than people whose incomes are lower.

Our pages are filled with announcements of coat, hat, and scarf collection drives; boot collections; food pantry requests; and wished for gifts for the needy. It starts young, with school children collecting pennies and clothing to help others, older students hosting more extensive collection drives, and adults contributing time, money or gifts to help "adopted" families not in a position to buy gifts for the holidays otherwise.

Local drives make it feasible for most people to help out. Children grow out of their clothes and clothing drives, particularly winter items, are a great place to recycle those items and know that they are

going to someone in need. Living in a state without a sales tax, we often don't carry around the pennies we get back from purchases, but a penny drive to aid the less fortunate is a great use for those coins.

Then there are food and gift needs for local families, usually collected under the care of food pantries, churches, and "giving trees". Buying a few extra cans of soup or packages of macaroni and cheese may make the difference to a local family experiencing hard times, but have little impact on the giver's household budget.

We live in an affluent area, and we don't often see visible indications of need. Organizations like Family Promise, provides shelter for local homeless families, or the busy food pantries in each of our towns. These are strong indicators that while others are surrounded by comfort, that doesn't include everyone.

So when you plan your gift giving this year, think of your neighbors as well. If you have some spare time on your hands, consider helping out at free meals, soup kitchens, or fundraisers for the holidays. It's a rewarding way to express the spirit of the coming season, giving thanks.

"Living is easy with eyes closed / Misunderstanding all you see" - John Lennon



## Thanking Rose

On Friday, Nov. 19, Londonderry Middle School Principal William Van Bennekum presented a memorial plaque from the middle school boys and girls cross-country teams to the sisters of Rose Searles. Rose worked at the Mack's Apples Farm Stand for many years and for the past seven years she donated apples to the two teams and the visiting teams for the 11 home meets. Rose lost her battle with cancer recently and the school wanted to let her family know how much she was appreciated for her efforts each year. The inscription read in part: "Rose you will be missed but not forgotten and we hope this message of thank you gets to you and your family." Pictured is: Van Bennekum making the presentation to Rose's sisters Elaine and Bridget

*Courtesy photos*

## Budget

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"If you saw or heard last year's budget presentation, it may sound like a broken record but there is not a lot new here," Smith told town council and staff.

In an effort of a lower tax rate, the budget proposes the usage of the town's unassigned fund balance for partial funding of contributions to capital reserve funds, expendable and roadway maintenance trust funds and other special warrant articles that may face voters in March.

According to Farrell, about 23% of city taxes "are applied to town

services of about 186 miles of road."

He also said in the last 10 years the town has spent around \$15.5 million of fund balance money.

"It's been used in several ways. It's been used directly to lower the tax rate. It's been used on the ballot for infrastructure. It's been used for projects in town," Farrell said before challenging town staff to consider not to raise taxes "with as little as we have."

The morning meeting is part of several months of budget deliberation that will lead voters to a list of spending requests and warrant articles in March.

"Whatever it is that

we are budgeting for ... gas, energy [which] right now which looks like it is going to double or triple. Let's take a look at where we're at today and let's make sure we're going to have enough to continue to be able to plow the roads and respond to emergency service calls," Farrell said.

Another town budget workshop was held on Monday, Nov. 22, and one more is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 6. The first public hearing is slated for Dec. 9 with preliminary warrant approval on Jan. 6

The FY23 budget will be up for a final vote in March 2022.

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# Lions Club and School's Help Provide Thanksgiving Meals



About 80 boxes of food was sorted for distribution to those in need on Sunday morning at the Londonderry High School by members of the Lions Club, High School staff and the Food Service Department. The annual tradition has been going on for decades with food collected by the students from the three elementary schools and through donations received by the Lions Club as well as donations from the school and local farms. Many of the donations went to area food pantries also.

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# Senior Resources Committee Names New Chairman

JOHN J. GOGLIA  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the most recent meeting of the Senior Resources Committee (SRC) on Tuesday, Nov. 16, a new regime was ushered in after the board's chairman, Rob Palmer, had recently resigned due to personal reasons.

With the reorganization, member Jim Green was unanimously elected Chairman and member Barbara Mee agreed to be interim Secretary pending those absent members who might want to be Secretary. The position of Vice Chairman position was left vacant for the time being.

There were a number of things discussed at the meeting, and one was about how many

individuals were currently members of the SRC and their individual status and remaining terms.

It was determined that Chairman Green with assistance from Interim Secretary Mee would compile that information for next month's meeting. The members present agreed that all Londonderry residents, not just senior citizens should be encouraged to participate in the operations of the SRC even if they do not want to become members. The committee felt that there may be town residents who have senior citizen parents or grandparents living with them or living elsewhere in town who would bring a different perspective to the working agenda of the SRC.

The committee would encourage such individuals to participate in meetings and several members offered to provide rides to and from meetings as necessary for anyone wanting to participate. Although the SRC agreed to presently continue the meetings at 6 p.m. they are not adverse to moving the meeting time to a more convenient time to get more participation and input from those that cannot make the 6 p.m. start.

There was also a discussion about internal communication problems within the committee. Several members do not have town email addresses and some that do are not utilizing them. All agreed that it could be appropriate to

use personal email addresses for overall convenience instead of having an additional town email address. Chairman Green will find out if that is appropriate. There was concern that the SRC is not being advised of issues of interest to the SRC that are coming to the attention of other committees and town groups unintentionally because they are unaware of possible SRC interest. It was suggested that the committee further discuss sending representatives to attend other committee and Town Council meetings to advise them to notify the SRC of potential issues of relevance to seniors.

Interim Secretary Mee talked about proposing one-day bus trips end-

orsed by the SRC to places such as Boston, Portsmouth, Salem, Rockport, Maine and possibly Newport, Rhode Island to the Town Council. Her vision would be to organize these types of trips at different times of the year for not only seniors, but other family and friends who might want to accompany them. She would expect little if any costs to the town.

It was noted that Cathy Blash, Director of the Londonderry Senior Center sponsors similar type trips in conjunction with other communities but apparently one needs to participate in functions at the Senior Center to learn about those trips.

The proposed SRC trips would be available

to the entire town and organized in conjunction with a known dependable travel company used in past years. Mee was tasked to prepare a formal plan for next month's meeting to be approved by the committee for eventual presentation to the Town Council.

There was also a discussion about updating the SRC Mission Statement to more properly reflect the current goals of the committee but it was decided to table any changes for now.

The Londonderry SRC meetings occur on third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Sunnycrest Chamber at Town Hall and the next meeting is on Tuesday, Dec. 21, for residents wishing to attend.

## Young Road

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cant soil testing done which is what they based the number of bedrooms they would be able to build on the property. Those results weren't submitted to the Board at the meeting.

Orso said while they will have public water and while they tried to have public sewers they

weren't able to, meaning that they will have septic.

Town Councilor Deb Paul, who serves as the Town Council Liaison for the Zoning Board said that she was the only Councilor who voted against the zoning change on the Town Council.

One of the concerns that she has is the fact that there is a pipeline that is going right through the property

and said that it's not advised to do blasting near one.

"Blasting near a pipeline is never really a good idea," she said.

She also noted that there are a lot of substantial wetlands there which will be impacted by the project.

"That concerns me because there are no sewers," Paul said, saying that there could be leaching in a well which could cause more water contamination in a town that already has a significant water contamination problem.

Paul said that before they make a decision they should have the actual results from their land testing.

"When you approve something without all

the evidence in front of you, you could be making a decision that is incorrect," she said.

She also said that the Fire Department is concerned with the amount of traffic in town already saying that they should be able to respond to a call in five minutes in order to save someone and because of the amount of people and traffic they have it is now taking them about seven minutes on average.

Paul said that the additional cars from the development are going to be coming out near the fire station on 102 which could impact them responding to an emergency situation.

She also said that right now there isn't

anything set in stone for the project which she felt was problematic.

"Every handshake deal that we have had in this town of Londonderry has never worked out for the Town," Paul said.

Ray Breslin spoke against the application saying that they need more information before they can make a decision.

"Before you make a decision on this we need to know what kind of soil is out there because these are going to be on septic systems," Breslin said. "We're dealing with a problem with contaminated water and dealing with sewerage problems in this town."

"I think we need to look at this very closely

before we make a judgment on this," he added.

Cronin said that they have to meet the state standards for the septic system in order for it to be approved.

He also explained that when they go to the Planning Board they will be seeking input from the Fire Chief and the Police Chief and if they don't agree with the application then it won't get approved.

The Board ultimately decided that in order to continue with the case they wanted the information they have for wetlands for soil testing to see what it is and who did it.

It was agreed to continue the case to the Dec. 15 meeting.

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# Londonderry Natives Lands Lead in NEDE's The Nutcracker

Caitlin Batts of Londonderry will portray the lead role of Clara in the Sunday performance of New England Dance Ensemble's (NEDE) professional production of The Nutcracker and Elizabeth James of Londonderry, NH will portray the lead role of Clara in the Saturday performance. Nov. 27 & 28 at the Windham High School Theater in Windham.

If you were to look at Caitlin Batts' academic and dance resume you might be surprised at her age. 13-year-old Londonderry Middle School high-honor student Caitlin Batts isn't afraid of working hard - and she's got the achievements and accolades to show it. And now, her upcoming appearance as Clara in NEDE production of 'The Nutcracker' casts her in the spotlight.

Caitlin began her dance training at only two and a half years old; now she dances seven days a week.

After leaving school Caitlin attends a variety of dance classes at Londonderry Dance Academy, with rehearsals for Clara and The Nutcracker in between. On Saturdays she has ballet and contemporary class in the morning, then Nutcracker rehearsals in the afternoon. On Sundays she assists with rehearsal for younger dancers,



Caitlin Batts

and then has some more rehearsals of her own.

For some, juggling a schedule like Caitlin's can be overwhelming. Though she admits that her schedule is grueling, Caitlin also shares that dance allows her to let go of any stress and just stop worrying. Caitlin has always seen dance as a way to have fun and to let her mind be free. More recently, she has been loving dance because she can be more professional about it and start to build her dream career of becoming a dance teacher.

Caitlin is a recipient of several American Academy of Ballet (AAB) Performance Awards and a consistent high scorer on Royal Academy of Dance Exams. In both 2020 and 2021 she received a Scholarship to American Academy of

Ballet's Summer School of Excellence. This past summer, after submitting audition videos for several national dance companies (and being accepted at all of them), Caitlin attended a 5-week summer dance intensive at Boston Ballet School.

When asked how she felt about landing the central Nutcracker role she said, "I was in shock the moment I found out. I literally could not believe it was happening. I have always wanted to be Clara and when I was little, I would practice the battle scene at home with a pencil as the candle and my very own Nutcracker. I had been preparing for that day since I was five, but as I got older I started to lose hope. I am so grateful to have the opportunity to share the role of



Elizabeth James

Clara with one of my best friends - Elizabeth James and to share the stage with another one of my best friends - Harrison Cornellier (Fritz)."

Elizabeth James, a 13-year-old Londonderry Middle School student is no stranger to the stage. And now, her upcoming appearance as Clara in NEDE production of 'The Nutcracker' casts her in the spotlight.

Elizabeth began her dance training at the age of two. Once she transferred to Londonderry Dance Academy (home of NEDE) at age four, she discovered what would become her home away from home. A student of many dance genres, Elizabeth's busy schedule involves juggling her schoolwork with daily classes and weekend rehearsals. She has earned distinctions on interna-

tional Royal Academy of Dance graded exams as well as gold with distinction in Performance Awards. For the past two years her Performance Award scores have earned her scholarships to American Academy of Ballet's summer program.

Elizabeth has spent 10-years as a company member of NEDE, dancing the roles of Baby Doll, Party Child, Polichinelle, Soldier Captain, Reindeer, Angel, Russian, and Harpist Attendant.

In March of 2021, Elizabeth competed in the Boston Semi-Final round of the Youth American Grand Prix. Dancing as the Lilac Fairy in Sleeping Beauty, Elizabeth

received a high score on her performance. Though that alone illustrates her commitment to dance, Elizabeth shared that what she values most of all is the recognition of her hard work.

When asked how she felt about landing the central Nutcracker role the 13-year-old shared that, "I'm happy and excited to earn the role of Clara in this year's Nutcracker. I've been dreaming and working towards it my whole life. I can't wait to live my dream on stage." When not dancing, Elizabeth enjoys spending time with friends, family, and her dogs, Cosmo and Kramer. She loves movies and is an avid fan of Criminal Minds.

In the professional holiday production, Caitlin, Elizabeth and other aspiring dancers will be joined by guest artists from Philadelphia Ballet including Sterling Baca, Sydney Dolan, Pau Pujol, and Gabby Mesa. Two performances are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 27 and 28 at 2 p.m., at the Windham High School Theater in Windham, NH. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.nede.org](http://www.nede.org) or by calling 1-800-595-4TIX. Tickets on sale now.

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# Rotary Readies for Annual Christmas on the Common

**L**ondonderry Rotary Club, in partnership with the Town of Londonderry, is pleased to announce that its annual "Christmas on the Common" celebration will return to the Town Common in 2021.

The event which will include complimentary hot cider, hot chocolate, chili, and cookies will take place on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 5, on the Town Common and is scheduled to take place from 3 to 6 p.m.

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting will occur at dusk, and we expect that Santa, Mrs. Claus and their elf will arrive at the Common to greet the children at approximately 4 p.m.

Provisions will be

made for the children to speak with Santa and Mrs. Claus about their Christmas wishes at a safe distance.

The Rotary encourages families to attend this event, and enjoy the Christmas cheer!

Prior to this event, 20 Christmas trees will be set up on the Town Common.

Rotary is asking any interested group in town to decorate a tree. If you would like to reserve a tree for your group, please contact Faye Sell at Martineilli Travel at 603-434-4989.

## Santa's Trip Through Londonderry

In addition to the "Christmas on the Common" event, the Londonderry Rotary will again

sponsor Santa's trip through Londonderry on a fire truck on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 4, from 1:30 to 4:40 p.m. Santa, Mrs. Claus and their elf will be riding on the truck.

The route will be the same as last year, starting in North Londonderry and working its way South through town. Santa and his truck are scheduled to conclude their ride at the Staple's parking lot on Route 102.

Those interested can find information on the event at the Londonderry Town Website, [londonderrynh.org](http://londonderrynh.org) and the Londonderry Rotary Facebook page for specific details and the map of Santa's route.



## Food Drive

South Elementary School students participated in the annual food drive collection where the school was able to gather over 1,600 donated food items. The South School Student Council organized the event and came up with incentives for our students to bring food in this year. As a result of the drive, students earned a Whole School PJ Day with slippers. South School Student Council members are pictured with Londonderry High School students as they collect the food donations to bring back to the high school. *Courtesy photos*



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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Lancers Beat Undefeated Warriors for State Title



The Londonderry High School Football team capped off an exciting season with a state title after beating Winnacunnet 24-14. Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It was a tale of two halves in the Division I State title game on Saturday afternoon, as the Londonderry High School Football squad turned a slow start into a momentous 24-14 victory against the previously undefeated Winnacunnet Warriors to regain their DI crown.

The victory came after a slow first half

start turned into a rapid two-touchdown lead in the third quarter at a filled-to-capacity Bill Ball Stadium at Exeter High School on Nov. 20.

Fans filled the stands and all around the field to witness what turned out to be a very exciting game between two of the best football teams in the state.

The Warriors came into the game boasting an undefeated season

record and the Lancers had only lost one game, making them the visitors in the match-up.

The total offense in the game was very even, Londonderry had 318-yards while WHS had 319-yards.

Lancer junior quarterback Drew Heenan threw the ball 11 times, completing nine of them, for 200-yards in the air.

Heenan also led the team on the ground, carrying the ball 19 times

and tallying 76 rushing yards.

The LHS squad managed to keep the penalties down this week with just five for 55-yards.

Turnovers were a big factor in the contest, with the Warriors giving up the ball three times, two on fumbles and one interception and the Lancers did not commit any turnovers.

The game started

slowly, with Winnacunnet possessing the ball nearly the entire first quarter and Londonderry had a long possession stretched across the first two periods and one very short one to end the first half.

The Warriors started the scoring in the first quarter with a very hard fought, one-yard touchdown by Kyle Tilley, after the Londonderry defense made a number

of good stops, but some ill-timed penalties kept the Winnacunnet offense on the field in that initial drive.

The LHS squad had a long sustained drive of their own to end the first and well into the second, but the Warriors held them to an unsuccessful fourth down finish inside their 10-yard line.

Winnacunnet took over on downs and

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# Signing Day Event Held for Four Londonderry Seniors



Caroline Leone



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Ashley Manor



Abigail Whitley

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Four Londonderry High School seniors were honored for their achievements on the lacrosse and soccer fields last week with a National Letter of Intent signing ceremony at the

high school gymnasium on Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 16.

Although the four Lady Lancers had already officially signed their letters of intent to play sports at the next level, Caroline Leone, Ashley Manor, Abigail

Whitley and Tara Wright had a chance to share the experience with friends and family at the small gathering.

Caroline Leone who had great success on both the Field Hockey and Lacrosse fields as a Lancer will be headed to

Stonehill College in Easton Massachusetts where she will play Division II Lacrosse as a Skyhawk.

Field Hockey and Lacrosse senior standout Tara Wright will be headed to play DII lacrosse at Assumption as a member of the Grey-

hounds.

Lancer soccer standout Ashley Manor signed her letter to play Division I women's soccer as a Seawolf at Stony Brook University in Long Island, New York.

Lancer Abigail Whitley, who has played soc-

cer and lacrosse as a Lady Lancer will be playing DII lacrosse as a Purple Knight at Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Vermont.

At the event, LHS Athletic Director Howard Sobolov addressed

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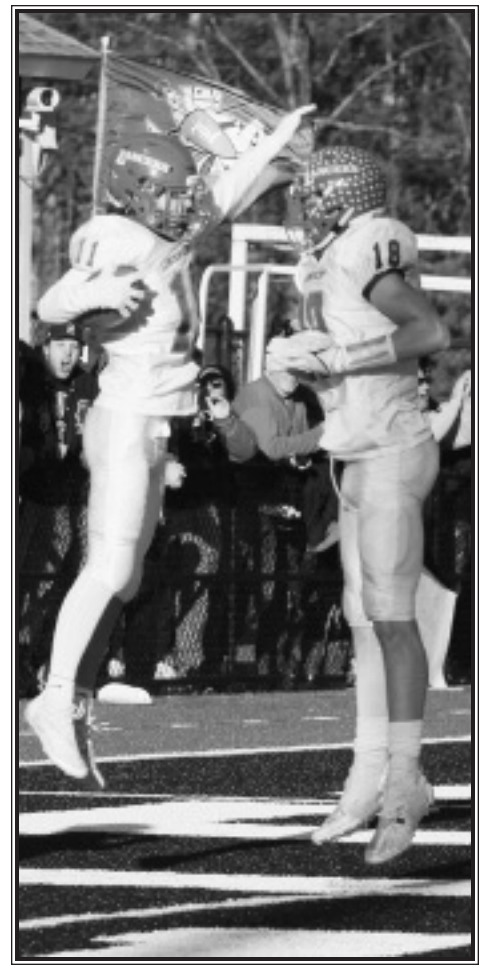
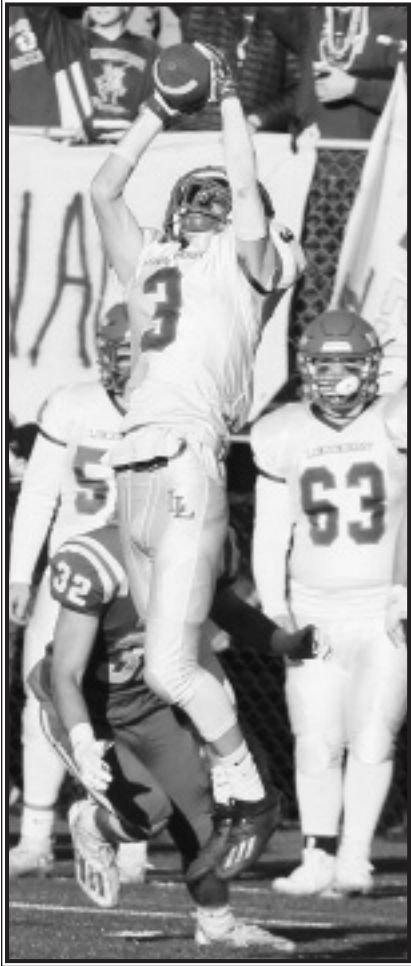
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## State Title

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marched down the field again, only to have their second drive of the game end with an interception by Lancer senior Anthony Salcito at the LHS one-yard line with under a minute left.

With time expiring after that touchdown saving INT, the Lancers had to regroup during

the halftime break trailing in the game 7-0.

After that break, it took just a minute and a half for the Londonderry side to tie the game with a shift in the momentum.

Heenan completed his pass to junior wide receiver Andrew Kullman for a 63-yard touchdown pass and run, getting the Lancers fans out of their seats for the tying TD. Junior kicker

Dylan Wrisley added the extra point to knot the game at seven.

Three minutes later, sophomore running-back Jake Schena helped make it 14-7 with a 12-yard run for the Lancers second touchdown in the third. Wrisley added the extra point.

Winnacunnet tied the game with three minutes left in the quar-

ter after a long pass and a 9-yard touchdown run by Tucker McCann.

Before the period ended, Heenan and Kullman connected again to retake the lead with an outstanding 33-yard passing play. Wrisley's extra point made it 21-14 at 1:09 in a very productive third quarter for the Lancers.

That would be all the offense the Londonderry squad would need for the victory, but Wrisley added a three-point field goal from 32-yards out with five minutes left in the game.

The Lancer defense forced another turnover by the Warriors with two minutes left in the game after LHS junior lineman

Ryan Pemberton recovered a fumble forced out with a sack on the WHS quarterback by senior Riley Boles.

The Lancers were able to end the game by taking a knee to run out the clock and celebrate another DI title. This was their second title in three seasons, the last one coming in 2019.

## Signing

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those attending the event with a short introduction before the signings.

He said, Today represents the culmination of a great deal of hard work and sacrifice their parts

as they have spent many hours over the years to improve their skills to be able to earn these scholarships".

He added, "Not only are these schools wonderful choices for athletics, but more importantly they are wonderful academic institutions as

well."

He finished by thanking the parents, guidance department and the coaches that helped to aid in their accomplishments.

Athletic Assistant Cindy Marett was the chief organizer of the event.

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# United Methodist Church Offers Blessing Box to Town

The Londonderry United Methodist Church recently placed a five-foot tall blessing box at the church near the clothing shed. The blessing box contains inspiring and spiritually uplifting books, as well as food for those who have need. Everything in the box is a free to anyone who has need.

The blessing box is one part of an overall witness of the church to bring farm fresh food to people in need. Currently the church provides food on a weekly basis to 21 families, many of whom are elderly and struggling to make ends meet. The Blessing Box will eventually have in season fresh veggies and fruit available.

The church also created six garden boxes for fresh vegetables and plans on making four more boxes in the Spring. Two of the boxes are accessible by wheel-



chair for those who wish to help next with planting, nurturing and harvesting plants.

All this is possible through a grant sought from the Sidore Memorial Foundation, which helps organizations get a start on projects to end food insecurity and bring awareness to the community. Currently, there are 792 families living in extreme poverty in Londonderry. The

Sidore Memorial Foundation has contributed greatly to New Hampshire communities and continues to raise awareness through their support. The goal is to bring neighbors together to reduce extreme poverty and food insecurity, while creating a lasting community of support.

Bob Bonham, pictured in the red baseball cap, is the builder of the

Blessing box. He painstakingly took care of each detail, including the solid nature of the box and its doors. The congregation blessed the box last Sunday in the worship service, praying for God to bless the community and all the people who would benefit in a time of need.

Those who wish to donate to the blessing box, items be delivered to the church office,



please don't place them in the box itself. This is for purposes of tracking the supplies and their usefulness.

Pictured above, with

Bob and Judy Bonham are Matt and Heidi Bernard, Nancy Morgan, Sally Haroldson, Brenda and Don Clark, Rev. Amy and Kaleb Alletzhauser.

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## Very Derry Holiday

The annual Very Derry Holiday Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 27, it will start at 10 a.m. and ending at 1 p.m. there will be live holiday entertainment at a "Wandering Stage," erected at One West Broadway near the Pocket Park and Benson's Hardware. At 1 p.m. the annual Nutfield Holiday Parade will take place, starting at Veteran's Hall on West Broadway and continuing to Crystal Avenue and finishing at the Hood Commons Shopping Center. Members of the Rotary will also be collecting non-perishable food items and cash donations to help those in need along the parade route. From 2 - 5 p.m., Derry Parks and Recreation will host its annual Holiday Craft Making and photos with Santa at Veteran's Hall. The Wan-

dering Stage will continue to have performances after the parade passes and up to the annual Tree Lighting event at 5:15 p.m. Attendees are invited for hot cocoa starting at 4:30 p.m.

## Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on: Tuesday, Jan. 18, from 6 - 7 p.m. 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, 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 qualifica-

tions for identity, age, domicile and citizenship. Any questions contact Kristin Grages Supervisors of the Checklist Town of Londonderry 603-432-1100, ext 198.

## Swag Night

The Green Team is now accepting reservations for its next fundraiser, a "Swag Night" at the Londonderry Lions Hall. The event will take place on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 5 from 3:30 - 6 p.m. At the Swag Night event families are asked to donate \$20 per family and the team will supply all the cuttings and materials for holiday swags. They will also provide instructions on how to make a swag for residents front door this holiday season if needed. The group will be there to help you put together arrangements with local cuttings.

## St. Thomas Toy Sale

The St. Thomas Used Toy Sale held at St. Thomas Church in Derry has begun gathering gently used toy donations within the community. This year's sale will be Dec. 4 in the gym of the Aquinas Center behind St. Thomas Church on Crystal Avenue in Derry. There will be thousands of items to choose from. The doors open at 9 a.m., some parents line up to get great deals while others come simply to be able to provide gifts for their kids on a low income. The sale concludes by noon with plenty of toys leftover. This year those left behind toys will be donated to the Manchester Housing Authority to be given to families in need. Incredibly, the benefits of the toy sale continue on. The money raised by the sale goes directly to two nonprofit charities: St. Thomas Church Outreach ministries, including the food pantry and St. Giana's Place-a home for pregnant women in crisis. Toys can be donated through Dec. 3. Drop-off locations are St. Thomas Church, 27 Crystal Ave, Derry, St. Matthew Church Windham, St. Anne Church Hampstead, and 5 Isabella Drive in Londonderry. Toy sale is cash only.

## Free Meals

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### Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

#### Monday - Nov. 15

**8:02 a.m.** Criminal Threatening investigated on Colonial Drive.

**8:45 a.m.** Suspicious Activity reported on Kelley Road at Cell Tower Access Road.

**8:48 a.m.** Criminal Mischief investigated at Market Basket on Michels Way.

**11:35 a.m.** Suicide Attempt/Threat transported to a hospital from Convenient MD Urgent Care on Nashua Road.

**11:57 a.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Burger King on Nashua Road.

**8:40 p.m.** Assault investigated by four officers on Whittemore Road.

**9:50 p.m.** Arrest made by four officers during a Disturbance on Fieldstone Drive. Michael Giannini, 20, of Londonderry charged with Resist Arrest/Detention; Stalking (Domestic Violence - Put Person In Fear); and two counts of Breach of Bail.

#### Tuesday - Nov. 16

**7:16 a.m.** Disturbance investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**11:15 a.m.** Shoplifting investigated at Nutfield Country Store on Shasta Drive.

**11:16 a.m.** Criminal Mischief investigated on Catamount Road.

**3:04 p.m.** Welfare Check made by four officers on Vista Ridge Drive results in transportation to a hospital.

**3:38 p.m.** Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Constitution Drive.

**8:27 p.m.** Peace restored by six officers after a Disturbance on Wentworth Avenue at ABF Freight System.

**8:50 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop leads to two arrests made on Perkins Road at the Sleep Inn. Four officers assist with charging Kathryn Levesque, 37, of Manchester charged with Driving after Revoked/Suspension - Driving Under the Influence; Stop/

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Stand/Park Where Prohibited; Failure to Use Required Turn Signal; and Driving Without Giving Proof. Kevin Levesque, 51, of Manchester charged with Breach of Bail; and Stalking (Domestic Violence - Order). **11:46 p.m.** Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Sanborn Crossing on Sanborn Road.

**Wednesday - Nov. 17**  
**8:43 a.m.** Services rendered for a Complaint on Elwood Road.  
**10:30 a.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Whittemore Road.  
**7:04 p.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at the 7-Eleven Food

Mart on Nashua Road.  
**9:15 p.m.** Response to Suspicious Activity results in the transportation to a hospital from McDonalds on Nashua Road.

**11:19 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made on Nashua Road at Burger King.

**Thursday - Nov. 18**  
**12:16 a.m.** Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest made by three officers on Horizon Drive at Nashua Road. Amanda Calthorpe, 35, of Derry charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.  
**12:39 a.m.** Suicide Attempt/Threat investigated by three officers on Horizon Drive.  
**4:01 p.m.** Shooting Complaint investigated on Mill Road.

**7:46 p.m.** Welfare Check investigated by five officers on Brewster Road.

**Friday - Nov. 19**  
**8:21 a.m.** Identity Theft investigated on Griffin Road.  
**6:55 p.m.** Peace restored after a Disturbance on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm Apartments.  
**7 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Whittemore Road.  
**8:33 p.m.** Criminal Threatening Taken/Referred to another agency on Colonial Drive.  
**11:32 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated by three officers at Nutfield Country Store on Shasta Drive

**Saturday - Nov. 20**  
**1:26 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated at the Manchester Boston

Regional Airport.  
**5 p.m.** Services rendered by three officers for a Disturbance on State Tree Circle.  
**8 p.m.** Disturbance reported at McDonalds on Nashua Road.

**Sunday - Nov. 21**  
**1:30 a.m.** Assault investigated on Stonehenge Road.

**6:30 a.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Sparhawk Drive.  
**1:48 p.m.** Services rendered for a Disturbance at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.  
**3:28 p.m.** Call to keep the peace on Capitol Hill Drive investigated.  
**5:22 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated by six officers on Buck-

thorn Street.  
**6:16 p.m.** Four officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from St. Charles Street.  
**7:43 p.m.** Six officers conduct a Welfare Check at Market Basket on Michels Way and assist with transportation to a hospital.

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