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Out with the Old

Estey's Country Store and Lumber Mill owner, Tom Estey, held a Christmas Tree Burn to help ring in the new year with friends and customers on Friday night, Dec. 30. It was a way to dispose of some of his unsold trees and celebrate the new year.

LPD Officers Promoted and Welcomed During Ceremony

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Just before Christmas, the Londonderry Police Department held a Promotional Ceremony, on Monday, Dec. 19, where the town welcomed five new officers and promoted and recognized several others.

Londonderry Police Chief, Kim Bernard, and Lieutenant, Jason Teufel, co-presented during the promotional ceremony and began by welcoming family members, friends, and co-workers for gathering to recognize and support the officers being honored that evening. They also thanked the town leadership for being in attendance, notably Town Manager, Michael Malaguti, Assistant Town Manager, Kelly Caron, and Town Councilors, John Farrell, Joe Green, Jim Butler, Deb Paul, and

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Charter Amendment on Town Treasurer Sent To Warrant

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After discussing it briefly during two previous meetings, the Town Council voted to put a Charter Amendment on the March ballot during their Dec. 19 meeting.

The ballot question would ask voters to decide if they should continue to have an elected Town Treasurer or have that position become appointed by the Town Council.

It was previously explained by Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, that by going with an ap-

pointed one, they would have more control of who is chosen and be more in line with communities the size of Londonderry.

"It is something that the finance director and I believe should be at least considered," he previously explained.

Finance Director, Justin Campo, previously explained that while the town has been lucky having people who run for the seat and have won being qualified, they could also have people who could run and aren't qualified.

Some of the roles of

the Town Treasurer include being responsible for deposits, verifying that purchasing is being done properly, and staying in compliance with all the other RSAS that are financially based, according to Campo.

Town Councilor, Deb Paul, argued that it's important to have people from the outside looking at what is happening within the government.

Paul explained during the previous meeting that while she thinks the current Administration

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Town Council Look at Next Steps for Use of Lions Hall

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During the Dec. 19 Town Council meeting, Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, announced they were working on the language for some of the warrant articles this year including the possibility of a warrant article in regards to Lions Hall.

Malaguti explained they would likely be looking for guidance from the Department of Revenue Administration and their legal counsel as to whether or not they can put a multiple choice question on the ballot.

He said they are also

working on wording a warrant article question regarding the funding of first responder positions, something that was proposed by Town Council Chairman, John Farrell.

"Those items are in process," said Malaguti.

Malaguti said he envisions the point of the multiple choice questions to see what people in the community think of the Lions Hall and what direction they want to go in. It would essentially ask voters to see done to the building.

Farrell stated he thinks it would be good to hear from the commu-

nity on the issue.

"I think we need to get a clear direction from the people of the community of how they want to see the building being used going forward," said Farrell.

Town Councilor, Deb Paul, said instead of a warrant article they could have a survey conducted online that

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School Board Members Review District's Truancy Policy

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At the Dec. 20 School Board meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to a first reading of proposed policies regarding attendance for students.

The district's Director of Pupil Services, Kim Carpinone, said she is representing a Committee of people from each of the schools that have been working on making revisions to the policy since the summer.

For the policy, JED, which is known as the "truancy policy" for the district, they are looking

to make updates to the deflection of truancy.

"One of the goals of JED is just to be consistent with the regulations around compulsory education and truancy," said Carpinone.

One of the subsections of the policy is related to the school district attendance policy.

Carpinone said they are looking to make amendments to it.

"This amendment creates a cohesive district-wide procedural approach to school attendance," Carpinone said in a memo. "The procedures define an excused and unexcused absence

from school and the process the Londonderry School District follows to be in compliance with RSA 189 and RSA 193."

Carpinone explained that in the amendment it will attempt to articulate what an excused absence would be and what the district policy for what happens when a number of unexcused student absences occur.

For example, in the proposed policy it states that if a student has been absent unexcused five or more days in the school year or has ten or more half days unexcused absen-

ces, then the principal would notify their parents or guardians.

If it continues and they have more than 10 days, then a meeting would be scheduled with their parents or guardians.

"The purpose of the meeting shall be to develop a plan to address the truancy," the proposed policy reads. "At the meeting, the building principal or his/her designee(s) and the truant officer shall inform the parents/ guardians that additional unexcused absences may result in a report to the Division of Children Youth and Families (DCYF)

and/or the filling of the appropriate action under RSA 169-D: 2, III (a) in the local district court."

The proposed policy states that if the student doesn't comply with the plan and either has 20 full absences unexcused or 40 half days then "the building principal or his/her designee(s) and the truant officer shall consult with the Superintendent to determine whether DCYF should be notified and/or court action filed."

The School Board voted unanimously to send the policies to a second reading.

The School Board

also had a second reading for their proposed policy related to harassment and sexual harassment of employees. Carpinone stated the policy would make them compliant with changes that were made in 2020.

The other second reading was in regards to the employee discrimination/harassment and Title IX sexual harassment complaint procedures. Carpinone said the policy would make the district compliant with changes that were made in 2020.

The School Board approved sending the policies to a third reading.

Conservation Commission Review Proposed Subdivision

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

A proposed subdivision for Highlander Way was in discussion during the Dec. 13 Londonderry Conservation Commission meeting.

Representing the applicant was Tom Burns, who explained that Executive Health Club has

existing lease lots that the airport has been leasing to them for a number of years for their tennis courts and their fitness center.

Burns explained that the airport was looking to sell some of the lots, particularly the two lots that Executive Health Club leases.

"The airport is look-

ing to sell some of these properties," said Burns.

In order to do so, however, Burns said they are required to get subdivision approval and to go through the full planning board process.

He stated they wouldn't be completing any work on it and that it would be exactly the

way it is now.

One question that was raised was why not just use the lots as they already exist through the leases.

Burns explained that since it's all under one ownership they are all under one property.

"It's an interesting situation," said Burns.

Burns told the commission the approval would be for what currently exists and that if Executive Health wanted to make any changes to the lots or property then they would have to go back in front of the appropriate boards and commissions once again.

"It's basically just formalizing these lots for them," said Burns.

No comments were made by the commis-

sion during the meeting.

Also during the meeting, the Commission heard an application for Nutfield Estates, which is for the property located at 11 Sargent Road.

Representing DHB Homes was George Chadwick.

"The intent of the project is to construct 13 lots," said Chadwick.

As part of the subdivision there, Chadwick stated there will be a dredge and fill permit and said they would have 1,900 feet of wetland impacts.

"That is in order to cross the road across the wetlands," said Chadwick.

Chadwick told the commission that if approved, the drainage from the road system will be collected and

would go into a detention basin.

In terms of the existing home on the property, Chadwick said they are still determining if it's financially feasible to save.

"If you look at it from the exterior, it looks like it's in pretty good shape," said Chadwick.

Chadwick explained that the stonewalls around the exterior will be left undisturbed and some in the interior of the property may be repurposed.

In addition, Chadwick told the commission they would have septic, well, and the rest of the utilities would be underground.

A site walk of the property was scheduled to be held on Dec. 17.

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School Board Unanimously Approves Black as Superintendent

The Londonderry School Board approved current Interim Superintendent Daniel Black as the District's next permanent Superintendent during the Tuesday, Dec. 20, meeting.

According to a press release, this decision comes after many months of work by the Superintendent Search Committee that was initially charged early last year under the guidance of the Bryan Group, who helped the committee determine Superintendent competencies and characteristics; collected and vetted applications; and ran an in-depth interview process.

After successfully going through short and long interviews, Black

demonstrated most all of the competencies the District was looking for in their next permanent leader. He was moved on to a community Meet and Greet on Dec. 12, when community members could ask questions and make public comment. From there, the Board made their final vote on Dec. 20.

Black has been serving as the Interim Superintendent since July 1; prior to that appointment, he was hired as the District's Assistant Superintendent in 2016. Before coming to Londonderry, Black worked in Keene as the Assistant Superintendent. His collection of educational experience includes: founding Principal in New York City Schools,

an Instructional Coach, a middle school science teacher, and Teach for America in Texas. He earned his degrees from Vanderbilt, Harvard, and Plymouth Universities.

In Londonderry, Black is known for his data-based collaborative decision making. He has been instrumental in the formation of the District's Portrait of a Graduate. He is focused on designing clearer competency-based curriculum. He is deeply committed to helping the District future plan effectively for issues such as student achievement, facilities planning, and the status of public Kindergarten. Black also makes visiting classrooms and supporting teachers and students a priority. He is well regarded by the Administrative Team, many of whom he assembled upon becoming Interim in July.

Before making the motion to appoint Black to the position, Board member Bob Slater explained the grueling search process over the past year, and that he was looking for the best person to move the District in a positive direction. He noted of Black "I have watched this man



Dan Black

since last spring when he was appointed Interim; he put a team together like no other to move the District forward – it was amazing. Since July, the District has gotten stronger and stronger, and this place is running like it never ran before. I feel as though this gentleman has those qualities to move us forward. The District is fortunate to have him."

Black stated, "I am humbled and thankful for the support and praise from the School Board and Search Committee. I would also comment that Londonderry did a great job putting me through a hiring process, while at the same time recruiting me for the long term. At every step of the way, I was reminded of the great staff and community we have here in Londonderry,

and how lucky I would be if given the opportunity to be their leader. I am so proud of our school system and how we rebounded to normalcy this year and reminded our community of how strong our academic program is, while providing our students with a wide range of co-curricular experiences to build their skills outside the classroom. We are in a strong place

right now and will continue to take steps to improve where we want to get better for our students and community. I want to thank everyone for their kind words and support throughout this process – it kept me moving forward and excited to reach this point."

One of Black's first goals will be to lead the search process for a permanent Assistant Superintendent.

OBITUARY

Ann M. Carroll



Ann M. Carroll, 80 of Londonderry, died Monday Dec. 19, 2022 at the Elliot Hospital, Manchester, NH. Ann was born on Feb. 19, 1942 in Luton Beds, England, a daughter of the late Arthur and Joan Cumberland.

Ann was raised in Luton Beds, England and graduated with a certification in Office Management. Prior to starting her career, she decided to travel the world. On a stop in Boston, she met Donald Carroll. They wed in 1969. Ann worked as the Office Manager for Mark A. Carroll & Sons (family-owned company). Ann was kind, gentle, loving and beautiful inside and out. She and Donald loved to dance and competed in dancing competitions. After retirement she very much enjoyed cruising around the world with her husband and enjoying time with the grandkids.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Donald Carroll of Londonderry, one son, Donald C. Carroll and his wife, Jennifer of Centennial, CO, one daughter, Laura Ann Lierz and her husband Lee of Westminster, CO, three grandchildren, Celene Carroll, Helen Carroll, and Harrison Lierz.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Wednesday Dec. 28, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. A Catholic prayer service followed. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Community Caregivers of Greater Derry (<https://comcaregivers.org/donate-to-community-caregivers/>).

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Jacqueline A. McQuarrie



Jacqueline A. McQuarrie, 56, of Londonderry, NH, died unexpectedly Saturday Dec. 24, 2022, in Chester, NH. She was born on March 22, 1966 in Manchester, NH, a daughter of Ronald Jolin and Sandra Taylor-Cassidy, and had been a resident of Londonderry for most of her life.

Jackie enjoyed camping, exploring nature, gardening, sports but most of all spending time with her children and family. She was a cosmetologist for most of her professional career but also drove trucks for UPS for a while. She loved her family and children more than anything and shared a strong bond and love of nature and sunflowers with her daughter Kayla. She will be missed by her beloved dog, Icee, also by anyone that has ever had the pleasure of knowing her.

In addition to her parents, Jackie is also survived by her son, Brady McQuarrie and his wife Ariana of Londonderry, NH; as well as many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her daughter Kayla Jean McQuarrie in 2018.

There are no calling hours. Following cremation, private graveside services will be held by the family at the Pillsbury Cemetery in Londonderry in the spring. Memorial contributions may be made to ASPCA or any animal shelter of choice. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry is assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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Editorial

Celebrating a Milestone

It isn't hard to find news regarding the impending death of print newspapers.

Last year, we saw the closure of a few major daily's and lots of local community newspapers across the country. When looking closer to home, NH had several weeklies shut their doors, including us, closing the Nutfield News and Tri-Town Times. These actions are very disheartening for democracy and accountability.

So, it's a piece of good news to recognize that the Londonderry Times celebrates its anniversary of 23 years this week.

In these days of economic hardship and businesses closing left and right, the Londonderry Times is going to continue in its founding tradition of printing the news. To provide its hometown readers on information, with the goal of building a stronger sense of community.

What started in the basement of a Londonderry home 23 years ago, grew into what it is today. This business has never lost touch of its roots, or with its desire to help the community figure out what's going on.

As the saying goes, "With great power, comes great responsibility" to educate the people on what is happening in the towns, encourage people to get involved, and to take action. This knowledge has often-times translated into powerful actions, as residents reacted to stories of what is going on in their town, by offering help to solve

problems, and responding to gaps in services by stepping into roles that are needed.

Some questions that might be asked can consist of; When is deliberative session? When is softball registration? When does the garden club meet? What's the town council's stance on an issue?

Sure, you can find most of those answers by making a series of phone calls if you know who to ask about it or searching online if you know what you are looking for. That excludes the residents without Internet service, of course, and most of us don't have the patience or the time to do all that research. So for many, local news falls by the wayside, a sense of community and traditions falls away as well.

As time passes, fewer and fewer people know about town events, they stop participating, and they don't bother to care or take action. There are plenty of things we don't miss until they're gone, and a community newspaper is one of them.

Founder and publisher Deb Paul said she wants her newspaper to have heart. We hope you'll be a part of that community connection we've forged with the Londonderry Times and its readers, as we move forward into our 23rd year of being a part of your life and community.

There's no other place we'd rather be than right here in town, bringing you the news of the place where your heart is, the place you call home!



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Letters

Mental Heath and Graffiti

To the editor,
 Maybe a prank, but this could be serious. Most graffiti is childish and harmless acting out with the intention to offend the public and not get caught. Someone has painted "5150" graffiti on street signs, pavement at intersections, and the retaining wall on the Pillsbury road bridge (@ I-93). The message is "5150" and this is the number of the section of the Welfare and Institutions Code, which allows a person with a mental challenge to be involuntarily detained for a 72-hour psychiatric hospitalization. Is this a warning, a call for help, or another stupid prank? Some effort should be made to find out the person(s) responsible. In recent mass shooting incidents the perpetrator has posted their intentions on social media and informed their families and friends. No one wants another shooting in Londonderry or anywhere else. We hope and pray the police, town officials, school administrators can find the person painting "5150" and help them before the authorities give their "Thoughts and Prayers Speech" to another grieving community. Maybe checking to see who has recently purchased an automatic assault rifle, pistol, and high capacity clip would be a good thing to do?

Dan Bragg
 Londonderry

Unpacking Day

To the editor,
 Yes, lots to unpack in last week's letters, so let's get started.
 Prisoner Exchange: First, I do not claim to have all the Facts regarding Paul Whelan's case. Although, what I do know is; he is a former marine, who was discharged for bad conduct. I also know he visited Russia, Moscow more than a few times since 2006. He was arrested in his hotel room with what Russian authorities claim to be espionage paperwork. Let's get real, when would something like a fact matter to a few of the writers last week anyway.

From Anthony Blinken: "This was not a choice of which American to bring home," US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said. "The choice was one or none."

Energy: If you said: there is no one who still believes the lie Biden killed the Keystone Pipeline, you would be Wrong! Mr. Pitre still does. If someone knows this poor lost soul, ask him: would that be the Pipeline that was completed in 2010? Would that be the pipeline that just Leaked 600,000 gallons of Oil last week (it's 10th leak I believe)? Would that be the pipeline that has dou-

bled its output in the last 2 years? I don't think you should mention the Daily Oil output now Exceeds what it was under the Orange Traitor, as his head may implode.

Propaganda: I did not forget you Dr. Goebbels (former American name Dr. Minnillo). I would say you should have been smarter than to mention me by name. However, that would imply there was something between your ears other than empty space. You are not going to get any sympathy from me for having an Extreme case of BDS (Biden Derangement Syndrome). By the way, did they tell you this on right wing brainwashing Un-American media: Your Lord and Master, the Orange Lying Criminal Un-American Treasonous Traitor said: "he would have turned down a deal for Whelan in a one-on-one prisoner exchange". Also, please do share what The Orange POTuS did in his last two years he was President, to get Whelan home. I will save you the trouble and use his brother's words: You Did Nothing!

Maybe you should try having an American outlook for once and put that blame where it belongs? On the Murderous Dictator of Russia. I know, silly. You Love Russia. Heck, y'all betrayed America for Russia, right?

Steve Homsey
 Londonderry

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Promotions

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Chad Franz.

The evening began with Chief Bernard being sworn in by former Chief, William Hart. His badge was officially pinned by his fiancé, Aaron Seavey.

Following that, the department's five new officers were sworn in. Samantha Savini, Ryan Wobrock, Brendan Hurley, Frank Civitello, and Michgor Scarlett were introduced.

Savini was raised in Londonderry and graduated from Londonderry High School and comes home with a year and half of experience with the Hampton Police Department.

Wobrock was also raised in Londonderry and graduated from LHS. Ryan played soccer, ran track, and comes to LPD with five years of law enforcement experience, starting in Connecticut and then from the Bedford Police Department. He is married to his wife, Jennifer, and they have two sons, Bennet and Graham.

Hurley grew up in Bridgewater, Mass. and has over two-years of experience, starting with the Department of the Navy and then the Bedford Police Department. Brendan is married to his wife, Chelsea, and they are expecting a baby boy in February.

Civitello was born and raised in West Haven Conn., with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and is currently finishing his Masters degree. Frank is married to his wife, Megan.

Scarlett was born in Jamaica, later moved to Indianapolis, and now lives locally. He earned his bachelor's degree in forensic psychology and minored in Justice Studies.

After the new officers were sworn in, officers Tyler McDonald and Zachary Castiglione were recognized for their distinguished performance at the Full-Time Police Academy, where they graduated from the 190th Class on Nov. 19.

The department then recognized five officers for their Special Assignments. Officers James Defelice, Tyler McDonald and Nathan Slack were selected as LPD's newest Field Training Officers. They have what is one of the most important assignments an officer can have as they will mold and shape the future officers of the department. Congratulations to these gentlemen.

Detective, Marvin Alfaro, and Officer, Tyler MacDonald, were selected recently to be a part of the regional SWAT



Samantha Savini, Ryan Wobrock, Brendan Hurley, Frank Civitello, and Michgor Scarlett were sworn in as new Londonderry Police Officers on Monday, Dec. 19. Photo by Chris Paul

team known as the Southern New Hampshire Special Operations Unit. The team is responsible for assisting 14 local communities during crisis situations and special pre-planned events. They will be attending a two-week SWAT school in the coming months and will undergo continuous monthly training that they will also share with our officers in their roles on the department training unit.

For the department's promotions, a number of officers stepped up in rank. Jason Archambault and Marvin Alfaro moved up to detectives. Sergeant Archambault was selected out of a group of other interested patrol sergeants to become our next Detective Sergeant in charge of supervisor to the detective unit.

Detective Alfaro passed the competitive detectives process earlier this year to make a list of five eligible candidates and was promoted to sergeant.

The newest Sergeants were then introduced. Sergeant, Andrew Phillips, and Sergeant, Ryan MacLean, stepped forward with their family members.

Phillips was recently promoted out of the detective unit as our Juvenile Detective and MacLean was our department's training coordinator, which is a

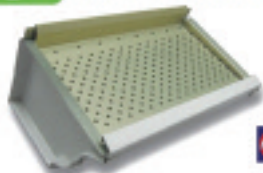
full-time position.

Keith Lee and Garrett Malloy were then promoted to Lieutenant at the ceremony. Lieutenant Lee was formerly a Services Sergeant, who oversaw evidence, building maintenance, community events, and hiring/ recruiting and Lieutenant Malloy was formerly our Technical Services Sergeant, who oversaw dispatch, IT, field training program, selection processes, and is also a professional photographer who takes all the department's photos.

Deputy Chief, Jason Breen, was recently promoted to the rank of Captain in the Uniformed Operations Division, also known as patrol, following his role as the Detective Lieutenant. And just last week, Captain Breen, who has served the community for 22-years, was given special designation by Chief Bernard to be LPD's next Deputy Chief of Police. Deputy Chief Breen will remain in Uniformed Operations Division and serve as the officer in charge during the Chief's absence.

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School Board Hear Budget Proposal on Food Services

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board received a presentation from the Director of Dining Services, Krystle Connell, regarding the proposed budget for the food service program at the Dec. 20 meeting.

Connell said they were looking for a budget of \$1,819,484, saying their budget is self-funded.

"We operate on a

profit and loss," said Connell.

One of the major expenses Connell pointed to is the increase for labor and benefits, saying they are projecting a 3% increase in the budget for that line item compared to last year's actual cost. She added that due to the difficulty in finding staff, they have increased their wages.

Connell explained they are also dealing with the costs of food

going up.

"Food prices are much higher than they were in previous years," said Connell.

Connell stated they would look to use part of their fund balance to also help cover the rising costs of food and supplies.

To help mitigate the costs of rising food and other goods, Connell said they increased their prices this year by 55 cents.

The current prices for school lunch is \$3.50 for the high school, \$3.00 for middle school, and at the elementary school it's \$2.75. Breakfast is \$1.75 for all the grade levels.

Connell said they looked at other school district prices to determine where they stand before changing the prices. She added that they feel comfortable with where they are at for their lunch and breakfast prices.

"We are competitively priced along with the rest," said Connell.

Connell told the School Board that most of the other costs they have were minimal increases.

She explained that one of the biggest changes this year was

the fact that for the first time in over two years all students wouldn't be eligible for free and reduced lunch status.

Connell said this year 8% of the students that applied qualified for free lunch and 2% for reduced lunch. Out of those who applied, 3% were denied. A total of 3,629 students or 87% of their enrollment didn't apply for free or reduced lunch at the time of the School Board meeting, Connell said.

It was explained by Connell that free and reduced numbers are significant in a number of different ways, including how they get state reimbursement.

She explained that the state reimburses \$2.29 for free breakfasts,

\$2.36 for reduced and 53 cents for paid breakfasts.

For free lunches, the state reimburses the school district \$4.41, for reduced lunches, the school district reimburses \$4.01, and for paid lunches they get a reimbursement of 85 cents.

Connell said they are also battling with supply chain issues, which means it's hard to get some items and means they have to adapt their menu from time to time.

In terms of equipment needs, Connell said they were looking for a reach-in fridge for the high school, three new dishwashers, which will go to all the elementary schools. Connell said they are currently about 20 years old.

Utilities Committee Volunteers

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The town is currently seeking volunteers to serve on the newly established Utilities Committee.

The Town Council recently approved the Utilities Committee and are looking for 10 residents to fill the seats available.

There are seven, three-year full members and three, two-year alternate member positions open.

According to the town, the purpose of the Utilities Committee shall be a standing committee under Chapter Three of the Town's Administrative Code, and shall exist

until its dissolution by the Town Council. The Committee shall study and make recommendations to the Town Manager, Town Staff, and Town Council on issues involving the cost, availability, and reliability of electricity, home heating oil, natural gas, propane, drinking water, broadband, fuel for Town vehicles, sewer service, solid waste and recycling, and the infrastructure required to support these utilities. The Town Council and Town Manager may in writing delegate to the Committee the authority to solicit proposals from and interact with vendors

and other third parties in order to most efficiently fulfill the Committee's purpose.

All applicants must be a resident of town.

Anyone interested should e-mail Kirby Brown for a copy of the town's Talent Bank Form. A copy of the form can be found on the Town Manager's page at londonderrynh.gov.

Information regarding this Committee and other Boards/Committees can also be found on the town's website.

The application deadline is Thursday, Jan. 19, at 5 p.m. For more information contact Brown at (603) 432-1100, ext. 120.

Lions Hall

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would only allow them to vote one time per IP address.

Malaguti said he thinks there's a benefit to polling the people who are then likely to turn out to vote on the financial question.

Farrell said they could potentially do both and his biggest concern is moving in a direction with the building.

"My only concern is that the building doesn't sit for multiple years," said Farrell.

Also during the meet-

ing, Malaguti gave the Town Council an update regarding their elderly property tax exemption.

He said he met recently with Finance Director, Justin Campo, and the Town Assessor, Steve Hamilton, about work being done to take "a fresh look" at the criteria for the elderly tax exemption as well as the exemption amount.

"I'm pleased to report that Steve is hard at work analyzing income and asset limits to make sure those are keeping up with inflation," said Malaguti.

Malaguti explained they were planning to

come to the Town Council with a recommendation on Jan. 9.

He said people are going to start applying for the tax exemption and they want to get ahead of it so people know what to expect.

As far as the amount for the elderly tax exemption, Malaguti said they would be looking to have a recommendation for this summer.

"That is something we are targeting for, later in the spring, early in the summer," said Malaguti.

The next Londonderry Town Council meeting is slated to take place on Jan. 9 at 7 p.m.

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School Board Send RTK Policy Amendment To Second Reading

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School District policy regarding Right To Know requests was once again on the agenda during the Dec. 20 School Board meeting.

Superintendent, Dan Black, explained during their previous meetings that although he understood wanting to get information out to the public quickly through electronic means, including email, he was worried about generic requests from outside entities.

Under the district's current policy, if a request to know is made,

the information needs to be picked up at the District Office.

School Board member, Bob Slater, previously argued that anyone can request a 91A and when that happens the work still needs to be done, whether someone shows up and picks up the information or not is another story.

He also noted there are other local districts, including Manchester, which have in their policies that the information can be sent via email.

The School Board voted 4-1 in favor of having a new policy drafted with School Board Chair, Amy Finamore, voting

against it.

During the Dec. 20 meeting, the School Board had a first reading of the revised proposed policy.

Black in his memo to the school board pointed to concerns he continues to have with changing the policy.

"It was said in prior meetings that emailing Right to Know requests will save the District Office time," Black said in an memo. "I do not agree with this statement so I will want to hear more from the School Board on how that is the case."

Black stated he was most concerned about

having to work with two of the following groups on Right to Know requests: (1) those that live far away from Londonderry looking to dig up information on us for various reasons (2) citizens that use Right to Know requests to harass and clog up the functions of a District Office.

"Right now, our policy as written protects the district's time and staffing from both of these groups, but this would not be the case if email was always a tool available to complete Right to Know re-

quests," Black said in a memo. "For that reason, I have made the following updates to the policy to achieve the Board's goal of making email transmission possible, with specific requirements to protect the School District as well."

Black explained the language was added in the proposed policy that states "In the event, that records exist in electronic format already, and do not need to be redacted for privacy reasons, the Superintendent or their designee can email those records to citizens

of Londonderry, NH as part of completing the request if possible; otherwise Right to Know requests will be completed in the other manners and processes as described in this policy already."

Slater noted that under their policies no debate or discussion can occur during the first reading and that it would occur during their second reading of the policy.

Black said they were ready to go to a second reading and the school board voted to do.

Amendment

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is doing a good job, there will be different people one day.

"I still think it's good to have someone from the outside not in the building looking in," said Paul.

She also argued that unless there is actual proof there were concerns in the past about something not being done correctly or people who weren't qualified trying to become Treasurer then it should be left the way it is.

Multiple members of the public spoke against the proposed amendment during the November Town Council meeting.

Malaguti said that amending the town charter means submitting the proposed amendment questions to the Attorney General, to the Secretary of State, and the Department of Revenue Administration for their approval of the question being put on the ballot.

"We've been informed by those offices in a letter rescued last week that they don't object to the proposed amendment," said Malaguti.

Since the meeting, Malaguti stated they have received correspondence from state Rep. Kristine Perez who said she doesn't think that the amendment is necessary.

Town Council Vice

Chair, Joe Green, asked if the ballot question would be binding.

"If we put it to the ballot it's going to be binding right?" said Green.

Malaguti said it would be a binding ballot question and if the majority of the voters vote in support of it then it would go into effect.

It was pointed out by Malaguti that the position would still remain a three year term.

With Paul and Town Councilor, Chad Franz, voting against it, Town Council Chairman, John Farrell, broke the tie voting in favor of putting the question on the ballot.

"Let's put it on the ballot," said Farrell.



Scholarship Recipient

The Londonderry Women's Club gathered before the holidays for a Cookie Swap at the Marion Gerish Community Center in Derry and during that event presented their annual \$1,000 Adult Scholarship to Meredith Telschow, pictured at right. The club's Adult Scholarship chairperson, Peggy Palfini, presented a check to Telschow at the event.

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School Board Approves Updates For High School Program of Studies

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Dec. 20 School Board meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to the proposed 2023-2024 Program of Studies for the High School.

"Each year we come before the board to update the Program of Studies and ask for your support of those updates," said Principal Jason Parent.

One of the new courses that will be offered as part of the program of studies will be a business class called interactive business.

According to the memo to the School Board the class "is designed to introduce students to many functions of modern business."

The class will count as a math experience and there will be no budget impact for it.

As part of the new Program of Studies a number of new English classes were added.

One of those was a Holocaust and Genocide Studies course which is a college prep, "one-semester elective would be open to juniors and seniors who are interested in furthering their depth of knowledge of the Holocaust and other modern-day genocides."

It was explained that "Guests lecturers as well as Holocaust and genocide survivors affiliated with the Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies would be part of the student experience."

They will also be

adding a new course called Writing Out Loud, which will be a one semester class that "will be a practical level hands-on class where students will produce content to be published in The Lancer Spirit."

Another english class that will be added is a one semester called Modernism, which will allow students to study "literature in the early 20th century, focusing on the inner workings of the individual, shifting values, historical context (in terms of concurrent politics, as well as an artistic bridge between romanticism/realism and postmodernism), censorship, and unreliable narrators."

The new Art of Storytelling class will be a one semester class "to pro-

vide students with an understanding of new and exciting ways to tell stories."

Some of the units of study may include graphic novels and visual narrative, spoken word poetry, podcasting, film, movement, and performance.

For the new children's literature class, the one semester course "students will examine popular works of children's literature to examine world-building and narrative structure, historical context, and the value of escapism for children."

A change to the science department was also made which updated the description for Advanced Placement Physics II.

"A new course piloted as a continuation of Advanced Placement Physics I," the memo read. "This course is a continuation of the study of elementary physics that began in College Physics I. Topics to be investigated include the fundamentals and the applications of oscillating sys-

tems and sound waves, heat energy and thermodynamics, electrical charges, and electric and magnetic fields."

Another course that will be added is for the science department which will be Honors Earth Space Science.

"This class would offer an accelerated and intensified curriculum designed to meet high-school level "Next Generation Science Standards" Earth Space Science Standards at the depth, pace, and rigor of an honors level class," the memo read. "Next Generation Science Standards provide a unique opportunity to increase geoscience literacy with a focus on further development of science and engineering skills. Students will meet these standards by exploring curriculum developed around student-relevant phenomena, instruction, lab activities, and research. Many of the labs and activities in the Honors level course would utilize the same materials and

equipment already owned or budgeted for in the current program."

The district is also adding a life skills class where "students get introduced to all areas of Family and Consumer Sciences in one semester."

The memo outlined that a few weeks would be for kitchen skills, clothing design/basic sewing skills, budgeting, career exploration, early childhood education and relationships.

Another new course that was being proposed is under the counseling department called college seminar.

"This course is designed to meet the needs of any student investigating post-secondary educational opportunities," the memo to the school board reads. "The course increases awareness of all the college options available after high school and gives students a clear path to what's next in their lives."

The School Board ultimately unanimously approved the changes.



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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lady Lancers Basketball Host Winter Classic Tourney

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Basketball team

has started the Division I winter season with a strong win, sandwiched between two losses and the young team hopes to

string together more victories during the new year.

The Lancer Ladies came up short in their home opener against the Exeter Blue Hawks, in a 61-56 game, but then bounced back with a strong 63-30 victory over the Nashua South Purple Panthers on the road.

The Londonderry squad's year ended with a 58-34 loss, on the road, against the Portsmouth Clippers on Tuesday, Dec. 20, but the new year brings new hope for the Lancers under the leadership of second-year head coach, Jon Doherty.

Over the holiday break, the Londonderry High Squad hosted a short tournament to keep the team's skills sharp during vacation.

Seven New England high school teams traveled to town for the first Londonderry Winter Classic and the Lancers

had wins in two of their three games despite losing starters Jordon Furlong and Kathryn Sloper to illnesses.

In the Lancers first game of the tourney, on Tuesday, Dec. 27, they took on a squad from Falmouth, Maine, winning by 10-points.

Londonderry led in every quarter, starting with a 17-11 lead after one, and a 36-20 lead by the half.

The Lancers opened up a 51-34 heading into the final period where they took their foot off the pedal in the fourth for a 62-52 win.

On Wednesday, Dec. 28 LHS played another Maine team and notched another victory.

Londonderry took on the Hall-Dale Bulldogs and led each quarter, finishing with a 74-51 result.

In the final game of the home tourney, Londonderry suffered its first defeat, falling 50-35 to the Amherst Hurricanes of Massachusetts.

During the tournament, Doherty was happy with how the younger kids on the team stepped up. "Sammie Sullivan, Brooke

Eacrett, and Molly Knight all played great roles and started all three games as freshmen." He added, "Reagan Anderson and Shannon Ball were fantastic, as Shannon had an MVP week. Anderson continues to amaze me with her ability to dictate possessions based on pure determination. Mia Giampa finally hit a groove this week and shot the ball extremely

well. Taila Iorio was solid off the bench for us."

The first week of the new-year had the Lady Lancers traveling to Bishop Guertin on Tuesday, Jan. 3 to play the always-tough Cardinals. Following that game, LHS will take a long road trip to Keene High School for a game against the Blackbird on Friday night, Dec. 6. Both of those teams have won their first two games of the season.



LHS senior Shannon Ball had an outstanding week during the teams Winter Classic.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Dec. 19

Sayde White

Sophomore, Indoor Track

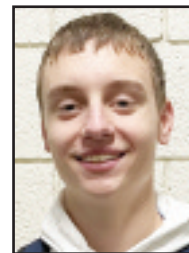
In the opening meet of the season, Sayde ran the best race of her young career. Sayde used good racing tactics and a strong will to finish the 1,500m run with a personal best and clinched a solid fourth place finish in the meet



Kyle Rondeau-

Senior, Boys' Basketball

Kyle has demonstrated tremendous leadership on the court and has elevated his game defensively the past week.



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David Pento Finishes First in Annual Lowell Tourney

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Varsity Wrestling team didn't get much of a break over the holiday season, as they traveled to Massachusetts two days after Christmas and competed in the annual George Bossi Lowell Holiday Tournament, where the squad placed 25th out of an 87-team field.

Before the holiday break, Londonderry traveled to Concord High School on Dec. 21, where they faced a tough Crimson Tide team in a Dual Meet

where they were only able to claim three, match wins and fell 63-15.

The three Lancer victories came from the 145-pound Michael Palma over Wesley Thompson in an 8-5 decision.

At 152, David Pento added another pin to his season when he defeated Jeydon Wilson with a fall at 1:40.

Patrick O'Connor had the final match win of the evening with a pin over Austin Freire at 3:28.

Following that loss, Londonderry had the Lowell Holiday tourna-

ment on Tuesday, Dec. 27, and Wednesday, Dec. 28, where they finished with their highest finish since 2015. The team's 25th place finish was just two behind the 2015 team's result of 23rd.

At 132 lbs., Nic D'Alessandro was seeded fourth in his bracket and wrestled to his seed. Despite a rough start, losing in his first match of the tournament, D'Alessandro rallied back with seven straight wins, including a win over the wrestler that beat him in the first round for the fourth-place finish.

Manny Perez (138 lbs.) Finished with three wins and two losses and Michael Palma (145 lbs.) went 2-2.

The 152 lb. Lancer, David Pento, Jr., was the top Londonderry finisher, claiming the weight championship. Despite being seeded first, Pento did not have an easy path through the tournament, meeting some



David Pento, Jr. was Londonderry's top finisher at the George Bossi Lowell Holiday Tournament. He took first at 152 lbs. Photo by Chris Paul

incredibly tough opponents in all three rounds from the quarterfinals through the finals.

Pento managed three wins on Tuesday and three on Wednesday for the title.

He began the tournament with a first-round, 13-0 victory over Jacob Critchfield of Hollis-Brookline. In his second match, Pento had a 7-0 decision over Nadim Baghdady of Belmont. In the round of 16, Pento got his first pin of the day with a fall over Steve Fogarty out of Melrose. Pento then beat Anthony Matas of Essex in a tight 4-3 decision to move onto the semifinals. In his semis match, Pento had an 8-2 win over Luca Manfredi of Newtown then wrestled a 9-7 win in the finals.

At the 170 lb. weight, Pat O'Connor went 5-2, losing in the "blood

round" and fell just one match short of placing.

Pento and D'Alessandro are Londonderry's first placers at the Lowell Holidays since Alex Boucher back in 2017.

Over the newyears holiday weekend, Londonderry faced Haverhill High School in Massachusetts.


In that Dual Meet, the Mass. team beat LHS 60-19.

The Lancers had just four matches won.

D'Alessandro had a 19-8 major decision win.

Manny Perez and David Pento both had victories by fall and Kyle Jasper got a 6-2 win in the 285 lb. weight-class.

The Lancers wrestlers were scheduled to host a dual meet against the Nashua North Titans on Wednesday night, Jan. 4, to begin the new year.




TOWN OF LONDONDERRY NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING FY24 PROPOSED TOWN BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that the Londonderry Town Council will receive public input on the proposed FY 2024 Town Budget on Monday Jan. 16, 2023, beginning at 7 PM in the Moose Hill Conference Room, Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, N.H. Please be aware the Warrant is likely to change based on any meetings that occur before the Jan. 16, 2023 meeting. Any questions please call the Londonderry Finance Department. The Warrant under consideration includes:

| Article | Description | Proposed FY 24 |
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| Article 2 | Amendment to Town Charter - Treasurer | |
| Article 3 | Operating Budget | |
| | General Fund Operating Budget | |
| | Town Council | \$13,103 |
| | Town Manager | \$611,079 |
| | Budget Committee | \$1 |
| | Town Clerk | \$555,480 |
| | Finance & Administration | \$634,674 |
| | Assessing | \$436,434 |
| | Information Technology | \$597,421 |
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| | General Government | \$537,554 |
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| | | \$37,598,371 |
| | Enterprise Fund Operating Budget- Sewer | \$3,063,340 |
| | Total Operating Budget | \$40,661,711 |
| Article 4 | Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund | \$180,000 |
| Article 5 | Roadway Maintenance Trust Fund | \$300,000 |
| Article 6 | Public Works Vehicles Lease - 4 Vehicles | \$85,000 |
| Article 7 | Capital Reserve - Fire Department Equipment | \$100,000 |
| Article 8 | Capital Reserve - Pillsbury Cemetery Expansion | \$75,000 |
| Article 9 | Capital Reserve - Information Technology | \$25,000 |
| Article 10 | Capital Reserve - Recreation | \$10,000 |
| Article 11 | Add Full Time Library Services Technician to Leach Library Staff | \$108,859 |
| Article 12 | Collective Bargaining Agreement - LPEA | \$338,000 |
| Article 13 | Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost items | |
| Article 14 | Capital Reserve - Cable Equipment | \$32,500 |
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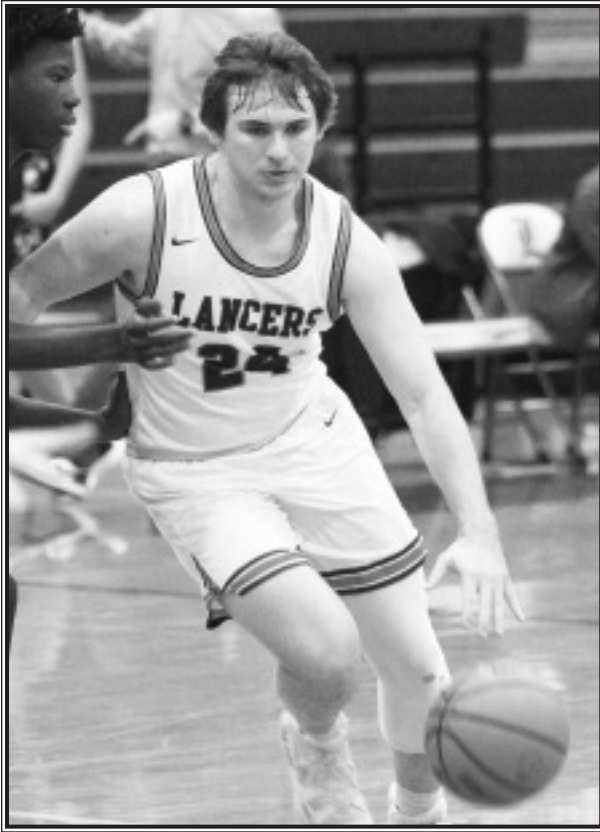
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Lancers Boys' Basketball Get First Win for New Coach



Senior Kevin Rourke made a number of key plays in the team's win over Portsmouth.

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The young Londonderry High School Boys' Basketball team got its first win of the Division I winter season in their second home game.

After starting the first week of the season with two losses, the Lancers were able to defeat the Portsmouth High School Clippers 72-64 on Tuesday night, Dec. 19, despite losing junior starter, Tyler Miles, for the season with a knee injury.

The Lancer started slow in the game, trailing 9-0 until sophomore Mason Paquette got a three-pointer to drop at the five-minute mark of the first quarter.

The Clippers contin-

ued their strong start with some LHS turnovers giving them a 15-3 lead in the first four minutes of the game.

Sophomore Sam Seaman got Londonderry's second basket of the evening followed by a bucket by senior Kevin Rourke to make it a 15-7 game.

The LHS squad trailed Portsmouth 24-12 after the first period and tightened the game up slightly in the second for a 37-27 deficit headed into halftime.

In the third quarter, PHS expanded their lead to 48-34 before the Londonderry offense was able to get within nine points to start the final quarter.

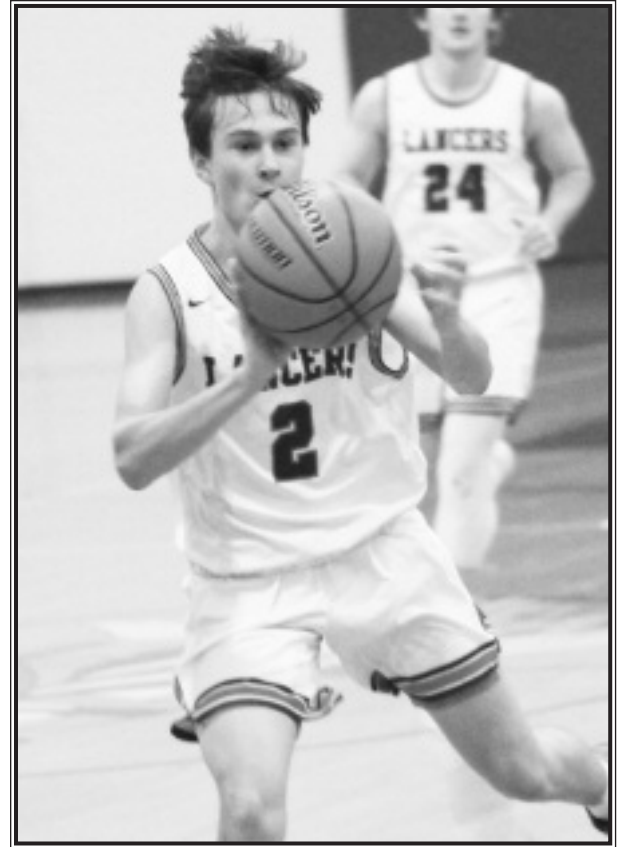
Rourke started the Lancers scoring in the fourth with a steal and a lay-up.

The LHS defense held off a lot of the outside shooting by their opponent in the final quarter and also forced some critical turnovers to get to within three, when Rourke tied the game 52-52 on a three-pointer with just under six minutes left in the game.

Londonderry took the lead when Seaman hit a lay-up off a pass from Trevor Edmunds at 5:37 in the game.

Londonderry held their lead for the remainder of the game and celebrated the team's first win of the season.

The news wasn't as



Lancer sophomore Jameson Seaman helped his team take the lead in the fourth quarter against the Clippers. Photos by Chris Paul

Lancers Hockey Look For Better Start to New Year

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Varsity Hockey team started the first week of the winter season with a 4-3 win over Exeter High School and a 2-0 loss to the Salem Blue Devils, but the year ended with two losses that now have the Lancers trying to dig their way out of a 1-4 start.

Just before the holiday break, Londonderry finished the final week of

the year with two home games. One against the Keene Blackbirds, on Wednesday, Dec. 21 and another two days later, against Concord High School, on Friday afternoon, Dec. 23.

In the game against the Blackbirds, the Lancers fell 6-4 and in the Friday game, senior Benjamin Padykula was the only LHS player to score in a 7-1 loss to the Crimson Tide.

The Lancers got behind 4-1 by the end of

the first, both teams were scoreless in the second and Concord scored three more times in the third for the overwhelming win.

Londonderry's first game of 2023 will be on Saturday, Jan. 7, on the road, against Hanover High School.

They will follow that up with a home contest against Pinkerton Academy on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 3 p.m. at the Tri-Town Arena in Hooksett.

good in the team's final home game of 2022 against Bishop Guertin. Despite beginning the game with a promising 9-4 lead, Londonderry fell behind 16-13 to end the first period and was never able to recover.

The Lancers trailed 32-22 after the first half and lost the game 61-46 to the Cardinals.

The first week of the new-year had the Lancers traveling to Bedford High School on Tuesday, Jan. 3, to play the undefeated Bulldogs. Following that game, LHS will host

another home game, this time against Keene High School for a game against the Blackbird on Friday night, Dec. 6. Keene also has just one win this season.

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Londonderry Gymnastics Takes First at Keene High School

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Gymnastics team had just one meet over the holiday break, traveling west to compete against the Keene Blackbirds.

Gymnasts from three high schools competed at the meet, with Londonderry taking first with a 120-point total and Keene accruing 116.8 for second. Campbell High School had one competitor doing well.

The Lancers had a good showing at the vault, with Ava Ruppel taking first place with an 8.35 and Cailee Anderson placed third with an 8.2. Cambell's Skla Houle placed second with an 8.3. Other strong LHS vaults performances came from Jess Bolduc, Marlie Fitzgerald and Alex Pena.

On bars Lili MacDonald placed third with a 6.7. The high score on bars came from Sofia Accrosi of Keene with a 7.65. Lancers Marlie Fitzgerald, Cailee Anderson, and Ava Ruppel also put up solid routines.

On the Beam the Lancers had Peyton Beirne place first with an 8.0 and Cailee Anderson placed a very close second with a score of 7.95. Lili MacDonald, Jess Bolduc, Alex Pena and Ava Ruppel also helped contribute to the teams win.

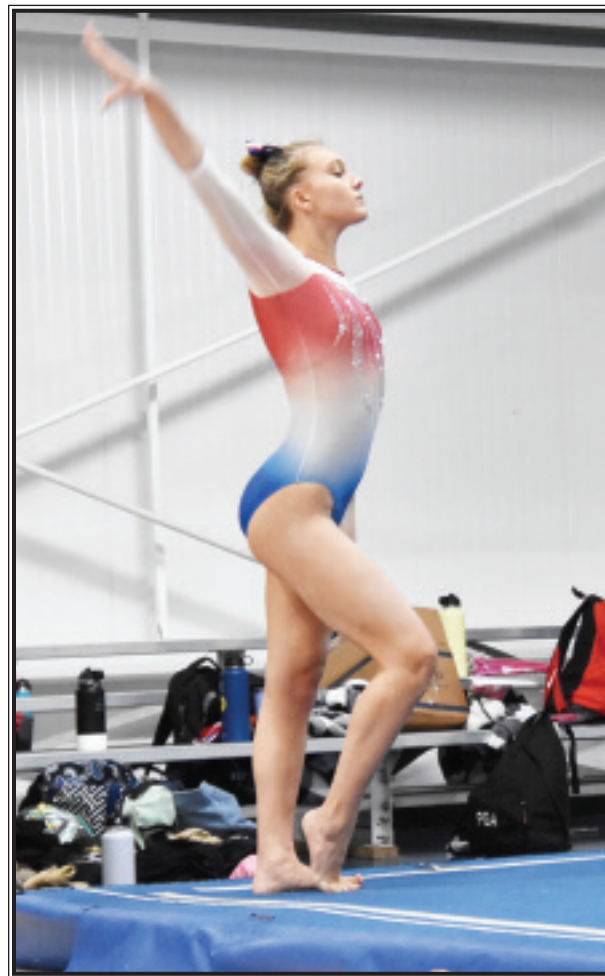
Finally, on Floor, Lon-

donderry had Ava Ruppel and Keene's Erin French tie for second place at 8.2. Marlie Fitzgerald, Cailee Anderson and Houle tied for third place with 8.0.

Ava Ruppel scored an impressive 30.95 for second place in All-Around behind Sofia Accrosi of Keene with a 31.5.

According to Lancer head coach Heather Lennon, "Overall we had a great meet and increased our team score by six-points. We had a great day on beam and almost had all of our girls stick their routines." She added, "We still have many places where we can improve but I'm very happy with our score this meet."

The Londonderry squad's next meet will be in Salem on Friday night, Jan. 6, at A2 Gymnastics against the Blue Devils and Nashua North and South.



Londonderry gymnast Ava Ruppel took first in the vault and tied for second on the floor. She also placed second in All-Around. Courtesy photo

OBITUARY

Dorothy M. Gillespie



Dorothy M. Gillespie, R.N., beloved by all who knew her for her kindness, compassion and sense of humor, died Wednesday, Dec. 21. She was 95 and a longtime Londonderry, NH, resident until a recent move to the Bedford Falls assisted living facility.

She was the wife of the late Gerald M. Gillespie, a sergeant with the Londonderry Police Department whose officers knew her as "Mrs. G.," much to her delight.

Dorothy was a true coal miner's daughter. She was born in Duryea, PA, on Aug. 19, 1927, a daughter of the late Anthony and Mary (Gowlis) Mazurkivich. She graduated from Leavenworth High School and St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing, both in Waterbury, CN.

Dorothy worked as a registered nurse in hospitals in Waterbury and Bridgeport, CN, as well as in Manchester and Nashua. She had also worked in physician's offices, a school of nursing, and did some industrial nursing.

Dorothy was a long-time volunteer in the office at St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church in Londonderry, where she enjoyed the camaraderie of the "Monday Morning Ladies" as they counted the weekend collection offerings. Her faith was a quiet and genuine comfort to her.

Her family was the main joy in her life. She was very devoted to them all, and cooking for them, especially holiday menus, was one of her favorite activities. At Christmas and Easter, she kept Lithuanian traditions alive with special foods and activities. All Dorothy ever wanted for her birthday each year was to see everyone in person, preferably all at once. She was also a fan of reading, word puzzles, and meteorology.

She is survived by a daughter, Mary Helen Gillespie of Londonderry; 4 sons, Edward G. (Annie) Gillespie of Wolfeboro, NH; Daniel M. (Karen) Gillespie of Manchester, NH; Timothy F. (Charlotte) Gillespie of Derry, NH; and Michael J. (Brenda) Gillespie of Londonderry; 7 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; her brother, Anthony Paul Mazurkivich of Waterbury, CN, and a special niece, Carol A. Mazurkivich of Waterbury, CN. Dorothy is also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Arthur Mazurkivich and the late John Mazurkivich.

She was predeceased by her husband in 2017. Known affectionately by their children as "Dort and Ger," the happy couple thrived side-by-side in their family room reading newspapers, watching sports and laughing at reruns of favorite comedies, plus "Jeopardy" and "NCIS."

Calling hours were held Wednesday, Dec. 28 at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, Dec. 29 in St. Mark's Church. Burial followed in the Holy Cross Cemetery, Gilcreast Rd., Londonderry.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association (www.heart.org). Her heart was as big as the sky, not even ill health could alter her caring nature.

The family would like to express their deepest appreciation to the employees of Catholic Medical Center, Bedford Falls and Brookhaven Hospice for the incredible care Dorothy received while her journey home had begun.

Local Mom Runs for Suicide Prevention

A Londonderry mom, Megan Melanson is joining the nation's largest suicide prevention organization, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), to raise funds and awareness in the oldest,

toughest and most iconic race in the world. Melanson will represent Team AFSP in the 127th Boston Marathon® on April 17, 2023.

Megan lost her mother, Laura Lyons, to suicide in 2011 after several years of struggling with

mental illness and substance use. To help cope with this loss, Megan used the sport of running to clear her mind and process her grief.

Raising awareness for mental health and suicide prevention have become a passion for Megan as she works to ensure that individuals and families who are

struggling get the help that they need.

Melanson is determined to not only cross the finish line but to also raise \$10,000 for AFSP. To make a donation, visit <https://www.givengain.com/ap/megan-melanson-raising-funds-for-american-foundation-for-suicide-prevention/#timeline>.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY

The Town of Londonderry is seeking volunteers to serve on the following Committee:
Londonderry Utilities Committee
Seven (7) Three-Year Full Member Positions
Three (3) Two-Year Alternate Member Position

Purpose: The Londonderry Utilities Committee ("Committee") shall be a standing committee under Chapter 3 of the Town's Administrative Code, and shall exist until its dissolution by the Town Council. The Committee shall study and make recommendations to the Town Manager, Town Staff, and Town Council on issues involving the cost, availability, and reliability of electricity, home heating oil, natural gas, propane, drinking water, and broadband, fuel for Town vehicles, sewer service, solid waste and recycling, and the infrastructure required to support these utilities. The Town Council and Town Manager may in writing delegate to the Committee the authority to solicit proposals from and interact with vendors and other third parties in order to most efficiently fulfill the Committee's purpose.

You must be a resident of Londonderry to apply for a position. Please e-mail Kirby Brown for a copy of our Talent Bank Form. A copy of the form can be found on the Town Managers page on our website.

Information regarding these Boards/Committees can be found on the Town's website. There is an application deadline of Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023 at 5 P.M. For more information regarding the open positions, please contact Kirby Brown at (603) 432-1100 x120 or kbrown@londonderrynh.org.



LONDONDERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT

FISCAL YEAR 2024 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET AND ALL OTHER PROPOSED ARTICLES

Pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Budget Act, RSA 32:5, the Londonderry School Board of the Londonderry School District will hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed fiscal year 2023-24 General Fund Operating Budget and other proposed general and special warrant articles. The public hearing is scheduled for Thursday Jan. 12, 2023, at 7 P.M. in the Londonderry High School Cafeteria, 295 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH.

The public is invited to attend.

AROUND TOWN

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

Block by Block Coding Club

This Leach Library club will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 4 p.m. This club offers tweens and teens the opportunity to learn coding skills on and off-screen with games and activities one Wednesday afternoon a month. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, please visit the main circulation desk or call the library.

Little Sprouts Baby Lapsit

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 9 a.m. and continuing weekly through Feb. 14, a story time program for babies 0-18 months old at the Leach Library. This introduction to story time is a great opportunity for

your littlest sprouts to learn to interact with you and others in a new environment, as well as to begin to follow along with songs, dances, and finger movements. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library.

Wiggle Worms Story Time

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 10:30 a.m. and continuing weekly through Feb. 14, toddlers ages 2-3 years old and their caregivers are invited for story time with songs, rhymes, books, and more at the Leach Library. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library.

Bookworms Story Time

On Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 10 a.m. and continuing weekly through Feb. 15, story time for preschoolers ages 3-5 years old. Bookworms will focus on preschoolers learning more about words, numbers, and concepts through stories, songs, rhymes, and games at the Leach Library. The program will also include a simple craft to promote developing fine motor skills. Registration is required and begins one week before each session. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library.

Crafternoon

On Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 4 p.m., the Leach Library will hold a monthly crafting social hour in

the Meeting Room called Crafternoon. Bring your own craft project and supplies, and work alongside other local crafters. No registration is required.

Craft Time

On Thursday, Jan. 12, at 4:30 p.m., kid crafters are invited to the Leach Library to work on a craft in the meeting room. Craft kits will be provided, and staff will be available to offer assistance. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Jan. 5. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library.

Kindergarten Registration

For the 2023/2024 School Year (Children born between 10/01/17 and 9/30/18) You Do Not need to register your child if they currently attend Moose Hill. Registration begins Jan. 23. Complete the Kindergarten Registration Packet. <https://londonderryorg-my.sharepoint.com> (Single sided printing for drop-off is also acceptable). Please check for accuracy, and sign where applicable. Submission of paperwork takes place AFTER you have connected with the registrar

to request a list of required documents needed for submission Paula Gosselin at 603-432-6920 ext. 1103. Do not email or drop your packets off until you have connected with the registrar.

Library After Dark for Teens

On Friday, Jan. 13, Participants are invited to stop by the main reading room at the Leach Library from 6-7 p.m. after closing for grades 6-12 to team up in a capture the flag inspired laser tag experience. Teens will team up to collect their team icons and try to make it back to the starting point first. Registration is required and begins on Friday, Jan. 6. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library.

3D Snowflake Craft

On Saturday, Jan. 21, at 2 p.m. the Leach Library staff will be offering a 3D Snowflake craft. Make this fun craft with the assistance of staff, a few pieces of paper, and a dash of glitter. Registration is required and begins on Saturday, Jan. 14. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library.

Duplo Budding Builders

On Thursday, Jan. 26, at 10 a.m. a meeting of Duplo Budding Builders at the Leach Library. Following a theme, participants will create using larger Duplo blocks. This program is designed for younger Lego enthusiasts ages 0-5. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Jan. 19. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library.

Building Buddies

On Thursday, Jan. 26, at 4:30 p.m. the Leach Library will hold a new Lego program designed for ages 6 and up. Each month, there will be a fun theme and time to create using the library's Legos. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Jan. 19. To register, please visit the children's desk or call the library.

This Land of Snow

On Thursday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m., join Anders Morley for a talk on his book *This Land of Snow: A Journey Across the North in Winter* at the Leach Library. The book details a journey to Canada, but is more than just an outdoor

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Dec. 19

7:25 a.m. Four officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with an investigation on Oakridge Drive.

7:32 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

7:31 p.m. Welfare Check investigated on Hardy Road at Dresden Way.

8:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop on Rockingham Road leads to an arrest made near Manchester town line. Five officers assist with charging Cody Lee Magie, 30, of Manchester, with Cruelty to Animals (Negligence).

Tuesday - Dec. 20

6:56 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at the U.S. Post Office on Nashua Road.

11:19 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop on Mammoth Road leads to an arrest. Brittanie Shemchuk, 28, of Manchester, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

12:03 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at Auto Auction of New England, Inc. on Action Blvd.

12:28 p.m. Services rendered for Drug Offenses at the Londonderry Middle School.

10:08 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Norwich Place.

Wednesday - Dec. 21

12:46 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by three officers at the Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

5:29 a.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes at Orange Theory Fitness on Main Street.

7:22 a.m. Arrest made during a Domestic Disturbance on South Road. Tyler Miller, 29, of Londonderry, charged with Criminal Mischief.

1:02 p.m. Services rendered to keep the peace on South Road.

5:11 p.m. Motor Vehicle Check at the RMZ Truck Stop on Rockingham Road leads to an arrest made. Joseph Teixeira, 20, of Ipswich, MA., charged with Bench Warrants.

7:19 p.m. Four officers investigate a Medical Emergency on Forest Street.

9:50 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Darrow Way.

Thursday - Dec. 22

8:35 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Dunkin Donuts on Nashua Road.

9:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop at Planeview Drive on Harvey Road leads to an arrest. Derik Seaman, 40, of Nashua, charged with: Disobeying an Officer; Drive After a Revoked/Suspension; Uninspected Vehicle.

11:05 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made at the Nashua Police De-

partment. Ronald Goodwin, 47, of Nashua, charged with Conduct After an Accident.

3:24 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made at the Merrimack County Jail. Lindsey Paglieroni, 40, of Merrimack, charged with: Theft By Unauthorized Taking - Two Prior Convictions.

3:38 p.m. Trespassing investigated at an Abandoned Warehouse on Independence Drive.

3:46 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on Auburn Road.

7:33 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at Home-goods on Michels Way.

8:27 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at Home-goods on Michels Way.

Friday - Dec. 23

9:40 a.m. Services rendered by three officers during Suspicious Activity on Stonehenge Road.

2:58 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Planeview Drive on Harvey Road.

3:43 p.m. Disturbance investigated at the N.Y. Smoke and Vape Shop on Rockingham Road.

5:27 p.m. Warrant served and arrest(s) made by four officers on Wimbledon Drive.

6:07 p.m. Disturbance reported at Ford of London-

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CLASSIFIED ADS

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Deadline for placing ads is Monday at 3 p.m.

Around Town

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adventure set against an awe-inspiring backdrop; it is a literary meditation on winter and the approach of mid-life. The book was honored with the 2021 National Outdoor Book Award (NOBA) for the travel-writing category. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Jan. 19. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library.

A Priest & a Rabbi Walk into a Bar

On Thursday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m., Reverend Ray Bonin and Rabbi Peter Levy will continue this popular series. They will be discussing the core issues of their respective faiths. They walk the talk - demonstrating our Interfaith Campus. The talk is in person with masks optional at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Rd., Derry, or

you may attend via Zoom. This event is free and open to the public. This is part of Etz Hayim Synagogue's Adult Continuing Education Program - Hot Topics and Cool Contemporary Stuff. For more information or for the Zoom link, please contact: Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol.com or 603-895-6120.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on: Jan. 10 & 24, 2023 from 6 - 7:30 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 qualifications for identity, age, domicile and citizenship. For more information contact Kristin Grages, Chair, Supervisors of the Checklist, Town of Londonderry at 603-432-1100, ext 198.

Republican Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 5, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. The Londonderry Republican Committee (LRC) will meet at the NEW Location - Orchard Christian Fellowship, 136 Pillsbury Rd, Londonderry, NH. Members, friends, and affiliates are welcome. LRC members will elect Officers during this meeting; so don't miss it. According to LRC Bylaws the Officers shall be elected at the first regular meeting on odd numbered years. Candidates for an

officer position must be an LRC member in good standing and have their nomination seconded by an LRC member in good standing. When there are more than 2 candidates for one position, proper balloting will be followed. A majority of those present and voting shall decide the election. Only LRC members in good standing may vote in an election. For more information: <http://s://Londonderry-GOP.org>, www.facebook.com/LondonderryGOP, or contact Secretary Maria Barud at lrc@londonderry-gop.org

"Library After Dark" Movie Night

Friday, Jan. 27, at 6 p.m., a special after-hours movie night in the Leach Library's main reading room, for a showing of the 2022 film based on the bestselling story of the Marsh Girl (rated PG-13), along with refreshments

and raffle prizes. Registration is required and opens on Friday, Jan. 20. To register, please visit the main desk or call the library.

Youth Art Contest

The Londonderry Arts Council is pleased to again be hosting the 2022/2023 Youth Art Contest for students in NH. This year's contest runs from Nov. 1 - Jan. 9. The contest is open to students in NH, ages 5 - 18. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each age category will win gift certificates for art supplies and be able to display their work at the Londonderry Library. The winners will be notified by Jan. 24. For details on the contest see the application you can download here. <https://londonderryartscouncil.org/youth-art-contest>

Be Kind - Do Good

The Sonshine Soup Kitchen located at 6 Crys-

tal Ave., Derry, is seeking Volunteers age 18+ for help preparing and serving drive-through meals: Monday -Thursday, 3 - 6 p.m. For more information or if you have questions call 603.437.2833.

Book Sale Extended Hours

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Police Log

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derry on Nashua Road.

Saturday - Dec. 24

6:20 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with Services on Hillside Avenue.

9:30 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated at LAFA Complex on Nelson Road.

Sunday - Dec. 25

1:02 a.m. Arrest made by four officers at a Domestic Disturbance on Constitution Drive. Jessica McInnis, 27, of Londonderry, charged with two counts of Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Bodily Injury).

9:25 a.m. Welfare Check investigated by three officers at Walgreens Drug Store on Nashua Road.

9:33 p.m. Peace restored by four officers at a Domestic Disturbance on Charleston Avenue.

Monday - Dec. 26

12:53 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made at Big Pine Key, FL. Kyle Bennett, 27, of Big Pine Key, FL, charged with Conduct After an Accident.

1:09 p.m. Eight officers aid in making an arrest on Melody Lane at Rock-

ingham Road. Calvin Atwood, 48, of Manchester, charged with: Receiving Stolen Property over \$1,501; Transporting Drugs in a Motor Vehicle; Possession of Controlled Drugs (Schedule 1-4); Operating a vehicle Without Valid License - License Required.

7:39 p.m. Disturbance investigated by four officers on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm Apartments.

Tuesday - Dec. 27
2:08 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Mammoth Road.

9:41 a.m. Juvenile Offenses reported a Division for Children, Youth Families.

11:51 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Premier Drive.

12:04 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on South Road.

1:50 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on South Road.

2:50 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Litchfield Road.

Wednesday - Dec. 28

3:15 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Wiley Hill Road.
10:39 a.m. Three officers respond to Neigh-

borhood Disputes on Wyndmere Drive.

12:06 p.m. Disturbance investigated at the YMCA on Rockingham Road.

12:50 p.m. Services rendered for Suicide Attempt/Threat on Charwell Court.

11:54 p.m. Three officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department at Planet Fitness on Orchard View Drive.

Thursday - Dec. 29

9:44 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest on Northbound side of Route 93. Justin Noury, 32, of Manchester, charged with: Driving After Revoked/Suspended License; and Driving an Uninspected Vehicle.

2:31 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on at the Nashua Police Department. Carlos Julio Garcia Figueroa, 35, of Nashua, charged with: Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Bodily Injury); and Three Counts of Violation of a Protective Order.

5:38 p.m. Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest on Rockingham Road at the Manchester townline. Mbonariba Olivier, 32, of Manchester, charged

with: Driving After Revoked/Suspended License - Driving Under the Influence;

Charge # 2: Driving After Revoked/Suspended License - Subsequent; Misuse of Plates; Yellow/Solid Line Violation; and Bench Warrants.

6:24 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated on Eayers Range Road.

7:29 p.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses on Eayers Range Road.

11:58 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Adams Road.

Friday - Dec. 30

7:28 a.m. Arrest made during a motor vehicle stop on Litchfield Road at Harvey Road. Darius Disi, 28, of Manchester, Charged with: Disobeying an Officer; and Operating a Vehicle without a Valid License.

5:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident leads to an arrest made at Park & Ride South on Garden Lane. Name: Niesha Tejada Moncada, 26, of Revere, MA, charged with Driving Under the Influence (Aggravated Passenger Under 16).

6:14 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mis-

chief at Londonderry South School on South Road.

7:58 p.m. Arrest made while Keeping the Peace on Auburn Road. Taylor Wilson, 34, of Londonderry, charged with: Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Physical Contact).

9:58 p.m. Arrest(s) Made during a Follow-up on at the Londonderry Police Department. Niesha Tejada Moncada, 26, of Revere, MA, charged with: Simple Assault - Physical Contact or Bodily Injury; Resisting Arrest/Detention; and Breach of Bail.

Saturday - Dec. 31

12:52 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Midridge Circle.

2:41 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated on Lance Avenue.

7:53 p.m. Peace restored during Juvenile Offenses at Super Wok on Orchard View Drive.

8:05 p.m. Arrest made during a motor vehicle stop on at the Nashua Road Mobil Station. Jillian Lillian Callahan, 41, of Pelham, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

8:54 p.m. Disturbance

investigated by five officers on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

10:19 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Fieldstone Drive.

Sunday - Jan. 1

11:12 a.m. Trespassing reported on South Road.

12:47 p.m. Services rendered for a Complaint on Capitol Hill Drive.

1:05 p.m. Services rendered for Trespassing on Capitol Hill Drive.

3:02 p.m. Motor vehicle stop on Route 93 leads to an arrest made by three officers. Brian Kimball, 38, of Derry, charged with: Stalking - Notice of Order; and Breach of Bail.

8:25 p.m. Peace restored after a Domestic Disturbance on Mountain Home Road.

10:09 p.m. Report of Prowler leads to two arrests made at Southern NH Plumbing and Heating on Rockingham Road. Tyler Hoyt, 28, of Concord, charged with: Criminal Trespass; Loitering or Prowling; and arrested on a Warrant. Shawna Grenier, 42, of Bennington, charged with: Criminal Trespass.

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