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Stop Up North

Madelyn DiMattia, 7, and her brother Rowan had a chance to discuss their Christmas wishes with Santa on Saturday morning, Dec. 16, at North Elementary School during the Santa Breakfast. See more photos page 8.

Photo by Chris Paul

District Expected To Cut Teachers As Part of the Proposed Budget

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board, along with the Town's Budget Committee, got a review of the district's proposed personnel budget during its Dec. 5 School Board meeting.

"Do we have the right staff for the number of kids we have as well as their needs," Superintendent,

Dan Black, said, explaining that there are a number of factors that go into deciding the personnel budget.

One of the main things they look at is the projected enrollment. Black said they are projecting to have 22 more students next year than this year, however, in some schools they are expect-

ing to have less than this year. The total projection is 4,044 students across the district.

One of the personnel changes they are proposing to make is moving a full time teacher from South School to Matthew Thornton, noting that South School is expected to have a de-

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Former Associate Planner Schools Planning Board on Zoning Change

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Members of the Planning Board were "schooled" by former planner, Laura Gandia, during their Dec. 13 meeting on issues that might arise if the board moved forward on some proposed zoning amendments.

During a public hearing, a proposal was discussed to remove the Route 102 and 28 Performance Overlay Districts, which were enacted over 20 years.

Assistant Town Manager, Kellie Caron, during the previous meeting about the proposal, said that in 2019, planning

staff brought a proposal to remove the performance overlay districts then, but it included eliminating an additional commercial overlay district, but said "it was never adopted."

Caron explained that the overlay district imposes additional dimensional requirements, additional landscape buffer, along with other requirements, which limits what can be developed there.

Gandia, who worked for the town as an Associate Planner last year, was there in 2019, and also attended the public hearing, this time representing Tom Estey, a

property owner in the Route 102 Performance Overlay District.

"We're here in opposition to the removal of the performance overlay district," Gandia said.

She said the issue is that by removing the overlay district, it would reduce the number of different use categories Estey could use on his property.

His property is in the AR-I district, but the overlay allows his property to have additional uses.

"There's a lot of different uses that he can enjoy in each use category," Gandia said.

She stated that if

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Water Subcommittee Look for New Ways to Educate Public

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Utilities Committee came together for its December meeting to discuss an update to their water subcommittee, which was tasked with coming up with a plan to keep Londonderry residents informed on some of the many water-related issues that have come up over the past few years.

"We did come up with an outline on what we want to do informing the town," said Utilities Secretary, John Ferreira. "We've got people in this town with different levels of knowledge, we've

got to get those people to the same level."

One proposal was to set up a roundtable discussion with Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, on local television sometime before the March election. The hope is to educate voters on the importance of several proposed warrant articles related to expanding the Londonderry water system in the upcoming budget.

"Mike's working with DES [New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services] to have them come in to do a presentation on television, probably at the high school cafeteria on

a Saturday morning," added Chairman, Lynn Wiles. "It's just giving an overview of how DES sees the whole water situation."

DES was involved in the Saint-Gobain lawsuit, and state officials are responsible for enforcing the consent decree against the plastics company.

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Village at Technology Hill Project Gets Positive Feedback

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Heritage Commission met on Thursday, Dec. 14, and had a conceptual discussion for a proposed mixed-use development that will span 6-11 Akira Way, 104 Grenier Field Road and 5 Kitty Hawk Landing.

Acting through the company Londonderry Holdings LLC, Dick Anagnost was at the meeting with engineer, Nick Golan of TF Moran, developer, Tyler Walsh, and Tony Nazaka of Stone River Architects to

present the project.

The plan, known as The Village at Technology Hill, ran into trouble before the Zoning Board last July, and the design process has now gone through five iterations.

"The Village at Technology Hill is going to include multi-uses that all support and are symbiotic with one another that include housing, industrial development, R&D, childcare, and a small commercial component that would be more like a general store, local salon, something supported by the

development itself," said Anagnost. "It's a live, work, play type of a project. We expect the housing will be occupied by a significant number of employees."

He called the project a "tax positive," mainly referring to the industrial portion of the development.

"Located to the east, there is a 150,000 square foot building, which has the opportunity to expand to nearly 230,000 square feet with two other manufacturing structures, one in the neighborhood of 60,000 square

feet and one in the neighborhood of 20,000 square feet," Golan explained.

The engineer also outlined a design for "nine multi-family, four-story buildings" with "approximately 439" resident units with open space dedicated to walkability and conservation buffers to go with the commercial area.

"The main core tenet of this project was to create jobs," said Walsh. "Jobs will be high tech, manufacturing-based."

The idea is to create a community in the style of an old New England mill town, with the "Foundation Building" at the center of the project.

All roads on the site will be private, with a school bus stop near the site entrance.

Heritage Chair, Krys Kenney, praised the architecture of the design, comparing the residential buildings favorably to Woodmont Commons.

"I don't have any problem with the concept, but it's a little unusual coming before us, in that it's the combination of residential and industrial," said Secretary, John Mahon. "When you put them together, I suggest maybe softening some things. We could have a little more of the traditional and maybe soften the modern a little bit."

The main concern involved the modern style of the Village design and how it would fit with the style of the surrounding area, especially with the "glass and concrete feel" of some

structures.

Anagnost defended the design of the residential buildings as necessary for the inclusion of solar panels, although he was open to adding more detailing. Currently, the exact designs are still in the concept stage.

"Is this a gated community? Will the general public have access, for example, to the park?" asked Kenney.

According to the design, the community will not be gated, although it was unclear whether the area would be restricted only to Village residents.

The Heritage Commission is scheduled to meet again on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Moose Hill Conference Room.

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Water Infrastructure Warrant Article Being Proposed

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

One of the warrant articles expected to go to the ballot this year in Londonderry will be in regards to the start of a water infrastructure project.

structure project.

Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, explained that Saint-Gobain has certain obligations to replace the water infrastructure within the consent decree area, however, the town is pro-

posing to do a water main all the way down High Range Rd., which would form the foundation for a larger water public system in town and help with PFAS remediation in parts of

town that aren't part of the consent decree.

Malaguti said they are seeking \$10 million in grant funding, allocating \$2 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding, and expect to get about \$13 million from Saint-Gobain for the work done in the consent decree area. He added that in total the project is about \$25 million.

"It is looking like we are going to come up roughly \$2 million short in that application for \$10 million in grant funding," Magauti said.

He stated that they would be seeking to get the \$2 million through a debt agreement through the PFAS remediation loan fund through the state to be able to "close that delta

and fund that project."

The terms of the loan would be 1% during construction and 3.5% after, and would be an estimated \$137,000 a year in debt service per year with a longer term loan of 20 years and approximately \$430,000 a year in debt service for a shorter term loan, which is five years.

Town Council Chair, John Farrell, said they should lean towards the longer one, so future users who benefit from it can pay for it.

He said the number they started with for a water system for the whole town was \$200 million.

"\$25 million dollars is the start and then we go from there," he said.

Farrell also noted there

are future programs they may be eligible for and they have also had conversations directly with the governor about it.

One question raised was what kind of outreach and education would take place in order to make sure the warrant article passes.

Farrell said the Water Commissioner and their team have agreed to come to the community to talk about it.

Malaguti noted that the Utilities Committee water subcommittee is working on a tv show, and they hope to align it for the lead up to the election.

The Council ultimately approved moving forward with having a warrant article drafted.

Planning

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they take it away "he loses 15 use categories," noting that other properties in the district would have similar issues.

"Now you're taking property owners' rights away," Gandia said, noting that it could be seen as a possible "unconstitutional taking."

Gandia said when she was working for the town in 2019, they had a public hearing, and there were a lot of people who were also concerned about having their uses being taken away, noting that at the time they were looking to take the overlays out and then combine them into a commercial performance zone.

She also noted there would be more hassle for property owners,

noting that right now its an innovative land control district, if a property is in the district they can go to the Planning Board for a "one stop shop" in order to get waivers from the board, instead of having to go to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. She added that it is a way to promote economic development.

"You take that away, now that's gone," Gandia said.

Planning Board Chair, Art Rugg, said public hearings are important so the board can hear about different concerns like this case.

"We have public hearings to learn stuff so we need that input," he said.

Planning Board member, Tony DeFrancesco, said he would go in front of boards for years, and in this case, he was

learning things.

"The ironic thing is you all are schooling me and I thank you for coming forward," he said, noting that there is always a workaround for everything and would like to see one with this issue.

Ex-officio, Giovanni Verani, asked if they could have the overlays as an optional situation, that property owners can choose to have in place or not.

"I'm a little hesitant on the optional piece," Caron said, noting that they could look at it if the board desired.

The Planning Board voted to recommend that the Town Council doesn't eliminate either of the performance overlay districts, but Rugg noted, the Town Council can do whatever they desire.



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Editorial

Happy Holiday to All Our Readers

Every year this editorial is light-hearted and full of good wishes. As we pass through the long dark days of winter and head into the New Year, we traditionally take time to reflect on the year just ending, and set resolve to do things differently in the days ahead. Looking back at a year of meaningless death, abjection, bullying, natural disasters, international turmoil, and not to mention the hard economic times many in our communities are enduring, we can't help but go into the most wonderful time of the year with heavy hearts. The happiest time of the year can be the saddest and most difficult time for many.

Recently I have gone to many charitable events and have witnessed such goodwill towards our fellow residents. I can't stop from welling up with a feeling that mankind is not lost, only hidden. I wish more people, could see what I see, these simple gestures leave a great impact on the world.

Most importantly, how about listening to and working with people to find ways to solve the problems that face us all, not just doing the same thing but taking a different approach for the greater good of the town and the residents in it. That means having a willingness to be open to other views; we could very well learn something.

Let's try seeing all sides of an issue, rather than only the one that

benefits one group. It's not easy to be opened minded, but it's worth the effort. We don't elect special interest representatives, our officials are supposed to represent all of us.

The start of a new year brings with it a chance to begin again. We suggest getting involved in town government, volunteering for boards, non-profits and so forth. It's your participation that can make big difference.

The fact that you are holding this newspaper in your hands is a tribute to all of the businesses that have shown their desire for a locally owned hometown newspaper to exist. We hope we have made those businesses feel good about how their advertising dollars are being spent.

Being in the news industry can be quite difficult, as we tend to see more of the ugly side of the world than most. We urge you to reach out to your loved ones and get together in the true spirit of the holidays. A spirit not centered around gifts and material, but around love and appreciation of those close to us.

Will there ever be peace on Earth? More than likely not. We should try to learn from the spirit of the Christmas season. To keep those bereaving in our hearts despite the harshest part of human nature, work sincerely toward "Peace on Earth and good will toward men". Let's hope for the New Year to be filled with peace!



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Letters

Response to Malaguti Article

To the editor,

Well, how is it that Mike Malaguti does not know the connoted meaning of a word from the denotated meaning? This faux-pa has cost us \$15,000.

He apparently doesn't know a political sign when he sees one either.

Certainly, "She Masked Your Kids," was not a political sign and yet he let it flourish thru out the last election. No code enforcer action was seen.

A big thank you to Deb Paul for persevering under what certainly smells like harassment to me.

Jane Cooper

Londonderry

One-sided Opinions

To the editor,

Don't believe everything you hear from the Town Council.

I heard a rather shocking pronouncement from Town Council Chairman John Farrell at the Dec. 18, public meeting. "Don't believe everything you read in the paper," Farrell says, "because it's all one sided."

I did not attend this session of the council, as my children are elementary aged, and we enjoyed the showing of the Polar Express with the North School Community. Rather, I listened at home, and boy am I glad I did, as I almost fell out of my chair when I heard that statement.

It is ironic that he chose the term "one sided" as that is actually the

most appropriate way to describe the manipulated information flow that proceeds from Town Council and many of our malfeasant elected and appointed officials.

"One-sided" would be citizens emailing the Town Manager and Town Council, and not getting a response from their elected officials to the majority of inquiry and communications they send off.

"One-sided" would be a Town Manager and Town Council that consistently have failed to produce information and documents upon simple citizen request, forcing citizen's to file right-to-know requests to compel the town to release information that should be readily available to the public, but apparently have to be redacted to cover Town wrongdoing.

"One sided" would be giving a citizen 3-5 minutes at public comment to speak, and then Councilman Jim Butler spending the next 20 minutes personally attacking that citizen for asking too many questions. Ironically enough, "one-sided" is exactly what Councilman Butler promised to be when he said he would like to control the narrative during a July Public Meeting of the Town Council.

"One-sided" would be Town Manager Malaguti's baseless sexual harassment complaint against former Town Councilwoman Deb Paul, which a N.H. judge described as "frivolous" nearly a half

dozen times in an opinion stretching over 20 pages.

"One-sided" would be Farrell and Malaguti's unlawfully refusing to produce that document for former Councilwoman Paul, thereby costing the taxpayer thousands of dollars in an attempt to cover up the Town Manager's malfeasance.

"One-sided" would be the Town Manager attempting to use an internal investigation to dissuade the State of N.H. from finding that Town Hall employees engaged in illegal notary activities.

"One-sided" would be the voters rejecting an appointed treasurer year after year, and having all five of our Council members reject the will of the people by advancing it to a warrant anyways because members of Town Hall have (highly questionable) concerns.

Let's expand beyond the council, shall we?

"One-sided" is a Planning Board who does not want public comment unless the law prescribes it, Supervisors of the Checklist who don't respond to citizens and a Treasurer who cannot articulate why they should no longer be elected because "elections are mean."

This March, vote for new Councilors, so that we can start believing what we hear from Town Council again.

Jonathan Esposito
Londonderry

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Gingerbread House Construction Gets Underway at North



Second grade students at North Elementary School were given the opportunity to let their creativity run wild during the annual Gingerbread House Build. Students were given pounds of candy and frosting to construct and decorate their holiday homes. Parents and teachers were also there to lend a hand in the construction.

Photos by Chris Paul




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Town Council, Budget Committee Get Update On Lions Hall

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Town Council Chair, John Farrell, announced that himself, Town Councilor, Jim Butler, and town staff, have met recently about the future of Lions Hall during the Dec. 4 budget workshop meeting.

The building known as Lions Hall, located at 256 Mammoth Rd., has

been a point of contention over recent months, after the longtime tenants of the building, the Lions Club left, and residents in town began discussing what the future should be of the building.

At one point, the town had a study commissioned of the building to determine the different needs for a wide range of uses from making it func-

tional again, to having extensive renovations done, with an estimate for some renovations being upwards of \$3.5 million.

He said most people agree that proposing a multi million dollar project to renovate the building right now, is off the table.

"I think everyone could pretty much agree

that three and a half million dollars is off the table," Farrell said.

Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, said previously, that after hearing from the public, many of whom have expressed a desire to do what is needed to save the building and then potentially doing phased remodeling, he thought they shouldn't propose more

than \$500,000 on the warrant article.

Farrell said the direction they asked Malaguti to take is to look at what it would take to get the building back in working condition, that could be shared by multiple organizations, including the Town, with the understanding it would be under the control of the Town Manager's office.

He said they asked them to rope off the second floor in order to avoid having to deal with those issues at the time, and asked that they look at the electrical and the floor primarily.

"We don't have any firm numbers yet," Farrell said, noting they should have an idea of the cost by the end of the year.

"We're not going to go

to the voters with three and a half million dollars," Farrell said.

He said if they don't move on it now, they have to make sure they do something to save the building in the meantime.

"I would personally like to keep it," Butler said, but noted that he was going to listen to what the people have to say.

He said it was only shut down originally because of the failure of the floor, noting that the intent of the floor wasn't to have upwards of 300 people on it.

Butler said the minimum they have to do is to fix the floor, and if they can fix the floor and can use it, they then can break down the different issues and figure out a plan moving forward.

Water

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The two relevant budget articles related to utilities include a \$2 million upgrade to the High Range Road Water vein and \$100,000 to establish a capital reserve fund to maintain a stormwater

comprehensive management plan.

The Solid Waste sub-committee had its Household Hazardous Waste Day, an event the town cohosted with neighboring Derry and one the Utilities Chair called a "very successful day" based on feedback.

Londonderry Environmental Engineer, Bob Kerry, reported they had "422 cars" representing "433 different households."

"That's a significant amount of people who were able to get rid of their stuff without dumping it in their backyard," said Wiles. "If you don't pick this stuff up, it just goes right into the water supply."

There were no statistics on the amount of waste collected at the event, which happens every May and November.

Committee members were looking into finding new ways to spread awareness of proper recycling techniques.

"A lot of people don't get it, they think 'the pizza box, throw it in the recycling,' but it's got all

the pizza grease," said Vice-Chair, Martha Smith.

They noted that many items like plastic bags can damage machinery at recycling facilities. Food waste was singled out as a major contributor.

"One of the things we might think to do is to encourage people for composting programs, there are some within the state," said Committee member, Anne Fenn.

In his annual report to the town, Wiles was optimistic about the work the Utilities Committee has done throughout 2023, saying they had "done some good work" while predicting that 2024 "would be a great year."

The Utilities Committee is set to meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. on the first floor of the Moose Hill Council Chambers.

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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 2024-25 General Fund Operating Budget and other proposed general and special warrant articles. The public hearing is scheduled for Thursday Jan. 11, 2024, at 7 P.M. at the Londonderry High School Cafeteria, 295 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH.

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OBITUARY

Robert A. Peterson



Robert A. Peterson, 81, of Londonderry, NH died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023 in his home. He was born on July 21, 1942 in Weymouth, MA, a son of Donald and Florence (Miller) Peterson. Robert was a graduate of N. Quincy High School in the class of 1960. He was a member of the Hampstead Congregational Church where

he had been a deacon, and a past master of the Theodore Roosevelt Lodge. He retired in 1997 from Cambridge Electric Light Co. after 25 years of dedicated service. He was an avid sports fan who enjoyed watching all of the New England team's games. He loved to oil paint. Most family members have a picture painted by him in their homes.

He is survived by his loving wife, Marilyn Peterson of Londonderry; 2 sons, Robert A. Peterson, Jr. of Florida and Roy E. Peterson of Quincy, MA; 5 grandchildren, Abigail, Emma, Andrew, Hayley and Mackenzie as well as a great granddaughter Penelope; brother, Donald E. Peterson of Weymouth, MA; and sister Nancy Reichert of Florida. He is predeceased by his first wife, Rachelle who passed away in 1999 and 2 sisters, Janet Towne and Beverly Crozier.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023 from 1 - 2 p.m., immediately followed by a funeral service at 2 p.m., at the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the American Diabetes Association www.diabetes.org/ways-to-contribute.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

The Londonderry Town Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on the following item:

Acceptance of Unanticipated Revenue 31:95-b, III(a)
Grant received from the State of New Hampshire's Department of Transportation in the amount of \$108,648.00.

The public hearing and review will occur on Thursday, Jan. 11 at 7 P.M., in the Moose Hill Council Chamber at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH 03053.

School Board Approve Moving Forward With Infrastructure Bond Sale

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After voters approved a warrant article for infrastructure improvements across the district last March, the School Board was asked to approve getting a bond to pay for the work during the Dec. 5 board meeting.

"The article included the design and construction of repairs and the replacement of the District's HVAC systems, pump house and other infrastructure projects, including but not limited to, heating plant and boilers, air handling and ventilation equipment, energy recovery units, pneumatic controls, and security systems," Business Administrator, Lisa McKenney, wrote in a memo about the \$5 million warrant article.

She said that in the

beginning of September, the School Board approved hiring EEI/ENE "to design build the HVAC infrastructure system for our schools."

"The pump house is still in the planning phase by Stantec and will be bid out when a conceptual plan is developed and finalized," she said.

McKenney stated that they have been gathering all of the need documents since the bond was approved.

"There are many steps involved in the sale of a new bond including Bond Council verifying all postings and notices to make sure they are in accordance with State law," McKenney wrote. "They also verify the proposed project meets the criteria and the schedule is within the guidelines to be funded with bond proceeds

and the District can issue tax exempt bonds."

McKenney explained that since they knew they wouldn't begin work until Spring or Summer of 2024, they decided to hold off on going to bond until January, noting that the Municipal Bond Bank offers bond offerings twice a year, in July and January.

In terms of interest rates, McKenney said they will find out when they go to the Bond Bank.

"You do not know what the interest rate will be until they issue the bond, it will not be more than 5%," she said during the meeting.

"The Bond Bank aggregates multiple issuers, which can [produce] a better interest rate and reduces the administrative reporting requirements," she wrote in a memo.

The School Board

unanimously approved moving forward with the bond sale.

In other news at the

Teachers

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cline in enrollment, while Matthew Thornton is growing in enrollment.

They are also proposing to eliminate one teacher position at North School. Black said from people leaving, and due to retirements, they don't expect anyone will be laid off, due to the cut.

With a decrease in the projected enrollment at Londonderry Middle School, along with changes expected to be made to the master schedule. The proposed budget calls for cutting two teachers at the middle school for next year, yielding a savings of \$175,776.

"We are very confident

meeting, the board accepted both the retirement of Doug Stith, a Londonderry Middle School

science teacher, and the resignation of Hannah Bradbury, a South School support staff member.

that none of these reductions means a reduction in force," Black said.

Black said they also proposed to cut four full-time teaching positions as part of the proposed budget, which would have savings of \$351,554.

Despite the enrollment for the high school expected to be four more students next year over this year, it was noted that they had 71 less students at the high school for this school year than in 2022-2023.

Black said since 2010, they have had 27 teacher reductions at the high school, moving it up to 31, in that time period if they approve the cuts.

As with the other two school levels, they aren't

expecting any lay offs with the cuts due to those leaving or retiring.

The district is also expected to save \$29,519 by cutting a tech/library media position in the elementary schools and are expected to save \$58,546 by cutting a third shift custodian within the district.

While the district is proposing to make several different cuts, Black noted their personnel costs are expected to go up by just over \$1 million, most is from salary increases in collective bargaining agreements.

Black noted that despite inflation being over 3% right now, the proposed budget would only increase personnel costs by 1.54% over this year.

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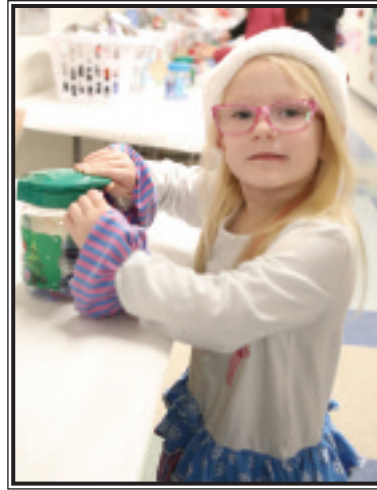
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Attendees to the Santa Breakfast at North Elementary School had much to do at the annual event. Families visited with Mr. Claus, enjoyed breakfast, were entertained with music from the chorus, played games, bid on raffle baskets, made reindeer food and got their faces painted. *Photos by Chris Paul*



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY PLANNING BOARD

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024 at 7 P.M. in Moose Hill Council Chambers, Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH to consider the following:

Public Hearing for a rezoning request to rezone 105 Hillside Ave (Map 10, Lot 92) Windham Realty, LLC/William Deluca (owner/applicant) from AR-1 (Agricultural Residential) to C-II (Commercial II).

Public Hearing for site work relating to a proposed gravity sewer main construction for the Page Rd., improvements off-site improvements. 14 Page Rd., Map 17 Lot 45 and 11 Sanborn Rd., Map 15 Lot 164. Evans Family Limited Partnership/CJE Nominee Trust (Owner/Applicant).

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Girls' Basketball Start Season with Two Wins

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Varsity Basketball squad began their season with two strong wins. The team scored 67-points on the road to open the season at Exeter High School, then scoring another 67-points in Londonderry in the team's home opener.

In Exeter, against the Lady Blue Hawks, the Lancers put up 15-points in quarters one, two, and four, and had 22-points in the third, for an overwhelming 67-33 victory.

Sophomore guard, Brooke Eacrett, led her team in scoring with 20-points, getting 12 in the first half and adding eight in the second. She also made two of her three-point attempts.

Sophomore forward, Samantha Sullivan, finished with 17-points in the game. She opened with two, three-pointers and a bucket in the first quarter and added four-points in the second. Sullivan then scored five in the second half.

Freshman Gemma Murray had a good start in her first game as a high schooler, getting seven-points on a basket, two free-throws, and a three-pointer.

Junior guards, Reagan Anderson, Mia Giampa and Talia Ioria, each had six points in the victory.

In the Londonderry squad's home opener, on Friday night, Dec. 19, against the Nashua South Purple Panthers, the Lancers came away with 67-49 victory for their second win of the season.

The home team was without one of their top scores in this one, Sullivan was out sick, but the scoring was made up for elsewhere.

The Lady Lancers kept NSHS down to 10-points in each of the first three quarters and only gave up eight in the final period, but the second half was riddled with fouls on both sides of the courts.

Londonderry had a 41-20 lead going into halftime and finished with 24-points in the second half, eight of those were on free-throws.

Eacrett, once again, led the team in scoring, getting a total of 18-points, with 15 of them coming in the first half.

Murray had 15-points in her second official game as a varsity player, scoring all, but one in

the first half. She also had one of only two Three-pointers in the game. Junior guard, Kayla Sharkey, had the other.

Anderson played another solid game, scoring 10-points and junior guard, Kate Sloper, finished with eight points, all of which came in the final period.

The Lancers team will finish the month of December with two home games. The first was against the Portsmouth Clippers on Tuesday, Dec. 19, followed by a contest against the defending Division I champs.

The girls' squad is scheduled to take on the Bishop Guertin Cardinals on Friday night, Dec. 22, starting at 7 p.m.



Sophomore guard, Brooke Eacrett, led LHS in scoring in the first two games of the season.
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Eight Lancer Football Players Named to All-Conference



Ty Miles



Alex Villa



Conor Williams



Jay Navarro



Seth Doyon



Devin Boles



Cam Brutus



Paul Binder



Andreas Taliadouros

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry Lancers football head coach and Athletic Director, Jimmy Lauzon, recently released the list of his players to make the New Hampshire All-

Conference team.

No less than nine players made the First Team list, with senior Ty Miles being named Central Conference - Player of the Year.

Also making it the first team roster were,

offensive players Jaydon Navarro and Andreas Taliadouros and defensive players Devin Boles, Alex Villa, Seth Doyon, Cam Brutus, Conor Williams, and Paul Binder.

The Londonderry

squad also had five members named to the All-Conference Second Team.

On offense, Michael Thistle, Charlie Lantz, and Jake Schena were chosen and on defense, Ty Parsons and Colin

Couture made the team.

Honorable Mention honors went to Mason Paquette on offense and Matt Carroll for his defensive skills.

Overall, the LHS squad had an outstand-

ing season, heading into the playoffs with just one loss and winning each of the post-season games leading to the state championship, where they fell to the Bedford Bulldogs.

Londonderry Swimmers Compete in Second Meet of the Season

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' and Boys' Swim

teams competed against five other team schools last week hosting the team's second meet of the season on Friday,

Dec. 15.

GIRLS

In the 200-Yard Medley Relay, the Lancers team of Helena Smart,

Ari Fennessey, Mia Robinson, and Lexi Thibodeau had the second best time of 2:26.43.

In the 200-Yard Freestyle, Mia Robinson finished with the best time of the night, at 2:15.79.

In the 50-Yard Freestyle, Leah Doherty finished in sixth with a time of 36.40.

In the 100-Yard But-

terfly, Helena Smart took second with a time of 1:08.69.

In the 100-Yard Freestyle, Ari Fennessey finished with the sixth best time at 1:23.48 and Lexi Thibodeau was seventh at 1:29.31.

In the 500-Yard Freestyle, Londonderry's Mia Robinson had the best time of 6:04.78.

In the 200-Yard Freestyle Relay, the team of Doherty, Fennessey, Robinson, and Smart took second at 2:11.08.

In the 100-Yard Backstroke, Fennessey finished at fourth with her time of 1:29.81.

In the 100-Yard Breaststroke, Smart had a time of 1:23.82 for second.

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Lancers Boys' Basketball Drop Two in Season Start



CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Varsity Basketball team began their season with two painful losses, losing by 11-points to both the Exeter Blue Hawks and the Nashua South Purple Panthers.

In the Lancers season home opener against Exeter High School, the LHS squad

had a very strong start, leading 33-26 by the end of the first half, but that lead was whittled down to two-points by the third quarter, then the Blue Hawks took advantage of a number of Londonderry miscues during a sloppy fourth quarter for the eventual 65-54 victory.

Senior Ryan Williams was the high scorer for the Lancers, chalking up

15-points in the game, including three from outside the arc.

Fellow senior, Ty Miles, who was forced to sit out his junior year due to an injury, had 11-points in the contest, five in the first and six in the third quarter.

Junior Matt Luongo put up nine points, six of which came as three-points and Alex Villa finished with six-points.

Three night later, at Nashua South High School, on Dec. 15, the Lancers squad suffered a similar fate, losing 64-

53 to the Purple Panthers.

The Londonderry squad will finish the month of December with two more road games before heading into their annual holiday tournament.

On Tuesday night, Dec. 19, Londonderry traveled to the coast to face the Portsmouth Clippers. On Friday night, Dec. 22, the team will head over to Nashua and play the Bishop Guertin Cardinals (1-1) starting at 6:30 p.m.

Senior Ryan Williams, at left, opened the Lancers season with 15-points, leading the LHS in scoring during the loss to Exeter. Photo by Chris Paul

Lancers Hockey Squad Beat Blue Hawks and Devils

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Hockey team began its Winter season with two strong victories, one on the road against the Blue Devils and the other on home ice against the Blue Hawks.

The squad's regular season began on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the

Salem Icecenter, against Salem High School.

Senior forward, Owen Carey, gave the Lancers a 1-0 lead in the second period with a shoulder high wrist shot past the Salem goalie.

Fellow senior, Jayden Hamilton, gave LHS a 2-0 lead in the same period, which was all the needed for the 4-1 victory.

Junior Brett McKin-

non and sophomore Brendan Fitzgerald added two more before the final buzzer.

Three nights later, on Saturday, Dec. 16, the Lancers tallied their second win of the young season, in a home game against Exeter High School.

Londonderry took that game over the Blue Hawks by a score of 6-3.

Carey scored a three-goal hat trick in the contest and senior Mike Maloney put two past the Exeter tender.

Sophomore Nicolas Bishop had the only other LHS goal.

The team will have just one game to end the

final two weeks of December. The Lancers will travel to Keene on Wednesday, Dec. 20 and take on the Blackbirds.

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Lancer Wrestlers Fall to Pinkerton, Host Annual Tourney

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The High School Varsity Wrestling team hosted the second dual meet of the season, but fell 54-29 to a tough Pinkerton Acade-

my squad at Londonderry Middle School on Wednesday night, Dec. 14.

The Lancers had a difficult time with the Astros and wound up dropping eight of the 14

bouts lined up that evening.

The five Londonderry wins came from: Manny Perez, at 150 lbs.; David Pento Jr., at 175 lbs.; Patrick O'Connor, at 190 lbs.; Nikki Stylianos, at 106 lbs.; and Lucas DeLeon, at 113 lbs.

Perez gave Londonderry its first victory of the meet, by pinning Connor Combs at 4:53 in the bout.

Pento gave the LHS squad its second win, over Landon Mackiernan with a dramatic 15-0 technical fall in the final seconds of the third period.

O'Connor followed Pento with a very quick pin of Thomas Lacroix at 1:43.

Stylianos had a pin over Peter Sakash at 3:39 to add six points to the Lancers score and

DeLeon followed with a forfeit win.

Three days later, at the annual Londonderry Holiday Tournament, the Lancers had four wrestlers make it into the finals, with Pento coming away with the team's only first-place medal.

Pento managed to get fall wins in each of his matches leading up to the finals, starting with a 17-2 technical fall

in the first round. He then pinned each of his opponents in the next three matches to remain undefeated this season.

Brendon Eagan, Perez, and O'Connor all came away with second place medals in the home tournament.

Eagan had wins over Pinkerton, Winnacunnet, and Kennebunk opponents in the first three bouts, but fell 4-11 in the finals.

Perez had fall wins in his first two matches, but then fell in a narrow 9-8 decision during the finals.

O'Connor finished with three pins heading into the championship bout where he fell 1-14 to his Portsmouth opponent.

Dylan Nadeau, Caleb Holden, Moused Rahmani, and Jonah Tillman all made it to the quarterfinals.



Manny Perez was one of five wrestlers to get victories over Pinkerton last week.

Swimmers

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BOYS

In the 200-Yard Medley Relay, the team Kayden Raadmae Theo Paccione, Sam Munsey, and Jayden Howard had the top spot at 2:22.04.

In the 200-Yard Freestyle, Chase Von Pichl finished in second,

at 2:34.34.

In the 100-Yard Butterfly, Von Pichl had the top finish at 1:31.63.

In the 100-Yard Freestyle, Braeden Raduazzo took fourth at 1:11.10 and Theo Paccione was fifth at 1:13.65.

In the 500-Yard Freestyle, Jayden Howard finished first at

6:53.13.

In the 200-Yard Freestyle Relay, the team of Raduazzo, Munsey, Von Pichl, and Raadmae were first at 1:59.50.

In the 100-Yard Backstroke, Raadmae finished second, at 1:19.62.

In the 100 Yard Breaststroke, Munsey finished third, at 1:26.5.



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Annual Tree Burn

Londonderry Boys Scout Troop 521 will be conducting their annual community Christmas tree burn on Jan. 6 at Moose Hill Orchard behind the Farm Stand on Mammoth Rd. Residents may drop off trees starting at 8 a.m. and until the actual burn which is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Donations for the troop will be accepted and refreshments will be available.

Space Rangers

During this one-hour, space-themed program, students ages 9-14 will explore different space science topics through hands-on activities and games on Thursday, Dec. 21 from 4 - 5 p.m., at the Leach Library. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Dec. 14. To

register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Holiday Break Offerings

From Tuesday, Dec. 26 until Friday, Dec. 29 stop by the Leach Library for a variety of crafts, coloring pages, and a Guess It jar available during Holiday Break. Enjoy working on them at the library or take them home for later.

Game Time

Come to the Leach Library on Wednesday, Dec. 27 at 2 p.m. for Game Time. Participants will compete in a variety of Minute-to-Win-It style challenges for a chance to win prizes. This program is designed for ages 5 and up. Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, Dec. 20. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or

call (603) 432-1127.

Laser Tag for Teens

On Tuesday, Dec. 26 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., teens and tweens are invited to a Laser Tag experience in the Leach Library Meeting Room. Groups of teens will play against each other while moving through a series of obstacles. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, Dec. 19. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Game On Supersized Edition

On Thursday, Dec. 28 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., teens and tweens will be able to play an assortment of game night favorites in giant form at the Leach Library. Games include Human Hungry Hippos, Yahtzee, and more. Regis-

tration is required and begins on Thursday, Dec. 21. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Coding Club

On Wednesday, Dec. 27 from 4 - 5 p.m., students in grades 4-8 will be able to explore a variety of coding exercises and programs including using screen-free coding robots, independent online coding, and other guided activities online at the Leach Library. This program is open to participants ages 9-14. Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, Dec. 20. To register, please visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

PJ Story Time

On Thursday, Dec. 28 at 7 p.m. ready for bedtime in cozy pajamas to listen to a couple of bedtime stories and sing along to a lullaby at the Leach Library. Don't forget a stuffed animal or blanket to snuggle. Registration is not required for this program and drop-ins are welcome.

Make and Take Slime

Have you always wanted to try making your very own slime? The Leach

Library will have all the ingredients and a recipe to make your own unique Winter Slime to play with and take home on Friday, Dec. 29 at 2 p.m. This program is for children 5 and older. Registration is required and begins on Friday, Dec. 22. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

True Crime Podcast Discussion

On Thursday, Jan. 11 at 6:30 p.m., come to the Leach Library to discuss all seven episodes of Bear Brook: Season 1, a case that happened right here in NH. Listen to all episodes for free on Spotify, Stitcher, Apple Podcasts, or at BearBrookPodcast.com. Registration opens on Thursday, Jan. 4 and is limited to 15 participants. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Republican Meeting

On Thursday, Feb. 2, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., the Londonderry Republican Committee (LRC) will meet at the Long Blue Cat Brewery, 298 Rockingham Rd, Londonderry. Members, friends, and affiliates are welcome. They will be dis-

cussing upcoming Town and School Board elections. Come and join like minded citizens for a discussion and enjoy a drink in a friendly atmosphere. For more information: <https://Londonderry-GOP.org>, www.facebook.com/LondonderryGOP, or contact Chair Jonathan Esposito at lrc@londonderry-gop.org

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday, Dec. 11

8:57 a.m. Four officers investigate the report of a Burglary at Rightspace Storage on Londonderry Road.

11:12 a.m. Services rendered for a complaint received from the U.S. Post Office on Nashua Road.

1:47 p.m. Missing Person investigated on Boulder Drive.

4:59 p.m. Medical Emergency transported to a hospital from Trego Dugan on Green Drive.

5:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident on Noyes Road leads to an arrest made by three officers. Michael Chastain, 53, of Buckeye, AZ, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

10:19 p.m. Services rendered for an Overdose on Pendleton Lane.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

12:25 p.m. Juvenile Offenses reported at the LAFA Complex on Nelson Road.

2:22 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat investigated on Winding Pond Road.

5:52 p.m. Disturbance investigated at the Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.

6:14 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Mohawk Drive.

9:15 p.m. Four officers investigate a Domestic Disturbance at the Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.

Wednesday, Dec. 13

12:02 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Amherst Street, Manchester. Kyle Keegan, 26, of Manchester, charged with: Criminal Threatening (intimidation, etc.); and Default or Breach of

Bail Conditions.

9:03 a.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on Eglin Boulevard.

2:37 p.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Griffin Road.

4:55 p.m. Four officers render services for Shoplifting reported on Industrial Drive.

5:11 p.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses on Industrial Drive.

6:06 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by four officers on Sargent Road at American Legion Post 27.

10:42 p.m. Three officers assist the Derry Police Department with an investigation on at the Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

Thursday, Dec. 14

12:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Check on Nashua

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donderry for the 2024 Session on Jan. 9, from 6 - 7:30 p.m., location down stairs at the Leach Library.

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Road, at Commons Plaza, leads to an arrest. Jonathan Pollack, 35, of Nashua, charged on Bench Warrants.

6:01 a.m. Four officers investigate a Sudden Death on Golen Drive.

6:10 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Eglin Boulevard.

6:10 a.m. Three officers assist another Police Department with an investigation on Gordon Drive.

9:32 a.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses on Winding Pond Road.

9:33 a.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at DS&S Sunoco on Nashua Road.

10:14 a.m. Welfare Check conducted at the Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.

11:03 a.m. Motor vehicle stop on Hampton Drive at Alltown leads to an arrest. Bethany Menton, 36, of Derry, Arrested on a Warrant.

9:56 p.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

11:49 p.m. Services rendered by Animal Control for a Dog Bite reported

on Gilcreast Road.

Friday, Dec. 15

12:12 a.m. Motor vehicle check at the Shell Food Mart on Nashua Road leads to an arrest made by three officers. Nicole Capone, 38, of Manchester, charged with: Falsify Physical Evidence (Alter, Destroy, Hide); Possession of a Controlled Drug (Schedule 1-4); Transporting Drugs in a Motor Vehicle; Controlled Drug (Controlled Premises Where Drugs are Kept); Loitering or Prowling; and Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

8:51 a.m. Motor vehicle

stop on Michels Way leads to an arrest. Kimberly Masson, 41, of Londonderry, charged with Operating After Certified as a Habitual Offender.

10:56 a.m. Four officers conduct a Welfare Check on Winterwood Drive.

Saturday, Dec. 16

7:09 a.m. Three officers respond to a Disturbance at the Sleep Inn on Perkins Road and make an arrest. Elmer Reyes, 42, of Manchester, charged with four Bench Warrants.

8:52 a.m. Services rendered at Londonderry High School for Juvenile Offenses.

3:31 p.m. Welfare Check conducted by five officers on Morway Drive transported to a hospital.

4:16 p.m. Medical Emergency reported at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

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7:53 p.m. Four officers investigate a Disturbance on Hunter Mill Way.

Sunday, Dec. 17

9:31 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at the Red Arrow Diner on Rockingham Road.

3:41 p.m. Four officers respond to a Disturbance on Pleasant Drive.

5:36 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Mundy Lane, Derry. Linda Boulanger, 55, of Derry charged with: Conduct After an Accident; and Criminal Mischief.

5:59 p.m. Assault reported at Market Basket on Michels Way.

7:51 p.m. Pedestrian Check on Nashua Road, at High Range Road, leads to an arrest made by four officers. Theresa Rodonis, 49, of Nashua, charged with: Disorderly Conduct; and Resisting Arrest/Detention.



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