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Wellness Wall

Nicolas Salie had his work cut out for him on the rock climbing wall at the sixth annual Wellness Fair held at Matthew Thornton Elementary School. The event returned to the school this year, filling the gym with health-related activities. See more photos page 19.

Workforce Housing Ordinance Report Points Out Flaws

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A preliminary report summarizing the findings of a review of the Town's Workforce Housing Ordinance reveals the image of workforce housing has become associated with large, multi-family projects.

Members of the Planning Board and residents alike called for an ordinance that allows for greater diversity of workforce housing that would better suit the character of Londonderry neighborhoods.

"We didn't set grades on what we want in Agri-

cultural-I," member Chris Davies said. "I see the NeighborWorks workforce development on Mammoth Road where it's 100 percent workforce and they're building smaller, clustered townhomes. I look at that and think, that's what we want to

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Town Attorney Offers Options to Address Musquash Target Shooting

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The Musquash Task Force considered potential amendments to the Town Municipal Code to prohibit target shooting on municipally-controlled properties.

Town Attorney Mike Ramsdell presented two draft amendments at the Task Force's Wednesday, Feb. 11 meeting, recommending the first draft amendment, which he said is consistent with what he understands the group's charge to be: addressing the single issue of target shooting in

the Musquash Conservation Area.

The first draft amendment, Prohibiting Activities on Town Properties, reads:

"No person shall discharge a firearm at a stationary or moving target on any municipally-owned or municipally-controlled property, including all designated recreational and conservation areas, within the Town of Londonderry. The hunting of game on municipally-owned or municipally-controlled property shall be allowed, in accordance with State law and all

rules and regulations promulgated by New Hampshire Fish and Game Department."

Ramsdell said the second draft amendment is much broader and has a much greater chance of being challenged legally. That amendment reads:

"No person shall bring into, possess, display, discharge or use a firearm on any municipally-owned or municipally-controlled property, including all designated recreational and conservation areas within the Town of Londonderry, except when

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Zoning Ordinance Re-Write Hears Views on Housing for Seniors

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The Planning Board reached consensus on moving forward with the process of a comprehensive Zoning Ordinance re-write based on suggestions detailed in a Nov. 5 preliminary review.

The voters will have an opportunity to fund the re-write in the Town's March 10 election.

"Unless the voters approve funds to do the zoning work in the next fiscal year, we'll be able to do nothing but live with our own misery," Mike Speltz of 18 Sugarplum Lane said. "Anything we can do to make voters understand the importance of this work is appropriate."

The findings of the preliminary study were that there are positive

aspects to the Town's ordinance, but its length and disparities, as well as complications and overlapping, contradictory provisions, make it difficult for the public to understand," Jonathan Edwards of Arnett Development Group told the Board at their Feb. 11 meeting.

"The ordinance is most challenged due to lack of specificity," Town Planner Cynthia May said. "And there are areas in the Zoning Ordinance that would be better situated in regulations, such as parking, loading, lighting and landscaping."

Additionally, Edwards recommended it would be beneficial in a re-write to consolidate definitions and reorganize, simplify and clarify the ordinance, reducing its length.

Other significant recommendations discussed included abolishing the Town's responsibility to administer workforce housing income verification requirements and procedures, which May said town staff doesn't have time for and isn't well qualified to do; eliminate limitations on alternative development types; apply workforce housing standards to all districts permitting residential use and eliminate procedural

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100th Day Celebrated at Moose Hill



Zero the Hero paid a visit to Moose Hill Kindergarten's afternoon session on Monday to help students celebrate hitting the 100th day of school. The youngsters assembled in the front lobby, where Zero led them and their teachers in 100 exercises. Later he visited the classrooms and showed how a "0" can add to any number and make it a new one. He also gave each child a stamp.

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Marie's Corner

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Regional Electricity Transmission Proposal Gets Power Grid OK

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

ISO New England, manager of the region's power grid, announced last week that it has selected Eversource Energy and National Grid's alternating current transmission proposal as the preferred transmission solution to bolster the region's power grid.

Eversource Energy, formerly known as Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH), presented to the Town Council in November its proposed alternative – construction of a new transmission line between Londonderry and Tewksbury, Mass., to address identified weaknesses and growing demands on the electric system.

Town Manager Kevin Smith said in a Feb. 13 email that a representative from Eversource confirmed the project pre-

sented to the Council was the same one that had been selected as ISO's preferred solution to improve the region's power grid.

The solution consists of a portfolio of electric transmission upgrades straddling southern New Hampshire and Massachusetts in the Merrimack Valley and Greater Boston area. Each is independently needed; together, they are expected to strengthen the power grid to meet the growing demand for electricity in the region and reduce bottlenecks on the system that can increase electricity costs, according to a press release from Eversource Energy.

Of the projects to be completed as part of the solution – the Merrimack Valley Reliability Project, the Woburn to Wakefield Line and the Mystic (Everett) to Woburn Line –

the Merrimack Valley Reliability Project is the only project that would include construction in Londonderry.

The project will include construction of a new underground 345-kV line in existing rights-of-way in Londonderry, Windham, Hudson and Pelham, as well as in two communities in Massachusetts.

Of the 18 miles of line to be constructed in New Hampshire, Eversource will construct 10 miles of line through Londonderry and Hudson.

National Grid is partnering with Eversource to complete part of the project, but will not be completing any work in Londonderry.

No local permitting will be required to complete the project, but Eversource Project Manager Suzanne Findlen said community outreach is necessary.

"Right now, we're very much in the preliminary planning stages," she said, noting public hearings will be scheduled 45 days before and after their application for the project is submitted to the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (SEC).

Findlen said they are hoping to submit the application by spring, noting it will take about a year for the SEC to review.

Assuming all goes well, Eversource expects to see a mid-2016 approval, then begin construction late in 2016 or early in 2017. The new transmission line is expected to come into service sometime in 2018.

Plante said transmission line structures are consistent with those that have previously been installed in Londonderry, and no new lines will be co-located on existing poles.

The transmission line is to start near the Scobie Pond Substation, taking a southwesterly path down the middle of town to Wiley Hill Road, then entering Hudson cutting through West Road and Route 102.

Town Council Vice Chairman Jim Butler asked for more details about the route so that abutters may be notified and offered a chance to participate in the planning process and public hearings leading up to construction.

Plante said construction in late 2016 would start with tree work, followed by "earthwork type construction" in the spring, such as digging holes for the utility poles. Construction would then finish in mid-December of 2017, with the project taking about a year to complete.

In total, it's anticipated

the three regional projects, along with the other transmission projects comprising "The Solution," will cost approximately \$520 million. The costs are to be recovered over a period of many years and shared among New England's 7 million electricity customers, according to the press release.

"We are so pleased to have the support and endorsement of ISO New England as we move forward with our common-sense, cost-effective solution for electricity customers throughout the region," said Dave Boguslawski, vice president of transmission strategy and operations at Eversource. "There is an urgent need for more energy infrastructure in our region and this is an important milestone in the process of building these crucial transmission projects."

Cranes Brought in to Remove Snow from School Roofs

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School District hired a local tree removal company to clear snow off the roofs of schools throughout the District.

Crews from Accurate Tree Service of Londonderry worked with two cranes at South School on Friday, Feb. 13, and through the day on Monday, Feb. 16, shoveling up to 1,500 pounds of snow into bags the cranes dragged off the roof, according to Facilities Director Chuck Zappala.

The school buildings are built to bear the weight of 44 pounds per square foot, said Zappala, who has been monitoring snow accumulation on the roofs over the past two weeks.

"Fortunately, all the snow has been pretty light

and has blown right off the flat roofs. But some of the buildings, like South School, have uneven surfaces where the snow has blown into and piled up," he said. "There's not only a lot of snow, but it has been so cold there isn't any melting going on."

After conducting checks last week, Zappala found snow accumulation in some places was approaching 35 to 37 pounds per square foot.

"Once we're within 70 to 80 percent of the load, we have to come up with a plan," he said.

After completing snow removal at South School, the cranes moved over to Matthew Thornton School and were to continue snow removal throughout the week at the middle school and high school.

North School and Moose Hill Kindergarten were not found to be in need of any snow removal, according to Superintendent Nate Greenberg.

"All our buildings are steel and masonry constructions, unlike other places where roofs have collapsed," he said. "We decided to be proactive and we knew with the anticipation of more snow, we wanted to stay on top of this."

Greenberg said he hasn't received a bill for the cost of the snow removal yet, but he will find the money in the budget.

"We consider this to be a safety concern," he said. Zappala said in his 27 years with the District, he remembers only one other time, about three to four

years ago, when they had to hire a company to remove snow from roofs of the schools.

"We had several snowstorms and very cold weather. Back then, the snow was wetter and heavier. Even though the totals this time are more, the weight of the snow that has accumulated is less," he said.

Using the cranes facilitated the snow removal process.

"We used a different company the last time we had to do this and they

had a different method," Zappala said. "They shoveled snow onto tarps and hauled it off. They had about 25 guys working up on the roofs. Right now there are 12 workers up there and it's going a lot faster with the cranes."

And in addition to efficiently clearing the snow, the cranes are serving as an exciting addition to the school day.

"The kids have been looking out the windows and waving to the truck and crane drivers," Zappala said. "And the guys

have been great. We have used them in the past for tree removal, but this is the first time we had them do this. I know they are used to working outside, but boy, do they have great attitudes. Even when it was 8 degrees below zero this morning, they were really happy to be working. The guys have been going along the roof opening the windows and the kids cheer for them. It has been a really good adventure for the kids as well."

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Editorial

Have a Say in Progress

While re-writing the Zoning Ordinance in Londonderry is a fine and necessary thing to do, in the end it will work only if residents care enough to express their views. The same thing can be said for Chester's Master Plan update, and for the work Derry is doing on its zoning ordinance.

Paid planners who don't live in town may well have the technical training to tackle the projects, but to make it fit the idiosyncrasies of the specific town in question – that's a whole different ballgame, and again, it takes residents who are willing to express their thoughts on the matter to shape it so that it will work.

If that doesn't happen – the case of Londonderry's workforce housing ordinance is a great example – then taxpayers have just wasted a bundle of time and/or money. While the new ordinance or Master Plan may well be better organized or less redundant, it won't meet the goals of the community, and the cycle – new regulations that don't quite fit and require a paid project to change them – will be repeated.

But all the public meetings scheduled won't matter if the turnout is the same few – or no – residents. The crowds and outcry over variances for workforce housing in Londonderry, for example, should prompt those same people to make sure the zoning ordinance changes reflect their concerns.

We have repeatedly reported consistent opposition in recent years to

building large apartment complexes in Londonderry, whether partially or completely to provide workforce housing. At a recent Planning Board meeting, Londonderry Geographic Information System Manager John Vogl said, "What's missing are single-family and smaller scale projects, projects that are fully compatible with one acre-lot neighborhoods. There are lots of opportunities to reduce the scale of workforce housing projects but still offer enough affordable housing."

He's right. But that's not what apparently makes developers the money they want.

Derry, too, has been concerned with the height of new multi-family buildings coming into established single-family neighborhoods. There's a pattern here.

That's the kind of concern that should be reflected when changes are made to the ordinance. And it's an issue that may not attract the attention of paid planners, but very definitely is in the forefront of the minds of people whose lives and investment in their homes are impacted by those same planners' decisions.

So go ahead and revise the ordinances and plans. Just make sure to do everything possible to bring out citizen involvement in the process. And residents – do everything you can to get out there and express your concerns and suggestions. After-the-fact complaints won't change anything.

Letters

Auditorium

To the editor:

I'd like to first congratulate Londonderry High School and their teachers for attaining the #10 best school ranking in New Hampshire (based on niche.com study. They do nationwide studies for high schools around the country).

Did you know that Pinkerton Academy in Derry was ranked #27? And guess what, they have that beautiful auditorium that seems to be constantly coming up for our town to compare and say we "need" to have the same thing. Well, that auditorium doesn't seem to be helping their overall ranking.

I figured out the tax increase on my home for just doing the \$500,000 study on building a new auditorium in our town: \$42 for the year. Can you imagine how much our taxes will go up for spending \$9 million to have it built?

I live in a 55 and over community and we are organizing a group to visit other 55 and over communities to get large numbers of people out to vote the auditorium amendment down. Next step: to vote those out of office who have the "spend the money we don't have" mentality.

Meanwhile, congratulations again for the impressive ranking among high schools in New Hampshire

Brian Eagen
Londonderry

Support Kurdish Allies

To the editor:

The U.S. has to start directly supplying significant military equipment to the Kurds so they can effectively combat ISIS.

The Kurdish Peshmerga troops are excellent fighters and our allies in the Middle East, and we need to strengthen them so they can defeat ISIS and take back territory in Iraq and Syria. The Junior Varsity (JV) Obama Administration is currently sending our military equipment to the Iraqi government for further distribution to the Kurds, but the Iraqi government is concerned with the Kurds' desire to further their establishment of an autonomous country. Therefore, only a small portion of our equipment gets to the Kurds.

Our long-term success in the area lies with the Kurdish ground forces. Obama and his JV White House staff have to stop pandering to the Iraqi government and start doing what is best for the U.S.

Donald A. Moskowitz
Londonderry

Smarter Balanced Testing

To the editor:

In late March or April, Londonderry grades 3-8 and 11 will take the Common Core-aligned Smarter Balanced Assessment ("SBA"). Unlike objectively-scorable aptitude tests of the past, SBA collects a vast amount of psychometric data on our children, seeking to assess attitudes, dispositions, social skills, and family attributes. This data is sucked into the State Longitudinal Database that New Hampshire was required by the federal government to build and make interoperable with the other 49 states' databases.

Don't bother to worry whether the detailed information collected from your children is personally triangulable or may

someday inadvertently leak, as has recently happened to Anthem and countless others. The very purpose of SBA, as designed by a joint venture of federal entities, educational materials publishers and technology companies, is to share the results widely, track individuals long term, and make tons of money in the bargain.

They won't tell you that, of course; Education Secretary Arne Duncan says the goal is to "fundamentally shift the federal role" and "create a cradle to career education agenda." To this end, the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act was quietly changed in 2011 to reduce parental consent requirements and vastly broaden the definition of "educational entities" entitled to use the data.

There is a raft of legislation pending on this issue in Concord right now because many thinking people are horrified by the implications of this federal data grab and the philosophy behind it.

Our Superintendent's office has tried, unsuccessfully, to secure a waiver. Unfortunately, New Hampshire's own Board of Education and some lawmakers have sold out local control to the federal government and now mandate the administration of SBA. They have even outlawed "opting out."

However, and this is a critical difference, parents may refuse in writing to allow their children to take the test. Please inform yourself and consider your options before you allow your children to participate. Once they do, there will be no going back.

Laura El-Azem
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Aquaponics Greenhouse Hopes to Rebuild After Snow Collapses Roof

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A local aquaponics greenhouse that sells fresh produce through the winter is working to rebuild after heavy snow caused the roof to collapse.

"We have been in production for two winters and we had just installed a special thermal heat blanket to help us keep warm during the winter and cut down our energy costs," Victory Aquaponics owner Ross Williams said.

After winter blizzard Juno dumped about 30 inches of snow on the region, the roof buckled under the pressure and crushed two years of work invested in completing the two-story sustainable greenhouse.

Fortunately, the fish that are the driving force behind the ecological system inside the greenhouse were safe in the basement and Williams was able to prop up on wooden frames the layers of plastic that comprised the roof.

"It's working very well, as long as we don't let too much snow accumulate,"

said Williams, who has been diligently clearing the roof each day to ensure the temporary roof is secure.

The roof of the greenhouse is comprised of two sheets of plastic, between which air blows to insulate the greenhouse and keep it warm. The clear plastic allows the sun to shine through, warming the plant life below.

The sustainable farm utilizes the nutrients from fish to feed the produce. The fish secrete ammonia and other nutrients into water that runs through a biological filter and is then pumped up from the basement to the plants.

"There are no pesticides or other inorganic materials used to grow our plants," Williams said. "And it's completely sustainable. The water gets cycled around the greenhouse - it's cleaned, utilized by the plants and then goes back to the fish again."

And because the water is recycled and utilized through the aquaponics system, much less water

is wasted.

Victory Aquaponics is the only year-round operational greenhouse in New Hampshire.

Williams said the closest aquaponics farm that operates through the winter is in Maine.

The greenhouse, located on Brewster Road, grows lettuce, kale, and Swiss chard. They sell the produce at the Salem Farmers Market and other local markets, where they have built up a strong clientele.

Moving forward, the greenhouse hopes to begin growing tomatoes, which are in demand by local restaurants.

The benefit of buying produce from the greenhouse is that it's alive when people buy it at the farmers market, according to Williams.

"We're able to sell our lettuce without cutting it. It's a living plant when we sell it to people and it lasts for weeks in the refrigerator without losing its crispness," he said. "It's important for us to be able to do this in the winter because there's very little produce avail-

able in the winter in New Hampshire."

As they look to rebuild, the small business expects it will cost somewhere around \$20,000, about \$10,000 for new steel frames and \$10,000 for labor. They are fundraising

for the cause, "Help Rebuild Victory Aquaponics," through crowdfunding website gofundme.com.

So far, Victory Aquaponics has raised \$400 of its \$2,200 goal.

To learn more about Victory Aquaponics and

their efforts to rebuild or make a donation, visit the campaign online at www.gofundme.com/victorygreenhouse. The greenhouse also has a page on Facebook with information about their produce and the markets they attend.

LHS Students Raise Money for Leukemia/Lymphoma Society

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School students raised approximately \$400 in their annual Pennies for Patients fundraiser.

"We do this fundraiser every January," Assistant Principal Katie Sullivan said.

A student from the Pay It Forward Club distributes 50 boxes around the school, and students

donate their spare change.

The school has participated in the fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for the past four years, collecting \$200 in 2014; \$467 in 2013; \$342 in 2012; and \$250 in 2011.

Mimi Johnson's room collected the most pennies this year, making her classroom the winner for the fourth year in a row.

"Mimi has a personal connection to the Leuk-

emia and Lymphoma Society," Sullivan said.

Other winners this year were Melissa Goulet's classroom, second place; Steve Juster's classroom and House 2 tied for third place; and House 3 in fourth.

"Your prize is knowing you made a difference in someone's life," Sullivan wrote in an email to the winners and all those who participated in this year's penny drive.

Honor Society's Host Pizza Wars

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School National Honor Society (NHS) is hosting its second annual Pizza Wars fundraiser.

It's a chance to socialize, enjoy great local pizza and help the organization raise money to purchase the stoles and pins members wear at graduation, as well as their induction ceremony, according to NHS publicist Tanya Jiang, a senior.

Jiang said the group is still in the process of planning this year's event, but has confirmed the participation of Portland Pie Company of Manchester, and expects Juliano's of Londonderry, last year's winner, will be serving slices as well.

Admission to the event is \$5, which buys guests a taste of pizza at every booth. Following the event, attendees vote on their favorite pizza in several dif-

ferent categories, including best cheese, best pepperoni pizza and best specialty pie.

The March 6 event will be held in the high school cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m.

Last year's Pizza Wars drew a good crowd, with all the money benefitting Autism Speaks.

"A lot of sports teams came after practice," Jiang said. "We're hoping to bring in as many people as we can."

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Do you know when to be concerned about your child's weight? Of course, all children gain weight as they grow older. But extra pounds - more than what's needed to support their growth and development - can lead to childhood obesity.

Childhood obesity is a serious medical condition that affects children and adolescents. It occurs when a child is well above the normal weight for his or her age and height. Childhood obesity is particularly troubling because the extra pounds often start kids on the path to health problems that were once confined to adults, such as diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

One of the best strategies to combat excess weight in your child is to improve the diet and exercise levels of your entire family. This helps protect the health of your child now and in the future. Although there are some genetic and hormonal causes of childhood obesity, most excess weight is caused by kids eating too much and exercising too little. Children, unlike adults, need extra nutrients and calories to fuel their growth and development. So if they consume the calories needed for daily activities, growth and metabolism, they add pounds in proportion to their growth. But children who eat more calories than needed gain weight beyond what's required to support their growing bodies.

Many factors, usually working in combination, increase your child's risk of becoming overweight: Diet - Regular consumption of high-calorie foods, such as fast foods, baked goods and vending machine snacks, contribute to weight gain. High-fat foods are dense in calories; Inactivity - Sedentary kids are more likely to gain weight because they don't burn calories through physical activity; Genetics - If your child comes from a family of overweight people, he or she may be genetically predisposed to put on excess weight, especially in an environment where high-calorie food is always available and physical activity isn't encouraged; Psychological factors - Some children overeat to cope with problems or to deal with emotions, such as stress or boredom; Family factors - Parents are responsible for putting healthy foods in the kitchen at home and leaving

unhealthy foods in the store. You can control much of their access to these foods, especially at home; Socioeconomic factors - Children from low-income backgrounds are at greater risk of becoming obese often because low-income parents may lack the time and resources to make healthy eating and exercise a family priority.

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Residents Urged to Vote in Spite of Uncontested Seats

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Although voters won't see any contested races on the ballot, residents are urged to fulfill their civic duty by voting in the Town's March 10 election.

Years where there are no contested races have occurred in Londonderry from time to time. It can be an indication of strong candidates or that the Town is generally happy with the direction the Town is going in and wants to continue on that path, according to Town Councilor Tom Dolan.

"I for one, philosophically, believe it's better to have contested races. I think it sharpens the debate and maintains interest in the electorate to a larger degree," he said. "When races are

uncontested, people often stay home and don't vote. There's a struggle to get voters to turn out in our community and across the country, and it's disappointing to see so few people that go out and exercise their right to vote. So anything that further suppresses that is disappointing to me, and uncontested races are, in my view, not necessarily a good thing."

Dolan noted Londonderry generally sees around 10 to 20 percent voter turnout in local elections.

"With young democracies coming online, it's borderline embarrassing that people are not more engaged in selecting their government representatives and choosing some of the decisions that are afforded to them that are

on the ballot," Dolan said. "We have two governments, the school and town, and they financially have the greatest impact on our voters - much more than the national election. To choose not to participate at the local level is disappointing."

Incumbents for two seats on the School Board, Chairman Leitha Reilly and Steve Young, are running unopposed.

Incumbent Vice Chairman Jim Butler is also running unopposed for one seat opening on the Town Council.

Incumbent Gary Vermillion is seeking re-election to the Budget Committee for a three-year term; incumbent Sherry Farrell, for re-election as Town Clerk for a three-year term; James Hooley, for election to the Budget

Committee for a two-year term; and incumbents Carole Introne and Betsy McKinney for re-election as Trustees of the Trust Fund for three-year terms.

"Usually, we have a little something, a challenge on the Town Council. But they're not generally all hotly contested races," Deputy Town Clerk Kathleen Donnelly said.

No one has filed to run for either of two three-year terms as Trustees of the Trust Fund.

The positions could be filled by write-in candidates, according to Donnelly.

"If there are write-in candidates, the top two write-ins would be asked if they would like to serve. There's no threshold, they don't need a certain number of write-in votes. If they refuse to serve, or

there are no write-ins, the Town Council, in conference with the Town Manager, would reach out and ask people if they would be willing to serve," she said. "It's too bad not to have anyone who wants to run."

Donnelly said positions have been filled by write-in candidates in the past. Greg Warner, who is serving on the Budget Committee, was the top write-in vote-getter for an open seat for which no one had filed.

Dolan said he is pushing to get young people more involved in volunteering in the community, which has been shown to engage people on the civic side.

"People involved in volunteer organizations have very high voter turnout. I put out a recent

call to help seniors during the snowstorms. I'd like to give birth to a new volunteer effort in that regard, to get more young people involved," he said, noting the Town does have several young people who serve on various boards and committees with the Town. "It's better for the community, their staying involved, staying in touch and voting."

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet at Town Hall on Feb. 28 from 10 a.m. to noon to register voters and correct the checklist. It will be the last day for residents to register before the election.

Proof of citizenship, identity and residency is needed to register, or a signed affidavit will be accepted.

Residents may also register at the election.

Workforce

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encourage developers to do. This ordinance encourages large, multi-family buildings. The structure of the ordinance is horribly flawed."

"Our intention was never to allow for a large apartment complex to go into Agriculture-I," member Lynn Wiles said.

"I don't think anyone is opposed to workforce housing - I think people are opposed to huge buildings in their neighborhood," Mike Speltz of 18 Sugarplum Lane said,

noting that what makes the smaller, clustered workforce housing developments, such as the town homes pictured in the report, more attractive is that they're surrounded by open space.

"I think Londonderry is a good place for workforce housing projects," Geographic Information System Manager John Vogl said. "What's missing are single-family and smaller scale projects, projects that are fully compatible with one acre lot neighborhoods. There are lots of opportunities to reduce the scale of

workforce housing projects but still offer enough affordable housing."

A specific improvement recommended by Jonathan Edwards of Arnett Development Group, who drafted the report, is allowing accessory dwelling units.

"That does two things - it allows people who have too much house to subdivide some rooms off and get income for that and have people who become caretakers on their property, and it also allows young people to rent something that is nice, but that is some-

thing they can afford," he said. "It's a very small scale of workforce housing, but it could be provided in many areas."

Accessory dwelling units are allowed under specified circumstances - they must be single-family houses, the residential home must keep its appearance, and it must remain owner-occupied.

Another issue with the ordinance is that it doesn't seem to promote feasibility, hence the high number of variances developers have requested, according to Edwards.

Most frequently, devel-

opers are seeking variances to the ordinance requiring at least 75 percent of the dwellings qualify as workforce units; the number of units per building be limited (16 units, or 20 units with a Conditional Use Permit allowance) and the production of the units be phased to a maximum of 48 per year.

"As far as we can determine, no other New Hampshire municipality requires a maximum of 75 percent of the units to qualify as workforce (the norm is between 25 percent and 50 percent), the limitation of units per

building (at the rate of 16 units, not even justified by fire codes) is arbitrary, and there is no demonstrated public benefit to the phasing limit," according to the report, which recommends "the Zoning Ordinance should feasibly provide for what it wishes to allow."

After reviewing the findings and recommendations detailed in the report, the Board reached consensus that they wish to continue in the direction outlined.

"We will come back, hopefully, with some ordinance language at the next meeting," May said.

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Freezing Temperatures, More Snow Keep Town Crews Busy

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The Town was out clearing snow, yet again, last weekend and early this week.

A weekend blizzard brought several more inches of snow into the region, while temperatures stayed below freezing with a dangerously low wind chill factor.

Crews with the Public Works Department have been working long hours

to clean up all the snow on the streets and in the downtown.

"They have worked over 100 hours cleaning up since the last storm," Janusz Czyzowski said Tuesday. "Last week was a pretty heavy week. They have had to plow over 100 inches of snow so far. Hopefully they will get a little break this week until Sunday."

Meanwhile, crews from Accurate Tree Service of

Londonderry worked with cranes to clear snow from the rooftops of schools throughout the District (see story page 3).

Czyzowski said crews are pushing snow banks back and working to widen the roads.

"So far, we're doing all right," he said. "We're lucky in Londonderry to have a place to put all the snow. On most of the roads, 13 feet to the edge of the pavement is desig-

nated for snow removal. We have had to send the loader to remove snow from banks downtown to provide better site distance at the intersections. We're hoping for some warm weather to come and melt the banks a little."

The department is asking that residents help with snow removal efforts by refraining from putting their trash barrels in front of the snow banks on their street, where they may be knocked down by passing plows.

"We know it's a lot of work, but people should clean an area for their trash barrels, just as they clear for their mailbox," Czyzowski said.

The National Weather Service issued a wind chill warning that lasted until Monday afternoon. Dangerously cold wind chills made it feel as though the temperature was as cold as 30 degrees below zero in some parts of the state.

"With the wind chill factor down to 20 degrees below zero, there is the concern for people going outside and exposure," Londonderry Fire Department Battalion Chief Kevin Zins said. "People need to be aware, cover any exposed skin and limit outdoor time."

Additionally, the fire department responded to

reports of frozen pipes when temperatures dropped early this week.

"With the cold weather, we see frozen pipes, most often in vacant buildings and apartment buildings," Zins said. "The Crossroads Mall had a frozen pipe and we were able to mitigate it before it turned into a problem for us. There was one case where there was exposure and the pipe was beginning to thaw and leak and we had to mitigate it on Monday. We go down and secure the water and notify emergency contacts of the building. Depending on the severity, we will

help remove some of the water before it damages other sections of the property."

Fire crews also responded to a few minor traffic accidents as a result of the additional snow and ice due to the freezing temperatures.

The School District delayed starting school on Monday by 90 minutes to ensure roads were clear by the time the buses went out, so as to prevent any delays in picking up children who were waiting in the freezing temperatures at the bus stops.



Best in State

Some of the state's best high school jazz musicians came together at Pinkerton Academy in Derry recently for the New Hampshire Jazz All-State Festival. At right and above, Keith Perry represented Londonderry High School in the honors band. Also representing LHS were Madeleine Dorris, alto, and Daniel Cain, tenor, in the honors choir.

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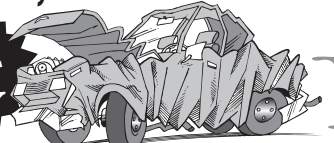
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Musquash

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hunting for wild game in accordance with State law and all rules and regulations promulgated by New Hampshire Fish and Game Department."

Ramsdell said he has seen deeds for two properties located in the Musquash, neither of which mentions anything about target shooting.

"My recollection is one of the two prohibits hunting in that specific area, but it doesn't say anything about target shooting," he said.

"The concern I have with the second amendment is limiting activities in the conservation area," member Al Sypek said. "Some people who trap

animals need to retrieve animals in the traps. And what about police officers? This says they wouldn't be able to carry their firearms into the Musquash."

"It wouldn't be my recommendation to go as broad as that second amendment," Ramsdell said, noting that amendment may be enforceable and defensible, but would also be much more open to challenge. "Reasonable restrictions are allowed and I believe an ordinance would be defensible because it's not actually restricting the use of firearms, it's restricting or controlling the use of town-owned property."

"The concern I have is trying to keep the Town out of trouble," member Bob Saur said. "Have you

found any records of towns being challenged for ordinances put in place?"

"There's not much out there for firearm regulation in the Superior or Supreme Court," Ramsdell responded. "I looked to find any kind of reported decision out of the courts where a town has been challenged on an ordinance. The only reported decision I can find goes back to 1961, and it didn't have to do with target shooting. It was related to Durham's decision that firearms wouldn't be permitted anywhere in the municipality. Complaints are generally bought to the Town and modifications are done through the Town; but in regards to judicial action, I'm not aware of any."

Members asked Ramsdell if the Town could be held accountable if someone is shot in the Musquash, particularly, if the Town chooses not to amend the ordinance to restrict target shooting in the Musquash despite the safety concerns residents have raised.

"The landowner is not liable for someone getting shot in the Musquash. Frankly, I don't know how you could come to a sup-
portable conclusion in a court of law that any

activity is particularly unsafe in there," Ramsdell said. "I understand how someone can personally have that opinion, but I don't know how I could objectively prove that in a court."

Member Randy McIntyre asked whether there is legal liability if the Town is promoting two activities in a common area, and someone gets shot. "In this time of litigation, I would think someone would go for the deep pocket," McIntyre said.

"As far as I know, the Town hasn't done anything to promote target shooting in that area," Ramsdell said.

"If a person is discharging their firearm in a reckless manner, as defined by state statutes, that person is accountable," he added.

Considine asked what would happen if someone gets hurt in one of the neighborhoods surrounding the Musquash.

"That is different. It's a violation of a different law - they were too close to a residence or an occupied structure, or a crime was committed because there was reckless conduct or negligent behavior," Ramsdell said, noting the shooter is liable in that case as well.

"We can use the State laws if someone is litter-

ing or there is negligent behavior," Town Prosecutor Kevin Coyle said. "We have never prosecuted anyone in the Musquash before. I'm not saying there haven't been any crimes or reckless conduct in the Musquash. I'm just saying we haven't prosecuted any of them."

"I have seen six, seven, maybe eight locations where target shooters set up on trails and are shooting across trails, and shooting where bullets are leaving the Musquash. That's reckless conduct, in my opinion. We're lucky someone's home didn't get hit," Considine said.

"That is probably reckless conduct, we just haven't been able to catch anyone," Coyle responded. "Someone shooting at something where they could potentially hit someone's house, that's reckless conduct."

In addition to considering the legality of an amendment to the ordinance and the Town's liability for shooting in the Musquash, the Task Force discussed the potential for a controlled shooting range in the Musquash, specifically, whether or not it would be feasible to install a range near the New Hampshire Flying Tigers RC Club off Auburn Road or near the Town Resource Center.

Both locations were determined to be unlikely for a town shooting range, and member Dana Coons said he thinks building, managing and cleaning a shooting range would be cost prohibitive to the Town. It would likely cost the Town up to \$500,000 just to build the range, he said.

Coons said a range near the Flying Tigers' target range would likely be similarly restricted to electronic firing to reduce noise in the area, and the location near the Town Resource Center would be too great of a liability for the Town.

The Task Force discussed the potential to open up the police shooting range for residents' use, which Coons said would be much more secure, as patrons are required to sign in and out. That, however, poses a much greater safety risk, as the floor of the range is cement, and bullets fired by an unskilled shooter could ricochet back off the floor.

Chairman William Hart, the Town's police chief, tasked the group with considering the proposed amendments further, as well as other potential locations for a shooting range, before their next meeting, which he said would serve as a brainstorming session.

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Zoning

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disincentives; and accommodate the growing need for accessory dwelling units and multi-generational housing.

Local developer Richard Flier told the Board a major draw to the region he has seen in his own experience has been families looking to live close to their loved ones.

"We have found there is a huge demand for older people to lease," he said. "Many people are forced to leave town after living here all their life. They still want to have the sidewalk and amenities of the Town. I find in looking at this town that there is something unique in terms of the school system. I see people leaving in droves for jobs and warmer weather, but we're seeing what brings people back is being closer to their families, and more older people are taking care of their grandchildren."

"There needs to be more thought about bringing in models that allow you to jump light-years ahead in your town," he said. "We can make the Town more exciting by using the school system as a draw,

but not in the way we have in the past."

Flier recommended inviting the type of housing that encourages older generations to stay and bring their families to live near them.

"Here we have potentially jobs and families, and people aren't traveling as much," he added. "We should think more about flexibility for development, the size of Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) and exploring the market more. Sometimes you just have to have a major change in your thinking about everything."

"There's a drive to have younger generations come in, but if we want 20- to 30-year-olds to come to town, we need to be looking at smaller PUDs and having more mixed uses," Ted Combes agreed. "We really want the walkability factor. Transportation is expensive. People want walkability to work and entertainment at night. We need to bring in the older generations with the younger generations."

Member Jim Butler recommended allowing for cluster housing in the ordinance.

"There are some who will rent one or two bed-

rooms, and others who can't afford a \$400,000 or \$350,000 home," Butler said. "We want to make it affordable to them. There's a section of people that would like to come to this town that can't make that threshold. To get under that \$350,000 or \$400,000 range, we need to see more variety. There are people who want to live in a single-family, but don't want a lot of land. I think we need a good balance to make it work."

Speltz suggested using "transfer of development rights" to allow increased density in some parts of town where appropriate as a trade for decreased density where the Town seeks to preserve open space.

Butler additionally raised the issue of incentivizing elderly housing, and member Mary Soares said she thinks the cap on elderly housing units in town should remain in the Zoning Ordinance.

"It's important for us to maintain control of the number of elderly workforce housing units," she said. "We built the Town on our School District. If you restrict a good amount of housing to only elderly, you lose those younger families. We want there to be a diverse group in our town. But I think because we put all this infrastructure in place for the schools, we have an obligation to make sure we have houses for people

who want to move in who have families."

Edwards noted the Zoning Ordinance exists to achieve the kind of town that is desired in the future.

"I saw many things in the Zoning Ordinance that made it impossible to achieve some of the things in the Master Plan," he said.

In discussing how to move forward with re-writing the ordinance, Edwards recommended the Town avoid amending the ordinance section by section.

"When we do that, we run the risk of an uncoordinated document yet again," May said. "At some point we're going to do that to some extent, but we need to do it cohesively and all together."

"You must define a process to go about this," Edwards said. "When you pull a spider web in one place, it's going to move everywhere else. I don't think we should do this piecemeal."

Edwards recommended using the three months left in the fiscal year to define an efficient but inclusive process by which they will tackle the re-write.

"The difficulty with changing or writing a new ordinance is figuring out what you want it to say," he said. "The quicker the process is, the more meetings and the more intensive the meetings. There should be a good deal of public meetings and workshops to get feedback from residents on what they want the ordinance to say."

Edwards said if the Board identifies serious sticking points, as long as they are incidental with regard to the overall ordinance, they may choose to make an amendment.

"But you need to be careful with amendments," he said.

"We need to define a process and way of going about this," member Lynn Wiles agreed. "We need to be in unison in how we

want to approach this. We want to make sure the quality of life improves based on what we do here."

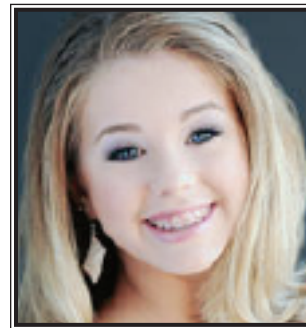
May said she anticipated they could establish a framework for the re-write by the end of June.

"Things that I have seen cause a re-write to drag out for years are indecisiveness on the part of the planning board members due to worries about unintended consequences," Edwards said. "There are always concerns about things that could happen down road and the effects you can't think of now. There are ways to ameliorate that."

"The unintended consequence of not doing something is what you have now getting worse," he added.

Depending on how frequently the Board commits to focus on the project, Edwards said realistically he believes the Town could complete the re-write in about 18 months.

Outstanding Teen Competition



Kenzie Goode

In a Miss New Hampshire Outstanding Teen competition cut short a day because of a forecasted blizzard, Brooke Mills of Concord, Miss Greater Derry Outstanding Teen, took first runner-up honors. Third runner-up was Kenzie Goode of Londonderry, Miss Kingston's

Outstanding Teen, and fourth runner-up was Skylar Reinert of Hooksett, Miss Salem's Outstanding Teen and a student at Pinkerton Academy. Winner of the overall title was Allie Nault, Miss Lakes Region's Outstanding Teen.

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Mack's Honors Police, Fire and Apple Pie Bakers

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Mack's Apples honored the Londonderry Police and Fire Departments during its annual Apple Pie Contest on Valentine's Day.

Contestants from as far as Massachusetts competed for the top prize in both traditional and non-traditional apple pie categories.

"This is always a great event," said Carol Mack, who served as the Master of Ceremonies. "We want to thank the firefighters and police officers who are here to judge and speak to us today. They have given us their time, and their time is precious."

This year's judges were Officer Jason Teufel, a member of the Police Department for over eight years; Christyne Lapan, who has baked apple pies for Mack's since 1998; Officer Eric Arel, who has served as a Londonderry Police Officer for over eight years; Chris Lamy, a paramedic with the Londonderry Fire Department since 2009; Thor Johansson, a regular customer of Mack's for eight years; Andrew Hall of Medford, a member of the Mack family; Kevin Barnett, a paramedic with the Londonderry Fire Department for seven years; Elissa Frost, owner of Talia's in Londonderry; Paul Gallos,

owner of Prosciutto's in Londonderry; and Russ Keller, a Mack's employee.

Assisting the judges was Hank Peterson, who produces the maple syrup on the farm and whom Carol Mack said ensures the apple pie contest is honest and fair.

Judges worked in groups of two, scoring each of the pies on appearance and flavor.

Doreen Stubbs, who earned first prize for her apple pie recipe in 2005, watched with anticipation as the judges tasted pies, including her own, that made it to the second round of competition.

"I like the pie I made this year better than one I made 10 years ago," she said. "I used date sugar in the crust and only Cortland apples. The pie I made that won had a mix of Cortland apples and Mutsu apples. This year's pie is subtly sweet."

While judges were off tallying the scores after each phase of competition, members of the Police and Fire Departments shared their experiences in Londonderry and some of the unique challenges they face in their line of work.

Police Det. Chris Olson discussed his experiences investigating crimes and serving as the community relations officer for the department.

"We're very proud of



First-prize winners for traditional and non-traditional apple pies, Deborah Pierce of Derry, left, and Laura Dionne of Litchfield display their awards. Photo by Kaitlyn G. Woods

our relationship with the community," said Olson, who frequently speaks with children in the schools and at community events, like the apple pie contest.

There are 82 members of the Londonderry Police Department, which nearly doubled in size in 2006, making it one of the largest in the state.

"It's a busy town and our officers do an outstanding job, whether it's checking out a parking complaint or an attempted homicide," Olson said, giving credit to the department's patrol officers.

In response to a question about how new development near the airport will affect the department,

Olson said even construction in the area has put a burden on the patrol officers covering that section of town.

"We will most likely see at least one more officer on that shift," he said.

Also speaking during the judging was Firefighter Bo Butler, who is also president of the local Firefighters' Union, who shared his experience growing up in Londonderry, where he worked at Mack's Apples in his youth and went on to serve 13 months in Iraq, marry his high school sweetheart and start a family in the community.

"When I went overseas, Londonderry was home," he said. "We work for you. Londonderry has given me literally everything. This community gave me my childhood, my wife, my children and my career. I'm blessed to have grown up here."

Butler described the shifts firefighters work, and the unique challenges they face while on duty for 24-hour periods, sleeping at the station and responding to emergencies



Louise Dromgoole arranges some of the pies for judging before the apple pie competition gets under way. Photo by Chris Paul

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"The stations never shut down and we respond to about 3,500 calls per year," he said.

"There's a great toll, physically and mentally," he said. "We're all very committed to serving the Town."

After the police and fire departments were recognized, the judges returned to announce which apple pies had earned top awards.

And it was a tight race, according to Mack.

"The difference between pies in the finals and the semi-finals was a fraction of a point. And pies in first place earned scores less than a point from third-place pies," she said. "It was a very intense competition this year. It was interesting to see what people think is the very best pie. Taste really is a very personal thing."

In third place for non-traditional apple pie was Marilyn Eddy of Londonderry. Maureen Quillian of

Londonderry earned third-place for her traditional apple pie.

Loraine Labore of Manchester earned second prize for both her non-traditional and traditional apple pies.

Laura Dionne of Litchfield earned top honors for her non-traditional pie, and Deborah Pierce, a previous winner of Mack's competition, took home first prize for her traditional pie.

"Picking the apples you're going to use is the most important part of the process," Pierce said. "I always pick firm apples without any blemishes or bruises. This year I used a mix of Cortland and Mutsu apples, for a little tartness, and I added lemon juice for a punch. I always get my apples from Mack's."

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LHS Boy Cagers Win Battle of Unbeatens with Central

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In the moments following his now 11-0 team's 74-61 defeat of Manchester Central on that opponent's home court last Friday night, Londonderry High boys' basketball coach Nate Stanton was asked if the other Division I hoop teams should receive a message from the Lancers' performance.

A grin formed on the second-year LHS basketball coach's face and he said, "Statement. This was a statement game. They played confident, they played loose, and they played the kind of basketball I've known they were capable of."

Not only did Stanton's Lancers win the battle of the last two undefeated squads in the division - both entered play with unblemished, 10-0 marks - but the locals ended the defending Division I Central crew's 38-game undefeated streak as well.

The host Little Green only held one lead all evening - at 8-7 with three minutes to go in the first period - with the Lancers grasping advantages of 12-8 after one quarter, 33-

25 at halftime, and 58-43 rolling into the fourth quarter.

Senior big man Marc Corey led the Lancers' offensive charge with 22 points, with star guard Cody Ball contributing 18, hard-driving senior forward Joey Kwiatkowski collecting 11, standout sophomore guard Jake Coleman tallying 10, and hard-nosed young forward Brandon Radford netting nine.

All in all, the unbeaten Londonderry bunch bagged 10 three-point buckets, with Ball nailing four and Kwiatkowski and Corey each connecting for three.

But while his charges gave him plenty to be proud of regarding their offensive efforts, Stanton was even more pleased with the intense and steady defensive work they did in the big victory.

"It came down to discipline and defense and who was going to get the most stops, and we won that battle," said Stanton, with that smile still lingering on his face.

The Lancers had bounced its divisional record up to 10-0 Tuesday night, Feb. 10, by winning

a highly-anticipated rematch with the tough Merrimack High Tomahawks at LHS.

Stanton's squad dealt veteran Merrimack coach Tim Goodrich's crew - which fell to Manchester Central in the D-I championship contest last winter - a 56-48 defeat.

The Lancers had narrowly edged the Tomahawks by a 52-51 tally in Merrimack on Jan. 23, and there wasn't any reason to expect anything but another nail-biter in the rematch.

The score was all knotted up at 16-16 at the completion of one period, but Londonderry outscored its guest by a 13-5 tally during quarter two to grasp a 29-21 advantage at halftime.

The hosts were up by double digits after three quarters (40-30), and they wound up walking away with the solid eight-point win.

Cody Ball (20 points), Jake Coleman (14), and Marc Corey (10) combined for 44 of their side's 56 points. Ball sank a trio of three-pointers in the victory, with his squad nailing a total of five treys on the evening.

Then on Monday, Feb. 16, the Lancers were able to push their record up to 12-0 with a 65-56 defeat of the struggling Winnacunnet High Warriors in Hampton.

Powered by sophomore guard Coleman and his 17 first-half points - which included five, three-point buckets - Londonderry sprinted out to first half leads of 18-7 (at the end of one period) and 34-17 (at the half).

But the host Warriors, who came into the evening with a 4-8 record and having lost four of their previous five D-I contests - showed plenty of fight in the second half. They outscored the Lancers by 17-10 in the third and 22-21 in period four to make their guests sweat some before the final buzzer sounded.

Senior big man Corey led the LHS charge with 20 points, Coleman finished the night with the



Lancers' senior hoop star Cody Ball floats through the lane during his team's win at Central Friday.

Photo by Chris Pantazis

17 he bagged in the first half, and Ball was good for 15 on a night when LHS cagers got scoring from seven players.



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Lady Lancer Gymnasts Finish Third at State Competition

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High girls' gymnastics squad finished a strong third overall and qualified for the New England Regionals for the first time in years with a strong team performance

at the state Division I championships at Salem High School last Saturday afternoon, Feb. 14. Powered by all-around standout Mira Kutney, the Lady Lancers tallied a team score of 132.025 to wind up behind just the now two-time defending cham-

pion Pinkerton Academy ladies (137.275) and the runner-up Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals of Nashua (133.100).

Kutney was the lone Londonderry gymnast to post a top-six finish, grabbing fifth place on the balance beam with a score of

8.425. She ended up just out of the top six in the all-around (seventh), on the uneven bars (eighth), and in the floor exercise (eighth) as well.

"This was our highest point-total and our best meet all season, so we saved our best for today,"

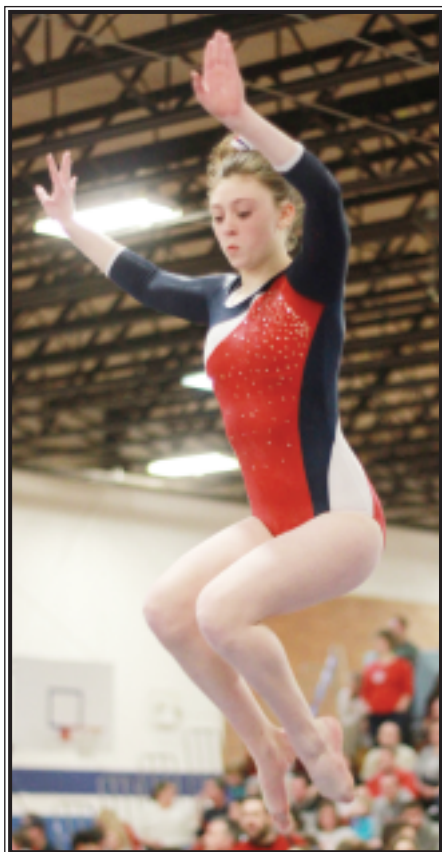
said LHS head coach Heather Tuden. "We're excited to be going to the regionals. We haven't been there since 2007."

The New England Regionals will take place - in New Hampshire for the first time ever - at Pinkerton Academy on March 14.

Along with Kutney's strong work all over the Salem High gym at the number of other athletes

finish just out of scoring positions. They included Courtney Baharian in the vaulting (seventh) and on the uneven bars (ninth), and Jill McIntire on vault (eighth).

Camille Lamont, Rachel Larkin, Taylor MacKenzie, Maddie Baumann, Jordan Dufresne, Maddie Britting and Jessi Pignone also drew significant praise from the coaching staff for their efforts at the D-I competition.



LHS gymnast Jill McIntire, shown on the balance beam, and her teammates got third at the D-I meet.



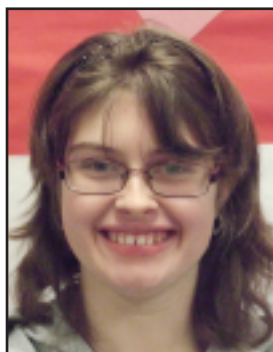
Mira Kutney was the biggest point-producer for the LHS gymnastics squad at the D-I event.



Maddy Britting finished in the top 10 for the Lancers in floor exercise. Photos by Chris Paul

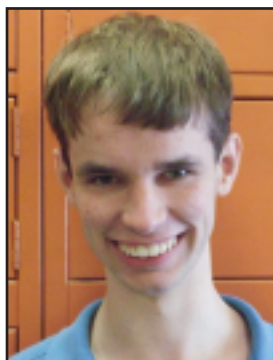
Athletes of the Week

For the Week of Feb. 9



Skyler Tarmey, Junior, Unified Basketball

This spirited 11th grader - in her first year playing Unified hoop - has consistently been one of the leading point-scorers on the Lancer team.



Noah Ellis, Senior, Unified Basketball

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Lancer Grapplers Keep on Pounding to Successes

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High wrestling team faced off against four opponents last week, and not one of them was able to make serious inroads toward victory over first-year coach Jason Cucolo's talented and Lancer crew.

The LHS grapplers played host to Nashua North Wednesday, Feb. 11, on what was the Lancers senior night. The team paid tribute to the

five senior members of the team by presenting them each with a large framed action photo as well as flowers for parents.

Those honored were; Jake Barr, Richard Bilodeau, Kyle Byrd, Jean-Luc Lemieux, Sebastian Roszczenko and junior varsity team member Jake Thorpe.

The home team went on to simply pummel their opponent by a 62-10 tally.

Individual victories

were snared by Lemieux at 145 pounds, Colin Rear-don in the 152-pound bout, Barr at 160, Kyle Byrd at 170 pounds, Mahdi Achab in 182-pound competition, Roszczenko at 195 pounds, Bilodeau at 220 pounds, Craig Santos in the 113-pound battle, Tyler Byrd at 120 pounds, Ryan Cabezas at 126, and Drew Chase at 132 pounds.

And then Cucolo's charges plowed over the three opposing squads they faced at Hollis-

Brookline's annual Cavalier Classic in Hollis Saturday, Feb. 14. Eight schools' wrestling contingents took part in that event.

Londonderry hammered the Pelham High Pythons (30-0) in a match jammed with double forfeits, clipped the host Hollis-Brookline Cavaliers (44-24), and busted the Alvirne High Broncos from Hudson (58-9).

Perfect 3-0 individual records were tallied by Kevin Robischeau at 106 pounds, Tyler Byrd, Lemieux, and Bilodeau, with two victories being bagged by Santos, Cabezas, Chase, Barr, and Achab.

The Londonderry High crew hopes to knock the mighty Timberlane powerhouse out of first place in the state at the Division 1 Championship Tournament this Saturday, Feb. 21, at Nashua South High School starting at 9 a.m.



Ryan Cabezas and the Londonderry High wrestling team continued their excellent 2014-15 season with more successes last week. Photo by Chris Paul

Lancers and Astros All Tied Up for the Ball Trophy

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With just one event remaining, the Londonderry High School and Pinkerton Academy winter sports teams are all tied up in their annual battle for the Ball Family Trophy.

Just recently the academy held what appeared to be a decisive 6-3 lead in the annual competition as it aimed at collecting the Ball Trophy for a fourth consecutive year. But Londonderry then ran the table in the three basketball contests played by the two rival schools, winning the girls' and boys varsity hoop games on an

exciting double-header evening in Derry. Last Friday, Londonderry High's unified basketball contingent powered its way to a 64-33 victory in its own gymnasium to knot up the winter competition at six wins apiece.

The LHS Lancers have collected victories in the three hoop contests, wrestling, ice hockey, and girls' swimming. Pinkerton registered its six wins in boys' and girls' track, boys' swimming, gymnastics, and boys' and girls' skiing.

Who ultimately wins the Ball Family Trophy for this 2014-15 winter season now comes down to

the PA and LHS spirit teams, which will compete in preliminary-round competition on Sunday, March 8, and if they qualify at the prelims, in the championships the following Sunday, March 15.

Both of those spirit competitions will take place in Pinkerton's Hacker Gymnasium.

The winter Ball Family Trophy games between the two local schools were added in the early 1990s after the fall Mack Plaque contests - begun in the autumn of 1983 - had proven to be popular and successful in the rival schools' communities.

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Lady Lancer Hoopsters Fall to Central Side in Overtime

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High girls' basketball squad had its 10-game winning streak in tough Division I come to an end with a frustrating overtime loss to the Manchester Central Little Green at LHS last Friday night, Feb. 13.

The contest was knotted up at 41-41 at the end of regulation time, but the visiting Central crew had Caitlyn Vincent sink a three-point shot as time expired in the extra stanza to give her Manchester team a 47-44 victory.

While the 12-2 Lady

Lancers came into the evening plenty hot with 10 consecutive D-I victories, 10-4 Central was also fairly warm, having won seven of its previous eight divisional contests and two in a row. So one winning run rolled forward that evening while another ended.

"We had our chances to pull out a win, but they made the big plays down the stretch and we didn't," lamented LHS first-year varsity coach Nick Theos.

Lady Lancers' senior forward Brittany Roche and standout junior low-post player Ashley Ber-

ube each netted 13 points for the host team, while sophomore guard Kelsey Coffey tallied 10. Junior point-guard Jackie Luckhardt dished out 10 assists on a losing night.

"This was a tough-fought game," said Theos. "Central shot very well early and had a 17-12 lead after one (quarter). Brittany caught fire in the second with three (three-pointers), and we took a 26-24 lead to halftime."

Theos' troop had a chance to win the contest in regulation time, holding a one-point lead with approximately a minute to go and an opportunity

to build on the tiny advantage with free-throws. But the game tally ended up at 41-41 at the end of quarter four, and overtime became necessary.

Caitlyn Vincent then became the hero for the visitors, and the Lady Lancers found themselves in the unfamiliar position of lamenting a loss.

"We need to be a more balanced scoring team and not rely on three people to carry the scoring. But in the end, it's one loss to a good team in a long season," said Theos.

With only four games left on the Lady Lancer schedule, Manchester Memorial has the best record (8-4). They will also face Dover (8-7), Keene (3-11) and Nashua North High (8-5) to finish up the D-I season before heading into the playoffs.



Katie Balcom and the Londonderry High girls' hoop team saw their D-I record slip to 12-2 with an overtime loss to Central last week.

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Determined LHS Duo Makes Inroads into Nordic Skiing

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

When Londonderry High School sophomores Anna Loginov and Liam Bargerhuff approached school athletic director Howard Sobolov just before the start of the current 2014-15 winter sports season to see if they could become the first Nordic - often referred to as cross-country - skiers in LHS history, they broke some ground they hope to continue digging into over the next several years.

The determined young LHS duo has been training and attending competitions with the Manchester School District's Nordic

teams and wearing Manchester uniforms, but they hope that's just the first step toward having a full-fledged Londonderry High team in the very near future.

"Anna and Liam have been attending Nordic ski practices three days a week at Legacy Park in Bedford and have been training and attending meets with the three Manchester Nordic ski teams, Central, Memorial, and West," said Loginov's mom, Debbie Bailin. "They are hoping that next year they will have both a Nordic ski coach and official LHS ski racing suits in Lancer colors."

Having no Londonderry High coach of their own this winter due to the late formation of their two-member "team," Loginov and Bargerhuff worked under the tutelage of and with the encouragement of Manchester coaches Larry Nice, Peter Goedecke, and Steve Manneville.

The two LHS 10th graders competed in six Nordic events this winter in preparation for the Division I championships, which took place Wednesday, Feb. 11, on the Great Glens trails in Gorham.

Loginov competed in the girls' 4-kilometer classic and 4K skate competi-

tions, finishing 26th in the former and 27th in the latter.

Bargerhuff placed 25th in the boys' 4K classic and 25th in the 4K skate.

Now that they've gotten LHS Nordic skiing off and rolling, the two Lancers are aiming to take another step in the young program's development later this year.

"We'd like to get the word out that there is a Londonderry High School Nordic ski team and encourage others who may be interested in participating to contact us, as we hope to build the team next year," said Loginov.



Anna Loginov and Liam Bargerhuff have started what they hope will become a highly-successful LHS Nordic ski program this winter.

Londonderry High Hockey Squad's Skid Continues

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School hockey squad's fortunes took something of a bad turn toward the end of January when the Lancer

bunch had a losing streak get started.

And the LHS icemen had what was a strong, 6-2 Division I record slide to 6-7 Wednesday night, Feb. 11, with their fifth consecutive loss in a 3-2 decision

to the visiting Exeter High Blue Hawks at the Salem Icecenter.

Londonderry led 2-1 in the third period, but the now 6-5-1 Blue Hawks then tallied twice in overcoming their deficit and claiming the win. The visitors potted the game-winner with 5:21 left on the game clock.

"We had the same problem we've been having," said coach Peter Bedford. "We out-shot them, we carried play, but bad decisions on two plays allowed them to score two goals in the third period."

Exeter goalie Bryson Desjardins made 29 saves in helping push his team

to its sixth divisional win of the campaign, while LHS keeper Cody Baldwin only had to turn aside 14 Blue Hawks' blasts.

The Lancers received their goals from Alex Laplante and Nate Andrews.

The LHS crew was then intent on seeing if it could rediscover the winning track by besting the

host Manchester Memorial Crusaders at the JFK Coliseum in the Queen City last Saturday night, Feb. 14. But that contest

was one of numerous sporting events postponed by the weekend blizzard, so on went the Lancers' anxious wait to get going in the right direction again.

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Garden Club

The Derry Garden Club meets at 10 a.m. March 6 at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Derry, 40 Hamp-

stead Road in Derry, for a program titled "Learn about Natural Pest Control and Lawn Alternatives" with club member Jackie Dempsey. A short movie clip with popcorn is featured. Lunch with an Italian theme will be provided by the club board members. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, visit www.derrygardenclub.org. The club is a member of the New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs and National Garden Clubs.

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Paying It Forward

The Londonderry High School Pay it Forward team once again donated its time to help out local veterans. The recent storms left so much snow that access to the oil tank at the American Legion Hall was blocked. A group of young people showed up Feb. 12 and shoveled a path so oil could be delivered. Bob Stuart, commander of American Legion Post 27 in Londonderry, thanked the club members for their effort.

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information, call 432-8554, or visit www.londonderry-nh.org/Pages/LondonderryNH_Senior/index or Facebook at Friends of the Londonderry Senior Center.

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The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at Town Hall on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 10 a.m. to noon to register voters and correct the checklist. Anyone who has not previously registered may do so for the Town/School Election. Proof of citizenship, identity, and residency is needed, or affidavits may be signed. This is the last day for anyone not previously registered to do so before the March 10 Town/School Election. Registrations will be accepted at the election with documentation.

Senior Meals

The Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Road offers a hot lunch Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in cooperation with Rock-

ingham Nutrition Meals On Wheels. Meal calendars are available at the center. Bingo is offered after lunch Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Meals are pre-ordered one week in advance, with a \$2 donation paid at the meal. Once a month, a special meal includes additional items, at a suggested donation of \$3. Seniors interested in participating can meet with the Meals on Wheels site manager or get additional information at the senior center front desk. For information, call 432-8554.

Social Media

At 7 p.m. Feb. 26, Wayne Kutzman will give a free talk titled "Using Social Media" at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry. He will examine origins of social media, where it's going, use of key platforms, and what drives the changes in the economy to enable web-based social interactions to be center-stage. Kurtzman, former president of Etz Hayim, is Global Manager of Social Media Listening,

Insights and Technology for Pitney Bowes. He teaches social media at University of Tennessee. This talk is part of a series, "Key Issues in Contemporary Judaism." For details, see www.etzhayim.org or call 432-0004.

Free Children's Clothing

St. Gianna's Closet gives out children's clothing of all sizes free to any family in need. Call Liz at 247-8654 to arrange a pick-up time to receive clothing. Donations of gently used children's clothing are accepted. Drop-off locations are St. Mark's Church in Londonderry and St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Derry during office hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and at 5 Isabella Drive in Londonderry.

Middle East Scholar

Dr. Mordechai Kedar, an Islamic scholar, will speak at Etz Hayim Synagogue, at 1 1/2 Hood Road, Derry on Monday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. The presentation is sponsored by The William Einhorn Interfaith Education Fund, the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire and NH-4Israel. Dr. Kedar opens a window into the Muslim and Arab world, past and present. The Interfaith Education Fund was started by Bill's wife, Miriam Gitterman, at his request, so that the Interfaith conversation between his synagogue and its neighbor, the Church of the Transfiguration, could

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Critters N' Creatures

Mona Headen and Critters N' Creatures come to the Leach Library on Monday, Feb. 23, from 11 a.m. to noon to talk about how animals deal with the cold of New Hampshire winters. Topics such as hibernation, brumation and other adaptations will be discussed, and there will be an opportunity to pet an animal. Live

animals may include a hedgehog, bat and turtle. Advance registration is required. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Scavenger Hunt

During February vacation, Monday, Feb. 23, through Saturday, Feb. 28, the Children's Room at the Leach Library will offer an in-library scavenger hunt. Stop by the Children's Room desk for a list of items to find around the building. Turn in the completed hunt for a raffle ticket and a chance to win a prize.

Vacation Craft

For February vacation, starting Monday, Feb. 23, through closing on Saturday, Feb. 28, children will have a chance to create a puppet at the Leach Library. Stop by the Children's Room desk to pick up the supplies and create a puppet at the library or at home.

Kindergarten

Registration for the 2015-2016 school year is occurring for Moose Hill School. Any Londonderry child who will be 5 years old by Sept. 30, 2015 can be

enrolled at Moose Hill. Call Moose Hill at 437-5855, stop in between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays or email the director, Bonnie Breithaupt, at bbreithaupt@londonderry.org to request a registration packet, or visit londonderry.org. Include child's name, birth date and Londonderry address. The kindergarten program has two sessions, morning from 8:45 to 11:20 a.m. and afternoon from 12:30 to 3:05 p.m. The session is determined by address.

Free Meals

The Community Meals Network offers the following free meals, all in Derry. Derry residency is not required. Weekdays, 4 to 5 p.m., dinner, Sonshine Soup Kitchen; Feb. 19, dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m., West Running Brook Middle School. Feb. 21, dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m., St. Luke's United Methodist Church; Feb. 22, lunch, noon, Seventh Day Adventist Church; Feb. 27, spaghetti supper, 5 to 6:30 p.m.,

HU Chant

A Community HU Chant will be held Thursday, Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m. and continuing on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Holiday Inn, 2280 Brown Ave., Manchester. HU is an ancient name for God sung in many cultures around the world. The event is sponsored by Eckankar, Religion of the Light & Sound of God. For more information, call 800-713-8944 or visit www.eckankar-nh.org.

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Photos by Chris Paul

Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Tuesday, Feb. 10

5:49 p.m. Items reported missing from South Road address.

8:31 p.m. Adam Charles Martin, 35, Francis Street, North Andover, Mass., arrested for Domestic Violence/Kidnapping/Abduction, Domestic Violence Aggravated Assault and Second Degree Assault. Bail set

at \$5,000 personal recognizance with Derry Circuit Court date of Feb. 17.

Saturday, Feb. 14

4:29 p.m. State Highway reporting vehicle at Flea Market on Nashua Road preventing snow removal at Justin Circle and Boundary Drive.

7:29 p.m. Town Highway reporting vehicle prevent-

ing snow removal at Rolling Ridge Road and Sara Beth Lane.

11:45 p.m. Eric Klier, 31, 51 Auburn Road, Londonderry arrested for Domes-

tic Violence Simple Assault. Bail set at \$1,500 personal recognizance plus \$40 bail commissioner fee, with Feb. 24 Derry District Court arraignment.

Sunday, Feb. 15

2:01 a.m. Caller on Capitol Hill Drive reporting loud party.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY PLANNING BOARD

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH to consider the following:

NEW PLANS

A. Cross Apple Farm, LLC (Owner and Applicant) - Public Hearing pursuant to RSA 231:158 for potential improvements along Adams Road, a state designated Scenic Road, associated with a proposed two-lot subdivision at 41 Adams Road (Map 6 Lot 81, Zoned AR-I).



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CONTINUED PLANS

A. Jack Szemplinski (Owner and Applicant, 62 Rear Adams Road, Map 6 Lot 113-1, Zoned AR-I), and Harold Kicza (Owner and Applicant, 86 and 88 Adams Road, Map 6 Lots 90 and 90-1, Zoned AR-I) - Application Acceptance and Public Hearing for formal review of a lot line adjustment plan ("Adams Road") to adjust the lot lines between Lots 6-113-1, 6-90 and 6-90-1, to create an access utility easement on Lot 6-90-1, and to provide access via a shared driveway and utility corridor for Lot 6-90-1 and 6-113-1 [Continued from January 7, 2015].

B. B-Sani Group, LLC (Owner and Applicant), Map 13 Lot 105 - Application Acceptance and Public Hearing for formal review of a site plan ("Stumble Inn") to construct a 32' x 35' proposed patio with overhang onto an existing restaurant at 20 Rockingham Road, Zoned C-II [Continued from January 7, 2015].

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