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Tallest Tower Ryan and Jack Griffin work to build the tallest tower out of Legos during Monday night's second annual Family Science night organized by teachers Kelly Juster and Meredith Jackes. The boys won the competition with a height of 36.2 inches. See more photos on page 19. Photo by Chris Paul

Town Working to Recoup Outstanding Ambulance Fees

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port, according to officials. standing fees.

fire Londonderry administrators discussed patients have some form the billing process during of insurance, according to ecouping fees from a Board of Selectmen officials. But even with patients who are budget meeting Monday insurance, some services transported to the- night at Town Hall. With still aren't covered and hospital can sometimes be 1,280 accounts and an patients are still responsidifficult, especially if it average balance of \$665, ble for various levels of involves calls to Manches- officials discussed ways to copays and other fees, ter Boston Regional Air- recoup some of the out- according to fire adminis-

Virtually all of the

The men and women who have served our country will be honored in the Londonderry High School Cafeteria from 8 to honored guests are resi-9:30 a.m. with a full course breakfast, just a small token of appreciation for what they have done for our country.

The event has grown quite a bit since it's beginnings in the Londonderry High School gym lobby

LHS's Pay it Forward Club to Host Veteran's Breakfast in 2010 serving Dunkin to the veterans in atten-Donuts coffee and confec- dance, but this year tions, to 91 attendees last hopes to see students of year with a full course breakfast (funded by the town council and the the event. And the Lonschool board) in the High donderry High School School cafeteria, with vol- band will be playing a unteers replenishing the supply up to ten times during the event. This year's estimated atten- that." said LHS Senior dance is around 100 veter- Annika Lidster, one of the ans

Ninety percent of the dents of Londonderry, the rest being friends and fellow veterans of the resident vets whose towns don't currently have anything like the breakfast.

In years past, there have always been high school student speakers continued on page 9 with about 18 attendees who share their gratitude

Londonderry Middle School also speaking at salute song for each branch of the military.

"The veterans love student volunteers for the

continued on page 3

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A FREE Weekly Publication Council Approves Ordinance to Deter Public Water Removal

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drought conditions, Lon- third violation. donderry councilors of water for commercial bodies

ing to approve the ordienforcement powers. Violators caught withdrawwaters could face potential fines.

Under the new ordinance, violators would be

Melissa Beth Ruiz Londonderry Times

ocal veterans are

invited to attend the

Londonderry High

School Pay it Forward

Club's sixth annual Thank

You Veterans Breakfast on

Saturday Nov. 12, the day

after Veteran's Day.

the second violation; and ing water withdrawals 'n response to severe a fine of up to \$500 for a was being created.

have approved a proposal ronmental Service offi- questioned whether the to restrict the withdrawal cials advised the town in new ordinance would be September that the effective since it would use from public water drought conditions were severe enough in New The councilors voted Hampshire to ask municiat the Monday night meet- palities to enact town- we get rain that it's OK to wide lawn watering bans start going and taking the nance that grants police for both public and private wells, according to and lakes and streams," officials. Londonderry ing water from public enacted a ban early last be doing that." month, restricting the watering of all residential lawns.

subject to a warning on letters to landscaping going out and selling it for the first violation; fol- companies advising them

lowed by a \$250 fine on that an ordinance restrict-

But in the meeting, Department of Envi- resident Deanna Mele only be in place during the drought.

"We can't say because water out of the ponds Mele said. "We should not

She said violators have been taking the water for free from area The town also sent out water sources and then continued on page 3

South School Utilizes Bosch Grant for After School Science





South Elementary School's eight week after school program on science was funded through a grant for \$3800 from the Bosch Community Fund. The grant was used to fund engineering exploration during after school activities. The program is being taught by Londonderry High School physics teacher, Rich Levergood and former South School teacher, Martha Miller. They worked with students to explore different careers and thought processes in engineering. The program ended this week with students using stop watches they built last week by creating circuits. *Photos by Chris Paul*









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Breakfast Continued from page 1

She has been involved in make sure that each vetthe event for three years.

dents of the Pay it For- each containing items of a ward Club call veterans to different theme, and most personally invite them to the breakfast, set up the ized, hand-written note event, greet and thank thanking the veteran for every veteran who comes his or her service. At the through the door, and time this story was writhelp transport older veterans from the parking lot able to obtain 30 gift basand to the parade.

Perhaps the most obtaining at least 80 noteworthy gesture from these kindhearted youths is that they ensure that no veteran is alone during as from town residents. the breakfast. If they see LHS Assistant Principal join and to hear stories that one kind stranger them. The club delights in seeing the same faces returning each year, and

is always overjoyed to greet new ones.

Each year the Pay it Veteran's Day Breakfast. Forward Club works to eran goes home with a Each year, the stu- special thank-you basket, importantly, a personalten. the Club has been kets, with hopes of

Gift basket contributions are put together from the schools, as well veterans sitting by them- and Pay it Forward Adviselves, they will ask to sor Katie Sullivan noted and to hear more about gave a monetary donation for use towards the Thank You Breakfast.

The Pay it Forward

ENGAGEMENT Announcement

Sarah Felix & Steven Dvorak



Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Felix are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Diane Felix to Steven Michael Dvorak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dvorak. An October wedding is planned at St Mark's Church in Londonderry, NH





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Local verterans will be treated to a breakfast buffet on Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Londonderry High School by the school's Pay It Forward group. Photo by Chris Paul

Club works together with parade, so that the day is, would like to see the the Londonderry Legion to hold the Breakfast right before the Veteran's Day

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Mele added that this is

She said the town

should have a depart-

ment within town hall

devoted to monitoring

water sources and provid-

ing enforcement when

necessary. She also sug-

gested posting signs to

notify the public of the

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the first time in 45 years

she's seen water levels so

Water

their businesses.

low.

in Lidster's words, "All about them."

ordinance.

nance, he said.

move slowly."

Council Chairman John

Farrell said the town is

violators. The town could

then create another ordi-

"Honesty,

Integrity &

Attention to

Detail"

Sullivan at ksullivan@lon-Thank You Veterans donderry Breakfast grow in the When asked how she coming years, Sullivan

> the town needs to take the process more seriously.

Town Manager Kevin Smith said after the first moving forward with a reading of the ordinance plan to address potential letters were sent to landscaping companies in the area to inform them that the ordinance was being

proposed. And if the companies withdrew water police would treat it as theft of public property.

"So we actually have been enforcing the removal of water even prior to this ordinance being adopted," Smith said.



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said she would like to see

even more community

involvement, and "Make

sure we've reached every

and would like to come,

please let us know how

we can reach you." Asked

Sullivan of those London-

derry veterans out there

who have yet to be hon-

fast is of no charge to the

veterans, but guests are

welcome and encouraged

to make a donation to

support veterans in need.

All those who would like

to contribute to the event,

or veterans interested in

attending for the first

time, please contact Katie

Of course the break-

ored at the event.

"If you are a veteran,

veteran."

Editorial **Veteran's Day**

Veteran's day is fast approaching once again. This holiday was originally proclaimed in 1919 by Woodrow Wilson as "Armistice Day", during a time when the world had seen what they thought was the first and last major global conflict, what is now known as World War I, but was originally known as "The Great War" or the 'War to end all wars".

Since then, American men and women have continued to distinguish themselves in the service of this great nation, from WWII, Korea "The forgotten war", Vietnam, Desert Storm, and the Global War on Terror, among others, which seems to have no end in sight.

Since the end of WWII most of us can remember growing up and being warned of the Communist threat in Eastern Europe and Asia. Our great Nation provided the global leadership necessary to overcome this threat known as the "Cold War" because there were few actual shots fired between the United States and the Soviet Union - in the end we prevailed, but many veterans spent many years standing sentry against the threat, be it on a watch in West Berlin, aloft for the Strategic Air Command or supporting counterinsurgencies in Central and South America and elsewhere.

Veterans of all branches of the armed services generally enjoy a great sense of camaraderie. As a 21 year retired Marine, I had the chance to observe this first hand very recently at my job. I often go to meetings where I do not know all of the participants, and as most former military do you

always scan all of your surroundings when you enter the room and make a mental note. For all Marines and certain members of the other branches like US Army Airborne, Rangers, Infantry, Special Forces, Delta, US Navy SEALs, USAF Combat Controllers/Para Rescue, when your eyes meet it's often very instinctual to sense another operator. In my case I immediately made a new friend that day.

The United States is somewhat unique among world powers and history in that our Service men and women swear an oath of allegiance, not to the a King, but to the Constitution, which is the governing document by which our Government derives its power - a contract with our people. This is the root of "service", against enemies foreign and domestic

Londonderry has honored its Veterans well with a remarkable memorial at the center of town, well worth stopping and reading with your kids someday. New Hampshire has among the highest Veteran population density of all US States, so chances are you know one. Here in Londonderry we have had and continue to enjoy great representation to our State Government contingent to this day by Veterans - in both the House and the Senate. John Stark and Col. Pillsbury may have been among the first, but they certainly won't be the last!

Please take the time to thank a vet, and when you do, recall that he or she thought so much of your freedom and your rights that they swore an oath to the Constitution and service to the country, up to and including their life.



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Letters

Town has received their property tax bill. Even with all the new business auditorium to make ours in town my taxes have again increased. But what is significant is the fact that almost 63% of my property tax goes to support the school district. Admittedly, we have a good school system with many faculty and staff that deserve a decent tion Woodmont. Let this salary and benefits. But do we need the added burden of another facility that may only see limited use on a regular basis; the day ended. The ongoing facility still needs heat, cost of maintaining the cooling, etc., even if only facility also was never dis- at a minimum, when it

stands empty. How By now everyone in much will the tax rate need to increase to support this burden.

> One additional fact we don't want to overlook. Very soon, we just might need to add additional regular classroom space or build new facilities to accommodate all the families expected to move into the new muti-family developments not to menbe one of the few times the powers-that-be listen to the will of the people and finally put this issue to rest.

Steven Zeichner Londonderry

Londonderry Times welcomes letters of up to 500 words on topics of local interest, written by local residents, and prints as many letters as possible. Please e-mail your letters to the Londonderry Times at londonderrytimes@nutpub.net. All letters must include the writer's name, address and phone number for verification if needed; name and town of residence will be printed. Londonderry Times reserves the right to reject or edit letters for content and length, and anonymous letters will not be printed. Deadline is 5 p.m. Monday.

State Urges Residents to Get Flu Shots Now

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) (DHHS) has announced the first positive influenza test result of the 2016–17 influenza season. The positive sample was identified by the State Public Health Laboratories from an adult from Rockingham County.

Auditorium and Taxes

there has been much dis-

cussion for the want of an

a "full service" school dis-

trict. To persuade voters

some went so far as to say

the school district would

lose accreditation; this is

not the case. It was also

mentioned that an audito-

rium could generate in-

come from outside groups

renting the space for

events. Except that hav-

ing classrooms in the

facility, it would only be

available after the school

Over several decades.

With the influenza virus circulating in the State, DHHS encourages all New Hampshire residents 6 months of age and older to be vaccinated against the flu at their earliest convenience, especially those who are at increased risk for complications.

"With influenza already beginning to circulate in our communities, we recommend that individuals 6 months of age and older get the flu vaccine," said Dr. Benjamin Chan, New Hampshire State Epidemiologist. "It is difficult to predict how a flu season will progress, but the flu vaccine is safe and offers people the best protection to avoid illness and medical complications of influenza virus infection."

The Federal Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 25,000 people in the United States die each year from influenza. Last flu season in New Hampshire, 19 influenza-related deaths were identified based on review of death certificate records.

While everyone 6 months of age or older should get a flu vaccine this season, it is especially important for certain groups at higher risk of medical complications from the flu get vaccinated for their own safety, including:

Children aged 6 months through 4 years of age

• Pregnant women. • Adults 50 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.

People who live with or care for those at high risk of flu complications should also be vaccinated. including:

• Health care workers. • Household contacts of persons at high risk of complications from the flu.

• Household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children younger than 6 months of age.

Influenza can be a serious disease of the lungs. nose, and throat. The illness is spread from person to person through contact with infected respiratory secretions including by coughing and sneezing. Typical flu symptoms include fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and muscle aches.

The flu season usually lasts from October through May, so CDC and DHHS recommend that everyone who is at least 6 months of age be vaccinated by the end of October. Residents are encouraged to check with schools, pharmacies or their healthcare provider to be vaccinated.

For more information on influenza and the vaccine, contact the New Hampshire Immunization Program at 1-800-852-3345, ext. 4482 or 271-4482 or the Bureau of Infectious Disease Control at 1-800-852-3345, ext. 0279 or 271-0279. Visit the Centers for Disease C

Nutfield Publishing's Deb Paul Receives Volunteer Service Award

Nancy Downes Londonderry Times

olunteer New Hampshire held its 14th annual Spirit of New Hampshire Awards ceremony at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord on Tuesday evening, Nov. 1. It was an evening to honor individuals, groups, nonprofits, educational institutions, and businesses from across the granite state that go above and beyond the call to serve.

During the ceremony, 4,000 volunteers, groups, schools and businesses were recognized at the award ceremony Tuesday night.

"Every year in New Hampshire, over 300,000 individuals volunteer their time to make New Hampshire a better state to live in," said Gretchen Berger, executive director of Volunteer NH.

were given out at the ed for its dedication to Capitol Center for the the community, and for its Arts, honoring volunteers work in keeping the town for stepping up to serve informed. others. Nutfield Publishing's Deb Paul was one to this year for her individreceive the Volunteer Ser- ual commitment and convice Award for 2016.

Volunteer Service profit Awards are given to individuals or groups who, according to Volunteer NH, "provide volunteer services that strengthen communities and improve the lives of the citizens of New Hampshire." The al Wine Tasting and Aucawards are given by category of Senior, Adult, and Youth volunteers.

"It's really about shinlast ing a spotlight on service need of financial assisand recognizing folks who don't even realize the impact that they make," said Berger.

Paul had accepted an award at the first Spirit of New Hampshire Awards in 2002.

The

Paul was recognized tribution to many nonorganizations. Among her many services include serving as the Board of Director at the YMCA of Greater Londonderry. Paul is one of the YMCA's fundraising efforts, including its annution. The auction provides opportunities for individuals and families in the community who are in tance to participate in the YMCA's programs. And the auction helps to strengthen existing and to implement new youth programs.

In addition, Paul is also on the board of the Londonderry Londonderry Historical More than 100 awards Times had been nominat- Society, where she aids in



Bellweather Communty Credit Union President, CEO Micheal L'Ecuyer, left and Executive Director of Volunteer of New Hampshire Gretchen Berger, right, presented the Volunteer Service Award to Publisher Deb Paul on Tuesday, November 1. Courtsey Photo

and Blues Fest for Veter-

an's Court, for which she

orchestrates bringing in

vendors and handles

the Upper Room in Derry

Caregivers of Londonder-

Garden

planning.

Derry

fund raising, running the the government commit-Old Home Day and Har- tee. She also leads in vest Fest-Trick-a-Treat on coordinating local town Main Street events and events such as Londonthe Greater Derry Lon- derry's Old Home Day, donderry Chamber of Derry Fest, Harvest Fest, Commerce where is on





Reading

Leach Londonderry Library Director Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp, left, and Assistant Director Sally Nelson, right, present the Janice Anagnos Memorial Prize and certificate to Taryn Kocak for reading the most books during the 2016 Young Adult Summer Reading Program.

Courtesy photo



Moore Mart, Southern NH Planning Commission, and the Women's Club of Londonderry. She has also helped with Art in Action, one of the founders of Beautifying Londonderry, one of the founders of Concerts in the Common, Christmas Trees in the Common, and more. She has also been instrumental in the fundraising efforts for the Gold Star Moms Memorial in Manchester and Iraq Vet Memorial Wall in Derry. But Paul's call to

action doesn't stop there. Her next initiative is the development and construction of a substance abuse center in the Londonderry/Derry community. Her vision is to help youth and adults who are struggling with addiction, and she is working towards assembling a team with all of the resources, expertise and connections to make her vision a reality.

If any group, or induvidual ask for help in any She is also involved in way she is there to help.

Many for her contribu-(a resource center for tions and dedication to families in need), the the community recognize Soup Kitchen, Community Paul, and she continues to do all she can to build ry, Londonderry and up those who need it the Club, most.



Londonderry High Grad Seeing World Aboard Hi-Tech Naval Ship

MELISSA RUIZ LONDONDERRY TIMES

2008 Londonderry Senior High School graduate and Londonderry native is serving in the U.S. Navy as part of a crew working aboard one of the country's most versatile combat ships.

Lt. Jesse Scuito enjoyed growing up in Londonderry, but decided to join the Navy because it was something different, and he liked the concept of being able to travel and expand his horizons.

"The thought of a desk job wasn't really doing it watch in the middle of the for me," said Scuito. "I wanted to get out and see the world."

Scuito is currently serving aboard USS Mayport, Fla., but through the Navy, he has been able to see more of the line of the Milky Way ... " world.

under pressure.



Lt. Jesse Scuito

When asked what his favorite experience was so far, he recalled a couple of years ago, in the Arabian Gulf, standing night, glancing up to the sky wearing night vision goggles.

"With the naked eye, you'd just see pitch Detroit (LCS 7) based in black," he said, "But with the night vision, you could easily see the out-As a Lieutenant.,

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assistant tions division.

"I enjoy the challenges and rewards that come with being on a ship with a smaller than normal and sense of community crew," said Sciuto. "I've developed here is really had more opportunities important to me," Sciuto ship's than I might have had on a larger ship also, driving Detroit is amazing."

Scuito added that his time in the Navy has made him more mature. He said that out of college, he was not only responsible for himself, but also for a division of sailors, and that had changed him quite a bit.

"If there's a 10-year (high school) reunion, most people probably won't recognize me," he said.

7)'s technological bene-

departments mission packages quickly, and overseeingoperations meaning sailors can supof the gunnery division, port multiple missions, as well as the communica- such as surface warfare, marine warfare, Sciuto said.

"The tight-knit crew said.

Designed to defeat threats such as mines. quiet diesel submarines toral combat ships are a bold departure from traditional Navy shipbuilding programs, according to Navy officials. The LCS sustainment strategy was developed to take into account the unique design and manning of LCS and its associated mission modules.

The USS Detroit (LCS cials, the path to becoming an LCS sailor is a long to be without a scratch. one. Following an 18identical to the ship. This to move into cyber intense and realistic trainately onboard.

"The 'Ghost Riders' trained. hard-working, and energetic team anyofficer of Detroit. "Their smooth departure from them. the shipyard in Marinette, Wis, a flawless commis- a career in the Navy, downtown Detroit, Michi- something for everyone,"

Scuito is responsible for fits allow for swapping gan and the ship's first and "We have everything, international port-call in under the ocean, on top Windsor, Ontario. This of the ocean, in the air, amazing Crew is an ideal and even a little bit in fit for Detroit: the Navy's space." mine warfare, or anti-sub- newest and most capable warship. We are all eager to tackle the remaining oceanography, weather, weeks of our sail-around mission "

> voyage Marinette, saying that it recruits can meet with a was his hardest challenge so far.

"We hate getting close and fast surface craft, lit- to anything," he said, mented on the additional referring to the space between a ship and any given object. During the 9 hours out of 15-hour journey that Scuito was driving the ship, he had to navigate through areas members aboard one of with just 15 feet of space on either side.

"It was very stressful." Scuito said, but he was According to Navy offi- able to get the USS Detroit (LCS 7) where it needed

Scuito's ultimate goal month training pipeline, in the Navy is to comsailors have to qualify on mand a ship at sea, and a simulator that is nearly he would eventually like defense. When asked if he ing pipeline allows sailors could see himself back in is that it'll be deployed for to execute their roles and Londonderry, he said that peacekeeping and humanresponsibilities immedi- he loves visiting, and upon stepping would like to come back once or twice a year, which has not been able seen a United States veswho comprise LCS Crew to happen regularly. He is 103 are the most well- hoping to return for a visit Navy's presence to be in January or February.

As for returning to his where in the Fleet," said hometown in a more per-Cmdr. Michael P. Des- manent way, he said that planning, the design of mond, the commanding he was not sure what he systems, and crew reqwould be doing over the efforts have led to a next 17 years, but if he form allows the fleet to remarkable series of mile- had children, this would increase forward presstones, including Detroit's be a great place to raise ence and optimize its per-

To anyone considering

He went on to mention that there are jobs in and a big department for research and develop-Scuito reflected on the ment. The opportunities from are vast, and prospective recruiter to find the right path, he said.

Scuito further comperks of Navy life.

"I'm currently in a biodome, looking at otters play..." he said with a smile. "Port visits are great."

As one of 53 crew the Navy's newest ships, Scuito and other Sailors are building a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes.

Crew members know how important it is for the Navy to develop new war fighting capabilities to continue their success on the world's oceans.

"One extremely unique thing about this ship, ity missions, " said Scuito. "We can pull into more ports that have never sel, which allows the seen throughout the world."

Through innovative uirements, the LCS platsonnel, improving the ability of the Navy to be where it matters, when it sioning ceremony week in Scuito says "There is matters, according to Navy officials.

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People can experience stress in different degrees, from mild to severe. "Just enough" stress can be a good thing and indeed critical to survival. However, when this stress response fails to switch off and reset itself after a challenging situation has passed, or if it worsens to the point of distraction, it can lead to more significant psychological problems and even worsen some medical conditions. That is the point at which an adjustment disorder or more severe problems can develop.

An adjustment disorder is a severe emotional reaction to a stressful event that has occurred in your life such as the death of a loved one or being diagnosed with a disease. It is a type of stressrelated mental illness that can affect your feelings, thoughts and behaviors. Adjustment disorders are characterized by:

· Having emotional or behavioral symptoms within three months of a specific stressor occurring in your life

· Having serious symptoms involving severe distress or an inability to function well in your daily life

People may experience depressed mood, anxiety, disruptive behavior or other problems. Generally, there is an improvement within six months of the stressful event coming to an end. Taking good care of your emotional needs, talking to a trusted

friend or family member, and avoiding isolation are important

in recovery. If symptoms persist, it may be helpful to talk to your doctor about what treatment options may be right for you.

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The Londonderry Rotary Club presented checks to two local charities during the club's Oct. 18 meeting at The Coach Stop. at left a check for \$6,900 was presented to Liberty House Executive Director Keith Howard by Rotary members Claudia Charbonneau, Fundraising Co-Chair Londonderry Rotary, Deb Waitt, Rotary Fundraising Co-Chair and Mike Dolan, Rotary President. At right, Family Promise, a non-profit serving homeless families in Rockingham County, was presented with a check for \$6,300. John Timmeny, left, accepted the check on behalf of Family Promise, from club members Deb Waitt, and Mike Dolan. Photo by Haley Paton Dufour

Town Councilors Consider Veterans Property Tax Credit

HUNTER MCGEE LONDONDERRY TIMES

to take a wait-and-see approach on a state law regarding the veterans tax the tax credit could add new law. credit.

gives the council the sessed property on the ta lower the current tax option of extending the to the tax rate. same tax credit to all local ered statute.

There are currently 799 local veterans who are taking advantage of the town's \$500 tax credit, said Town Manager Kevin have to budget for it," Far-Smith.

Administrators believe about 407 more councilors could vote to fter meeting Mon- veterans who aren't curday night, coun- rently receiving the take cilors say they want the tax credit under the state law, Smith said.

increase of 11 cents per The new state law thousand dollars of as-

But because adminisveterans who pay proper- trators don't know how have to pass the plan for ty taxes and aren't cov- many will take the tax it to take effect in the under current credit, they have to budget for the possibility that all of the eligible veterans took the credit.

rell said.

As another option, decrease the current tax credit to a lower amount and see how many new veterans take advantage Adding the veterans to of the tax credit under the

> But some councilors said they don't want to credit.

> Councilors would 2016-17 budget.

Councilors said they don't know enough about how many veterans might "Even if they don't take the tax so the best take advantage of it, we approach is to wait and gather more data.

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itorney **General Warns Again About IRS Scams**

Attorney General Joseph A. Foster warns New Hampshire residents that IRS (Internal Revenue Service) fraudulently claiming to scam calls continue to be received.

Since the beginning of January, the Attorney Office has General's received over 1,200 complaints related to these IRS scams, with no indication that the calls are wage garnishment, or becoming less frequent. other forms of legal The Attorney General

ary and in 2015.

Frequently, residents will receive unsolicited calls from individuals be from the IRS and demanding payment for taxes allegedly past due. The callers typically ask for immediate payment and request debit or credit card numbers. Some callers threaten arrest, process to coerce the res-

OBITUARY

Betty A Sampson (Genge)



Betty A Sampson (Genge) of Londonderry passed away suddenly on Oct. 24. She is survived by her be-

loved husband, Bill, her four children, Carol, Chris, Chase, and Cliff, and also her six grandchildren, Anthony, Madison, Amber,

Ava, Chris Jr., and Isaac.

Among her many interests were crocheting, playing cards, and watching TV shows with her family. But above all else Betty especially loved spending quality time with her family and friends.





Hampshire issued this alert in Febru- ident into making the pay- threatening and demandment.

> The IRS continues to caution taxpayers that their first contact with a delinquent taxpayer will not be a phone call but will almost always be in the form of a letter from the IRS sent through the mail. The IRS also does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information and never asks for credit card, debit card or prepaid IRS related scam being card information over the phone.

> Residents should always verify carefully the tor uses a stolen Social authenticity of any demand for payment, especially if that demand comes during an unsolicited phone call or email.

The Attorney General advises everyone, in the first instance, to hang up immediately if receive one of these refund sent to the thief.

ing calls, not engage the caller in any respect and be suspicious of all unsolicited calls asking for personal or financial information. The Attorney General advises that people should never provide personal information over the phone, in an email, or through the Internet unless that person has verified the source of the inquiry.

A second prevalent reported is tax-related identity theft. This can occur when the perpetra-Security number to file a tax return claiming a fraudulent refund. Often, the victim is unaware that the theft has happened until the person files his or her return and only then discovers that a fraudulent return had they already been filed and the

Anyone who becomes а victim of tax-related identity theft should:

• File a report with the local police.

• File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at www.identi- box. tytheft.gov

• Call the FTC Identity Theft Hotline at 1-877-438-4338

• Contact the IRS and complete IRS Form 14039, Identity Theft Affidavit.

• Contact one of the three major credit bureaus to place a "fraud alert" on your credit records: www.Equifax.com and 1-800-525-6285; www.Experian.com and 1-888-397-3742, and www.TransUnion.com and 1-800-680-7289

Foster also offers the following advice about how to reduce the risk of identity theft:

• Don?t routinely carry your Social Security card or any document with your SSN on it.

• Don't give a business your SSN just because they ask - only do so when it is absolutely necessary.

• Secure your printed personal information at home by placing it in a locked drawer or safe or in a bank safe deposit

• Check your credit report annually with one of the three free agencies listed above. You are entitled to one free report each year from each of the three agencies.

 Protect your personal computers by using firewalls, anti-spam/virus software, update security patches and change passwords for internet accounts.

• Don?t give personal information over the phone, through the mail or the Internet unless you have either initiated the contact or are sure you know who is asking.

New Hampshire consumers can also call the Attorney General's consumer hotline at 1-888-468-4454 or file a formal complaint at http://doj.nh.gov/consumer/complaints/index.htm







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Yarn Artist Creates Colorful Artwork at North School go to places where kids

HALEY PATON DUFOUR LONDONDERRY TIMES

tudents at North Elementary were treated to a visit from Mexican artist Cilau Valadez Monday when he came to give live demonstrations on yarn painting and expose students to other forms of traditional Mexican art. The visit was one stop on a tour of 19 schools throughout New England.

A table with Valadez's creations was set up in the school's gymnasium where students were meaning. Red represents given the opportunity to watch Valadez work and ask him questions. Closeups of Valadez's hands were filmed as he worked and projected on a large screen behind him.

"It's great for me to have this opportunity because it allows American people to learn of the diversity of Mexico, its crafts, and also that there's still native tribes that exist nowadays," Valadez said.

"A lot of the times we

Ambulance

Continued from page 1 trators.

Ambulance personnel always attempt to obtain lot of out-of-town patients, signatures and gather information from patients who are transported but it can be difficult. During in town, we don't seem to calls to the airport, many of the patients needing Henrich said. medical attention are from out of town, said Battalion ambulance crews encoun-Chief Fred Henrich, head tered two patients who of Emergency Medical Services.

their own cities or places where they live, so this is like a passport for them." Yarn painting, Valadez explained, is a traditional

form of art from the central western part of Mexico where he is from. Colorful scenes of animals, plants, gods and the elements are created by pressing yarn onto a beeswax and pine-sap covered plywood base.

have not even gone out of

Each color used in the yarn paintings has a creativity, Valadez said, explaining, "Its believed that you're more creative when you're surrounded by love."

Green represents life, blue represents knowledge, while turquoise represents water, the goddesses and the origin of life.

"The reason why we use bright colors is spirit and our being happy," Valadez said.

In his own work, Valadez

stances," Henrich said, adding that some of the complications stem from calls to the airport.

Henrich said ambulance crews encounter a who aren't insured or say they don't have insurance.

"The patients that are have that problem with,"

On one recent call, were only carrying handwritten passports and itin-"It's a challenge even eraries that were scribbled under the best circum- on and written in new

ors as he can, he said.

tones.'

paintings, Valadez's art- brightly colored skulls

names, said Fire chief Darren O'Brien

Complicating the situation, there was a language barrier and the patients had symptoms that could have ranged from the common cold to Ebola, O'Brien said.

"Nobody knew where these people were from, nobody knew where these people were; It was a complete nightmare," O'Brien said.

It took three to four days to sort out but officials were able to determine where the patients were from, he said.

"My favorite part of small sculptures covered

Among the bead cov-Unlike Dia de los Muertos or Day of the Dead skulls, which represent death and loved ones who have

female, if you're black, The songs are only in coming from in the world, rently spoken by only carries our body," Valadez said

passed on, skulls in the that Valadez and other keep the language alive."

create are visual repre-"It doesn't matter if sentations of stories 65,000 people.

"Even though we're a small population we're still working hard to pre-The themes in the art serve our traditions and



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Mexican yarn artist Cilau Valadez visited North School recently and demonstrated how he creates intri-

cate artwork out of yarn and bee's wax. Photos by Chris Paul

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North School Hosts Colorful Fundraiser

The North Elementary School Parent Teachers Association held a Color-A-Thon Color recently at the West Road Soccer Fields on Sunday Oct. 23. Over 200 students and adults joined in for a One Mile Run/Walk Fundraiser. A white t-shirt was provided for the runners and color packets (colored powder) were provided to bystanders to throw at the participants and at the end everyone has their own packet to throw on themselves and friends. The event supported various educational enrichment programs, field trips and other schoolwide activities throughout the year. *Photos courtesy J&L Photography*

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Senior Zaino Advances to X-C Regionals With Strong Performance

CHRIS PANTAZIS LONDONDERRY TIMES

cross-country champi- School South this past onships in Manchester's Saturday, and it was there Derryfield Park on Satur- that the skilled Londonday, Oct. 29, the look on derry High 12th grader Londonderry High senior showed his true colors in cross-country standout qualifying for the upcomshowed anybody paying onships. attention that the race had not gone well for him. other top male high

tested LHS veteran was ners from throughout the certainly expected to Granite State at the Meet wind up among the top of Champs, Zaino finished huge race, but when he 15 minutes and 55.9 sec-Zaino was an uncharacter- faster than his finishing

still managed to qualify s he approached for the state Meet of the finish line dur- Champions in Mines Falls ing the Division I Park at Nashua High Chris Zaino's face plainly ing New England Champi-

Running against the The talented, battle- school cross-country rundozen finishers of that a glittering third overall in

boys' cross-country crew High School in Durham won the boys' race in 15:03.4.

> Londonderry finished eighth out of 19 teams at the MOC, but only the top six squads advanced to this Saturday's 82nd annual 2016 New England Interscholastic Cross-Country Championships at Ponaganset High School in North Scituate, R.I. However, with the top 25 individuals also qualifying, Zaino's excellent third place performance at the MOC's easily qualified him for that big regional competition.

Following Zaino to the did cross the finish line onds, more than a minute finish line at the MOC, but well behind him among istic 18th overall in 16 time at the Division I the field of 151 finishers, minutes and 58.4 seconds. championships. Patrick were his fellow London-Zaino and his LHS O'Brien of Oyster River derry High senior Declan



Chris Zaino moved on to the regionals with strong work at the MOC.

Hotter in 53rd place Seeley in the 83rd posi- Carter Letalien in 98th (16:48.4), junior Jake Don- tion (17:13.4), senior Kyle place (17:29.5), and junior nelly in 74th (17:03.8), his Freire in 89th place Brian Metro in the 100th fellow 11th grader Nate (17:17.4),



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Lancer Declan Hotter was his team's second finisher at the MOC.

sophomore spot (17:31.2).



Londonderry Spirit Squad Snags Strong Third Place at States

CHRIS PANTAZIS LONDONDERRY TIMES

Tor a number of years again this past Sunday I now the vast majorisquads have found them- tive state fall title - with selves looking up at the Dover winding up the run-Pinkerton Academy and ner-up - at the 2016 title Dover High School teams event in the academy's in the final results follow- Hackler Gymnasium in ing the state's fall champi- Derry. But the Londonder-

onship competition.

afternoon after Pinkerton ty of Division I spirit won its seventh consecu-

Athletes of the Week

For the Week of Oct. 31



Ally Morris, Senior, Fall Spirit This senior veteran always demonstrates a positive attitude to her Lady Lancers' squad, and her elite skills helped bring her team to their fullest potential and a third place at states.



Victoria Kelly, Junior, Fall Spirit A determined and committed junior captain with exceptional performance ability, Kelly pushed herself and her teammates to achieve their very best through-

ry High School spirit That was the case squad got a whole lot closer to the top of the pack that afternoon, with first-year varsity coach Chelsea Dennis' crew ending up a strong third overall out of some 15 competing contingents.

> Pinkerton won the crown with a final score of 105.3, Dover bagged a 100 to finish second, and the Lady Lancers were mere percentage points out of the runner-up spot with a 99.7.

"Proud is an understatement," said coach Dennis after the event. "The girls performed to their full potential today, and their dedication, respect, and work ethic are driving forces in their success this season. There is such talent in our division this year that rather than hoping for a specific placement, our goal was to perform our best routine yet. And the team did just that."

The Londonderry Katelyn Leger, Kaylie Prior to the state squad included Jessica Longua, Hannah Martin, championships last week-



The Londonderry High spirit squad did itself and its first-year varsity coach coach proud with a strong, third place finish at the fall state championships at Pinkerton Academy this past Sunday. Courtesy photo

Brien, Marissa Ciano, Rachael Martinez, Kelly teams at the Cheer Mad-Meghan Evangelista, McEachern, Emma Gehris, Katherine Erin Kelly, Victoria Kelly, Cassandra Stuart.

Host, Kathryn Hughes, Morris, Allison Rose, and some 11 squads at the

Prior to the state in Concord. end, the Londonderry was ably assisted by team snared a great sec- Kelsey Maybury and

ness event in Nashua and Taylor Mellinger, Ally an excellent third out of Capital City competition

Head coach Dennis





Lancer JV Boys' Soccer Bunch Developed and Finished Up Strong

CHRIS PANTAZIS LONDONDERRY TIMES

son didn't go precisely as he and his charges would have liked, Londonderry High School junior varsity boys' soccer coach Niles beaten us earlier in the Erickson was able to say with both pride and pleas- in the semifinals, but ure that his squad devel- overall we played our oped well during the cambest soccer of the season paign and finished on a at this jamboree." bunch of high notes.

solid 8-7-1 record and positive ways during the post-season Nashua Boys' JV Soccer Jamboree.

we wanted, but finished Thile the 2016 sea- strong in the tournament," said the coach. Noah Payeur (defense), "We swept the teams in Brian LeClair (center-midour group stage and went 3-0, including a great win over Hanover who had season. We lost to Exeter

Erickson's skilled LHS Lancer contingent includ- as a team," said coach crew finished up with a ed four juniors and a pack Erickson. "At times they of stood out in numerous graders. The 11th graders their shots on target and included goalie Alex in the back of the net, Dominguez, center-mid- however passing the ball fielder Evan Vogler, for- and finding the open man "We finished the sea- ward Cam DeGraw, and was where they excelled. to the occasion.

Stowell.

The sophomores were die), Cam Ness (middie), Alex Peters (middie), Tyler Van Avery (forward), Reece Manor (defense), Ryan Morse (defense), and Christian Smith (defense).

"The team developed great possession skills The sophomore-heavy and really came together some eight 10th had a hard time putting

son with fewer wins than middle/defender Owen As the season moved along, the goals started coming and we finished the season with some great wins in the tournament."

> The 2016 Londonderry High varsity soccer squad loses some seven important players to graduation including Brian Frechette, Nick Vanini, West, Jayden Nick Daileanes, Eric Brown, Nalen Iarrobino, and Cam Wheeler - so the necessity for some of this year's junior varsity booters to step up into varsity roles next summer should certainly be there. And they will no doubt aim to rise



Londonderry High junior varsity soccer standout Tyler Van Avery (11) attacks the ball during tournament play against Hollis-Brookline as his teammate Evan Vogler (6) looks on. Courtesy photo

Local Track Club Hopes for Big Crowd to Turkey Trot

CHRIS PANTAZIS LONDONDERRY TIMES

fter drawing a smaller crowd than usual due to Mother Nature's unwelcome gift of snow on the morning of Thanksgiving, 2014, the Greater Derry Track Club was enthused to have its number of participants for last Thanksgiving's 42nd annual Turkey Trot 5K Road Race return to far more familiar territory with nearly 1,500 runners.

One of the most popular holiday races of its ilk for many years now, for some folks taking part in the Turkey Trot is about synonymous with as

and pumpkin pie.

The 43rd trot will start at 9 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 24, and cover its 3.1-mile route from Gallien's Beach on Beaver Lake in Derry, clockwise around the residential roads of the lake, and back to the beach.

A trio of young men all barely in their 20's paced the crowd in last out and current PA year's race by finishing in teacher and girls' crossthe first through third positions last November. Twenty-two-year-old Hooksett resident Sam Gagnon was the 2015 winner, crossing the finish line in an impressive 15

just 15 seconds after the victor, was 2014 Turkey Trot champ and Derry 22year-old Kevin McMahon. And in third place was a fantastic holiday tradi-Salem 20-year-old Mitch Dutton, who crossed with a time of 16:06.

the third year in a row was former Pinkerton Academy running standcountry coach Amy Bernard in a time of 18:32. Bernard's Lady Astro harriers just won their second consecutive Division I championship on Satur-

showing her youthful athletes what coach can still do herself in a big race.

"Come and be a part of tion," said GDTC press liaison Bonney Cashin. "It's the 43rd Annual The female winner - for Turkey Trot and so is sure to be a not-to-miss occasion. Sign up now to guarantee vourself a T-shirt and to take advantage of the while-it-lasts free kid's early- bird on-line registration. Join the fun, challenge your family and friends, and share the spirit of Thanksgiving."

On-line registration can day, Oct. 29, so if she runs be completed by visiting the GDTC mission," said minutes and 42 seconds. this year Bernard will www.gdtc.org/turkeytrot Cashin.

Thanksgiving as stuffing The runner-up, finishing doubtless be intent on to access the link sign-up and get pre-registration folks 13-and-older is \$17 rates. A minimal transaction fee applies, and no paper applications will be accepted for pre-registration. On-line registration will close at noon on ing the early-bird period Wednesday, Nov. 23. Registrations will be accepted at the venue from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23, and top three overall male then again from 7 to 8:30 a.m. the day of the race.

> The GDTC asks each registrant to bring a nonperishable canned or dry good item for area food banks.

> "Giving back to our community is central to

Registration rates for during the on-line registration period and \$20 on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 23 and 24. Kids 12-and-under are free durand then \$10 on Nov. 23 and 24.

Awards will go to the and female finishers, and the first male and female finishers from both Derry and Londonderry. The GDTC has many members in both communities.

Questions should be directed to Turkey Trot race director Sean Coyle via his email at scoyle@gdtc.org.





ancer Freshman Gridders Plow Through an Undefeated Campaign.

CHRIS PANTAZIS LONDONDERRY TIMES

their first looks at their 2016 Londonderry High freshman football players, coaches Howard Sobolov and Matt Case knew that they were in for an exciting and potentially highly-produc- coach Sobolov, who also tive season.

And in this case, those first impressions were all kinds of correct as the Lancer freshmen went on to post a perfect 9-0 record and absolutely plow over some skilled improved throughout the opponents.

this team had been suc- coaches were pleased cessful at the youth foot- with was our special

first scrimmage ♥ oon after getting Portsmouth it became special teams are hit or apparent to the coaches that this team was going to be a well-balanced team both offensively and defensively, which gave us reason to be optimistic for the season," said serves as the LHS athletic director. "After losing to Salem in the pre-season jamboree in Manchester, the team started the season with a win against Goffstown and steadily season. The other aspect 'We had heard that of this team that the

ball level, and after our teams play. At the freshat man level, many times miss. But ours were very consistent, which helped us have good field position during games giving us a short field to work with. We also had a good kicker who consistently made extra points and kicked deep on kickoffs."

The Lancers claimed a number of memorable victories in putting together their 9-0 regular season record, but none were more glittering than the locals' successes against the freshman squads from two of the strongest programs in Southern New Hampshire. included Richard Alback; Rheaume, Anthony

42-20 win and Salem in a were down at the half 20the second half. Against Pinkerton, after giving up a TD on the opening kickon every other first-half McMaster. possession to take conroad at Pinkerton."

The squad's roster Kyle

"We had a great sea- Cameron Babine; Cooper Santosuosso, son with two highlight Bartlett; Aidan Bouchard; wins coming against rival Jacob Caras; Austin Car-Pinkerton Academy in a dosi; Myles Chmielorz; Samuel Choate; Koby 27-20 win," said Sobolov. Cronin; Jacob Cullen; Jay "Both games were hard- Delano; Matt DeVito; fought, physical contests. Dylan Fabiano; Chris Goz-In the Salem game, we za; Theodore Gray; Nathan Hardy; Jay Hayes; 13 and shut them out in Blaine Hopkins; Lorenzo Inglese; Matt Jones; Tyler Kayo; Cole Keegan; Ian Lidster; Nolan Lincoln; off, the team scored on Luke Marsh; Joe Mazzaour first possession to tie glia; Tim McAlister; Jake the game and then scored McEachern, and Triston

Their teammates introl of the game on the cluded Justin Miller, Joe Payson, Matt Pemberton, Proulx, Devin

Nathan Truesdale, Alex Tsetsilas, Walter, Nick Mike Watts, Jeff Wiedenfeld, Tyler Wilbur, Artie Wilkinson, and Christian Gonzales.

With the Londonderry High varsity team only having won two games this fall, players from this year's superb freshman squad will undoubtedly figure into the LHS varsity picture sooner than later. And standout running back Wiedenfeld, following in the big footsteps of his talented elder brothers, already saw some varsity action at the end of the 2016 season and impressed quite mightily.

LHS Unified Soccer Squad's 2016 Title Hunt Ends in Tilton

CHRIS PANTAZIS LONDONDERRY TIMES

The drive, and deter-Winnisguam team got in the way of the ment quarterfinal-round Londonderry High School match that afternoon to unified soccer squad's advance to a later semifihopes for a championship nal-round battle when the two contingents unbeaten Con-Val.

met on Winnisquam's turf in Tilton on Tuesday, Nov. 1. highlights in the loss to

The aggressive Winmination, were there, nisquam crew bagged a Regional team in the state tournawith



Among the Lancers' third-seeded Winnisquam was a pretty goal by senbut an undefeated 10-5 victory over the local ior-plus standout Kathleen Murphy.

> Coach Ashley Tebbetts' LHS booters - who collected the number 11 seed in the tournament after going 2-3-1 during their regular season upset the sixth-ranked Keene High Blackbirds by a 2-1 tally on that opponent's home field in firstround tournament play on Friday, Oct. 28 to advance to the quarters.

Lancer Gio Cafaro scored before halftime to tie that game at 1–1, and with six minutes remaining Noah Ellis netted the eventual winning goal.

The two squads were initially slated to face off there in Keene the previous afternoon, but wet weather forced the postable to play the match.

Londonderry Keene faced off at LHS in the first regular season match for both sides way back on Sept. 15, with the squads each having to be satisfied with a 4-4 tie. However, Keene went a superb 4-1 through the remainder of its regular while campaign the Lancers went 2-3.

its two regular season vic- Kennedy, Hannah Kentories over Hollis-Brook- nedy, Ali Kraytenberg, line (an 8-4 final) and Alvirne of Hudson (an 8-6 success) in winding up at 2-3-1 overall.

The Lancers and Winnisquam did not face off during the regular season. and Sara Viela. Winnisguam advanced to its tournament battle with thusiastic and supportive Londonderry by virtue of of one another," said teams participate.

ponement of that game. It a 6-2 thumping of number coach Tebbetts. "They rained again on Friday the 14 Prospect Mountain in celebrate each other's 28th, but the teams were round one of the playoffs. successes and and the contest with Londonderry

boasting a 6-0-1 record. The LHS team consisted of athletes Will Boyle, their work ethic." Faye Brown, Olivia Brutus, Morgan Brutus, Alex Cafaro, Gio Cafaro, Billy Croteau, Ellis, Sarah Fawcett, Nate Gadzik, Amanda Graf, Olivia Graham, Brianna Ho, Layna Holk, The LHS crew claimed Annie Hughes, Brigid Keagan Mark, Trevor McInnis, Murphy, Christian Paulenka, Kaitlyn Quirk, Chris Rossi, Ryan Shields, Maddie Sullivan, 20 New Hampshire high Skylar Tarmey, Chris Tutt,

"This season the team quarterfinal-round has been extremely en-

thev Winnisquam bounded into encourage one another quarterfinal-round during practice and during games. I am so proud of their accomplishments, their sportsmanship, and

> The unified sports programs were begun by the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association several years ago, with the teams combining special needs students with typical peers who often play on varsity sports squads during the school year as well as contributing to the unified contingents.

Londonderry is one of schools which compete in the unified program each year, with track and field and basketball also being sports in which unified





Londonderry Girl Scout No Stranger to Helping Others

rowing up in Londonderry, Erin McKenney always knew she wanted to instill lasting changes in her community. Now a freshman at Lafayette College in Easton, Penn., the long time Girl Scout said the path to her Gold Award project gave her the opportunity to set those plans in motion.

McKenney, a 2016 graduate of Londonderry them to traditionally High School and long time community volunteer, said her project, "Curiosity," addresses the gap in the workforce when it comes to STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering Mathematics and careers.

"Often, girls are afraid to explore the STEM fields, and aren't always given a fair opportunity to explore their strengths,"

McKenney said. Working tion's summer camp. her," McKenney said. closely with Girls at Work, Inc. in Manchester, the ambitious Girl Scout designed a series of fun closely with each student, a professional working in and interactive science workshops for girls ages 8 through 12.

McKenney said she was immediately impressed with the nonprofit idea was that the girls organization, which helps girls meet their fullest potential by exposing male-dominated professions, including carpen-

there's all these 9-yearolds...and they're building tables for their families," she said. Inspired, McKenney began developing a science curriculum for the organization.

A few months ago, she introduced her two-week program at the organizaAround 30 girls participated in the pilot program.

McKenney presenting them with the field. "One day we binders containing lesson plans and personalized letters from successful female scientists. "The would be able to contact these scientists and ask them questions," she said.

The girls were also given the chance to meet has spent over 225 hours with guests in their class-"You'd go in and room. One of the guests, a received over \$3,000 in successful engineer specializing in the mining industry, piqued the girls' interests after they learned that English was her third language. "We most important quality I had so many different languages being spoken in the classroom, so the and be there for them. I girls could really relate to also learned a lot about

During each class, the

girls learned a new formuworked la or theory and tied it to made giant bubbles and learned about a chemist," she said. "Another day we built our own rockets and learned about a woman who works for NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration)."

To date, McKenney on her project and donated supplies, including tote bags, binders, safety goggles, aprons, and disposable gloves.

"I learned that the could offer these girls was to simply listen to them



Erin McKenney, center/back worked during a two week program with Girls at Work, Inc. in Manchester on introducing girls to science. Courtesy photo

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lection: Latex paints, used motor oil, and automobile batteries should NOT be brought to the collection day. Call Londonderry's Public Works Department at 432-1100 ext. 193 or the Derry Transfer Station 432-4650 to find out how to dispose of those items

In order to cut down on the problem of haz-You may bring to the ardous waste disposal, there are several things a То resident can do. reduce the amount sitting in your cupboards, buy only what you need. When you buy, read the labels so that you use ever possible. When stor-

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azardous waste gen- Londonderry along with accepted by the HHW col- ucts put them in a safe place and keep them in their original containers, which should be closed securely. Use up the entire product so there is nothing to dispose.

> Finally, when disposal is the only option, donate leftover paints and other products to a local service organization, recycle your used motor oil at a Londonderry Waste Oil Collection Day, and never pour harmful chemicals down the drain.

teaching." she said. "Through the years, Girl about being a mentor."

Before leaving for college, McKenney shared Lancers, a student organiher "Curiosity" curricu- zation offering support to lum and materials with peers and staff with Girls at Work and The Circle Program, a non-profit organization serving New coordinator for her Hampshire girls through year-round mentoring and a residential summer camp. Both organizations will incorporate the cur- internship program run by riculum into their respective program offerings.

Serving and leading others is not new to Scouts has taught me a lot McKenney. While attendabout leadership and ing Londonderry High School, she served as president of the Blue Star deployed loved ones, and as community service school's National Honor Society. She also participated in Girls Rock the Capitol, a legislative Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains.

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Additionally: We will run the full versions of any calendar items online free of charge at www.nutpub.net. Please send items to calendar@nutpub.net.

Veterans Breakfast

Londonderry High School presents a "Thank You Veterans Breakfast," a patriotic salute to American heroes, on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the LHS cafeteria. The event is hosted by the LHS Pay It Forward Club and sponsored by the Londonderry Town Council and School Board. Gift baskets were donated by the staff and students of the Londonderry School District. The breakfast is free to veterans; guests can make a small donation.

Scouting for Food

The Boy Scouts of America will be conducting its annual food drive on Saturday, Nov. 12 to benefit local food pantries and soup kitchens. Bring food donations to the Central Fire Station on the morning of Nov. 12, or leave them on your doorstep if you previously received a Scouting for Food door hanger.

Father/Daughter Dance

The So. NH Indian Pathfinders are hosting a Father/ Daughter Dance at Londonderry High School on Saturday Nov. 12, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Admission: \$30 per family (father/daughter(s) or \$40 (cash only) at the door. Admission, snacks & beverages, door prizes, as well as a free photo for all couples. Corsages available for \$15 each. Order Deadline for Flowers Saturday Nov. 5. Registration deadline Thursday Nov. 11.

VFW Christmas

In conjunction with the local VFW Post #8214 Auxiliary, LHS Art students in Mimi Johnson and Suzanne Hjlem's classes made ceramic pocket charms and art cards to be sent by NH Operation Care For Our Troops at their November Nashua/ National Guard Armory Christmas Stocking Overseas Troop Packing. LHS Faculty

and the VFW Post Auxiliary LHS cafe and lobby area. members hail the extraordi- There are over 80 vendors nary efforts of the LHS students. These donations will go directly to troops in Kuwait, Afghanistan, and Iraq. NHOTC does 4 overseas troop shipments yearly. For more info on this story please email dharmon@londodnerry.org

Red Cross Blood Drive

The Community Service Committee of Saint Jude Parish sponsors their annual Give Thanks Fall American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday Nov. 17 from 1 to 7 p.m. at the St. Jude Parish Hall, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. Volunteers have made homemade goodies for donors. You can make an appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org or via phone: 1-800-RED-CROSS. By making appointments you will ensure there is enough staff. You can also sign up for RapidPass on the Red Cross website above. For more information on this drive, you may contact Vinny Curro: vincurro@comcast.net or call 603-867-7472.

Veterans Day Program

"Songs and Stories of WWII" will be presented by Curt Bessette and Jenn Kurtz on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 11a.m. at the Aviation Museum, 27 Navigator Road, Londonderry. This program honors WWII veterans and their generation through Mr. Bessette's original songs and related stories about his father and composite stories shared from veterans over the years. WWII memorabilia will be on display. Regular museum admission applies. Museum members and veterans receive free admission.

LHS Craft Fair

The LHS Class of 2017 is holding their 4th Annual Craft and Vendor Fair on Sat. Nov 19 from 9 a.m. to 3

attending this year selling a wide variety of items. Proceeds benefit the LHS senior class, Harbor Homes, and the local area food banks. Food will be served beginning at 11 a.m. The event also features a cookie walk, raffle, and a "Kid's Corner" where kids can create their own crafts. Please email hbouchard@londonderry.or g for questions/concerns.

Anniversary of Pearl Harbor

December 7, Countdown to Pearl Harbor: The Twelve Days to the Attack, by Steve Twomey, learn the stories of surviving military personnel and civilians in Eyewitness to Infamy: Understand the impact that the Japanese Midget Submarines had on the surprise attack in The Lost Submarines of Pearl Harbor. These are just a few of the titles we have highlighted this month to pay homage to the survivors and the fallen of Pearl Harbor re-open at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

Movie Time

Come to the library on Thursday, December 8, from 3:15 - 5:15 p.m. for our Young Adult Movie Time program. All participants in grades 6 through 12 will enjoy the 2016 epic adventure movie The Jungle Book, along with popcorn and beverages. In addition, there will be a raffle for fun door prizes at this special event. No sign up is necessary.

Winter Fun Book Bingo

Come to the library on Monday, December 12 from 4 - 5 p.m. to play an exciting picture version of this popular game. All participants will have a chance to win books from our special selection table. Advance registration is required and begins at 9 a.m. on Monday, December 5. To register call p.m. It is being held in the 432-1127 or stop by the Chil-



Local Dancers Londonderry Elementary and Middle School students auditioned to be part of New England Dance Ensemble's (NEDE) 'The Nutcracker.' The selected dancers will perform alongside professional dancers from the Pennsylvania Ballet and American Ballet Theatre. Rehearsals are currently underway at NEDE studios in Londonderry under the direction of artistic director Barbara Mullen. Performances are scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend Nov. 26 and 27 at 2 p.m.at the Windham High School. Back Row: Emily Thomas, Alexandria Hodson, Erin Strike, Emma Donnelly, Annabella Wu, Audrey Severn Dustin Cournoyer, Brook Soucy, Carly Butler, Danielle Cournoyer, Alyssa Beaulieu. Middle Row: Annabelle Melia, Julianne Swisher, Bianca Fonseca, Lauren Fontaine, Hannah Newman Williams, Evelyn Godbout, Evelyn Glynn, Marie Duffy. Front Row: Lindsay LaBossiere, Elizabeth James, Caitlin Batts, Annabelle Ackerson, Aubrey Pales, Charlotte Sevin, Paige Stanley . For more information on how to be part of NEDE and to purchase tickets for "The Nutcracker" visit www.nede.org *Courtesy photo*

dren's Room.

Visit with T-Rex

Take a trip back in time with T-Rex, star of the popular How Do Dinosaurs series by Jane Yolen on Monday, December 19 from 4 - 5 p.m. During this exciting program, participants will hear tales of dinosaurs big and small. We will try to excavate a dinosaur skeleton and identify different types of dinosaurs. All audience members will receive a pith helmet to help set the mood for dinosaur discovery, and one lucky participant will leave with a T-Rex pillow to snuggle. There will be plenty of time for a hug and picture with T-Rex. This fun-filled program is open to 90 participants of all ages. Advance registration is required and begins at 9 a.m. on Monday, December 12. To register call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Winter Session 1 Programs Winter Session 1 will run

December 7 through December 15 & January 11 through January 19, 2017. The Children's Room will be offering the following programs: Craft Time, Shake, Move & Read, and Toddler

Time. These dates include a break for the winter holidays. Advance registration is required and began on Monday, November 28. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Toy Sale

St. Gianna's Closet is hosting its annual Used Toy Sale on December 3rd from 9 a.m. to Noon. It will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Church on Crystal Ave in Derry (across from Sal's Pizza). There is a large number of beautiful toys from puzzles and games to action figures, electronics, dollhouses, and ride-on toys. Everything is very cheap. All proceeds go to help the poor through different outreach programs in the community. Please come and get great toys for little cost! Cash and carry.

Young Adults

Leach Library Young Adults program presents "It's All About Me" for grades 6 through 12 on Thursday, Nov. 10 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Participants will explore how to record in words, photos, sketches, doodles, and collage who

they are today. Snacks and drinks will be served and there will be a raffle for door prizes. No sign-up is necessary.

Holiday Closure

The Leach Library will be closed on Friday, Nov. 11, in remembrance of Veterans Day. In celebration of Thanksgiving, the library will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23, and reopen on Saturday, Nov. 26 at 9[°]a.m.

'Spies in Time'

On Thursday, Nov. 17 at p.m., the Leach Library will host Douglas Wheeler's free presentation, "Spies in Time." Wheeler is Professor Emeritus of History at the University of New Hampshire and an instructor at Granite State College. Utilizing his research, he will discuss how spying and intelligence activities have influenced the course of history, and will trace the history of espionage from the Dreyfus case in France to the Aldrich Ames case in the United States by focusing on how human motives. traits. and ideas shape the search for secret information. This Continued on page 17

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Around Town

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Free Dental Services To Veterans

Londonderry dentists Dr. YiChen Wei and her husband, Dr. Mehdi Karimipour, are volunteering their dental services to local veterans for free on Saturday, Dec. 3 at their dental clinic, My Dentist in Londonderry. The free dental services are offered in appreciation of all veterans who have served the nation.

Hip & Knee Replacement

Wednesday, November 16, 6 - 7 p.m. Concord Orthopaedics, 6 Tsienneto Road, Suite 200, Derry. Join Dr. Jeffrey Wiley to learn about the advances that have been made in total hip and knee replacement. Dr. Wiley will talk about minimally-invasive anterior approach hip surgery, total knee replacement versus partial knee replacement, what to consider and what to expect when making the decision to pursue hip or knee replacement surgery. Register today at parklandmedicalcenter.com or call 1-877-642-2362.

Social Security Workshop On Thursday, Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Cynthia Pellegrino of Symmetry Wealth Management LLC in Londonderry will present a free Social Security workshop. She will discuss rules and strategies for collecting retirement benefits and answer questions about Social Security. Call -505-4922 or book online at http://www.symmetrywm.c om/p/social-security to reserve a seat. **LEEP Preschool** The Londonderry School

(LEEP) inclusion preschool is accepting applications for the current school year. Londonderry children who turned 3 by Sept. 1 are eligible. Programs for 3-yearolds meet from 8:45 to 11 a.m. two or four days per week; prekindergarteners meet from noon to 2:30 p.m. three or four days per week. Tuition is \$145/month for the two-day/week preschool and \$195/month for four days/week. Prekindergarten is \$180 for three days/ month and \$195/month for four days/week. For details, call Kathy Kelley at 437-5855, ext. 7223 or kkelley@ lonodnderry.org or Kim

Early Education Program

Speers at kspeers@london- chase and will sell raffle tickderry.org. The LEEP handbook is online at moose.londonderry.org.

Artists Wanted

Londonderry Senior Citizens, Inc. (LSCI) will hold a Holiday Fair and Cookie Walk on Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Road. Space is available to local artisans. Money raised will be used to purchase equipment and materials for the Senior Center. Vendor spaces are available at \$35. Crafters must provide their own table and chairs. LSCI will have food and drinks available for pur-

ets for themed gift baskets and homemade cookies at the cookie walk. For details. call Bonnie Ritvo at 978-767-5057 or email: Senior-Center@LondonderryNH.org.

Ringmaster of Fun

Join the Ringmaster of Fun, magician Joe Howard, on Monday, Nov. 14 from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Leach Library, as he brings his trunk full of fun. During this program, participants will be treated to magic tricks, silly humor and lots of audience participation. The program is open to all ages. Advance registration is

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Oct. 31 7:52 a.m. Criminal Mischief on Old Derry Road 10:21 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept on Orchard View Drive at Workout Club and Wellness Center

4:45 p.m. Suspicious activity Action on Airport Road at Manchester Boston Regional Airport Terminal

6:30 p.m. Fish and Game Violations on Auburn Road

7:03 p.m. Suspicious activity on Sequoia Avenue

Tuesday - Nov. 2 6:22 a.m. Suspicious activity on Ouincy Road 12:07 p.m. investigate an abandoned motor vehicle on Harvey Road

12:44 p.m. Suspicious activity on Raintree Drive

1:22 p.m. Investigate juvenile offenses on Sargent Road at Recreation Fields **4:01 p.m.** Missing person investigated on Litchfield Road

5:26 p.m. Responding to weapons Offenses on Noves Road

6:12 p.m. Criminal Mischief on High Range Road 8:26 p.m. Criminal Mischief on Hawthorne Road

Wednesday - Nov. 3 12:52 a.m. Fish and Game Violations on Smith Lane behind Triangle Mobil 12:15 a.m. Violation of Protective Order on Trol-

lev Car Lane 12:50 a.m. Sexual Offenses Investigated on Beech

Hill Drive 1:42 p.m. Suspicious act- 1:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle ivity on Copperfield Lane

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required and begins at 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 7. To register, call 432-1127 or come into the Children's Room.

Holiday Library Hours

The library will close at 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 24, and re-open at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, December 27. The library will also close at 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 31, and re-open at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

3:09 p.m. Criminal Mischief on Nashua Road 7:43 p.m. Suspicious activity on Lantern Lane and Old Coach Road

Thursday - Nov. 4

9:03 a.m. Responded to Juvenile Offenses at Londonderry High School on Mammoth Road.

Burger King on Nashua Road. Transported to hospital.

8:31 p.m. Criminal Mischief on Checkerberry Lane

10:20 p.m. Fireworks complaint on Crosby Lane 11:18 p.m. Responded to assault on Woodside Drive. Transported to hospital.

Friday - Nov. 5 3:11 a.m. Suspicious activity on Calla Road 8:42 a.m. Criminal Mischief on Seminole Place 10:25 a.m. Overdose at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road. Transported to hospital. 12:01 p.m. Suspicious activity on Burbank Road 1:34 p.m. Suspicious activity on Devonshire Lane

1:51 p.m. Fish & Game on Morningside Drive 3:25 p.m. Weapons Of-

fenses Investigated at Musquash Meadow Road at Londonderry Fish and Game Club

5:23 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept Action with Transportation to hospital on Capitol Hill Drive

6:45 p.m. Suspicious activity on Gilcreast Road and Sugarplum Lane.

Saturday - Nov. 6

Stop and Arrest. Kristy

Comedy Night

The Londonderry Women's Club holds its annual comedy night on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 8 p.m. at Tupelo Music Hall, 2 Young Road, Londonderry. The night features comedians Graig Murphy, Matt Barry and Andrea Henry. Come early for a chance to win prizes and gift cards from local restaurants, resorts and salons. Admission is \$25 per person. To purchase tickets, email info@londonderrywomensclub.org. Proceeds from the event benefit local charities and community

Anne Fitzpatrick, 34 of Londonderry ,arrested for Driving Under The Influence of Drugs or Liquor and Failing To Turn On Front Lights When Req. at Rockingham and Mammoth Road intersection.

3:55 p.m. Motor vehicle 6:26 p.m. Overdose at accident and arrest at Snowcap Way. Brian P. Carmody, 41, of Windham arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Drugs or Liquor

> 7:47 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on **Charleston Avenue**

> 10:40 p.m. Suspicious Activity on Eglin Blvd. Sunday - Nov. 7

12:21 a.m. Arrest Made on Memorial Drive, Ian Edward Kozaczek, 22 of Manchester arrested for Driving Under The Influence of Drugs or Liquor, Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs and an Open Container of Alcohol.

2:03 a.m. Warrant served and arrest Made at Charleston Avenue. Joseph Frederick Shamma, 30, of Londonderry arrested on three counts of Domestic Violence/Simple Assault

7:47 a.m. Suspicious Activity on Orchard View Drive

9:14 a.m. Burglary Investigated at Professionally Yours Hair Salon on Mammoth Road.

1:21 p.m. Overdose victim transported to hospital from Nashua Road Burger King

outreach. For more information about the club and how to become a member, visit londonderrywomensclub.or g or find the group on facebook.

Londonderry Athletics

Last call for LHS Winter Sports registration for those who have not yet signed up. Please visit the page at http://lhs.londonderry.org/a thletics and scroll down to the "Register Now" button and click on it to begin the process. If you have any questions please call the athletic office at 432-6941 extension 2307.

Science Night Bring Families Out for Educational Fun



Building Towers, making colorful goo, stacking cups, building brges and creating explosions with alka-selsa were all part of the fun at the second annual Family Science night at Mathew Thornton Elementary School on Monday night. Over a dozon science-related station were set up by teachers Merith Jakes and Kelly Juster. Members of the National Honor Society from Londonderry High School were also on-hand to help with the activities. *Photos by Chris Paul*

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR 26 CRYSTAL AVENUE, DERRY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Derry would like to invite you to join us at our annual Craft Fair. The Fair will be held in the Aquinas Center. There will be raffle baskets, bake sale tables , a white elephant sale along with over 50 different kinds of crafters. Lunch will be served starting at 11 a.m. Free admission and parking. Please join us.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY PLANNING BOARD

The Minor Site Plan Review Committee will hold a Public Meeting on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Elwood Conference Room, 268B Mammoth Road - 2nd floor, Londonderry, NH to consider the following:

MINOR SITE PLAN:

Application Acceptance and Public Hearing for a formal review of a minor site plan depicting a proposed storage shed with associated site improvements on 21 Buttrick Road, Map 6 Lot 28-1, Zoned C-I - Barbara G. Mullen Revocable Trust (Owner) and Fieldstone Land Consultants, PLLC (Applicant)







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The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a Public Meeting on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH to consider the following:

NEW PLANS

Application acceptance and Public Hearing for a formal review of site plan for a proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD), Phase 1 - buildouts of Woodmont Commons, Subarea WC-1, WC-1-GL, and WC-2, 34 Nashua Road (Map 010 Lot 052), 5 Garden Lane (Map 010 Lot 54-1) and 15 Pillsbury Road (Map 010 Lot 41), Pillsbury Realty Development (Applicant) and Demoulas Supermarkets, Inc. (Owner), Robert D. & Stephen R. Lievens (Owner), and Pillsbury Realty Development, LLC (Owner)







TOWN OF LONDONDERRY ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

WILL MEET **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2016** AT 7:00 P.M. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Road

<u>AGENDA</u>

I. DRAFT MINUTES TO APPROVE: October 2016

II. REPORT BY TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON (IF ANY): N/A

III. PUBLIC HEARING OF CASES:

<u>CASE NO. 11/16/2016-1</u>: Request for a variance from LZO 2.3.1.3.C.1 to allow the construction of a detached two car garage to be built into the front setback, Martin & Kathleen Bove (Applicants), Three Tinkham Lane, Map 4 Lot 44, Zoned AR-1

IV. COMMUNICATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS:

V. OTHER BUSINESS: Public Hearing & Vote on changes to the Rules of Procedure

This agenda was created with reference to the Londonderry Zoning Ordinance (LZO) dated August 15, 2016.

