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Just over 60 voters were checked in to the Town's Deliberative Session on Saturday morning in the LHS gym where 15 Warrant Articles were moved to the March 9 ballot. Photo by Chris Paul

Town Deliberative Session Moves Articles to Ballot

JOHN SEIDENBERG
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Deliberative Session was attended by just over 60 residents on Saturday, Feb. 6, and moved warrant articles to the town ballot to be voted on by residents at the March election.

The proposed budget for operation of all town government depart-

ments for the coming year is \$38,914,836 with a default budget – if the operating budget is defeated – of \$39,064,836. If the operating budget is passed by voters, the town will be required to raise \$22,487,661 in property taxes, resulting in a projected tax rat impact of \$4.754 in FY22.

Anticipating lower revenues

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Default Budget, Spending Main Topics at School Deliberative

JOHN SEIDENBERG
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The issues of the default budget and how the town considers school spending were raised often during the Londonderry School Board Deliberative Session Feb. 5.

Voters moved to the town ballot in March an operating and default budget for the 2021-22 academic year.

The meeting put forward a total school operating budget of \$81,497,456 with an estimated tax impact of \$12.79. The default budget of \$81,865,114 has an estimated tax impact of \$12.87.

The current budget for Londonderry is the default budget as voters

turned down the operating budget submitted last year. The default definition was amended by the Legislature omitting items like contractual obligations, noted Business Administrator Peter Curro.

Another such item was transportation which is a separate line from salaries and benefits, he added. The default budget did not include an increase in any ongoing contracts the school district had.

That was why the school district changed the definition of default budget to go back to the original one, Curro said.

The default budget is defined in the school charter and calculated

based on the level of budget appropriations approved last March. It is increased or decreased by ongoing commitments or contracts.

Speaking at the meeting, Town Council Chairman John Farrell observed that on the default budget, areas had been addressed such as debt service and contracts previously incurred, salaries and other-related employee costs, benefits and taxes, and other obligations.

But he questioned, if the town is being told \$515,000 of wages won't be incurred this coming year with retirements and attrition, why that amount can still be kept

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"COVID Didn't Stop Cancer:" LHS Day Of Giving Gives On

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The gathering was small, the gesture was big. And the young hearts behind it, even bigger.

The 15th annual Cancer Lengths Day Of Giving took place on Friday Feb. 5 in the Londonderry High School gymnasium, as it has for nearly two decades now.

Despite it bringing just about all the world to a halt in 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic would not stop the Day of Giving.

It would, however, change the way it took

place.

In Days of Giving past, donors, or "Angels," would gather in groups of 200 and more to collectively give hundreds of feet of hair which would go to patients losing their own to cancer treatment.

This year, due to an abundance of caution and to adhere to distancing guidelines, there were about twenty Angels there to keep tradition.

"Right off the bat, we knew we wouldn't have a traditional ceremony with all the guests and speakers," said Pep

Rally Captain and LHS Senior, Emma Stowell. "But there is obviously still a need for wigs, so we wanted to still have our event and to make our difference."

Students filled one set of bleachers, as many as could be there

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School Deliberative

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in the default budget.

Farrell argued that budget could be less with the amount taken out. The legal ability to leave it in was not necessarily a justification for doing so, he said.

When the default budget was passed in March 2020 it did not include the \$440,000 in increases for ongoing contracts, Curro said. A caveat did allow collective bargaining agreements because they are separate.

Any change to the default budget formula should be done in advance at a workshop session not at the deliberative meeting with last minute changes made, said Tony DeFrancesco of Londonderry.

Resident, Kristine Perez, faulted holding the budget meetings and deliberative session at night rather than on Saturday making it easier for senior citizens to attend.

Curro responded in all his years at the town the school deliberative session or the old town

meeting session were on Friday night and the town meeting or deliberative session was Saturday morning.

Others in the audience pointed that some who came to the deliberative session to object to parts of the budget were not present at earlier budgetary meetings when the same topics were discussed.

In addition, the meeting moved ahead these warrant articles to the ballot on which the town will vote Mar. 9:

- Article 3 – shall the school district accept and receive federal grants and other similar funds to support the school lunch program and federal fund projects and further appropriate \$1,687,000 for the lunch program and \$1,548,821 for the projects for an estimated total appropriation of \$3,235,821.

- Article 4 – appropriate up to \$25,000 for the equipment capital reserve fund to procure essential or incidental equipment for class-

rooms, offices, technology, and buildings and grounds. These can include snow blowers, carpet sweepers, and music equipment. The original amount was \$50,000 before it was reduced by half. The fund carries over a balance from year to year and this sum would come from the June 30, 2021 fund balance available for transfer the next day.

- Article 5 – appropriating up to \$125,000 for the school district's technology network infrastructure capital reserve fund for equipment and services for the network infrastructure for routers, wiring, switches, access points, and wireless originally slated to be \$150,000. A motion to take these monies from the existing capital reserve fund balance rather than from taxpayers was defeated.

- Article 6 – raise up to \$75,000 for the vehicle and machinery capital reserve fund for the acquisition of vehicles and machinery that formerly was a capital lease program. This



The School Deliberative was moved to the LHS gym this year due to social distancing concerns. Photo by Chris Paul

amount also comes from the June 30, 2021 fund balance available for transfer on July 1.

- Article 7 – for raising \$600,000 for a buildings and grounds capital reserve fund for all buildings, grounds, fields, infrastructure, maintenance, construction, renovations, and improvements and related professional services district wide. The fund can be carried between years by New Hampshire state law for larger projects taking longer. This fund takes the place of the expendable maintenance fund from last year, which had \$625,000 put into it then, and is to be dissolved. Any monies left over

from the prior fund would go into the year-end surplus. A motion to decrease the current proposed amount to \$300,000 to help lower taxes was voted down.

- Article 8 – adoption of retention of funds up to 5% of the school district's net assessment in any year. Any expenditure made from this fund would have to be approved at a School Board public hearing and the board must include a report on the retained fund balance in its annual report to the district; and

- Article 9 – The school district raising and appropriating up to \$96,000 funded by the

surplus balance to purchase dining service food serving lines in three school buildings (the high school, North School, and South School) to upgrade them for safety and sanitation regarding sneeze guards and height requirements.

Speaking on the state of the school district, Superintendent Scott Laliberte recalled what an extraordinary year it was for students and staff in being required to change the ways school was conducted. He praised the fortitude of students and parents and of the professional staff in having to be trained to meet the challenges of Covid-19.

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Planning Board Approves Woodmont and Button Drive Plans

JOHN SEIDENBERG
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Planning Board unanimously granted conditional approval Feb. 3 to two applications during a public hearing on both. The vote on each was 9-0.

In one project, the Woodmont-General Stark Drive Subdivision at Pillsbury Road and Michels Way, the applicant, Pillsbury Realty Development, plans to subdivide two structures – a multi-story building with apartments on top and the 603 Brewery – into three new lots.

The work entails taking the existing lot, which is 161 acres, and cutting out 1.5 acres for Building 301, and one

acre for the 603 Brewery. The parking remains in an easement for all to use.

Town Planner Colleen Mailloux said easements are in place and will be recorded.

A total of 158.6 acres are left in the overall main parcel. The planning board agreed to the applicant's requested waivers:

- to not provide 2-foot typographic contours in the pond area as these contours have been provided over the remainder of the property

- to not provide existing water, sewer, drainage, and utility information (allowed for acceptance purposes) as this was already provided on previous site

plans

- have no construction details as no new construction was proposed for this subdivision

- to not show United States Geological Survey Soil Conservation Service (US GS SCS) soils on the plan as SCS soils were previously provided, and

- to allow a plan scale in excess of 1 inch equals 40 feet

The owner intends to provide iron pins along the front of the new lots along Marketplace Drive allowed by the Woodmont Commons Master Plan.

Pillsbury Realty has not shown the intent to provide monuments at all angle points on the remainder of lot on Pills-

bury Road. It also has not included notes on frontages and setback dimensions on the plan.

The board directed that the street addresses for each lot should be labeled on the plan as well as the zoning district boundaries.

The second project is a condominium conversion at 2 Button Drive. The owner is Button Woods, LLC and the applicant is DHB Homes, LLC.

Condominium conversions, by state law, are a subdivision.

DHB Homes asked to have seven duplex units under construction made into condominiums at the intersection of Button Drive and Horizon Drive. Each building is to become a condo unit.

The required state permits have been obtained along with state subdivision approval, said the land surveyor, George Chadwick of Bedford Design Consultants, representing DHB on its application.

The Conservation Commission requested adding a few conservation signs along the side of the abutting wetland area.

The utility connections, drainage, and stormwater management for the buildings have been done. The needed offsite drainage improvements along Button Drive also were completed.

Along Unit 1 a fence and some plantings were proposed to meet site plan approval. However,

the abutting property owner thinks they are no longer necessary with the building work done and trees cut along the units, in now providing a sufficient buffer between the residential units, Chadwick noted.

The project was approved with their removal in addition to a change in the original plan.

This development would be under one condominium association with 7 condominiums. The association will handle the septic system collectively for the units.

Each building will have 2 units. No change will result in the addresses of the units but the map and lot numbers will be new.

Londonderry Elections Will Have Four Contested Races

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The opportunity for residents to sign up for the Town and School seats being offered at the elections taking place next month expired at the end of January, and a number of those seats will have contested races.

For the town seats on the ballot, three of the six positions are contested.

Town Council

Incumbent Jim Butler will be running against Ron Dunn for the one, three-year term seat on the Town Council.

Budget Committee

Joseph Gagnon, Tim

Siekmann and Incumbent, Paul Skudlarek will be running for two, three-year term seats on Budget Committee.

Supervisors of the Checklist

Barbara J. MacDonald, Curtis Litterer and Incumbent Brian McCurley will be running for one, five-year term seat as a Supervisor of the Checklist.

Leach Library Trustee
Incumbents Betsy McKinney and Carol Introne are running unopposed for two seats as a Library Trustee.

Town Clerk

Current Town Clerk, Sherry Farrell will be unopposed as she looks to fill her position.

Town Moderator

The interim Town Moderator, Jonathan

Kipp, is running unopposed for his current position.

School District School Board

There will be three residents running for the two expiring School Board seats, making this the fourth contested race.

Incumbents Michael Saucier and Steve Young

will be running along with newcomer Sara Loughlin for the two, three-year term seats on the School Board.

School District Clerk

The current interim School District Clerk, Kerri Stanley, will be running an uncontested race for the one, one-year term position.



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Editorial

Deliberative Session Sees Meager Attendance

High numbers and Deliberative Sessions definitely do not go hand in hand, and with the COVID-19 crisis still going on, we weren't surprised by yet another very poor turnout at many Deliberative Sessions in our towns in spite of tax increases. The meeting is a forum where you have the opportunity to; lower the budget, zero it out, or increase budgets along with the warrant articles yet everyone is happy.

Unfortunately, general public attendance did not increase in the budget hearing either. This may be in part due to COVID, but has almost always been the case.

Many towns have adopted the SB2 Deliberative Session its hope of attracting more voters, and have all articles voted on by ballot. This got rid of the traditional New England town meeting, which some towns still have.

Even though more people vote, the number of registered voters high, voter turnout at local elections is usually still very low.

For example, attendance in the small towns of Hampstead, Sandown, and Chester averages 60 people per meeting. This year Sandown had about 50 at their Town Deliberative and Hampstead had about 20 people voting. Chester will hold the Town Meeting in May.

Hampstead has about 7,000 registered voters. Sandown has 4,500 voters. Derry has about 22,000 registered voters. Londonderry has 19,000 registered voters.

This year Derry had 85 voters at the Deliberative, which is actually

very high for that town. In Londonderry, the head count was just over 60 residents.

Do these figures mean that all the other voters agreed with the articles on the town and school warrants and are ready for the voting booth March 9, highly, unlikely.

Regardless of what the majority of voters were doing that was more important than attending Deliberative Session, the next chance to participate in democracy is the March 9 election.

You've got some time to study the candidates read about them in our pages and boost your knowledge of the issues that will appear on the warrant. We encourage you to study the numbers, check out candidates, ask questions, and verify what proponents and opponents of a particular warrant article are telling you.

Make your vote an informed one.

If people have made the effort to offer their time for public service, we owe them, at the very least, enough interest to pay attention to their words and if their words are platitudes, agendas and generalities, to demand answers to the tough questions.

Local politics matters and is supposed to be bipartisan.

We have far more of a say in town and school elections than in any other election.

Send in letters letting other know how you feel and who you support. So maybe you missed your chance to participate at Deliberative Session, but you can still vote and send a message.

For the good of the community, please get out and vote on March 9.

Letters

States Inept Inoculation Program

To the editor,
Is "The Times" going to do an in-depth analysis and story of how totally inept the State of NH is handling the C-19 inoculation program? NH is doing the worst job possible in terms of vaccinating one of its most "vulnerable" populations...the elderly. And the State fully knows how badly they are failing.

My wife and I are 76 yrs. old, registered on the very first day possible and are scheduled to receive the vaccine on Mar 31st. What? If I went food shopping tomorrow and somehow contracted this virus, I would die....the statistics don't lie....and I have to wait 60 days to get a vaccine?

I sent blistering emails to both U.S. Senators (Hassen/Shahen) and got a call back today from one of their offices today. The man I spoke with fully admitted that when his Senator poked at the process, they were aghast at what they found. It is a DISASTER (his word). The State knows it and is trying to keep their incompetence quiet while people suffer and die.

This has got to be made public and these incompetent elites need to pay a price at the polls. I told the Senators that the elderly in this State would remember all this at the next election and no incumbents would likely prevail next time around. Yes, our Senators are Federal but when residents of their State are suffering the

ultimate consequence from incompetent local administration, they need to become involved in a major way.

The man said he was going to contact the Governor's office but said that in all likelihood neither he nor I would get any response. What, again? The Governor ignores input from a U.S. Senator?

This whole thing is a disgrace and needs a light put on it so there are political consequences at the next election. I am a conservative but am so disgusted with Sununu that I will vote Democratic if he runs again.

Regards,
Bill Lynch,
Londonderry
Festina Lente

Budget Committee Recommendations

To the editor,

I am writing to support two of the candidates for the Budget Committee in our upcoming town elections. I feel that my past experience of 20 years as the Coast Guard Research and Development Center's Resource Director gives me some insight into the characteristics that make a good budget analyst. My role included developing and defending the Coast Guard's Research budget, as well as managing our Comptroller, Contracting, and leased facilities agreements. I was a member of our Strategic Planning Group that determined the long-term direction of our research program and the Project Develop-

ment Board that decided which projects to continue, which to start, and what funding and personnel would be allocated to each.

I know that we all are concerned that we elect good stewards of our tax dollars. The town Budget Committee is responsible for making recommendations on both the town and school budgets. It is an awesome responsibility performed by dedicated volunteers who work many hours to do their best for us. Their efforts impact us directly in our semiannual tax bills. So, I don't take making recommendations, lightly.

I am recommending Tim Siekmann and Paul Skudlarek for your consideration. I have had numerous conversations with them about town budget matters over the years and find that they have put in the detailed work necessary to evaluate budget requests often searching out the background information needed to thoroughly develop and analyze budget requests.

Tim is looking to return to the Budget Committee and has 6 years' experience on the committee and served as chair for 2 years. He is the Marine Corp. combat veteran with 20 years of leadership experience as the Chief Information Officer for a large printing company. Thinking outside the box, to find the best solution to a complex problem is what he does.

Paul is current member of the Budget Committee having served a 1-

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Going Strong

Boston Post Cane holder Forrest Pratt, center, celebrated his 92nd Birthday on Jan. 27 with his son Dave, daughters Brenda, his Belinda, his daughter-in-law Heidi. Forrest enjoyed the Birthday Carrot Cake with cream cheese frosting along with maple walnut ice cream, both Forrest's favorites.

Courtesy photo

Building Joy

The residents at All-American Assisted Living wish to announce a BIG Thank you to the wonderful families in Londonderry payed them an outside visit last week during the snowstorm where residents could watch the children build snowmen. The residents were overjoyed to see the little ones and their parents busy at work in the snow!

Courtesy photo



Letters

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year term and is looking for a 3-year appointment. In this role, he is the liaison to school superintendent and chief of police. He has a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Marketing from Boston College and 35 years' experience in sales management. I am impressed with his ability to immediately grasp the essential factors in a decision and to

develop clear cogent arguments in support of his position.

I like Nero Wolfe mysteries; I like the advice he gives his detective when working alone. Use your intelligence guided by experience. Both of these candidates use their intelligence and experience wisely. Please vote for these two candidates in the town election on March 9th

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Day of Giving

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in person without breaking social distancing regulations. Most of the student body would be with their peers in spirit, watching from the live-stream on the school's YouTube channel.

Though they needed to remain, physically, at least six feet apart, the Angels were brought closer together than ever in their cause.

It is not uncommon to find repeat Angels at many Lancer Lengths assemblies, and this year was no exception. Londonderry Senior and Pep Rally aide Amara Cote told Londonderry Times that she has given her own hair for Lancer Lengths (formerly Pantene Beautiful Lengths) five times, and has been donating her hair since the third grade.

Cote commented on the changes in this year's Day of Giving, explaining that typically many in attendance are from within the community. This year, as stated, the ceremony needed to be closed to most of those outside of the school.

Cote was hopeful that in the years to come, the Day of Giving would once again see numbers closer to the ceremony's peak of nearly 300, and encouraged anyone con-

sidering joining the cause to "definitely do it."

"Your hair is going to grow back," said Cote. "And if some of my hair can give someone who is fighting...a little more confidence, I'll chop everything off!"

Stowell echoed Cote's sentiments, adding that seeing the impact receiving a real-hair wig had one someone battling cancer was something else to behold.

"People cry when we give them to them," said Stowell. "Seeing the difference is just so special."

The virus may have stopped the world at certain points this year, but clearly, it could not and would not stop the ongoing mission of Lancer Lengths.

Since the pandemic began, the student-led organization has still managed to get real hair wigs to five cancer patients, each undergoing the already unimaginable during these unimaginable times.

Also there to speak at the assembly were Sophomore best-friend duo Lauren Laudani and Riley Burns, who were both the very first to pledge their hair for this year's day of giving.

"Last year Lauren and I were sitting in the bleachers watching Angels cut their hair. All we could think about was, 'I want



Regan Burns, sister of LHS Angel Riley Burns, gives her hair at the fifteenth annual Day of Giving, cut by Jordan Gulluzzo.

to do that." said Burns.

Laudani credited LHS English Teacher and Pep Rally Coordinator Steve Juster with helping to ensure that despite all that was going on in the world, the Day of Giving would not stop its decade-plus long streak.

Indeed, Angels were among the high school gym once again, and among the Angels were students, teachers, mother-daughter duos, and sisters, including Burns's younger sister, Regan.

During these dark times, inspiration has

sparked for a number of individuals. Fanning such a spark was Lauren Rauseo through her original poem, simply titled her "Day Of Giving Poem."

Through her poem, Rauseo urged each member of the generation she and the majority of this year's Angels share that though they may often be underestimated by the ones who came before them, they each had the tools to make changes for the better.

"Cancer doesn't discriminate, but our influence is spreading," Rauseo recited, urging her peers that life is short, that it is their responsibility to give all they can to help others at every given opportunity.

"There is power in our youth," she continued, "...it's now or never,

it's our generation's turn, to find a cure, to show everyone what we've learned.

"I'll say it again, I'll say it now and forever—we are the hope, we will put an end to cancer."

This Day of Giving was also an opportunity for the students to shed light on a couple of other causes for which they were working to raise awareness and resources. Nikki Longua, president of the National Honor Society addressed the crowd regarding this year's chosen organization, the No Kid Hungry Foundation.

The No Kid Hungry Foundation is committed to ending childhood hunger, which affected 18 million children during the pandemic.

Ideally, the assembly would hold a "miracle minute" for the cause, where a bucket would be eagerly passed around the crowd to hundreds of students, faculty and more to get the fundraising started. Naturally, due to the pandemic, this was not possible.

"All we can ask is for all of you to raise awareness for this wonderful program," said Longua.

Jordan Galluzzo, Officer in Student Activities at LHS, reminded her fellow students about the group's Jeans for Genes program, which will work towards raising awareness and money for children facing a number of genetic ailments, including cancer.

This cause hit close to home for LHS English teacher Corrine Murphy, whose daughter, Maya, is living with a genetic

disorder called Dup15.

Murphy told Londonderry Times that her daughter has undergone several different types of therapy to help manage her condition, and though she is "light years ahead" of where doctors once thought she might be, the condition is still such that Maya may never be fully self-sufficient. "Due to her limited expressive language, she can't always convey how she is feeling or what she is struggling with," said Murphy, adding that her own battle with cancer has kept her away from her daughter a number of times since the holidays.

For Murphy and families like hers, the Jeans for Genes program will help ensure that children who need them will continue to be able to receive life-changing services.

When the time came for the Angels to make their cut, Juster spoke about their kindness, even in the face of tragedy.

Juster explained that three people among the Angels had lost their father this year, a couple more their mother, and several others their family members and friends to cancer.

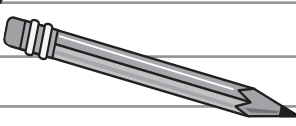
"Everyone on this floor is a testament to how strong you people are," said Juster. "and how strong this school community is in supporting them."

In these uncertain times, one thing remains certain: the students of Londonderry High School are Angels.

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from the state in next year's budget, the town reduced the FY22 default budget by \$150,000, said Town Manager Kevin Smith. It also has pledged to freeze another \$100,000 until revenue projections become clearer in the fall.

The proposed budget makes an increase of 1.76% in expenditures over the FY21 amended budget. The budget reduction and spending freeze represent an increase of 1.48% or \$525,700 over last year's approved budget.

All non-essential budget purchases were essentially frozen due to the covid-19 pandemic, and the town ended the year at \$680,000 below budgeted expenditures, Smith told the deliberative session.

Londonderry used a portion of its covid relief funds to provide over \$50,000 in grants to local businesses affected by the pandemic, he said.

Town Council Chairman John Farrell said the council adopted the budget with the expectation that if the revenues remain as hoped, "then this budget is a good solid lean budget." If they don't, "all options are on the table."

The audited numbers for FY20 show the town ended the year with a surplus of \$1.3 million, of which \$640,000 came

from increased revenues being over estimates, Smith said. These resulted from stronger returns on investments, reimbursement of covid-related expenses, and surging revenues from car registrations.

The meeting also moved ahead these warrant articles to the ballot:

Article 3 – to appropriate \$180,000 for the Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund to repair and maintain town facilities and infrastructure such as HVAC, plumbing, and electric systems or building roof and siding replacements, and also to authorize \$90,000 from the June 30 unassigned fund balance. If passed, the town would have to raise \$90,000 in property taxes with a projected tax rate impact of \$0.019. The trust funds are funded each year and are not considered part of the default budget.

Approximately \$149,000 remains in this trust fund for the rest of the year.

Article 4 – appropriate \$650,000 for the Roadway Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund with an estimated tax impact of \$0.37. This article would continue funding road reconstruction from property tax support rather than from bonds. If it does not pass, the town has \$604,000 in state block grants for roadway reconstruction and

repairs but this would put Londonderry behind, said Assistant Director of Public Works John Trottier. Highway block grant money from the state is expected to decrease next year because gas tax revenues went down during the pandemic. No monies are budgeted for roadway maintenance in the budget itself. The Public Works Department has a roadway maintenance list each year of roads for repair.

Article 5 – to appropriate \$28,000 for the Geographic Information Systems Capital Reserve Fund with an estimated tax impact in FY22 of \$0.006. If passed, the town would have to raise \$28,000 in property taxes. This article provides funds for periodic aerial photography for keeping the town's geographic information system up to date. It is particularly critical for the police and fire departments. The public also has access to the GIS site from the town's website.

Article 6 – raise up to \$75,000 for the Pillsbury Cemetery Expansion Capital Reserve Fund with an estimated tax rate impact of \$0.016. If passed, the town would be required to raise \$75,000 in property taxes. This allows the town to avoid issuing long-term debt for the expansion.

Article 7 – for raising \$100,000 for the Fire

Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and to further authorize the use of \$50,000 from the June 30 unassigned fund balance toward this appropriation. Passage would require the town to raise \$50,000 in property taxes and result in a projected tax impact of \$0.011. These funds are for the purchase or lease of fire department equipment.

Article 8 – authorizes the Town Manager to enter into up to a 10-year lease and to raise \$55,645 for the first year's payment. This has an estimated tax rate impact of \$0.012. The town would be required to raise \$55,645 in property taxes. The article would enable the Department of Public Works to replace the existing vehicles that have exceeded their useful life and become a challenge to maintain.

Article 9 – appropriate \$35,000 for the Master Plan Capital Reserve Fund and to authorize use of that same amount from the June 30 unassigned fund balance for this appropriation. This fund is used in the cost of updating the town's master plan as required by state law.

Article 10 – to raise \$5,000 for the Recreation Department Capital Reserve Fund and authorize that same amount from the June 30

unassigned fund balance. These funds will be used to purchase new equipment and vehicles and for maintenance on the department's current vehicles and equipment.

Article 11 – to appropriate \$32,500 for the Cable Equipment Capital Reserve Fund from the annual distribution of Public Educational and Government Access programming from the current franchise agreement. This article appropriates the town's funding received annually as part of a franchise agreement with Comcast for equipment purchasing and replacement.

Article 12 – appropriate \$250,000 to purchase approximately 5 acres of land adjacent to the Town Hall at 114 Pillsbury Road (Tax Map 009, Lot 049) from Moose Hill Orchard to be subdivided for future municipal use. The FY22 projected tax rate impact is \$0.053. If passed, the town would be required to raise \$250,000 in property taxes. An amendment to the article passed to authorize the \$250,000 from the unassigned fund balance rather than from taxpayers. A purchase and sale agreement already is in place for the other 23 acres adjacent to the site to remain in conservation.

Article 13 – to appropriate in a 50-50 cost

sharing agreement \$250,000 to extend a municipal water line from the vicinity of 18 Orchard View Drive along Lancaster Drive and connecting 8 residences along the water line extension. The residences will provide \$16,000 in funding for the project, and Vernco Apple, LLC, the owner of Appletree Mall, will provide the remainder for the project, estimated to cost approximately \$500,000. If passed, the town would have to raise \$250,000 in property taxes. The estimated tax impact will be \$0.053. This situation originated from residents living on Lancaster Drive behind the mall having contaminated wells and paying part of the cost in bringing a water line to the neighborhood to hook into it.

* Article 14 – in a non-monetary item requested through citizens petition, the town would urge the New Hampshire General Court to ensure fair redistricting of political districts following the federal census through public meetings and to include communities of interest and minimize multi-seat districts; and

Article 15 – to transmit any other business that may legally come before the deliberative session.



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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancer Gymnastics Wins Again and Prepares for State Meet

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Gymnastics team got their third consecutive win on Wednesday night, Feb. 3, when they hosted Exeter and Plymouth for the final meet of the COVID-19 shortened season.

In that meet, Londonderry finished with 127.7 points to take first, Exeter High School was second with 118.95, and Plymouth High took the

third spot with 113.7.

The event also gave the team the opportunity to pay tribute to two seniors who have participated on the team for all four of their years in high school.

Multi-sport athletes Sophie Hagymas and Ashley Griffin have been contributing members of the team and will be sorely missed as they move on after graduation.

Both girls are hopeful that they will be afford-

ed the opportunity to participate in the Pole Vault on the Track and Field Team in the spring.

AS far as the individual scores at the Wednesday meet, Lady Lancer Marlie Fitzgerald placed first in the Vault with a 7.9 out of a possible 8.5.

On Bars, Londonderry's Lilly Haggett placed second with an 8.2 and Makenna Lord placed third with an 8.1.

The team had solid routines on the beam



Seniors Sophie Hagymas and Ashley Griffin were honored during the teams final home meet. Photos by Chris Paul.

from Sophie Hagymas with 8.3 and Lilly Haggett with 8.35, but were unable to place in the top three.

On the floor exercise, Ella Houghton had another strong performance and placed first with an 8.8 out of a possible 9.7.

In the All-Around Sophie Hagymas placed fourth with a 31.3, just behind Plymouth's Aquinnah Allian who got third with a 31.4. Erin Eastwood from Exeter

was the winner with a 34.25, and Taylor Mooney, of Newfound, came in second with a 31.7.

Lancer Head Coach, Heather Lennon commented after the meet, "Overall, we had a great meet, and again we were able to closely match our top score of the season even on a non-spring floor."

The team will now be preparing for the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association's

Division I State Competition, which will be held at A2 Gymnastics in Salem on Sunday, Feb. 14.

Lennon added, "This up coming week we are focusing on fine tuning our routines to ensure we have our best lineup for states. This time of season is when the girls tend to burn out, so we are playing a balancing act with practices and ensuring the girls are getting enough rest."

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Lady Lancer Hoop Squad Spilt Games with Nashua North

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls Basketball squad had to settle for a win and a loss last week as they faced the Nashua North Lady Titans, a team that they matched up to rather well.

The first game was initially scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 2, but was postponed due to the fact that school was cancelled because of snow. That game was rescheduled for Friday, Feb. 5 in Nashua.

In the game played on Thursday night, Feb. 4, in Londonderry, the Lady Lancers fell overwhelmingly short on scoring and made a number of mis-cues in two quarters to allow the Lady Titans a 40-34 win.

After starting the game very strong, and leading 12-9 to end the first quarter, the Lady Lancers were only able to convert one basket for two points in the second and wound up trailing Nashua at the half by a score of 21-14.

The home squad came out strong in the second half outscoring the Nashua ladies 15-10, but fell into another offensive lull in the fourth quarter.

Heading into the fourth, trailing by just two points at 31-29, the LHS squad managed only five points, which resulted in the six-point loss.

The leading Lancer scorers in that game, were: Kylee McGurn, 10; Ashley Rourke, 8; and Ashley Schmitt with seven. Junior Olivia Chau contributed five-points while Sarah Clegg and Jordon Furlong added two each.

After the game, Head Coach Nick Theos commented, "Tough loss, the girls worked very hard on the defensive end and on the boards. We got out to a lead just didn't play well enough in the second and forth quarters. Too many turnovers and missed lay-ups and foul shots did us in."

Theos added, "During the first quarter we played the best defense of the year so far, we just need to be more consistent. It was a one possession game with three minutes to play, and we didn't do enough right things to win."

The following night, in Nashua, on Friday,

Feb. 5, things turned around for the teams, and Londonderry came away with a 36-29 victory in a defensive battle.

This game wasn't exactly a high scoring event, with LHS only getting into double digit scoring in two of the four quarters. Nashua had single digits in three of the four periods.

By the half, the Lady Lancers trailed the Titans 17-13, but in the second half, the LHS team was able to outscore Nashua 23-12 for the win.

Rourke was the team high-scorer with 12-points, McGurn had 10 and Furlong scored five.

Senior Ashley Rourke knocked home some big shots in the second half comeback, and Kylee McGurn and Olivia Chau both hit big three's in the fourth quarter to cement the win.

Theos said after the game, "We made more plays down the stretch than they did last night - couple that with some great team defense - and that got us the win. I was



Senior Guard, Kylee McGurn, had ten points to lead the team in Thursday's game and followed that up with another ten on Friday.

very proud of the effort we gave tonight from all nine girls!"

The team was scheduled to play Pinkerton Academy at home on Tuesday night, Feb. 9, and then travel to Derry for another contest

against the Astros on Friday night, Feb. 12.

The Lady Astros are coming off a two-week hiatus due to COVID-19 concerns, they have only played two games this season, with wins in each.



Lady Lancer senior, Ashley Rourke, continues to be one of the team's lead point-getter.

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Lancer Boys Basketball Team Drops Two Against Titans



Lancer senior guard, Brian Gould, had 18 points in the first game against the Nashua North Titans. Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After coming off two convincing wins against the Salem Blue Devils last week, the Londonderry High School Boys Basketball squad ran into a tough Nashua North Titans team that handed the team two losses.

Senior, high-scoring guard Jackson Cox did not play in either of the games, and the final tally in each game reflected that lack of offense.

The first game was initially scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 2, but was postponed due to the fact that school was cancelled due to a snowstorm. That game was rescheduled for Friday, Feb. 5 in Nashua.

In the game played on Thursday night, Feb. 4, in Nashua, the Lan-

cers fell to the Titans 64-57. The following night's game, also played in Nashua, had a similar outcome, and 57 points wasn't enough to overcome the Titans 74 points.

In the Friday game, which was rescheduled from the Tuesday, the LHS squad was actually playing as the home team, and family members from Londonderry were allowed to attend in place of the Nashua families.

With the absence of Cox, senior guard Brian Gould took on the role of high-scorer with 18 points that night, three of those from outside the arc. Freshman Tyler Brown and Sophomore Kevin Rourke had two three-pointers each and senior Zach Furlong contributed three two-point baskets.

The team will try to right the ship this week as they are scheduled to play Pinkerton Academy on the road on Tuesday

night, Feb. 9, and then host a second contest against the Astros on Friday night, Feb. 12.

The Astros are coming off a two-week hiatus due to COVID-19 concerns and they have only played two games this season, with wins in each.

The Astros are coming off a season where they were only able to manage one win, but this year's team has a new head coach and a number of scorers.

Lancer Skiers Take Second in Last Meet Before States

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In what was a fairly short season for the Londonderry High School Alpine Ski Team, both the girls and boys teams had successful runs, and placed second in a meet at Pat's Peak in Henniker against six other squads with 80 total racers.

The seven-school meet was originally scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 2, but with the snowstorm closing schools last week, it was rescheduled to take place on Thursday, Feb. 4.

Other teams competing were: Keene, Nashua South, Nashua North, Keene, Bedford, Winnacunet and Timmerlane Regional High Schools.

The Lady Lancer finished in second with 376 points. Keene High School took the top spot

with 384, and Winnacunet placed third with 348.

The Lancer boys had a similar outcome, scoring 361 to take the second place spot, while Timberlane placed first with 377. The squad from Nashua South took third place with a score of 354.

Scoring for the Lady Lancer team were: Juliette Louiselle, who placed third overall with run times of 36.02 and 36.77, total - 1:12.79; Julia Deschamps placed fifth at 1:13.28; Laurel Guthrie was eighth - 1:15.16; Rylee McGrath was 12th - 1:18.75. Also competing were: Alex Tufts with a combined score of 1:21.31 and Emma Donnelly - 1:24.91.

For the boys team, Ryan Keenan was the number one finishers at the event with individual run times of 32.82 and

32.80. The combined time was 1:05.62, a little over one second faster than the second place skier.

Also adding to the team total were Owen Gingrow, who took the eighth place spot - 1:12.08; William Louiselle at 18th - 1:19.53; and Evan Dugas, 20th - 1:20.84. Racers Tyler Kraics and Ryan Griffin finished at 1:21.70 and 1:23.86 respectively.

The LHS Alpine racers hope to take this momentum into the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association's Division I State Championship this week at Gunstock Mountain in Gilford, NH.

The girls will be competing on Wednesday, Feb. 10, and the boys will participate the following day on Thursday, Feb. 11.

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Lancer Swim Team Enjoys Plenty of Wins at Home Dual Meets

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Swim Team hosted Dual Meets against the Derryfield School, Pelham High School and Bishop Brady High School at the Workout Club in Londonderry on Friday night, Feb. 5, and outdistanced each of them in both the girls and boys events. Both teams took a majority of the first place spots in many of the individual races also.

The Londonderry swimmers took first place spots in all but three events that evening.

The Lancer girls beat

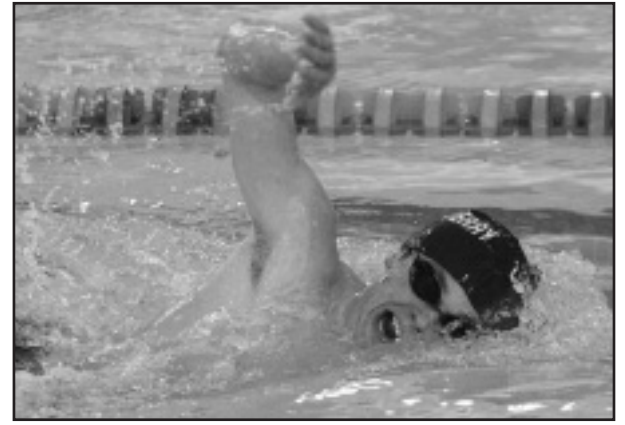
Derryfield 107-14, were winners over Bishop Brady 107-10 and had a victory over Pelham 107-38.

The Londonderry boys had wide-margined success against each school also, beating Derryfield 102-14, were winners over Bishop Brady 102-10 and had a victory over Pelham 102-6.

In the Girls 200-Yard Medley Relay the LHS team of Ashleigh Leone, Elizabeth Allen, Maggie Edwards, Caden Thomas, and Lexi Apholz, had a time of 2:12.04 for their first place finish. Caden Thomas, Avery Crimmins, Lauren Fontaine and Riley Walter took third with a time of



Isabella McKnight finished first in the 50-yard Freestyle. Photos by Chris Paul



Sean Bailey helped the team score points in many of the freestyle races.

2:48.04.

In the Boys 200-Yard Medley Relay, the LHS team of Connor McKinnon, S 17 2) Hunter Turek, D 17 3) Brandon White and Theodore McKnight had a time of 2:03.32 for first.

Girls 200-Yard Freestyle: Ashleigh Leone placed first (2:25.95) and Avery Crimmins took third (2:41.88).

Boys 200 Yard Freestyle: Sean Bailey was first (1:57.30) and Reed Erdtmann, came in second (2:04.25).

Girls 200-Yard Individual Medley: Elizabeth Allen finished first (2:40.16); Riley Walter was second (3:52.81).

Boys 200-Yard Individual Medley: Kevin Moscat finished first (2:28.99) and Slate Branson was second (2:39:58).

Girls 50-Yard Freestyle: Isabella McKnight was the top Lady Lancer finisher at third (29.25).

Boys 50-Yard Freestyle: Londonderry took all the to three spots. White finished in first

(23.48), Connor McKinnon second (26:29) and Theodore McKnight got third (28:13).

Girls 100-Yard Butterfly: Edwards took second place (1:10:76) and Apholz came in third (1:14.50).

Boys 100-Yard Butterfly: Branson was first (1:06:84) and Turek finished just after him in second (1:07.05).

Girls 100-Yard Freestyle: Witkop was the winner (57.75), Apholz took second (1:07.05) and Isabella McKnight managed third (1:05:61).

Boys 100-Yard Freestyle: Connor McKinnon finished first (1:01.76).

Girls 500-Yard Freestyle: Ashleigh Leone, finished first (6:42.69).

Boys 500-Yard Free-

style: Bailey placed first (5:15.92); Erdtmann got second (5:39.81); and Theodore McKnight was third (6:24.76).

Girls 200-Yard Freestyle Relay: The team of Bailey, Crimmins, Thomas and Leone, took first with a time of 2:08:63.

Boys 200-Yard Freestyle Relay: First went to the team of Bailey, Moscat, Erdtmann, White with a time of 1:39:57.

Girls 100-Yard Backstroke: Elizabeth Allen finished in second (1:10:97).

Boys 100-Yard Backstroke: The winner was Moscat (1:08.70).

Girls 100-Yard Breaststroke: Witkop placed first (1:10.27) and Edwards was third (1:22:15).

Boys 100-Yard Breaststroke: White was the fastest swimmer (1:12.38) and Turek came in second (1:19:65).

Girls 400-Yard Freestyle Relay: First place went to McKnight, Apholz, Edwards and Witkop (4:13.63).

Boys 400-Yard Freestyle Relay: The team of Moscat, Branson, Erdtmann and Bailey finished first (3:55:35).

The team is scheduled to have a dual meet against Pinkerton Academy at home on Friday night. This will be the first meet that the Astros have participated in since their season was put on hold for two weeks after COVID-19 concerns at the school.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Feb. 1



Emma Donnelly
Senior, Alpine Skier

This is Emma's third year with the LHS Ski Program, and she exemplifies what it means to be a Lancer. She is always striving to become a better skier with each practice and race, while also encouraging and cheering her teammates at all the ski events.



Ryan Griffin
Senior, Alpine Skier

This is Ryan's second year with the LHS Ski Program, and has made great strides ski racing. Ryan is a multisport talent who shows a strong commitment to improve his skills. Ryan is a fantastic athlete who shows tremendous respect to his teammates, coaches, and opponents.

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Young Adult Craft Virtual Program

Starting on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 10 a.m., a virtual craft for teens will be available on the Leach Library Facebook page. Follow along with Miss Megan to create a fun origami book-mark craft! Please call the library at 432-1132 to reserve a time to pick up a craft sheet.

Story Time Virtual Program

Beginning on Monday, Feb. 22 at 10 a.m., follow along as Miss Jennifer reads "Colby the Courageous Cat"! This story time features a book written by Londonderry author Janice Spina and illustrated by her husband John Spina.

Republican Meeting

Come, hear, and discuss what your NH State Representatives are standing for and have put into motion as well as learn LRC's the 2021-22 goals on Feb. 18, Thursday, 7-8:30 p.m., at 78 Litchfield Rd., Londonderry. Newly re-elected Chairperson, Liz Thomas, will conduct the election process for the floor nominated biennial officers of Secretary and Treasurer. A quorum of members in good

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Voter Information

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To apply for financial assistance, call Community Health Services at (603) 425-2545. For holiday gifts, food and other types of assistance, call The Upper Room at (603) 437-8477 x 110.

Legion Meals

Every Sunday Post 27 is serving food prepared by members during the 1 p.m., football game. Legionnaires eat for free and there is \$5 donation for everyone else. Please wear a mask when entering and moving around within the Post. The bartender will ask for your cell number as part of our contact tracing. Located at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth Rd.)

TIPS Zoom

Are you a young parent? The Upper Rooms Teen Information for Parenting Success (TIPS) will hold Zoom meetings on Wednesdays from 5 - 6 p.m. Support and resources for young parents (up to age 24) and their children. Zoom meeting link: bit.ly/tipstotics

Caregiver Resource Line

Have parenting questions? Upper Room offers Parent & caregiver resource line, call (603) 437-8477 ext. 26. Call with your name and contact number, and a trained professional will return your call within 24 hours. If you are having an emergency, please call 911.

Raising another's child?

Are you parenting a

second time around? Attend the Grandparent and Relative Caregiver Support Group. Join this free weekly meeting for resources, discussions and support for those raising another person's child. No preregistration needed. Tuesdays 6 - 7:30 p.m. Meeting in person at the YMCA - Londonderry. Contact: Seren Elizabeth at selizab@urteachers.org. Grandparent PASTA Groups are brought to you by NH Children's Trust, the YMCA of Greater Londonderry, the Southern Rockingham Coalition for Healthy Youth (SoRock) and The Upper Room.

Parent & Caregiver Café

Parent & Caregiver Café Remote meetings are open to those raising teens. Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. To access, visit: us04web.zoom.us/j/302497889 Meeting ID: 302 497 889 (no password needed) Contact: Seren Elizabeth at atselizabeth@urteachers.org No preregistration need.

Feeling Overwhelmed?

The Upper Room is offering supportive online counseling schedule a free one-on-one supportive counseling session. Email Seren at selizab@urteachers.org.

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OBITUARY

Bruce S. Packard



Col. Bruce S. Packard, 84, of Bedford, NH, entered into the arms of his heavenly savior, Jesus Christ on Monday Feb. 8, 2021 from the Elliot Hospital, Manchester, NH after a valiant battle with coronavirus complications. He was born in Lewiston, ME on Sept. 6,

1936, a son of the late Ernest and Hazel (Stevens) Packard. After his mother's death soon after his birth, he was raised by his father and stepmother Cora (Oldham) Packard in Lewiston, Maine. A West Point graduate, Bruce proudly served his country in the US Army for 25 years, retiring in 1983. Decorations included the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Commendation Medal, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, among others. He later worked as a Defense Contract Administrator for Sanders/Lockheed Martin from 1983-1995.

Bruce loved classical music, was a voracious reader, and enjoyed watching his beloved sports teams and discussing politics. He was a long-time member of Bethany Covenant Church where he relished singing in the choir and participating in Bible studies.

He is survived by his beloved wife and soulmate, Nancy (Bettencourt) Packard of Bedford; son, Craig Packard and his wife Karey of Londonderry, NH; two daughters, Debra Bartlett and her husband Rob of Londonderry, and Susan Humphrey and her husband Phil of Warwick, RI; ten grandchildren; one brother, Kenneth Oldham of Portage, MI; as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; a brother, Lawrence Packard and a sister, Beatrice Packard, as well as one grandson, Keenan Packard.

A walk-through wake with masks, social distancing and limited interaction with the family will be held on Friday Feb. 12, from 3 - 5 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m., in Bethany Covenant Church, 1 Covenant Way, Bedford (and will be streamed live for those who cannot attend in person at <https://vimeo.com/event/681181>) with cremation to follow. The burial with Military Honors will be at a later date in the NH State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Hwy., Boscawen, NH. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Evolve!

A group for young woman ages 13 to 18 to talk about today's challenges meets every Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:30

p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Road, Derry. This is a free weekly group. To register, Call 437-8477 to register ext. 16.

St. Jude Food Pantry

St. Jude's Food Pantry is open to all Londonderry resident who maybe in need. Call Kay at 434-1827

to make an appointment to pickup your food from the panty. "We are there for the people and want to help them."

Raising a Teenager?

Parent & Caregiver Café (PaCC) Group. These meetings are a wonderful resource for parents and

caregivers raising teens. Discuss your concerns and learn new parenting strategies. New topics are introduced weekly including anger management, drug and alcohol abuse, communication and setting boundaries. No preregistration needed. Thursday 6 - 7:30 p.m. Free live on Zoom.

Link to Join: <https://us04w-ea.zoom.us/j/302497889>. Contact: Seren Elizabeth at selizabeta@urteachers.org

Young Adult Programs

On Fridays 11 - 11:30 a.m., facilitated by The Upper Room, weekly free remote support programs are available. To access:

Contact Beth O'Connell at eoconnell@URteachers.org or follow the Young Adults Strong Facebook page.

Raising children ages 0-12?

Upper Room offers Parent & caregiver workshops on Wednesdays, from 6 - 7

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Feb. 1

9:50 a.m. Auto Theft investigated at Penske Truck Rental on Jack's Bridge Road.

1:20 p.m. Assault investigated by three officers at Derry Plaza on Nashua Road

2:09 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Treadway Lane.

3:01 p.m. Services rendered by three officers for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Gilcreast Road.

3:33 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Gilcreast Road.

4:06 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on King Edward Drive.

6:27 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Whittemore Road.

8:40 p.m. Three officers investigate a Domestic Disturbance on Vista Ridge Drive

Tuesday - Feb. 2
12:01 a.m. Three offi-

cers investigate Criminal Mischief on Mountain Home Road.

3:35 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Hornes Street in Methuen, Mass. Morris Jordan, 35, of Northborough, Mass., charged with two counts of Theft/Shoplifting; and Theft from a Building.

8:32 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Carmel Drive.

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February is National Children's Dental Health Month

The dedicated dental hygienists of The Children's Dental Network (CDN) and the Salem Children's Dental Network (SCDN) have provided dental health messages to students in grades K through 5 in Derry, Londonderry, Chester, Hampstead, Sandown, as well as Windham and Salem for 28 years. Students in local schools have received oral health education through dental health presentations in their classrooms, where students learn about the importance of good nutrition, healthy snacking and proper dental care habits. These programs also offer students, with-

out access to dental care in grades Pre-K through 8, preventive dental services in school, with parent permission. Services include dental screenings, cleanings, fluoride, sealants, temporary fillings and referrals to local dentists. "Bringing care to kids" is a model that has been working in many schools across the state for decades.

February is National Children's Dental Health Month. The Children's Dental Network, this year, more than ever, wants everyone to be aware of the vital importance of good oral health. During the pandemic, with many students and families spend-

ing more time at home, snacking is a popular way to fill idle time and sometimes to relieve stress. The cabinets and refrigerator are at the ready to provide an endless supply of sweet treats and sugary drinks.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many schools have restricted access to their buildings which caused the program offered by The Children's Dental Network to create new options for parents. For many students, a school dental visit may be their only opportunity to receive dental care. Many families do not have dental insurance, have reduced wages, are unem-

ployed and may experience other barriers to access care. Those students most vulnerable to dental disease may miss out on the care they need.

This year the Covid-19 pandemic has greatly hindered the efforts of our program. Thinking outside the box, the Children's Dental Network is still able to offer parents free dental care for their children in a small office space in Derry.

The Salem school district allowed the program to operate in their schools this past November and December, with enhanced infection control measures in place. In total, 142 stu-

dents received dental care. The hope is by spring, other towns will follow their lead and allow the dental team of the Children's Dental Network to "bring care to kids" once again.

The Children's Dental Network and the Salem Children's Dental Network are sister programs of the Greater Derry Oral Health Collaborative Corporation, which is a non-profit organization governed by a Board consisting of professionals in our community. Local dentists, school nurses, a principal, school social worker, lawyer and hygienist are a few of the members who donate

their time to help improve oral health in the towns we serve. CDN is funded mainly by the Alexander Eastman Foundation. SCDN is funded by the Salem School District and community organizations.

February is National Children's Dental Health Month and every child deserves a healthy smile!

For more information please visit www.childrensdentalnetwork.org to learn about our program or call us at 603-434-2327. Resources and oral health information is available as well as toothbrushing charts and educational videos for students.

Police Log

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11:12 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Faucher Road.
3:44 p.m. Unlawful Activities investigated on Sadies Way.
9:33 p.m. Services ren-

dered for Neighborhood Disputes on Oakridge Drive.

Wednesday - Feb. 3

11:32 a.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated at UPS on Pettengill Road.
1:53 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated at Uni-

Cast on Industrial Drive.
7:33 p.m. Restraining Order served on Wedgewood Drive.

Thursday - Feb. 4

12:23 p.m. Services rendered for a Welfare Check on Boyd Road.
3:23 p.m. Services ren-

dered for an Airport Alert at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

3:44 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by three officers on Bancroft Road.

7:16 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest on Albany Avenue. Echevarria Perez, 45, of Londonderry charged with Driving after having a Revoked/Suspended License; and Failing to Yield at Stop or Yield Sign.

11:08 p.m. Domestic Disturbance at Manchester Boston Regional Airport taken to another agency.

Friday - Feb. 5

12 a.m. Five officers respond to a Domestic Disturbance and make an arrest on Rockingham Road.

11:05 a.m. Three officers investigate a Disturbance at MacGregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

1:57 p.m. Six officers assist with a Motor Vehicle Accident and make arrest on Nashua Road at Michels Way. Austin Miller, 29, of Litchfield charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and two counts of Conduct After

an Accident.

3 p.m. Warrant served by six officers on Sherwood Road.

3:29 p.m. Eight officers serve a warrant on Chase Road.

5:33 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Coin Street.

5:40 p.m. Suspicious Activity reported on Windsor Blvd.

5:48 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Severance Drive.

8:36 p.m. Welfare Check investigated by four officers on Atlas Place.

11:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident leads to an arrest on Kelley Road. Corey Burbidge, 37, of Londonderry charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

Saturday - Feb. 6

11:18 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Moulton Drive.

11:46 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm Apartments.

1:31 p.m. Suspicious Activity reported at Shaw's on Orchard View Drive.

1:45 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Pinyon Place.

4:02 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Coteville Road.

6:19 p.m. Welfare Check made by three officers leads to an arrest at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road. Justin Cate, 37, of Deerfield, charged with Endangering Welfare of a Child.

7 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Linlew Drive, Derry. Seth Stokes, 36, of Hampton charged with Criminal Liability For Conduct of Another; Witness Tampering (inducing another); and Theft from a Building.

8:47 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Chase Road.

Sunday - Feb. 7

12:46 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. There were 23 motor vehicle accidents reported.
2:04 to 7:39 p.m. There were 15 entries of services being rendered for vehicles impeding snow removal.

9:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Complaint leads to an arrest at Saint Jude's Church on Mammoth Road. Three officers charge Travis Kariuki, 22, of Hudson with Unauthorized Use; and Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

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p.m. Free live on Zoom, facilitated by The Upper Room. Tune into this new series for weekly workshops offering families information, discussion and support.

Presbyterian Church

The Walking Together Group and the Walk With Me Group will be meeting together via zoom 7 p.m. every Tuesday, via computer or telephone. This is a support group for anyone who has lost a spouse, a family member or a friend. For information, contact: 781-866-9976 or jrkdias@aol.com

Food Pantry

Contact-free pick up at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Rd., Derry is available on Mondays from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (back entrance), Thursdays 3 - 4 p.m. and by appointment (front entrance).

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