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All Fired Up Local Boy Scouts disposed of over 400 Christmas trees during their annual fundraising event behind the farmstand at Mack's Apples over the weekend. This was the event's 20th anniversary and brought in many spectators. See story on page 10. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Committee Chair Notes Auditorium is Initiative from School Board

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With the March election only a couple of months away, the Community Auditorium subcommittee has been working to inform voters of its findings and what the building would mean for Lon-

donderry.

"There has been some confusion on what's going on and how it's going on. People need to understand this is a School Board initiative," said Subcommittee Chairman Tony DeFrancesco, noting the School Board voted 5-0 to send the auditorium

design and architectural costs to the voters as a warrant article. "The whole idea is to try to get the correct information to the voters so they can make an informed decision."

While the proposed auditorium has both re-

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Town Gathering Statistics on Local Workforce Housing

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Planning Board Chair Art Rugg reported at the Town Council's Jan. 5 meeting that he and members of the Planning Department met with representatives from the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) and the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority about workforce housing.

"We're looking at different ways to deal with what has been happening in town," he said. "We have good numbers and we're putting those to-

gether. This really falls on the back of (Geographic Information Systems Manager) John Vogl to put this into a form we all can understand."

Rugg said the information should help the Town defend itself in the event of a lawsuit resulting from a decision related to workforce housing developments in town.

"This is a Planning function and a priority with the Town," he said. "I think the Planning Board will be wanting to see those numbers, and we will be discussing them with (Town Attorney)

Mike Ramsdell, as well."

Calling for a moratorium on future workforce housing developments, resident and publisher of the Londonderry Times Deb Paul urged the Council at their last meeting to pull the Workforce Housing Ordinance off the books until updated information is available for the Zoning and Planning Boards.

The Planning Board has looked at and charged Planning staff to examine the workforce statute, as well as older statutes.

So far, Londonderry has

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Council Gets Presentation on Proposed Gas Pipeline Route

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Energy company Kinder Morgan plans to begin surveying land in Londonderry along its preferred route for a 36-inch natural gas pipeline, representatives told the Town Council in a Monday night, Jan. 5 presentation.

Meanwhile, a petition to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation to postpone a decision regarding construction of the pipeline is gaining momentum and has garnered almost 2,000 signatures.

NHPipelineAwareness.org, an online opposition group, plans to deliver the petition to Gov. Maggie Hassan and Congressional delegates.

The preferred route for the pipeline crosses

into New Hampshire from Massachusetts, cutting through 17 communities, including Londonderry, before crossing back over the state line in Pelham.

Most of the 2.5 mile route through Londonderry is located in the Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH) power line right-of-way. It's estimated the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company's annual property tax payment to the Town would be \$280,000.

A 400-foot "study corridor" has been established, which is comprised of 39 landowners whose properties could potentially be affected by construction. The corridor through which Kinder Morgan is considering the route for the pipeline enters London-

derry at the Litchfield town line near Morway Drive, running along the PSNH power lines, across the West Road Fields, and heading southeast past Elwood Orchards into Hudson.

About five properties in the study corridor belong to the Town, with most of the properties being residential, according to Jim Hartman, Kinder Morgan's right-of-way agent.

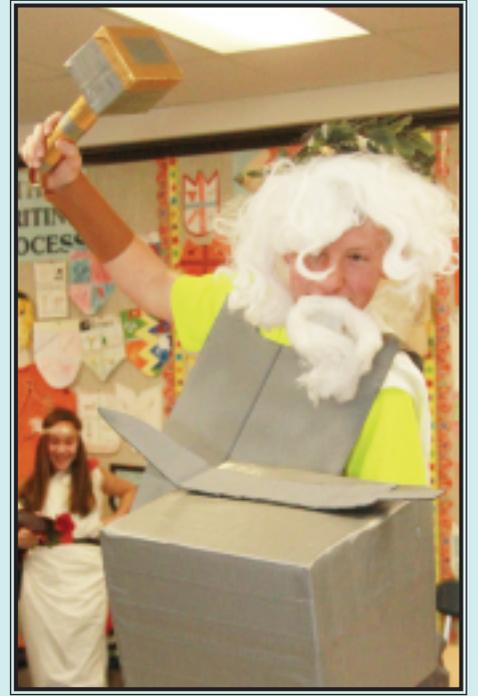
Allen Fore, a spokesman for Kinder Morgan,

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Greek Fashions Shown at LMS



Joanne Troy's seventh grade English class at Londonderry Middle School finished up their Greek studies recently with a "Gods and Goddesses Fashion Show." The Typhoon students displayed their outfits during class as designers announced their creations. Clockwise from above left, designer Brenna Poirier announces her model, Janiah Bergendahl, as Athena; Jess Paul designed Artemis, displayed by Alexia Barnett as designer; and Lorenzo Inglese designed models Aeden Walker as Zeus and Nick Walter as Hephaestus.

Photos by Chris Paul



RE/MAX Congratulates Realtor Mark Oswald Named to Platinum Club for 2014



Londonderry, NH - Mark Oswald with RE/MAX 1st Choice, has qualified for the 2014 RE/MAX Platinum Club Award, which honors top performing successful agents. In 2013, less than six percent of the RE/MAX network achieved this prestigious award.

Oswald has been working in the real estate industry for more than 12 years and has extensive experience in residential and land properties. Among Oswald's list of achievements, he has earned the RE/MAX 100% CLUB for 12 Consecutive Years and was named to the RE/MAX Hall of Fame in 2009.

"Mark has been an integral member of our team and is more than deserving of this very prestigious award," said Arlene Hajjar, Broker/Owner of RE/MAX 1st Choice. "Winning this award is a tremendous accomplishment. Mark continues to raise the bar in real estate, making us, and this community, proud."

In addition, Mark actively supports the real estate industry as a member of the GGSBR Board of Directors, has served on the Town Council 9 years, Planning Board 6 years and Budget Committee and Conservation Committees previously. He has long been a supporter and fundraiser for the Londonderry Lancer Band and established the Indian Pathfinder Program (father-daughter).

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TIF District Taxes Would Otherwise Go to General Fund

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town's Tax Incremental Finance (TIF) District consists of 77 properties, several of which remain undeveloped parcels.

With major developments like UPS, FedEx, and Milton CAT in progress, Town Manager

Kevin Smith said he expects to see tax revenues increase significantly in the coming years as those projects are completed.

Smith said assuming property owners pay their December tax bills on time, the total amount in the TIF account for the end of 2014 is \$114,094.

If the TIF had not been established, that revenue would have gone toward offsetting the general fund, Smith said.

"By collecting the TIF money, that money is not offsetting the general fund; but, at the same time, the TIF allows us to make improvements in the area without having

to raise taxes or use money from the general fund," he said. "It's a way of funding the TIF that doesn't negatively impact the tax rate."

The money is to be used to pay for a \$250,000 traffic light in the TIF District, with any additional funds the TIF District generates to be used solely

for improvements in the TIF area.

Any funds that remain after the TIF is dissolved, which the Town Council may do once the Town has fulfilled its obligation to pay for the traffic light, will go into the general fund.

Smith said using additional funds beyond the

\$250,000 obligation for other improvements in the area is an option the Council may consider, but he doesn't know that they would be inclined to do that.

Once the TIF is dissolved, the assessed value of the new commercial development will factor into the tax rate.

Pipeline

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told the Council property owners inside the study corridor were notified by letter and that Kinder Morgan representatives will meet with all property owners in person.

"Starting towards the end of this week or early next week, we will be seeking survey permission to go out and look at the land," he said.

"We do get push-back," Hartman said. "But it's our job to resolve it."

The surveys will determine the location of wells, septic systems and cultural resources. Kinder Morgan will then have the ability to prepare plans and request permission to construct the pipeline.

If all goes well and the company obtains its state and federal approvals, construction could begin in the spring of 2017. Following that timeline, the pipeline could be in serv-

ice by the winter of 2018, according to Fore.

There is need for natural gas in New Hampshire more than anywhere else, Fore told the Council.

"There's a limited way to get gas here. We're talking about expanding the system," he said.

The system has been servicing the area for 60 years, delivering natural gas to the region.

"New England gas prices in the winter of 2014 were the highest in the nation, a direct result of natural gas transportation constraints caused by insufficient pipeline infrastructure in New England, resulting in consumers in the region spending at least \$3 billion per year for electricity. This annual cost paid by New England consumers for electricity would pay for the additional pipeline infrastructure needed in just one year and would meet the energy needs of the region for years to come," according

to Kinder Morgan.

State Rep. Bob Introne, R-Londonderry, who is chairman of the Science, Technology and Energy Committee, said the State doesn't have enough power in the foreseeable future.

"We can't shut down all possibilities for more energy," he said. "Am I against this project? If they use current rights-of-way as they claim they will, it probably will be all right and won't distress the beauty of the area or anyone's land. If they start cutting through people's backyards and gardens and homes, I think they will need to find alternative routes."

Introne attended Kinder Morgan's presentation, which was a bit rushed due to time constraints on the Council's meeting, to gather more information.

Sen. Sharon Carson, R-Londonderry also attended the meeting. Her Sen-

ate district includes two communities to be affected by the pipeline, Hudson and Londonderry. She attended to learn more about the project.

"Right now I'm just trying to get all the information," she said. "It sounds like there will be many opportunities for people to come and weigh in. I would encourage people to go to the open meetings and pay attention."

Carson said she would like to post information provided to the Council online in a place that will make it easily accessible to residents.

Opponents to the pipeline say the project is a massive overbuild.

"They based their claim of need on peak demand, which isn't functioning all the time. The

capacity of these pipelines far exceeds the state's energy needs," Douglas Whitbeck, a long-time volunteer with New Hampshire 350, a non-profit dedicated to raising awareness for Global Warming, said in December. "The purpose is to get gas to the world market. If the idea is to get a pipeline funded through a tariff on our electric bill to provide a private corporation a working pipeline for global export - that is a worthy discussion."

Moving forward, Fore said Kinder Morgan plans to continue meeting with Towns to be affected and will return for public meetings as frequently as needed.

Additionally, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will

be hosting meetings to address the scope of the project and the State will participate through its siting authority; the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is open for public comment and review.

"We want to have a good dialogue with the Town," Fore said. "This is a very public process with lots of public dialogue, and the pipeline wouldn't be in service until 2018."

According to the presentation, all post-construction areas would be restored to their previous conditions, and the pipeline would be completely underground, with compressor stations located across the route. There are no plans to install a compressor station in Londonderry.

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Editorial

Fifteen Years and Going Strong

Fifteen years ago, a vision to create a way for Londonderry residents to obtain local information they needed – soccer registration dates, for example – led to the first issue of the Londonderry Times.

What began in the basement of the Londonderry home of Deb and Chris Paul has blossomed through the past decade and a half into three weekly newspapers crammed full of news, sports, features, photos and advertising, with a staff of 15, a newspaper office based in an historic local building, and an unwavering commitment to focus on everything local.

Under the auspices of their company, Nutfield Publishing, the Pauls and their staff, all Southern New Hampshire folk, put out three newspapers – each different – every week. The Londonderry Times started in 2000 as a monthly, went to twice-a-month publication two years later and to weekly two years after that. The weekly Nutfield News in Derry started in 2004, and the weekly Tri-Town Times for Hampstead, Chester and Sandown began in 2005. All are free, and mailed to every home and business, thanks to the support of advertisers.

At a time when newspapers are expected to go the way of the dinosaur and people claim no one reads anymore, the Londonderry Times and its two sister publications

are going strong, even as other newspapers cut the number of days a week they publish, slash the number of pages in each edition or put everything online.

We report on town and school district activities, official and otherwise; good news is highlighted, along with less happy stories; sports teams get detailed coverage; and it's not unusual for news stories to appear first in one of the Nutfield papers, well before other news media can produce a report.

How is that? Everyone at the newspaper is dedicated to producing a quality product, caring what it looks like and what it says, and recognizing that timeliness and accuracy are the hallmarks of what a newspaper offers its readers.

But the bottom line, of course, is the same as it was 15 years ago – providing a place for local residents to obtain information they need about their community, whether it's a school play or an update on how tax dollars are being spent. What's going on in Concord or in Washington, D.C., or abroad is available elsewhere, mostly online. But if it happens in one of our towns, you should expect to read about it in our newspapers. And we always like getting news tips.

Stop in at 2 Litchfield Road in Londonderry to say hello as we mark our 15th anniversary. We're here for you.

Letters

Auditorium Opposition

To the editor:

In response to Dr. Meyer's comment of the auditorium headline making the auditorium committee sound like rich snobs: Although Dr. Meyer has outstanding credentials, so much so that he felt the need to list them so that we would all know his opinion was an educated one, I do not have his education nor his credentials but my opinion is based purely on finances.

If money was no object an auditorium would be great, but that's not the reality for most residents. Most residents are not paid a doctor's salary either.

Dr. Meyer lists all of his accomplishments, and he states that he is a Londonderry High Class of 2001 graduate. He has done very well for himself even though he attended a high school without an auditorium. He says that Londonderry's internationally known music program has helped develop leaders worldwide. And to think that they did all this without an auditorium.

It is not the editorials or headlines that make them sound like rich snobs, it's their attitudes. If you build an auditorium, no doubt taxes will increase to build, maintain, run and manage it.

Also I need to remind the voters that the School Department is currently looking for millions more to build a new School Administration Building. When does it stop? When the middle class residents are forced to leave their homes because the "rich snobs" keep pushing for more and more.

Look at it this way. If you decide to build an addition onto your home,

knowing you can't pay for it, can you go to your employer and demand that he give you more money to pay for it? No you can't, and I for one am sick and tired of those who make demands on my finances without regard to those who will be affected by their elitist demands.

My property taxes are almost \$6,000 a year. That's almost \$500 a month just for property taxes, and then add a mortgage payment, Federal taxes, Social Security, utilities, health insurance, food, etc. I don't have anymore to give!

If Dr. Meyer and Mr. DeFrancesco AKA Mr. "living in a full service community isn't cheap" do appreciate those of us who oppose this for financial reasons, then they would stop trying to push this. Why would anyone oppose this if it wasn't for financial reasons?

Janet Griffin
Londonderry

Auditorium Questions

To the editor:

I have heard statements and read articles about the "Needed Auditorium," whom it will serve, what it will cost, etc., etc.

But I still have a few questions.

1. I have heard that multiple school districts have added auditoriums. How many have added them after the fact? In other words, were they incorporated into new school designs or were they additions/separate buildings such as the Londonderry Auditorium Group is promoting. The cost difference could be significant.

2. What groups does the 400-seat auditorium serve? How many meetings, performing arts,

classes, etc. actually need 400 seats? Certainly the Londonderry High School band cannot practice or perform in it.

3. I have heard that the advocates have a firm price for the construction. I find it very hard to believe that any builder will give such a guarantee that far out. Can the committee please publish a copy of the letter in the paper with the name and address of the contractor?

4. Why is the School Board or the committee only asking for \$500,000 for the architectural and design costs? Let's change the warrant article to \$9 million and find out if the taxpayers have the will to support the entire \$9 million project. I see the initial \$500,000 as a stepping-stone to help with the argument for the other \$9 million in the future. The argument will be "Do we want to throw away the \$500,000 we already approved, by rejecting the construction of it?"

5. As many people have already stated, there are many other needs within the Town of Londonderry, such as roads, employee contracts, vehicles, etc. These are going to need to be funded in addition to the auditorium.

6. As another reader pointed out earlier, what other spending projects has the school district deliberated?

I have not heard anything about a trade learning center. Sure, we can send our students to other school districts, but the same can be said about renting venues for meetings, training and performing arts.

What about upgraded computer systems and educational programs that can save money by elimi-

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Letters

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nating books and paper? I visited a new high school in Maine that has large video displays in the front of the classroom. The teacher can project information on the display from his/her computer and the students can interact with it from their computers.

How about a turf field with a removable dome that can be used by the band for practice and the multitude of teams that we have that often have to practice indoors or rent fields in other towns. Such a field can also become a source of revenue by renting it to other towns and organizations.

Let's use our tax money for real needs, not wants.

Bill Coyne

Londonderry resident
for 34 years

What Really Counts

To the editor:

I've read the letters regarding the proposition for a new auditorium and thought I would put in my two cents (An old Louisiana expression). I'm not originally from Londonderry, having moved to New Hampshire from Louisiana in 1996.

We didn't have an auditorium dedicated for theater, musical events, graduation ceremonies, etc., during my elementary or high school years; we used our hot, antiquated gymnasium. Nevertheless, I did quite well with my education, as most of

my classmates did.

When my wife and I moved to New Hampshire with our youngest son, we enrolled him at Pinkerton Academy as we lived in Derry at the time and then subsequently moved to Londonderry, where we now live. Our son also did quite well with his education before Pinkerton built their new auditorium.

My point is that it's not the facilities that determine how well an individual receives an education or is prepared for life. Instead, there are two factors that I believe are primary to education and building good character: the home environment in which the child is reared and the caliber of teachers.

If parents instill in their children the motivation and competitiveness

to learn and expand their horizons and teachers further motivate and encourage kids to learn and be prepared for what life brings, these attributes are far more important than any facility.

I remember sitting on an old rusty metal chair on a hot gym basketball court in June for high school graduation and being proud that I finished with honors in my senior class. Through my high school years, I had at least one class every year in the gym, as it was used for both classrooms and sports, as our parish could not afford to build an auditorium or a bigger and better school. It wasn't any facility that educated me, it was my parents and teachers who instilled in me the value of education and my desire to do well in school in

preparation for whatever life had in store for me.

I won't deny that a nice, comfortable auditorium might enhance one's experience for events, but is it a "need" or "want?" That'll be up to you, the voters, to decide.

Frankly, I don't care which way the vote goes. I only know that a good education is not a function of spending money or having the finest facilities to keep up with Derry or the Joneses. More so, it's a cooperative effort between parents and teachers investing themselves in their children to help kids understand the value of good character, a good education and the tools they will need to succeed in whatever endeavor they chose in life.

P.S. - My wife worked at Londonderry High School and from her

reports, LHS teachers are excellent with their students. Bravo!

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China Buys American Companies

To the editor:

According to Forbes Magazine's Nov. 24, 2014 issue, which I paraphrase below, since the year 2000 Chinese companies have made almost 900 purchases of U.S. assets worth \$43 billion. China's billionaires are gobbling up U.S. companies at a record pace.

Most disturbing are the implications of these purchases by Chinese Com-

munist companies on our national security. Ralls/Sany purchased four wind farms in Oregon near a Navy weapons system base. Wanda group purchased 342 movie theaters previously owned by AMC Entertainment. WH Group bought Smithfield Foods, the world's largest pork processor. Lenovo purchased Motorola and part of IBM's server business.

"In five years China's direct investment in the United States has grown from \$2 billion a year to \$14 billion."

We should limit the purchase of U.S. companies by the Chinese Communist regime, and probably restrict the ownership of U.S. companies to less than 30 percent of outstanding shares of stock.

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Target Shooters Fire AK-47 Bullet That Strikes Business Near Airport

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Police arrested two Manchester men after a stray bullet whizzed through a cafeteria at Highland Forwarding Company on Kitty Hawk Landing in Londonderry last week.

No one was harmed by the stray bullet, believed to have come from an AK-47, which traveled less than three feet from a woman seated in the cafeteria. Police reported the cafeteria had been full of employees only moments earlier.

Det. Chris Olson said Michael Vinagro and Cameron Gromyko, both 24, were target shooting by a campfire they built in the woods near the 3,600-square-foot office/warehouse on Jan. 2.

Police believe a bullet one of the men fired

entered the cafeteria through a window around 2:35 p.m.

Upon arriving at the complex, which is located near the Manchester Boston Regional Airport, police found a bullet lodged in a wall next to the cafeteria's microwave

and parts of fragmented, bullet-shattered glass on nearby shelves. Shattered glass from the window was strewn across the room.

Officers moved the occupants of the building to a safe location, then checked the wooded area

around the building. During that search, police reported hearing additional shots being fired in the area.

Vinagro and Gromyko were charged with reckless conduct and negligent discharge of a firearm.

Council to Consider Changes in Ordinance Regarding Appointments

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council will consider amending the Town's ordinance related to appointments to boards and commissions.

The amendment would require the Town to publish in one local newspaper and two other public places an announcement that a seat will be opening up at least three months before terms expire, regardless of whether or not

a member would like to be reappointed.

"It would be nice to get different perspectives. These other boards sometimes go for many years without new members," Councilor Joe Green said.

Another change suggested is making it the duty of each board and commission to notify the executive assistant to the town manager at least three months in advance of openings. The Council additionally considered

whether or not to interview all candidates, even reappointments.

"It was been the custom of the Council to interview members of the main boards for any appointment, but reappointments have been less clear, but certainly that's open for discussion," Chairman Tom Dolan said.

"That was common practice in the past, but we stopped doing it for some reason," Green said.

"The current ordinance is silent on reappointments," Town Manager Kevin Smith said.

"My recommendation would be to do interviews at the Council's discretion," Dolan said.

Smith said he will write a first draft of the new ordinance based on their discussion to present at the Council's next meeting on Jan. 19.

In other business Monday night:

- The Council continued to its next meeting several agenda items, including a budget workshop, an Outdoor Recreation Plan update, a public hearing on the purchase of a conservation easement on the property at 18 Kimball Pond Road for \$395,000, and an appointment to the Conservation Commission.

The meeting was cut short because John Farrell and Jim Butler were not present and the Council

wanted a full board to address the presentations and board reappointments.

- The Council approved an expenditure from the Maintenance Trust Fund in the amount of \$3,568 for winter maintenance at the Leach Library, Cable Access Center and Senior Center, as well as defibrillator monitor hook-ups at Central, South and North Fire Stations, and Fuel Farm repairs at Town Hall.

- Town Treasurer Kathy Wagner reported during public comment that the Town has 13 outstanding bonds remaining, with the last bond to fall off in 2027. The total amount bonded is \$16 million and the Town's borrowing threshold is \$87 million.

"I'm up here because people always want to know about our bonds and how in debt we are. We get a lot of questions on that," she said. "People

in town can see how well as a community we have conducted our business. I would say we're conducting ourselves pretty fiscally prudent in the sense of how we bonded."

In 2016, the Town will see a substantial decrease in its bond payment, down about \$1.7 million with the fall of a bond for the Police Station, according to Wagner.

"There's misinformation out there that we're in debt," she said. "We have conducted ourselves appropriately. People say we build all the Taj Mahals. We might have nice product, but we've done it well, and not burdening the taxpayer to the point that it's not responsible. I hear us argue about taxes being too high. They may have been high, but we have been responsible. We haven't spent like we could have."

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If you have no underlying health problems, there are a number of things you can do to clear up the condition. Apply pads to protect areas where corns and calluses develop; soak your hands or feet to soften them; during or after bathing, rub corns or calluses with a pumice stone or washcloth to help remove a layer of toughened skin; apply moisturizer to hands and feet to help keep your skin soft or wear comfortable shoes and socks.

If a corn or callus becomes very painful or inflamed, see your doctor. If you have diabetes or poor circulation, call your doctor before self-treating corns or calluses. Even a relatively minor injury to your foot could lead to an infected open sore (foot ulcer) that is difficult to heal. Medical treatments that can provide relief include trimming; salicylic acid; antibiotic medication in the form of an ointment; shoe inserts or surgery.

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Family Strives to Find Home, Car, After Accident Destroys House

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Friends and members of the community are pitching in to help a local family get back on their feet after losing their home and car to a tragic accident.

On Dec. 29, Kendall Yeager, her fiancé, Randy Scanlon, and their children were enjoying time together and a late night snack when a car crashed through the side of their home, into their kitchen.

Scanlon was in the kitchen with their 4-year-old daughter, Kaelynn, making sandwiches when the crash occurred.

"There was no warning. There were no brake lights, no tires screeching, no horn," Yeager said. "We were all doing activities and the next minute there was a gigantic thud and crash. I heard Randy screaming for Kaelynn and she was buried under debris."

With only seconds to react, Scanlon had pulled Kaelyn from the stool she was sitting on down to the floor, trying to shield her from flying debris.

The car's driver, Allan Lee, 59, of Nashua, suffered a medical condition

before he lost control of his 1999 Oldsmobile Alero, crashing into the 300 Nashua Road rental home and flipping over the family's car, landing near the garage.

Yeager, who was on the second floor of the home when the accident occurred, called 911 and the family waited on the front lawn for emergency personnel to arrive, checking on Lee and informing him he had been in an accident and that help was on the way.

Rescue crews were able to resuscitate Lee in the ambulance after he suffered cardiac arrest, but he died later that night at Southern New Hampshire Medical Center in Nashua.

Kaelynn suffered minor injuries from flying debris and glass. She was transported to a nearby hospital and released after receiving stitches in her back and arm.

Also in the home at the time of the crash were the couple's youngest son, Paul; Scanlon's son, Bryce; and their friend, Justin Lavoie.

Grateful everyone in the home is now safe, Yeager and Scanlon are trying

to pick up the pieces and regain some normalcy for their children.

"We're all a little traumatized. We haven't even had time to deal with how we feel. We're just trying to get things back to normal for our children," said Yeager, who is still haunted by the sound of the car crashing through her home and her children's screams. "My children are not the same children they were before this. They're struggling. We're all lost."

The family stayed with Yeager's mother the night of the crash, and the Red Cross then set them up in a hotel. Her father has loaned them his car so she can drive her children to school and get to work; but the arrangement is temporary and the couple hopes to find a new home and purchase a vehicle soon.

Having moved to Londonderry very recently, Yeager said they were excited to be back in her hometown and had worked for four years to move into their first home.

When finances got tight, Yeager suspended

her renter's and car insurance about four months ago after years of owning the policies.

"Right before the accident, we had just been talking about how we were finally starting to get into the swing of things," she said. "We were finally starting to recover after Christmas, but fate had other plans."

Despite their loss, the family is feeling grateful for their safety and are saddened by the loss of Lee. Yeager said her fiancé knew him.

"He is connected

through friends. He was a decent human being and he had a daughter. This is tragic all the way around," she said.

Scanlon and Yeager were notified last week that they have 30 days to get their property out of their home so the insurance company can take it over.

Property owner Lenny Vigeant of Hudson said he has been in communication with the insurance company and they haven't yet determined if the home is a total loss.

Scanlon and Yeager went back to their home

to collect some of their belongings and clean out some of the mess and debris.

Friends and co-workers of the couple are donating through a fundraising page Yeager started on FundRazr.com called "Back on our feet: Londonderry, NH."

"People donated \$90 the first night it was up," Yeager said. "It's super uplifting and we're breathing a little easier."

As of Dec. 2, donors had contributed \$1,550 to help the family buy a car and get back into a home.

Workforce

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in the pipeline the Wallace Farms development, which will offer 240 units, half being workforce housing; and the NeighborWorks project, 78 workforce housing units.

A proposed workforce housing development on Stonehenge Road would have 288 units, with 75 percent required by the Town's Zoning Ordinance

to be workforce. The Zoning Board of Adjustment recently denied variance requests for the Stonehenge Road project, including one that would have reduced the minimum workforce housing occupancy requirement from 75 percent to 50 percent.

The developer had stated the project would not be financially viable without that and other variances.

Planning staff is also

looking into defining what the Town's "fair share" of workforce housing is.

Town Council Chair Tom Dolan recommended Rugg and Planning staff consult with Town Manager Kevin Smith and "when the fruit is well, pick it and share with the Council."

"This is an important thing some individuals are concerned with. We want to alleviate those concerns," he said.



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As Flu Cases Increase, Officials Urge Getting Vaccine

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The influenza virus or "flu" is still alive and well in southern New Hampshire, and there's still time to do something about it.

Garrett Simonsen, coordinator of the Greater Derry Public Health Network, confirmed this week that flu cases are "active and widespread" in the state. The good news? There's enough vaccine to go around and a boutique of options on how to receive it.

Simonsen said the latest data, on the week of Dec. 20, showed that the flu is widespread and has moved from being isolated and regional activity. The state Department of Public Health tested 31 samples and while 26 tested negative, five came out positive

for Influenza A or H3N2.

Simonsen said each season the "flu experts" attempt to predict which strains they will see circulating. This year they thought they'd see the H3N2 and created vaccine with that as an element.

While the strain has changed since the vaccine was developed, the vaccine still provides some protection, according to the New Hampshire Department of Public Health.

Simonsen said that in early December, data showed that 48 percent of the H3N2 cases reported were a match for the vaccine, while 52 percent were not.

"It's not a perfect match, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't get vaccinated," Simonsen said. "Just under 50 percent are still a match."

Vaccination clients have a choice of a trivalent vac-

cine, which protects against three strains, or a quadrivalent, which protects against four, Simonsen said.

"Fortunately, we have had a fairly mild winter so far," Simonsen said. "But as the conditions change, people are likely to be indoors more and around people more, in closer quarters."

Also, Simonsen said, the flu season lasts into March and even April, so there's still time to come down with it.

With this strain, medical professionals are seeing a higher hospitalization rate of the very young, the very old and those with chronic medical conditions, Simonsen warned.

"We need to do our best to prevent developing the symptoms and conditions that lead to influenza," he said. "While this vaccine might not be

a perfect match, it can still provide some protection and decrease the severity of the flu."

There is no shortage of vaccine and no shortage of varieties, including the trivalent, quadrivalent, a high dosage version for adults 65 and older, a nostril spray, the traditional shot and an intradural shot, which is applied not to the muscle but just under the skin, Simonsen said.

Dr. Jose Montero, Director of Public Health at the state Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), wrote in a press release, "We want to make sure that New Hampshire residents are as well protected as possible against the flu, and the best preventive step is still to get vaccinated. It is also important that if

you do think you have the flu, speak with your healthcare provider as soon as possible and stay home from school and work to avoid spreading it to others who are at risk."

Those at risk for this and other strains of influenza include:

- Children aged 6 months through 4 years;
- Pregnant women;
- Adults 65 years of age or older;
- People who are immunosuppressed;
- People of any age with certain chronic medical conditions, including asthma, heart disease, diabetes, or chronic lung disease; and
- The caregivers of any of the above.

In a press release, Montero defines influenza as a serious disease of the lungs, nose, and throat. The illness is spread from person to per-

son through contact with respiratory secretions, including through coughing and sneezing. Typical flu symptoms include fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and muscle aches. An average of 23,000 people die each year in the United States due to influenza. The vaccine itself does not give a person the flu and is considered very safe.

For more information on influenza and the vaccine, contact the New Hampshire Immunization Program at 271-4482 or 1-800-852-3345, ext. 4482, or the Bureau of Infectious Disease Control at 271-0279 or 1-800-852-3345, ext. 0279. Visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at www.cdc.gov or the DHHS website at www.dhhs.nh.gov for more information.

Seniors Gather for New Year's Eve Brunch and Party

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Friends gathered for a special New Year's Eve brunch at the Senior Center last week.

Guests of the Dec. 31 event were called up to large tables packed with sandwiches, salads, pasta

dishes, a variety of baked goods, coffee and tea.

The town-sponsored event drew a crowd of about 52 seniors, according to Senior Center Director Cathy Blash, who said it was the first New Year's event she has helped host there.

After purchasing all the goods for the event, Blash said the seniors helped to set up for the event and prepare the food, mixing the pasta dishes and other treats.

When asked what their favorite New Year's memory is, many of the sen-

iors who attended said they never went out to celebrate New Year's, preferring to celebrate at home.

"We always stayed in," said Beverly Ford of Londonderry, noting the Senior Brunch may be the first New Year's event she has attended.

Walking around the event, almost a dozen tables were packed with guests enjoying a warm meal and the company of friends and loved ones as they rang in 2015.



Paul Lajoie, Louise Madrid, Both of Londonderry, and Dolores Thibault of Derry enjoy New Year's Brunch at the Senior Center. Photo by Kaitlyn G. Woods

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Reflections Program Exhibit Jan. 10 at Middle School

The 2014-2015 Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Reflections Program, whose theme was "The World Would be a Better Place If..." has winners at Matthew Thornton, North, South and Moose Hill schools.

Entries from all participants will be displayed at the town-wide exhibit on Saturday, Jan. 10, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Londonderry Middle School. Light refreshments will be available.

Entries from the 44 students who received Excellence Awards will be displayed at the State Exhibit in March at Gil-

bert H. Hood Middle School in Derry.

Londonderry students who received Excellence and Honorable Mention Awards follow:

Matthew Thornton Excellence Awards: Jamie Nease, Photography Primary Division; Sofia Tringali, Photography Intermediate Division; Alex Harrison, Film Production Intermediate Division; Vivien Belanger, Visual Arts Primary Division; Abigail Jones, Visual Arts Primary Division; Jamie Nease, Visual Arts Primary Division; Sarah DeFazio, Visual Arts Intermediate Division; Paige Boyon, Visual

Arts Intermediate Division; and Gabrielle Tringali, Visual Arts Intermediate Division.

Matthew Thornton Honorable Mention: Vivien Belanger, Visual Arts Primary Division; Brady Fuller, Visual Arts Primary Division; Olivia DeFazio, Visual Arts Intermediate Division; and Emily Overhulser, Visual Arts Intermediate Division.

North School Excellence Awards: Grace Scanlon, Photography Primary Division; Cecelia LeBlanc, Photography Primary Division; Linsey Gregoire, Photography Primary Division; Megan St. Ger-

main, Photography Intermediate Division; Audrey Hughes, Visual Arts Primary Division; Caleb Haseltine, Visual Arts Primary Division; Avik Kumar, Visual Arts Primary Division; Olivia Witkop, Visual Arts Intermediate Division; Dana Martineau, Visual Arts Intermediate Division; Jaymee Lockhart, Visual Arts Intermediate Division; Hayley Santor, Photography Special Artist Division; Hayley Santor, Visual Arts Special Artist Division; Donovan Chylinski, Musical Composition Primary Division; Katiana Chylinski, Musical Composition Intermediate Division; Megan St. Germain, Literature Intermediate Division; and Hailey Grenier, Literature Intermediate Division

North School Honorable Mention: Ethan Peterson, Visual Arts Primary Division; Kayla Sharkey, Visual Arts Pri-

mary Division; Hailey Grenier, Visual Arts Intermediate Division; and Olivia LeBlanc, Visual Arts Intermediate Division.

South School Excellence Awards: Megan Moore, Visual Arts Special Artist Division; Andrew Zavorotny, Photography Intermediate Division; Laura Haas, Photography Intermediate Division; Elizabeth Roy, Literature Primary Division; Megan Standifer, Literature Intermediate Division; Sage Metzker, Literature Intermediate Division; Nathan Beaulieu, Musical Composition Primary Division; Amelie Fegan, Visual Arts Primary Division; Lindsey Hodgkinson, Visual Arts Primary Division; Lillian Garrity, Visual Arts Primary Division; Sage Metzker, Visual Arts Intermediate Division; Lola Roarty, Visual Arts Intermediate Division and Saffron Metzker, Visual Arts Interme-

mediate Division.

South School Honorable Mention: Tessa Frasca, Visual Arts Primary Division; Kiara Edmunds, Visual Arts Intermediate Division; and Megan Jones, Visual Arts Intermediate Division.

Moose Hill School Excellence Awards: William Garrity, Visual Arts Special Artist Division; Kylie Harrison, Film Production Primary Division; Dominic Frasca, Photography Primary Division; Gloria LeBlanc, Photography Primary Division; Sarah Fitzpatrick, Visual Arts Primary Division; Caelum O'Loughlin, Visual Arts Primary Division; and Ava Belmonte, Visual Arts Primary Division.

Moose Hill Honorable Mention: Landon Neudorff, Visual Arts Primary Division, and Madisyn Snyder, Visual Arts Primary Division.

Appointments Made to Musquash Target Shooting Task Force

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council approved appointments to the task force that will study target shooting in the Musquash Conservation Area and other town-owned conservation land in the coming months.

On Monday night, the Council appointed Mike Considine to represent the Conservation Commission, Bob Saur for Londonderry Trailways, Dana Coons for the Londonderry Fish and Game Club, Lt. Gordon Joudrey for the Fire Department and Sgt. Jason Breen for the Police Department; as well as Randy McIntyre and Bonnie McSpirtt

to represent abutters to the Musquash; and Al Sypek and Dan Watson to represent the hunting and target shooting community.

ALERT - A Londonderry Emergency Response Team - was originally offered representation, but declined to participate as it doesn't fall within its mission.

Police Chief William Hart is to serve as chairman of the task force. All appointees are Londonderry residents.

"The Council is trying to hear all parties and come to a compromise that works best for the community. If the people here try to work together and come to a resolution

that meets in the middle, I think that will be a good solution," Councilor John Farrell said in November when approving a resolution to establish the task force.

The Council agreed at that time it would be amenable to hearing a majority and minority report from the task force to ensure both sides of the issue are heard.

The task for the committee is to meet monthly and submit to the Council by April 1 a written report detailing findings and recommendations, per the approved resolution.

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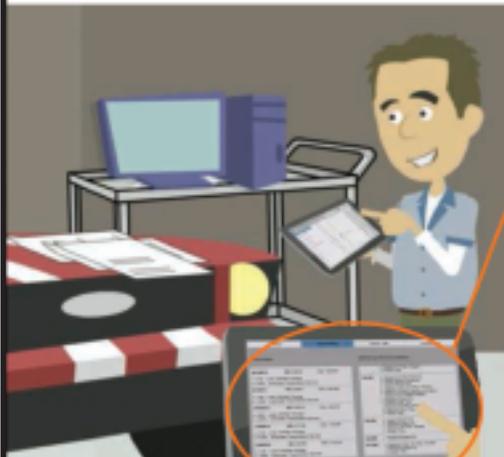
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Scouts Burn More Than 400 Christmas Trees in Annual Event

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Boy Scouts burned over 400 Christmas trees during their 20th annual fundraising event at Mack's Apples over the weekend. Scouts Thomas Perry and Zach Herrera, the oldest in the troop, had the honor of lighting the fire at 5 p.m., with the assistance of former Londonderry Scout Ted Combes.

Eagle Scout Andrew Perry, who was home from college for the holidays, said it's a tradition for the oldest boys in the troop to ignite the burn.

"It's a great opportunity to see people you haven't seen in a while and renew friendships,"

said David MacCulloch, whose son, Drew, organized the first Christmas tree burn as his Eagle project.

Snow started falling soon after the burn started, but that didn't deter people from coming out.

First-time participant Tim Savoy, who has lived in Londonderry for about 14 years, said he'd like to make the event a new tradition for his family.

"We have always known about this, but we have never had a real tree before," Savoy said, noting his family got a real tree at the request of their daughter, who is a senior at Londonderry High School and will be leaving for college this year.

MacCulloch said it was a nice sized crowd that had gathered for the burn, which progressed more quickly than usual due to a wind blowing from the east to the west.

"That has never happened before. This is the fastest burning fire I've ever seen in the 10 years I've been doing this," Scoutmaster Bill Perry said.

MacCulloch and Perry said the fires they have tended in previous years generally burned late into the night, sometimes into the early morning on Sunday.

The burn is the Scouts' biggest fundraiser of the year. Visitors who brought trees to the burn made a



Attendees were warmed by the flames of over 400 Christmas trees being burned on a cold Saturday night during the 20th annual Boy Scout Tree Burn. Photo by Chris Paul

donation to the troop, and a concession stand offering hot dogs, fried dough, chili, and hot chocolate brought in additional money.

In addition to serving as a successful fundraiser for the troop, MacCulloch said it's a special event for the Scouts because it

brings people together.

In total the troop earned \$1,693 from donations and concession stand sales at this year's event.

Auditorium

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ceived positive feedback and raised concerns about the impact the \$8.9 million, 800-seat facility would have on the Town's tax rate, DeFrancesco notes there is a documented need for the auditorium.

The subcommittee was allocated \$25,000 to hire an architect and investigate size, pricing and location

for the facility after the New England Association of Schools and Colleges recommended construction of an auditorium as part of their evaluation of the District.

While the music and drama departments will undoubtedly utilize a community auditorium like the one proposed, DeFrancesco has gathered through his research with the subcommittee that a large portion

of daily use will be curriculum based, with students benefit from the experience of larger classes in a lecture hall setting.

"After school and at night it has the potential to be used as much or as little as the community wants to use it," he said, noting the Board will have to form a separate subcommittee to determine how it wants to approach renting out the facility and whether or not associated revenues would cover the facility's operating costs. "I'm feeling like our job until voting day is to get the information in the report to voters."

Although the capacity

of the auditorium would accommodate much larger classes than the high school can, School Board member John Laferriere said he sees the space being used more for events, guest speakers, and perhaps a class for older students who are interested in an introduction to the lecture-hall experience to prepare for college.

"Class sizes are dictated by the State and we always ride under them. We won't change them," Laferriere said. "It's an exposure thing. Where warranted, the auditorium would facilitate a larger group. But consolidating classes into a lec-

ture hall is way outside the possibilities. I wouldn't support that."

If the voters approve spending \$500,000 for architecture and engineering services, the School Board would form a Building Committee and move a warrant article to the March 2016 election for the bond amount of the project.

DeFrancesco noted it was the Board's decision to split the project into two phases that require two separate votes.

The Board agreed when moving the first phase of the project to a warrant article for March that it needed time to consider

the project proposal as a whole, as well as variables that would affect the project's costs. DeFrancesco said a second vote gives the Board the option of signing "a contract not to exceed" a set amount for construction of the auditorium.

When asked about donations for the project, DeFrancesco said the subcommittee has been informed it's not the proper time to fund raise; but once a building committee is formed, he would expect fundraising will occur.

"The costs will be defrayed. But how much is

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Annual Millennium Mile Draws More Than 1,300 Runners

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Thirty-year-old Andover, Mass. resident Sean Hyland paced a massive crowd of 1,365 finishers in the 16th annual Millennium Mile Road Race in Londonderry in chilly weather on New Year's Day.

The Bay State man won the popular annual race with his finishing

time of 4 minutes and 8.2 seconds, with 21-year-old Manchester resident Joe St. Pierre finishing a close second (4:10.4) and 25-year-old Lincoln, Neb., runner Jake McDougle coming in third (4:14.3).

"Sean had a late surge with 200 yards to go to win. He's a great kid," said Millennium Mile race co-founder and Millennium Running founder John

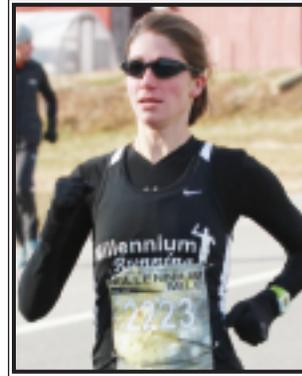
Mortimer, who was a star runner at Londonderry High School and the University of Michigan before going into coaching at the collegiate level. Mortimer recruited Hyland for Boston College while coaching at BC years ago.

Mortimer also had a personal connection to the female winner of the 2015 race.

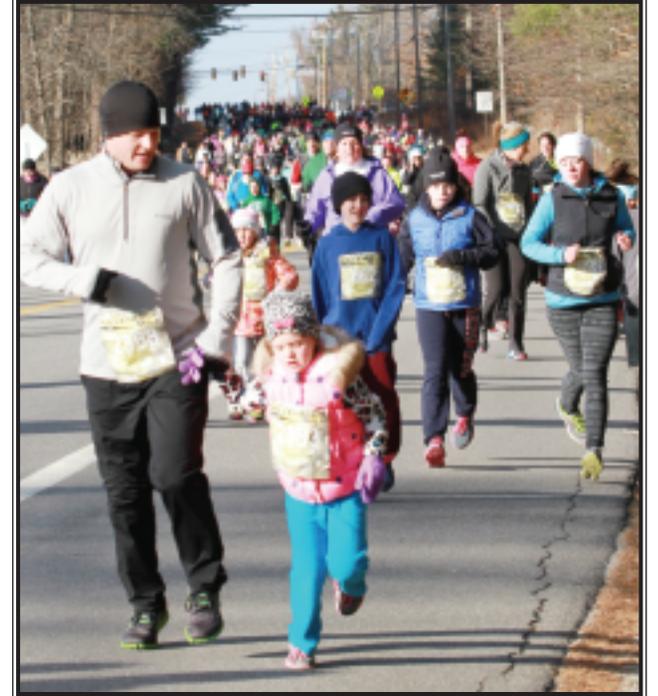
The top female finisher was former Boston College athlete and New London resident Jennifer Mortimer - wife of John Mortimer - who sprinted across the finish line 19th overall with her time of 4:49.5.

"It was great to see my wife, Jennifer, win her second Millennium Mile," said John. "She won the first as Jennifer Kramer when she was in college. She is super-talented and one fast mom of two!"

There were also five Londonderry residents who won their respective age divisions in the race. That impressive handful of racers included Matt Griffin in the boys' 11-year-old grouping, Bethany Mayo in the 30-39-year-old women's division, Andrew Young in the boys' 10-year-old class, Linsey Gregoire in the girls' 8-year-old



Jennifer Mortimer finished first in the women's division.



Over 1,300 runners set out for the one-mile race on Mammoth Road on New Year's Day.



Sean Hyland of Andover, Mass., finished the Millennium Mile in just over four minutes to win the race. Photos by Chris Paul

class, and Caroline Leone in the girls' 10-year-old grouping.

John Mortimer and his close buddies Matt and Andy Downing began the Millennium Mile race as a lark on New Year's Day 1999.

A mere 127 runners took part in that first event, but it has grown tremendously, setting a record for participants last year on New Year's Day 2014 with more than 1,600 runners making the sprint south down Mammoth Road from in front of the central fire department to the finish line just beyond the Mack's Apples

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Part of the proceeds from the annual event go to the Jack and June Mortimer Memorial Scholarship - named after John's late mom and dad - which is given to one college-bound student/athlete from New Hampshire each year.

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Lady Lancer Gymnasts Grab First Place at Goffstown Event

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Coaches Heather Tuden and Rachel Blais wound up with plenty of reasons to be pleased with the efforts of their Londonderry High girls' gymnastics squad in

a six-team meet at the YMCA Allard Center, home of Goffstown High School, Saturday, Jan. 3.

Head coach Tuden and assistant Blais saw their athletes begin the new year by posting a strong team score of 127.6 to

best the host Goffstown group (120.9), Manchester Central (118.05), Nashua North (108.6), Nashua South (97.9), and Manchester Memorial (91.65).

Jill McIntire placed second in the all-around with a score of 32.7, and her teammate Mira Kutney finished third with a 32.35, but the coaches found reasons to be

proud of the work of all of their charges.

"Rachel and I were very happy with all our girls at this meet," said Tuden. "But we still have skills to work on, which will help perfect our routines. We are looking forward to hosting our first home meet this Thursday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m."

McIntire got to her fine

all-around score by tying Goffstown's Haile Gallagher for first place on vault (score of 9.0), finishing second on the uneven bars (7.8), and taking second in the floor exercise (8.4) as well.

Kutney landed on her strong all-around tally by taking second on vault (8.2), third on bars (7.75), and second on the bal-

ance beam (8.4),

The victorious Lady Lancers also received notable efforts from Taylor Mackenzie and Courtney Baharuan (on vault), Jessi Pignone (bars), Jordan Dufresne and Camille Lamont (beam), Maddy Britting and Rachel Larkin (floor), and Gianna DelViscovo and Skylar Roy.



Jill McIntire was a big point-producer for the Londonderry High girls' gymnastics team in its victory in Goffstown on Saturday. Photo by Chris Paul

Varsity Wrestlers Keep Successes Coming

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High wrestling team's early-season success for new coach Jason Cucolo continued in earnest last week with a lopsided victory in a dual-meet and then at yet another tournament.

The Lancers made the lengthy road trip to Keene on Tuesday, Dec. 30, and thumped the host Blackbirds by a 52-20 tally.

Individual victories were delivered by Kevin Robischeau in the 106-pound class; Craig Santos at 113 pounds; Caleb Moscoso in the 126-pound bout; Jean-Luc Lemieux at 138 pounds; Colin Rear-

don in the 145-pound contest; Jake Barr at 152 pounds; Mahdi Achab in the 170-pound bout; Sebastian Rozczenko in the 182-pound bout; Richard Bilodeau at 195 pounds, and Nehemyah Dion in the 285-pound division.

The Lancers, who have also excelled in tournaments this season finished second out of 16 teams at the seventh annual Fairfield Warde High School Wrestling Invitational in Fairfield, Conn. Saturday, Jan. 3.

The host Fairfield Warde Mustangs won the tourney by tallying 230.5 points, with Londonderry taking second (210) and Simsbury, Conn. High

third (182.5).

"Today was another good test for our guys," said Cucolo. "We continue to improve each day and week, and I feel that we are able to take our losses and turn them into opportunities for growth. I am very pleased with the team's performance this week since we were coming off a long two days at the Lowell Holiday (tournament) and then no time off, up to Keene for a dual, followed by one day off and then two days of practice and off to Connecticut. This vacation has been very demanding and challenging, and the boys rose to that challenge and wrestled very tough the entire two weeks."

At the Fairfield Warde event, Richard Bilodeau won his 195-pound weight

class by posting a perfect 3-0 record, and Kyle Byrd finished first in his 160-pound class with that same 3-0 record.

Second-place finishes were claimed by Rozczenko at 182 pounds, Jake Barr at 152, Jean-Luc Lemieux in the 138-pound division (following his first title-bout loss of the campaign), and Ryan Cabezas at 126 pounds, and a third place was snared by Robischeau in the 106 class.

Fourth places came from Mahdi Achab in the 170-pound division and Andrew Chase in the 132-pound class, freshman Craig Santos finished fifth in the 113-pound grouping, and Tyler Byrd wound up with a sixth place in his 120-pound class.

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Lancer Icemen Start 2015 With a Rough Road Defeat

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Rest assured that the Londonderry High School ice hockey team won't want to remember its first game of 2015 for too long.

After posting a solid, 2-1 record in the annual Blue Devil Holiday Classic in Salem after Christmas, coach Peter Bedford's Lancers bounded back into Division I action Saturday, Jan. 3, to get 2015 rolling. But the LHS skaters did very little rolling and something much more akin to coast-

ing much of the way in a disappointing, 4-0 loss to the struggling Bishop Guertin Cardinals of Nashua on that opponent's home sheet of ice at the Skate 3 Arena in Tyngsboro, Mass.

Coach Gary Bishop's boys came into that first game of the new year having lost five of their first six games, including all three of the contests they played at the prestigious Mount Saint Charles Tournament in Rhode Island, in which they play every December.

But the Guertin ice-

men - powered in part by significant contributions from Londonderry residents Tom Norton and Jordan Caito - were unquestionably the better team in the Jan. 3 contest as they moved to 2-2 in D-I while making Londonderry 2-1 in the league.

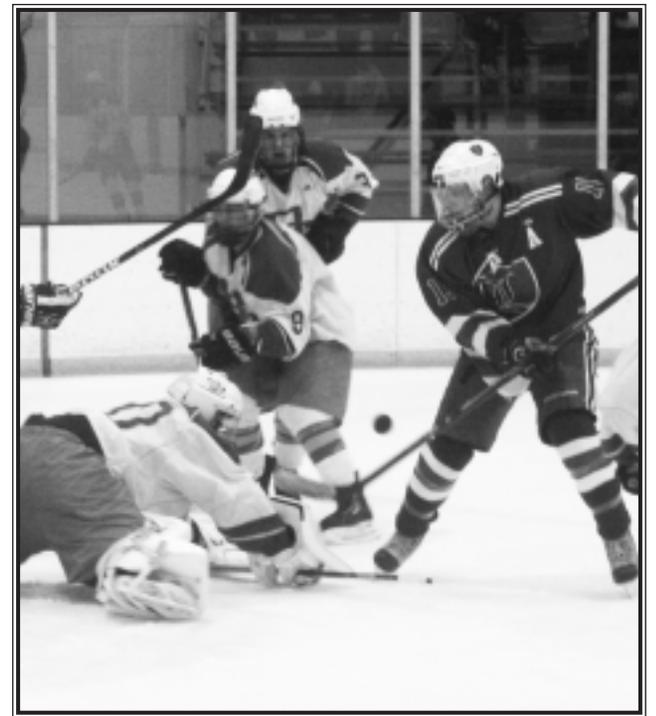
Sophomore goalie Norton turned aside 20 Londonderry shots in helping Guertin to the shutout, and his fellow Londonderry resident and sophomore Caito potted the second goal of the game a little more than three minutes into the second peri-

od to make the score 2-0.

The host Cardinals scored the only goal they'd wind up needing to win this contest - on the third consecutive shot of a quick barrage on LHS goalie Cody Baldwin - a mere 1:01 after the opening faceoff.

Play stayed even soon thereafter, with the Lancers putting some pressure on BG keeper Norton. But the score remained at 1-0 despite the fact that the squads combined for a tally of 22 shots on net (12 for BG, 10 for LHS) in the stanza.

However, Guertin flat-out owned the second period, putting 20 shots on goalie Baldwin to Londonderry's three shots on Norton. The hosts only scored once on Caito's marker, and thanks to their keeper's efforts, the locals were still in the fray as the third period commenced.



LHS junior forward Nick Donnelly looks to get the puck past Bishop Guertin goalie Tom Norton - a Londonderry resident - during the Lancers' 4-0 loss to the host Cardinals last weekend.

The only goals netted by LHS to consider as they rolled back over the Massachusetts border were claimed by BG, and Bedford and his Lancer guys had plen-

Ortiz Duo Leads Track Teams To Wins

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Brother and sister Starlin and Yorgelis Ortiz were expected to score plenty of points for their respective Londonderry High indoor track and field squads during the 2014-15 campaign. And so far they have done just that.

The dynamic athletic duo stood tall for their LHS teams at big meets at Dartmouth College in Hanover Tuesday, Dec. 30, with Starlin leading the Lancer guys to first place over 16 opposing squads and Yorgelis pacing her Lady Lancers to

first place over some 13 opposing teams in Dartmouth's Leverone Fieldhouse.

Starlin and the Lancer males tallied 48 points to best all opposition, with Merrimack winding up a distant second with 37 points.

Ortiz himself bagged wins in the 55-meter hurdles (time of 7.90 seconds) and the long jump (20 feet, 10 inches), and he was one-quarter of the Lancers' victorious 4x200-meter relay team (1 minute, 35.74 seconds) along with Trevor Guay, Eric Fairweather, and Jimmy Zimolka.

Fairweather also contributed a second place in the 55 hurdles, with Guay finishing fourth. Their teammate Kyle Foden was good for a third place in the shot put.

On the girls' side of things, Yorgelis Ortiz helped her Lady Lancers to victory (49 points to Monadnock's 43) by finishing first in the 55 dash (7.43) and second in both the high jump and the long jump.

Gretchen McGrath proved unbeatable in the 600-meter run for LHS (1:43.08), and Courtney Guay claimed third place in the 1500-meter run.

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Lancer Swimmers Enjoy Productive Night in Home Pool

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

All in all, coach Chrys Ewen and her Londonderry High School swim teams wound up with a lot to be happy about after hosting a home meet Friday night, Jan. 2.

The Lady Lancer swimmers pulled off a sweep of the three opposing teams, and the Lancer guys wound up besting two of the three opponents they hosted that evening.

GIRLS

The Londonderry ladies handled the Concord High Crimson Tide (118-



Brianna Nowicki made significant contributions to the Lady Lancer swim team's recent sweep.

42), the Campbell High Lady Cougars from Litchfield (140-4), and the Alvirne High Lady Broncos of Hudson (102-68) impressively in the meet. The Lady Lancers snagged five first places and had stalwarts like Brianna Nowicki, Allison



Kyle MacKenzie helped his Lancer swimmers best two out of three opponents recently.

Martin, Emily Buttafuoco, and Kayla Lovy come up big.

Lovy won the 100-yard butterfly as an individual (time of 1 minute, 16.50 seconds), Buttafuoco proved unbeatable in the 100-yard freestyle (59.72 seconds), and Nowicki was tops in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:16.54). The Londonderry girls also won two relays, with

the team of Buttafuoco, Nowicki, Martin, and Anna Gruchot taking the 200-yard medley relay (2:05), and the quartet of Brittaney Brown, Allyson Gillespie, Samantha Schofield, and Martin winning the 400 free relay (4:19.05).

The hosts also snared second, third, and fourth places in the 500 free (Nowicki, Martin, and

Madison Martin) and the 100-yard backstroke (Brown, Gillespie, and Lovy).

BOYS

The Lancer males defeated Campbell (85-53) and Alvirne (81-75) but wound up on the down side of an 85-72 decision against Concord.

The hosts' lone first place finish was bagged by the 200 free relay tandem of Kyle MacKenzie, Matt Bompastore, Nick Byrne, and Matt Monahan (1:41.60), but several of those skilled athletes also contributed some key points to the team totals as individuals.

Second places were delivered by a hard-working quartet of stalwarts including Monahan in the 200 freestyle, MacKenzie in the 200 individual medley, Weisse in the 100 freestyle, and Byrne in the 500 freestyle.

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LHS Boy Hoopsters Finish Third at Lowell Holiday Tournament

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

One of the numerous keys to a successful season for any athletic team is the ability to deal well with adversity. And the 2014-15 Londonderry High boys' basketball squad showed second-year coach Nate Stanton that it doesn't plan on allowing adversity to block it from its goals this winter.

Less than 24 hours after suffering a tough 90-87, double-overtime defeat to the pesky Pelham High Pythons in the semi-final-round of the Lowell (Mass.) Holiday Basket-

ball Tournament on Monday, Dec. 29, Stanton's Lancers rebounded beautifully with a 72-50 throttling of the Lowell entry to claim third place in the tourney.

The Tuesday, Dec. 30, consolation-round victory at Lowell Catholic High School spoke volumes to Stanton about what kind of mental toughness and fortitude the LHS crew maintains.

"I'm happy that we were able to play in that type of atmosphere in December as we prepare for March. I liked the way my guys battled and overcame a lot of adversity

throughout the (overtime) game," said Stanton. "Pelham is a good team, and we had opportunities to win the game, and unfortunately we fell short. But overall it was a great learning experience for us."

Stanton added, "We got third place in the tournament, and I was happy with the way we reacted the following night against Lowell. I know we were tired and disappointed with the loss the night before, but we came out and got the job done against Lowell."

The local cagers won every quarter in the con-

solation contest, tallying a 13-8 lead by the close of the first quarter and grasping a 30-17 advantage by the time halftime rolled around.

Londonderry was up 53-37 at the completion of three periods, and Stanton's squad outscored its opponent by a 19-13 margin in the fourth quarter in tallying the victory.

Senior guard Cody Ball led the local crew with 26 points, and sophomore guard Jake Coleman contributed 22, including four, three-point shots. All in all, eight Lancers netted points in the pleasing win, with the locals nail-

ing a total of nine threes.

And Stanton was left feeling as though his charges walked away from the holiday tourney having learned a vital lesson.

"My guys learned the importance of each possession and what we need to do in order to be successful. And we will keep working every day," he said.

Astros Claim An Early Ball Trophy Lead

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Pinkerton Academy has claimed an early but modest 2-0 lead over the Londonderry High Lancers in the 2014-15 Ball Family Trophy competition, but there's still a long way to go in the annual winter competition between the two local high schools.

Pinkerton's boys' and girls' track and field squads both beat their Lancer rivals in indoor track league action at the University of New Hampshire in Durham on Dec. 20, giving the Derry

school the early lead toward a fourth consecutive season of claiming the Ball hardware.

The Ball Family games then continued Wednesday, Jan. 7, after Nutfield News and Londonderry Times press time, when the PA and LHS wrestling squads were to meet up at Londonderry High.

The schools' hockey teams are slated to face off Saturday afternoon, Jan. 10, at the Salem Icecenter at 3:20 p.m., and the Pinkerton and Londonderry swim teams will dive into action Friday, Jan. 16, at 5 at The Work-

out Club in Londonderry.

The LHS and PA gymnastics contingents will battle at Londonderry on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m., and the schools' ski teams will hit the slopes against one another at Mount Sunapee on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

The Lancer and Astro basketball teams will play a doubleheader at Pinkerton on the evening of Fri-

day, Feb. 6, with the girls tipping off at 6 p.m. and the boys set to play at 7:30 p.m..

And finally, the Pinkerton and Londonderry winter spirit squads will meet up at the spirit prelims at PA on Sunday, March 8, and then potentially again at the spirit championships at PA the following Sunday, March 15, if both advance.

Athletes of the Week

For the Week of Dec. 29



Jill McIntire, Junior, Girls' Gymnastics

This veteran standout was good for an event win and three second places during her team's pleasing performance in Goffstown on Saturday, Jan. 3.



Cody Ball, Senior, Boys' Basketball

This outstanding, athletic guard continued his early 2014-15 season play with strong performances in the Lowell Holiday Tournament, including netting a big 26 points for his Lancers in the third-place game.

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clable containers as in the past; the acceptable recyclable items have not changed. For questions, call Public Works at 432-1100, ext. 137 or ext. 193.

History Program

On Thursday, Jan. 15, at 7 p.m., the Leach Library hosts author-historian Matthew Thomas in "Historic New England Powder Houses" in the library's lower-level meeting room. Thomas is president and curator of the Fremont Historical Society. The free one-hour slide presentation reviews the history of colonial New England, home to more than 200 powder houses built to store gunpowder, guns and armaments. The spark from a single metal shoe nail could ignite the contents of these houses. The storehouses played a key role in the country's fight to earn and preserve independence. Light refreshments will be served.

Legion Meeting

The monthly meeting of American Legion Post 27 takes place Jan. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Post, 6 Sargent Road, behind the Mammoth Road fire station.

Legion Bingo

American Legion Post 27 will run bingo for patients at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Manchester on Jan. 26 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Donations are appreciated, or stop by and help out. The Post will serve pizza

and diet soda as well as providing \$150 in prize money.

HiSET Prep Class

A free "HiSET" High School Equivalency Prep Class will be offered by Adult Learner Services of Greater Derry at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. Registration is Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 9 a.m. Classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon for 12 weeks, beginning Jan. 26. The "HiSET" test replaces the GED. For more information, call 432-1907, email als.greaterderry@yahoo.com, or visit www.GreaterDerryLiteracy.org.

Supervisors of Checklist

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at Town Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 20, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. to register voters and correct the checklist. They will also be at Town Hall on Saturday, Jan. 31, from 10 a.m. to noon. Anyone who has not previously registered may do so on these dates for the Town and School Deliberative Sessions. Proof of citizenship, identity, and residency is needed, or affidavits may be signed.

Free Meals

The Community Free Meals Network presents the following free meals in Derry. Derry residency is not required. Weekdays, 4 to 5 p.m., dinner, Sonshine

Soup Kitchen; Jan. 11, noon, lunch, Seventh Day Adventist Church; Jan. 11, 5 to 6:30 p.m., dinner, Church of the Transfiguration; Jan. 15, 5 to 6 p.m., dinner, West Running Brook Middle School; Jan. 17, 5 to 6:30 p.m., dinner, St. Luke's United Methodist Church; Jan. 18, noon, lunch, Seventh Day Adventist Church; Jan. 18, 5 to 6:30 p.m., dinner, Etz Hayim Synagogue; Jan. 25, noon, lunch, Seventh Day Adventist Church; and Jan. 30, spaghetti supper, 5 to 6:30 p.m. First Parish Church.

HU Chant

A Community HU Chant takes place Thursday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m. and continuing on the third Thursday of each month at the Holiday Inn, 2280 Brown Ave., Manchester. For more information, call 800-713-8944 or visit www.eckankar-nh.org.

Dale Freeman Concert

Dale Freeman will be at the Leach Library on Monday, Jan. 26, from 4 to 5 p.m. for a concert of original music and well-known favorites on guitar in a variety of different musical styles, including rock and roll, country, and blues. The fun-filled, interactive performance consists of lots of dancing, movement and singing for all ages. Advance registration is required and begins at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Arts Council Seeks Entries for Juried Londonderry Arts Café

KAITLYN G. WOODS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Arts Council will host the Londonderry Arts Café at the Leach Library on Jan. 24.

To create a coffee-house atmosphere, the Arts Council will bring together local artists and musicians in the library's

lower level meeting room, serving coffee, tea and light refreshments to guests who stop by to enjoy and support the arts in Londonderry.

"The whole purpose of the event is to let the community know what we have here in Londonderry and get more people involved with the Arts Council," Arts

Council Town Liaison Susan Hanna said.

The Council is recruiting musicians from the high school to perform during the event and is seeking submissions from local artists as well.

The event will be juried, meaning artists must submit a photo of their work to be invited to

participate.

Hanna said the library's lower level meeting room "has a really superior art hanging system" that isn't often used and it will be nice to take advantage of the space.

The Council will choose six musical acts, solo performers, duets, or quartets, vocal or instrumental, from the high school, each of whom will perform one-hour sets during

the event. The musical performances will be scheduled between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

"We'd like to have a variety of artists, bringing more friends and family into the atmosphere," Hanna said.

So far, Hanna and fellow Londonderry artists Barbara Scott and Michael Toomy have committed to displaying art during the event.

All are welcome to attend and enjoy the art on display, but only Londonderry artists and musicians will be invited to share their talents.

"This event is to showcase homegrown, local talent," Hanna said.

The Arts Council hopes to firm up details and consider entries at its next meeting.

Those who wish to participate in the Arts Café should send an email to Larry Casey at LarryCasey@gmail.com or to Susan Hanna at artist@SE-Hstudios.com with a link to a demo for musical entries or up to two images of artwork to participate as a juried artist.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Sunday, Dec. 28
10:30 a.m. Report of rapid shooting in area of Pine Street.

Tuesday, Dec. 30
2:37 p.m. Theft of tool belt from job site trailer and damage to lock on Iris Lane.

3:59 p.m. Two callers reported loud explosion in area of Faucher Road.

5:03 p.m. William Morris Blanchard, 49, Page Road, Londonderry arrested for

Simple Assault. Bail set at \$2,500 personal recognizance with Derry Circuit Court date of Feb. 17.

11:05 p.m. Units executing search warrant and arrest warrant on Stage Coach Circle. Richard Provencher, 48, April Drive, Litchfield arrested for two counts of Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs. Bail set at \$1,000 cash with Derry Circuit Court date of Feb. 17.

Brady J. McQuarrie, 22, Stage Coach Circle, Londonderry arrested for Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs and Driving After Revocation or Suspension. Bail set at \$3,500 cash with Dec. 31 Derry Circuit Court date.

11:43 p.m. Caller on Windsor Boulevard reports hearing four gunshots approximately 1 minute apart.

Wednesday, Dec. 31
8:12 a.m. Caller reported deplorable conditions of animals on Adams Road, saying sheep have not been sheared in years. Officer spoke with animal owners. Animals are fine; they get sheared once a year.

8:55 a.m. Complainant on Buttrick Road re-reporting ongoing issue with beer cans left on his property every Tuesday evening.

10:13 a.m. Report of burglary at 501 Pizza and Subs, Mammoth Road, with back door smashed in.

10:51 a.m. Subject reporting racecar missing from S & S Metals, Rockingham Road.

Saturday, Jan. 3
10:04 a.m. Theft of wallet at Convenience Plus Londonderry, Rockingham Road.

12:22 p.m. Utility box at end of driveway on Davis Drive has been damaged.

4:33 p.m. Caller reported eight juveniles skating on pond by Century Village Community Center, Wind-ing Pond Road. Does not think it is frozen and is concerned for their safety.

Sunday, Jan. 3
1:33 a.m. Caller on Capi-

tol Hill Drive reported yelling and drinking at residence.

1:28 p.m. Caller at top of S curves on South Road said cars cannot get up hill and it is icy.

4:04 p.m. About \$120 in gift cards taken either Tuesday night or Wednesday morning at Wendy's on Nashua Road.

Monday, Jan. 5
1:06 a.m. Caller on Jay Drive reported seeing someone going through car about 20 minutes ago. Reported male subject wearing jeans and grey or white hoodie.

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NOTICE OF DELIBERATIVE SESSIONS

The 2015 Deliberative Session of the Londonderry Budgetary Town Meeting shall be held on Saturday, February 7, 2015, beginning at 9:00AM at the Londonderry High School Cafeteria. All warrant articles shall be acted upon at that time for placement on the Town Meeting Official Ballot.

The 2015 Deliberative Session of the Londonderry School District shall be held on Friday, February 6, 2015, beginning at 7:00PM in the Londonderry High School Cafeteria. All warrant articles shall be acted upon at that time for placement on the School District Official Ballot.

Voting for all town and school officials and all Official Ballot Warrant Articles shall take place on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, between 7:00AM and 8:00PM at the Londonderry High School Gymnasium.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

The Zoning Board of Adjustment for the Town of Londonderry, NH will meet Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Road. Please note: the Board reserves the right to continue presentations, deliberations, and/or discussion to February 5, 2015 if the need arises.

Minutes 7:00 P.M.
Case No. 8/20/2014-2 (Continued) 7:01 P.M.
Robert Casey requests a relief of administrative decision in accordance with the provisions of RSA 676:5. 26 Pine Street, 3-70, AR-I.

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Links to Third World in Steve Sullivan's Artwork at Library

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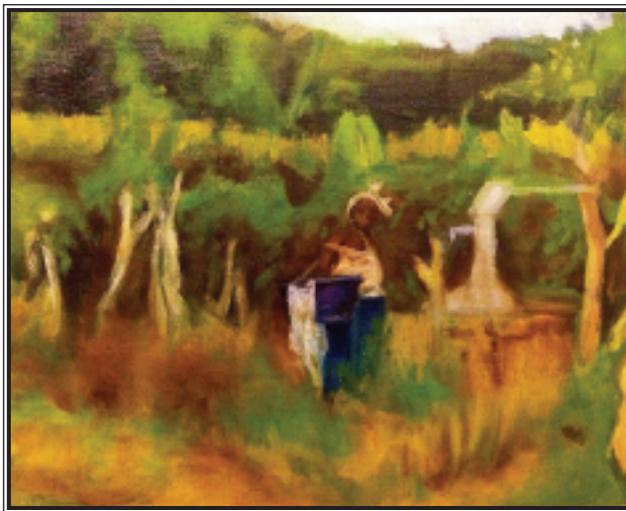
After spending three years in West Africa as an agricultural volunteer, Londonderry artist Steve Sullivan is reconciling through his art his experiences working in the Third World with what he has learned from working in the food industry in Boston.

As part of his graduate studies at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Sullivan, who is pursuing his Master in Fine Arts degree, is exploring the use of unique media to tell stories from his travels and shed light on the similarities between the value of labor in developing countries and more affluent counties like the U.S.

"I have been thinking about the concepts of labor and value through telling stories of village life and restaurant life," said Sullivan, who melts down and paints with crayons from the children's menus of the restaurant where he works, to show waste and value; they would otherwise get thrown out.

"It's an interesting position as an artist to toe the line between those two very disparate worlds," he said. "I am connected to both of them now. People who work in the service industry have very high labor, low pay jobs. In the First World, we are supposed to be so much more civilized and affluent, but there are some similarities."

In an installation he is



"Dry Season," Steve Sullivan

working on as part of his graduate studies, Sullivan is using metallic thread and twine to map movement in the village and in the restaurant, telling the

stories of both places in one layered piece.

"Right now, I'm working on transferring the map from the floor of my studio to the wood materi-

al I purchased that will hang on a wall," Sullivan said, noting he plans on taping a two-meter by two-meter square on the floor in front of his piece to preserve the idea of the floor. and root viewers in a space the size of the squares used to map the garden in the village where he worked in Senegal.

Pieces Sullivan installed at the Leach Library include "Dry Season," an abstract painting of a scene from the village during the dry season that incorporates beeswax and melted crayons from the restaurant; and four small diptych paintings Sullivan said are special to him as an artist because they were his first experiments with comparing restaurant life to village life using the melted crayons.

Recently, Sullivan has been creating sculptures that incorporate materials that are valued at the amount the average villager would make and the amount a waiter earns for an hour of labor - about \$1 per day and \$2.63 per hour, respectively.

"I'm incorporating the idea that in the village, time is valued in food, and in the restaurant time is money," he said.

Having saved a \$1 bag of popcorn the restaurant would have otherwise thrown away, Sullivan dipped individual kernels

in the wax from salvaged crayons and is working to construct the individual kernels into a corn cob to show where they came from.

Sullivan has been experimenting with pulverizing the crayons into a powder he can manipulate as a new medium.

As he looks to the future, Sullivan, who is an experienced oil painter and enjoys graphic design, said he has a vague idea of what he would like to do with his Master's degree - perhaps work as an adjunct art teacher for a university.

"I would like to find something that would allow me to continue working and developing my artwork, as well as the grassroots development work. I'm starting to see the need for that type of work here in the U.S.," he said. "I'd also like to travel. I haven't been anywhere outside the U.S. since I got back. It's been about three years since I've been home."

Sullivan, a member of the Londonderry Arts Council, graduated from Londonderry High School in 2003 and earned his Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art from Tulane University in New Orleans.

His paintings will be on display at the Leach Library for the rest of January.

Auditorium

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out there is anyone's guess," he said. "If a major corporation wants to come in and donate \$1 million, it would impact the cost of the project for the taxpayer. There have been other things like that that have happened in the past."

Asked what the biggest misconception he has heard about the auditorium is, DeFrancesco said it's confusion related to the facility's inability to host graduation.

"I keep hearing the fact that graduation won't occur there, so why spend so much money when we can't even use it for graduation? The fact is, with about 4,000 participants in graduation, the Verizon Wireless Center (in Manchester) is a better venue. I don't think Londonderry is in position, and as a taxpayer I wouldn't support building a facility that seats 4,000 people for one event each year," he said.

A concern raised by one taxpayer at a previous School Board meeting was what other improvements in the District are being delayed to build the auditorium - and whether there is a better investment to make at this time.

School District officials said the main improve-

ment they are putting off is construction of a new School District office.

"It has been pushed way out. It's not even a point of discussion right now," Superintendent Nate Greenberg said.

Business Administrator Peter Curro said the SAU building will have to be addressed in the near future, with a decision as to whether the District should put money into repairing the roof or building a new structure.

"It's an old building and it has some HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) issues," he said. "It's been pushed a couple of years out, but at some point we'll have to make that decision. It's not falling down or cracking, it's more or less the same stuff you get with any old building. It was built in 1980, so it's not like we have a 35-year window here."

Although there have been concerns with the proposed auditorium, DeFrancesco said the feedback the subcommittee has received at various community events, such as the Christmas pancake breakfasts at the elementary schools, has been overwhelmingly positive.

"Based on what we have heard from people, they have been happy to see us and to get information. I have had people tell me

they were glad they could ask questions to me directly. Most people won't go to a School Board meeting or write an email because it's too intimidating," he said. "The process has been the same for getting information out to the voters since I came into town in 1978 - it has always been photos and information booths."

If the voters approve both the 2015 warrant for architecture and engineering and the bond for the project in March 2016, the Town could see occupancy of the new facility in September 2017.

The 28,800-square-foot, stand-alone auditorium would be located near the high school's cafeteria in an area currently used for parking and deliveries.

The proposed design includes a 2,000-square-foot lobby, and a 40-foot by 40-foot stage with 25-foot wings and a 40-foot proscenium. The orchestra pit would sit in front of the stage, lower by about 6 feet.

To view the auditorium committee's complete report, visit the School District online at www.londonderry.org.

MINUTE TAKER POSITION WINDHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Town of Windham is accepting applications for the position of Minute Taker. This position composes meeting minutes of land use board meetings, including the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Attendance at the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment night meetings is required. The Planning Board meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays and the Zoning Board of Adjustment meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, although the schedule is subject to change.

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TOWN OF LONDONDERRY VOLUNTEERS

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The Commission works under the provisions of State Law (RSA 36-A) and the Londonderry Municipal Code. The Commission's major responsibilities are to review Dredge & Fill applications for the NHDES Wetlands Bureau; support Planning Board goals with DRC review and recommendations for Conditional Use Permits; work to preserve the community's orchards and open spaces; provide educational information about our natural resources to the community; and manage the Town's working forests.

Information regarding the Conservation Commission can be found on the Town's website. There is an application deadline of Friday, January 16th, 2015.

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