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Town Land Abutting I-93 Undervalued by State DOT

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY LONDONDERRY TIMES

onservation Commission member Roger Fillio summed up the group's reaction to the state's offer of \$600 for a 1.08 acre parcel of town land: "I've got a wheelbarrow full of dirt I'll sell them for that price.'

Fillio and the Commission, led by Chair Marge Badois, heard an update from Town Manager Kevin Smith on the state's offer to buy the parcel abutting I-93. The group thought the land was worth more, and directed Smith by consensus to go back to the Department of Transportation with a counter-offer.

group that the parcel is part of an 11-acre tract abutting I-93. Its official address is 51-R Trolley Car Lane and it is accessible through the rear of Trolley Car Lane. While there is no official easement on the property, Smith said it has been considered "de facto" conservation land for vears.

The state is offering to purchase the land as part the whole parcel at of a utility easement and drainage easement needed for the widening of the Interstate.

The state's attitude, according to Smith, is, "We're going to take it anyway, so we might as well figure out the easiest way."

The state's appraiser

Smith reminded the came back with a price tag of \$600, according to Smith. "They said there's no frontage, it's all wetlands and it abuts I-93," he said, explaining why the state thinks the land is undevelopable.

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Smith said his reaction was, "Really?"

He had a town appraiser look at the land, and the town appraiser came back with an assessed value of \$24,205, with the 1.08 acres clocking in at \$2,600. "That is at a 99.9 percent assessment ratio," Smith told the board.

He has spoken to the town attorney, who told him the town could walk away from the deal, but

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Dressing North Elementary School second graders were visited by a pilgrim from the Plymouth Plantation on Monday giving students the opportunity to hear what life was like in 1620. Mistress Suzanna Winslow showed Emma Sloper and Brennen Bradford the clothes people were wearing during the first Thanksgiving meal. Photo by Chris Paul

# **Search For Assistant Town Manager Winding Down**

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process for selecting an assisexpected to be made by month.

the first of the year.

the Town Council has winnowed the 50 applicants tant Town Manager to "a few finalists" and for Londonderry is wind- that a decision should be ing down, with a decision made by the end of this tion, which will combine Board. While board mem-

Though the meeting Town Manager Kevin was a nonpublic session, Smith said Monday that Smith did confirm that a Council meeting this past Saturday had to do with the selection process.

Smith said the posi-

# **Londonderry District Braces for Budget Needs**

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Londonderry School Board is trusting Superintendent Nate Greenberg and his administrative team to "work some magic" after being presented with a potential operating budget and warrant articles that would if approved be 1.69 percent higher than FY 17 budget. It is a 1.41 last year's, with a 3 cent percent increase over FY increase in the tax rate.

Greenberg and Busibudget blueprint in the Nov. 22 special budget meeting of the School continued on page 6 bers agreed that the origi-said, the SAU staff is also

Greenberg and his team following: to make as much of it happen as possible.

The working operating budget recommended by the SAU office is \$71,773,909. This in itself is a -1 percent increase on the tax trict is currently in negotirate, if approved, and \$995,906 higher than the

After discussion with ness Administrator Peter administrators at the dis-Curro presented the 2018 trict's six schools, the working budget reduced by \$1,039,055, Greenberg told the board.

However, Greenberg

nal number is a challenge, recommending four warthey agreed to work with rant articles including the

> The district has reached a tentative agreement with the custodians' collective bargaining unit, which will most likely be on the warrant. The disations with the teachers'

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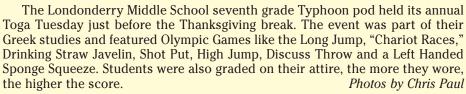
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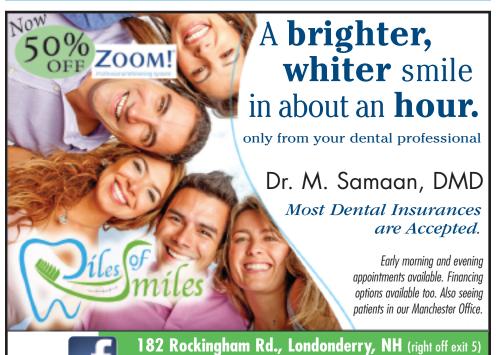












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# **Local Artist Behind Many Londonderry Designs**

MELISSA BETH RUIZ

ongtime Londonderry resident Patricia ■Verani has crafted many wonderful works during her time as an artist. With sculpting as her medium, she has brought many works of art into the third dimen-

Verani (née Lewis) was born Jan. 2, 1927 in Long Island, New York. She graduated with honors from the Boston Museum of Bicentennial coins for School of Fine Arts in the town and designer of 1948, and won a scholar- the town's 250th Annivership to study in Paris under sculptor Ivan Mestrovic, who constructed such works as the Monument of Gratitude to France in Belgrade, and The Bowman and The Spearman in Chicago.

After World War II, she met Osvaldo Verani, whom she would marry on April 24, 1950. The couple moved to New Hampshire ary War, and the emblem in the early 50's, and opened Verani's Restaurant in Manchester in 1955, closing in 1965 when they would start Verani Real Estate in Londonderry.

Verani began freelance sculpting in 1978, and created several noteworthy projects, such as the 8foot bronze Fighting Black Bear of the University of Maine in 1979. She also designed the U.S. Com-

memorative Silver Dollar in 1987, the Olympic U.S. Commemorative Silver Dollar in 1988, the Commemorative Half Dollar for Congress in 1989, and the Flagbearer Olympic Coin in 1996.

Among her many artistic achievements include works done for the Town of Londonderry. She is the sculptor of the Johnny Appleseed statue that greets residents at the Leach Library, the creator commemorative sarv coin. She designed the sign for the Londonderry Historical Museum, and she has also created designs featured in the Londonderry Commons, such as the Minuteman bronze dedicated to the Londonderry citizens who fought for our freedoms in the Revolutionof a dove emerging from wreckage in remembrance of those lost on Sept 11.

Verani had also designed the Verani Realty floats for past Old Home Day parades. According to her daughter, Margherita Verani, "They were really a work of art versus a (parade) float." Margherita Verani is now owner of Verani Realty with her brother, Gianni.



Revolutionary War Monument: The minuteman bronze on the Revolutionary War Commemorative Monument in the Londonderry Commons.

Patricia Verani has the Londonderry Comlong been dedicated to mons Committee since the town of Londonderry, 1995. holding the position of treasurer of the London- retirement years and Association from 1961 to future pieces, according 1965, being the volunteer to her daughter. artist for the Londonderry Historical Society in has done for the town will 1979, 1994 to 1997, and be admired and apprecithen from 2003 to 2004, ated for many years to and being an adviser to come.

Verani is now in her Parent-Teachers won't be designing any

However, the work she



The statue of Johnny Appleseed at the Leach Library was created by Patricia Verani

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### Editorial

### **Freedom Inspired Dreams**

For many Cuban refugees who escaped their homeland for America, Fidel Castro represented little more than a tyrant who threatened their freedom and existence. His recent death drew world-wide attention to the island nation and rekindled memories of his decades-long rule.

For refugees, Castro evokes images of choking repression, the paralyzing control of their daily lives, unjust prison time and impromptu firing squads.

He is the reason so many climbed onto makeshift rafts, and virtually anything that would float, to risk their lives and leave Cuba-to attempt the perilous crossing of the Straits of Florida-for a chance at freedom in the United States.

Their determination to escape a cruel dictator and experience liberty on foreign soil illustrates how precious freedom is when it is lost, and how it shouldn't be taken for grant-

Try envisioning what life would be like without many of the freedoms that are part of the fabric of America and written into the Constitution.

Freedom is the cornerstone of a democratic society and provides individuals with the ability to choose career paths and personal goals. Instead of a dictator, they control their own lives and their own destinies.

Many of the greatest inventions the world has ever seen have come from America and the creative environment that flourishes in this country. In the free marketplace, individuals with the best ideas and inventions can find success and society as a whole can benefit. In contrast, those who live in repressive societies, such as Castro's Cuba, lack basic freedoms and have no incentive or motivation to follow their dreams. Instead, they are forced to live uninspired and unmotivated lives and almost never see the fruits of their labor.

While some Cuban refugees didn't complete the hazardous journey and died along the way, they found a freedom of a different kind in the pursuit of freedom. But many who refused to give in to Castro and left to seek a better way of life found the freedom they were seeking. They arrived in this country with little or no money but somehow managed to make ends meet and ultimately succeeded. They went on to start families and build businesses. It wasn't easy for many who encountered obstacles along the way. In the end, they only achieved success through hard work, perseverance and determination.

They continue striving to reach their own goals, free to pursue the American dream.

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union, allied health services union and support staff union, and if these agreements are reached, they will also be on the warrant.

Addition to the Maintenance Trust Fund. The fund has operated on a: "pay as you go" basis, with Curro and Facilities Director Chuck Zappala discussing what projects need to be done and then asking for the appropriate amount. He would like to change this process to forecast project needs six years out, he said.

Addition to the Special Education Trust Fund.

Addition to the Capital **Equipment Reserve Trust** Fund.

Money appropriated to conduct asbestos removal throughout the district. The asbestos in district buildings is contained and regularly inspected, he said, but the district would still like to have it removed and Zappala is getting estimates.

With the four warrant articles estimated at \$1,113,474, the total amount to be raised by taxation would be \$72,887,383, a 1.6 increase over FY 17 and 3 cents on the tax rate, Greenberg said.

Cost avoidance and revenues

Greenberg pointed to several efforts on the district's part to save money and increase revenues. One money [saving tactic is to bring as many of the district's special education students "home" as possible, creating in-house programs for them. Since 2006 the district has saved \$77,800,000 in 'cost avoidance" through in-district programs and expects to save \$9,339,374 in 2018, he said.

The district's energy savings programs have resulted in a \$6 million savings since their incep-

budget, he said. The district's energy consumption is 30 percent below the state average, he said.

The Memorandum of Understanding with the Hooksett School District and tuition revenues from Auburn and Candia have brought in \$1,040,714, he told the board. Tuition revenues offset the tax rate by 27 cents, and the total of "cost avoidance" and revenues saves the district \$10.8 million and \$2.83 off the tax rate.

#### Other factors

Other factors affecting this budget include the phasing-in of a new elementary math program; the expansion of mobile computer labs; increasing Internet security; and the downshifting of state employee retirement costs. The district's portion of state retirement will cost \$529,916 this year, he

A student enrollment that is on the rise will also affect the budget through staffing changes, Greenberg said. From 2006 to 2017, Londonderry saw a 1,129 decline in its student population. With better economic times and new housing development in Londonderry, the district as of Oct. 1 had 58 more students than it did last year. That includes 108 more in grades 1-5 than were projected, and 45 more in kindergarten.

2006 to 2017, the district reduced its workforce by 60.8 certified staff members and 78.4 non-certified. They did add some special ed positions to staff the in-house programs, he said, and the net reduction was 137.7.

Next year's projected enrollment is 4,423, an increase of 12, he said. But another 95 are expected, mostly in the elementary grades, from new

tion and are poised to construction. "We have save \$300,000 off the 2018 potentially 4,578 students for next year," Greenberg said

> He is requesting four new elementary teacher positions, one each for the district's three elementary schools and a fourth in readiness for whichever K-5 school sees a spike in enrollment. In addition, he is requesting a Pupil Services Coordinator for the district, pointing out that the district is seeing more Special Education, 504 and ESOL students. He plans to reduce two high school positions, based on enrollment, for a net increase of three positions at \$255,238.

Curro reminded the board that the proposed budget will also fund 6.4 positions approved by the board after the last budget season closed, and that now have to be picked up by the regular budget.

However, he said, the construction bond for the Middle School expansion is coming off this year.

The SAU is also requesting two more buses, one for regular education and one for special education, Curro said.

This is going to be tough," board member Steve Young said. "It is \$564,000 over the default budget. It's been 12 to 13 years since we've been over default."

"It's hard to overlook During the "drop" from that this is a big budget," Chairman Nancy dricks agreed.

'We have our work cut out for us," member Leitha Reilly said. "It's hard work, but I trust we'll get

The board's next meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Town Council chambers. The board will discuss and tweak the budget in meetings Dec. 8,13 and 15, also at 7 p.m.



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### St. Jude's Blue Angels Project Benefit's Families This Christmas

Melissa Beth Ruiz LONDONDERRY TIMES

or over 30 years, Lon-Doyle ensure that local families ty. in need don't go without

on Christmas

Doyle runs the food pantry out of the St. Jude donderry Resident Parish, which is operated has by volunteers year-round worked with St. Jude to provide food for needy Parish in Londonderry to families in the communi-

Christmas a little brighter for their families.

The "Christmas Blue assistance from the Blue from.

Angels" project is a way Angels project submit for the people of London- items that their children fited derry to give to those would like and/or need who have fallen on hard that holiday, and those times to help them make requests are written on a "Blue Angel" to be hung on a Christmas tree for Families in need of potential donors to select

many families throughout the years, and has even brought in peoested in helping their fel- the dates." Said Doyle. low man.

ing town, with the most over perishable giving people," Doyle. "It's a pleasure to do this type of work."

Donors are encouraged to purchase items that parents would enjoy and benefit from, as well, even if they are not written on the Angel, as they most often are not.

"Most mothers will I'm fine." Said Doyle. She added that they would love to be able to give to parents who put their children before themselves.

The Blue Angels projpackage of holiday food along with each set of inside of the main door of gifts for the families, the St. Jude Parish. For including turkey or ham, more information on the stuffing, veggies, mashed mixes, etc. Volunteers tact Kay Doyle at (603) work hard to ensure that 434-1827.

The project has bene- each family gets what they need, and that the items are high quality.

"We have ple from outside of the sorters...and we sort community who are inter- everything and check all

Donors need "We have the most giv- worry about bringing said items such as fresh hams and vegetables, as the Parish has a cooler to store such items in

> Residents interested in lending a helping hand in sorting food items for families are encouraged to stop by the Parish starting December 6th.

"Our doors are open," say, 'Take care of the kids, said Doyle. "Everyone can come and see all the families helping."

Blue Angel gifts and food items are being collected until the end of masses on December 3rd and 4th, and no later than ect also sends a care December 10th and 11th at the Family Room just Blue Angels Project and potatoes, pies, bread how to contribute, con-

### **OBITUARY**

#### **Gordon Clarke**



Gordon Weade Clarke, 77 of Londonderry died Thursday, Nov. 24, at the Elliot Hospital, Manchester. Gordon was born in Boston, Mass. on Dec. 3, 1938, a son of the

late Harry E. and Glenna (Weade) Clarke. He had resided in Londonderry for the past 14 years, formerly living in Billerica, Mass.

Gordon was employed as a carpenter foreman for Local Union #475 in Framingham, Mass where he worked for 40 years. He was a member of the Londonderry Presbyterian Church where he sang with the choir. He was previously very active in the First Congregational Church in Billerica. Mass, where he was also a member of the choir, a trustee and served on many committees. Gordon enjoyed hiking, bicycling and watching sports.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Edna C. (Chisholm) Clarke of Londonderry, three sons, Gordon Weade Clarke, Jr. of Londonderry, Gregory W. Clarke and his wife Keri of Tyngsboro, MA, and Gary W. Clarke of Townsend, Mass., two daughters, Gayle W. McNamara and her husband Daniel of Lowell, Mass., and Ginger W. LeClair and her husband Paul of Scarborough, ME, eight grandchildren, Marin, Mark, Eric, Paige, Nicole, Jesse, Jake, and Logan, one brother, Rev. John Clarke of Meriden, CT, his daughter-in-law, Kathy Clarke of Townsend, MA., also many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two grandchildren, Danny Clarke and Dale LeClair.

Calling hours were Tuesday Nov, 29, from 9 - 11 a.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry. Funeral services followed at 11a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Pillsbury Cemetery, Londonderry. Memorial donations may be made to the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 126 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry, 03053. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com



#### **OBITUARY**

#### George Bresnahan



George H. Bresnahan, 88, of Londonderry, but long time resident of Springfield, NH, passed away Saturday, Nov. 26, in Hillsborough County Nursing Home, Goffstown. He was born in Holyoke,

Mass. on Oct. 21, 1928, a son of John and Marcella (Pariseau) Bresnahan. George had a passion for cars, not only when it came to his work, but for fun as well. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, stacking wood, chopping kindling and tending to his vegetable garden. George loved to read and encouraged those around him to enjoy it as well. He had an amazing singing voice which he put to use during car rides with his family. He was a generous man who spent his free time on volunteer work, including Meals on Wheels and helping at the local library.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Cora (Reynolds) Bresnahan; son, Henry Anthony Bresnahan; daughter, Ami Felecia Fish; sister, Marcie Racine; three grandchildren Brandon Fish, Elizabeth Fish, Veontha Bresnahan and also many nieces and nephews. George was predeceased by four brothers, John, James, Robert and William Michael Bresnahan and one sister Lucille Milanovich

There will be no services per the family's wishes. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, MA/NH Chapter 166 River Road- Suite 210 Bedford, NH 03110. The Peabody Funeral Home & Crematorium is assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com



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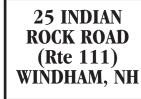
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### **Reflections on A Day Which Will Live in Infamy**

MELISSA BETH RUIZ LONDONDERRY TIMES

"December 7th, 1941, a date which will live in long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people, in their righteous might, will win through to absolute victo-

on the World War II cry throughout this time Memorial in Washington, DC, was said by President Franklin D. Roosevelt the day after Pearl Harbor, located on the island of 75th anniversary of the they are gone, so are their Oahu, Hawaii, was suddenly attacked by Japanese aircraft carriers at al holiday, Pearl Harbor 7:48 AM Hawaiian Time. Remembrance Day is still

personnel lost their lives during the attack.

These events infamy...no matter how President Roosevelt to call for a declaration of war, which was met with almost unanimous approval by the Senate and the House.

American citizens united after the events, This quote, inscribed and a common rallying and during all of World War II was "We're All In This Together."

attack on Pearl Harbor. Although it is not a feder-

Over 2,400 U.S. service very much a significant in ember 7th, 2016, take a ice, take time to listen to Pearl Harbor, World War United States history and in the history of the Second World War.

> There are approximately 2,000 to 2,500 survivors of the events at Pearl Harbor, all of them well into their 90's.

William Graser, Londonderry resident, veteran, and author of Veterans' Reflections: History Preserved, a book which recounts the stories of local veterans from World War II through the war in This year will mark the Afghanistan, says "Once stories and a piece of history. It is our duty as Americans to keep the memory of what happened...alive for future generations.'

When asked how he felt was the best way to honor those affected by and lost on December 7th 1941, Graser said, "As a veteran, I stop for a moment and reflect and pray for those lost."

This Wednesday, Dec-

moment in remembrance their stories, and make infamy." Those with relatives still with them, who first hand, reach out and thank them for their serv-

generations to come.

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II, or up through the war of those we lost on that every effort to preserve in Afghanistan, can find "date which will live in their memories for the Graser's book at the Leach Library, Barnes and Those who would like Noble in Manchester, or experienced the events to read more on our local online at Barns and veterans and their experi- Noble, Amazon and iuni-

### **I-93 Land**

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that the state would take Londonderry to court and end up getting the land anyway.

"We could ask the state to accept a counteroffer," Smith said, and suggested \$2,000.

Under the statutory process, any sale would have to go through

Conservation, the Planning Board and two public hearings, according to Smith.

The drainage easement is an additional 775 square feet and the utility easement, 19,650 square

State's offer was an out-

outright purchase.

"If we don't accept their offer within 30 days, they will issue a

Declaration of Taking,' he said. The state would take the 1.08 acres plus the square footage designated for the two easements, he said.

Member Mike Speltz said he knew of a similar appraisal done recently and that was \$2,000 for a parcel that was "wet and unbuildable." The town appraiser's figure was not, he said, "far off the mark."

"If it's going to happen anyway, it would be nice to get \$2,000 out of it," Speltz observed.

Smith said the DOT Members asked Smith wanted to have the deal to clarify whether the secured by Christmas, to which member Deborah right purchase or pur- Lievens said, "Some of the limited to the detention chase of the easement, work on 93 is five years and Smith said it was an out. I don't see what the

rush is."

"Are they going to get all their stuff in for the Planning Board?" member Gene Harrington asked.

Smith said it was possible that the state could submit its materials in time for a December meeting.

Speltz said, "I would approve of the sale if we can renegotiate the price." He also called for an assurance that the land would not be developed, and that the impact of I-93 would be minimal.

The Commission approved the sale by a hand vote, on the condition that a better price be negotiated, DOT pick up all the costs of the subdivision and recording of plans, and that development be pond and maintenance.

#### Assitant Town Manager **Continued from page 1**

assisting him with a Direc-candidates, Smith said.

tor of Personnel position, New Hampshire Municipal Association Web site and on the town Web site.

There were no internal

The salary range is was advertised on the \$75,000 to \$95,000, commensurate with experience.



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### **Remodel Gives Senior Center More Room to Grow**

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY LONDONDERRY TIMES

athy Blash, director of the Londonderry Senior Center, moveda barn-type door on its hinges. "Steve Cotton built this for us," she said. "It's made of reclaimed wood from the old kitchen."

The remodeled Londonderry Senior Center reopened in November. With people living longer and staying active longer, the Center is poised to help Londonderry seniors enjoy more activities, with more space to do them in.

Blash said the effort was overseen by Cotton, who saw to every detail and in cases like the door, took care of it himself.

"We needed to close off the other wing for when we rent it out," she said. Cotton saw to the door and went the extra mile, Blash said.

She moved down the hall of the new wing, noting the maroon bumpers built into the cream-colored walls. "Steve brought this in so that when we bring out the extra tables, they won't scrape the paint," she said.

The reno includes a new women's bathroom. handicapped-accessible, with two stalls, self-flushing toilets and a hot-air hand dryer.

The new wing extends out the back of the former Mayflower Grange Hall and has a new foundation and completely new construction, she said. A mechanical room holds the electri- hlin said, and was working cal equipment along with a new utility sink, washer and dryer. The Senior Center purchased the appliances with its own funds, Blash said. The group uses

cloth tablecloths for its until after lunch was bigger events, and before, she and some members would split the chore of washing them at home. We'd say, 'I'll take 10, you take 10," Blash recalled. Now they can do it on-site and save time.

She shared an office with some other staff members and now has a larger office in the new wing, she said, opening the door on a room that still smelled of new paint. "We are still waiting for the wiring," she said. While Blash has an opendoor policy, having her own space will make it easier to work on budgets and other things that require concentration, she said.

There is a separate room for the many health clinics the Center hosts. It has its own sink, good for sanitary reasons, and a door that shuts, good for privacy and HIPPA issues. When we're not having a clinic, this doubles as our poker room," she said with

Another room has been designated a game room, with four tables set up for Mah Jonng and other games. It's also the room for "chair exercises," and a large cabinet hides a new flat-screen TV to be used to guide the exercisers.

The facility now has a designated room for craft and art projects, and art instructor Jan McLaughlin was checking the status of some jars of paint. She teaches everything from pastels to acrylics to Christmas crafts, McLaugon a design for a winestopper ornament.

"It is so nice to be able to have space," McLaughlin said of her new digs. "We used to have to wait

served to do an art class.' Her students could be distracted, she said, with people chattering at the tables behind them or card games going on.

And they could also distract, McLaughlin said. "One time we had a craft that we had to pound with a hammer." she said. "People were behind us doing Tai Chi."

McLaughlin is also happy about designated storage for her craft supplies, she said.

Blash is especially happy about the kitchen, which has doubled in size from the old one. "We gutted this room down to the beams," she said. While the Center kept its stove and two fridges, there are brand-new cabinets and counters, including a center island with two electric warming trays built in. "We used to use a Sterno can," she said, adding, "That's dangerous."

She and her core group moved items back from their temporary home at the Lions Hall in early November, and opened for a full schedule Nov. 7. They're still trying to find things, she said. "We ask each other, 'Where did we put the plastic wrap?"" But it's a good problem to have.

The new kitchen had its inaugural event with the annual Senior Luncheon catered by the Fire Department, Blash said. The firemen were impressed with the changes.

Blash has been working on the Center's physical appearance since she arrived three years ago. The first thing to go were some really ugly curtains, and Center member Virginia



Happy seniors play bingo in the newly renovated Londonderry Senior Center. Photo by Kathleen D. Bailey

Enos sewed new ones.

The seniors love the new space, Blash said. "Our membership has grown. Everyone is so

happy with it."

paned windows let in the will extend to the seniors she light from North Londonder- serves. ry. "These rooms are bright

even on gloomy days," Blash In the addition, tall 16- observed. She's hoping that









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### **Londonderry's Littlest Students Express Thanks at Feast**

LONDONDERRY TIMES

rianna, a kindergarten student at Londonderry's Moose Hill, was very specific about what she's thankful for this Thanksgiving. "My unicorn stuffed animal," she said around a mouthful of popcorn.

The four kindergarten jump on the holiday Tuesday, Nov. 22, when they held their annual Thanksgiving Feast at the school. proclaimed that the child Using placemats they designed and food they helped prepare, the little ones gave a kids'-eye view their loved ones. Others of gratitude.

Laura Brulet, Stephanie rooms. Stuffed turkeys and toy Pilgrims and Indians served as centerpieces. said she was thankful for The children filed in from her family in India, and that their classrooms, each she expected to call them wearing a paper Pilgrim hat for Thanksgiving. or Native American head- always call them," she said.

band. They sat in front of their own placemats, which had been laminated.

The menu included quick breads that the children helped bake, butter they helped churn, popcorn, fresh cut vegetables and slivers of pumpkin pie along with the kindergarten staple of a juice box.

Administrator Bonnie classes at Moose Hill got a Breithaupt said the school has been holding the Feast since it opened in 2001.

Many of the placemats was thankful for their family, and most of the children drew stick figures of expressed thanks for The four kindergarten friends, sunny days, their teachers, Barbara Curro, teacher, their dog, jewelry, toys and Santa. The Wright and Sarah Keller, children sang a song, "We set up long tables in the Are Thankful," before divhallway outside their class- ing in to their plates of

A girl named Rishika



'We went there once.'

Rishika said she wouldn't like to have been a Pilgrim because "they didn't have any stores.' But she admired them because "they built their houses by themselves."

A boy named Joey wore a macaroni necklace like to have been one, for along with his Indian the inexplicable reason

headband. He said he was thankful for his family. He's an only child, he said, "But I have a dog."

Joey remembered one "They shooed the birds away from their food."



The annual Thanksgiving celebration at Moose Hill Kindergarten took place just before the holiday break with students filling the hall with a feast. See more photos next page. Photos by Chris Paul

fact about the Pilgrims: that "They can do stuff their table, said. She said humans can't do."

His friend Mason said And he said he would he was thankful for his baby brother.

really nice," she added.

"It was a stormy trip," Jordyn, another girl at Thanksgiving.

she liked the Indians best. "Just because."

The children had visitors from another century. A girl named Violet Teacher Sarah Keller's parwore a Pilgrim ladies' bon- ents, Bill and Judy Imes of net and munched carrots Massachusetts, dressed as she said. "I remember up as Elder William Brewthat they had a storm on a ster and his wife, Goodwife boat." Her luncheon com- Brewster. Bill Imes has panion, a girl named been doing it since Keller Callee, said, "They had a herself was in kinderbaby boy on the May- garten, and Judy Imes flower. I would like to be a joined him later. They cir-Pilgrim because they're culated among the delighted children, shaking hands and wishing them a Happy



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### **Pre-Thanksgiving Celebration at Moose Hill Kindergarten**









Moose Hill Kindergarten celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday last week with a feast for the entire school to enjoy. Both the morning and afternoon sessions combined their classrooms in the hallways of the school and enjoyed a wide variety of food and drink served by teachers, staff members, parents and volunteers.

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### **Owls Take Flight at South School**



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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

# **Scotsman Wins, But Local Runners Excel in Turkey Trot**



Aidan Gilbride of East Kilbride, Scotland took first place in this year's 43rd annual GDTC Turkey Trot 5K.

Morgan Nault, a 13-year-old Manchester resident, was the first female to cross the finish line in the race.

CHRIS PANTAZIS LONDONDERRY TIMES

▼very autumn, folks Derry Track Club (GDTC) at Franklin Pierce Univer-Turkey Trot around Beaver sity in Rindge, N.H., won Lake in Derry.

morning - when the 43rd annual GDTC Turkey Trot 5K Road Race was won by a teen-aged runner hailing from Scotland. But locals from both Derry and Londonderry also excelled in the popular holiday event, that boasted a total of 1,165 finishers this time and Pinkerton Academy around.

from East Kilbride, Scotfrom all over take part land but is also presently Kevin McMahon of Derry in the annual Greater a freshman running star crossed the line just one the race in a time of 15 That was the case minutes and 28 seconds. once again last Thursday, But he was followed ex-Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving tremely closely by the second through fourth finishers, who all crossed the finish line over the next 11 seconds.

was the runner-up, crossseconds after champion cerned. Gilbride. Chester resident

Eighteen-year-old third place in 15:38 - just Aidan Gilbride, who hails six seconds after Gagnon crossed - and 23-year-old second after Reddy did.

> Manchester 13-yearold Morgan Nault was the first female finisher, placing 27th overall in 19:51. This was the second time running the race, and last vear she was the third- day and a great turnout," place female runner.

But runners from both Sam Gagnon of Dover Derry and Londonderry were omnipresent where ing the line a mere four the final results were con-

Of the top 23 finishers, 12 were either from Derry graduate Jeff Reddy took or Londonderry, and nine



The Turkey Trot mascot helped line up runners on Route 102 just before the start of the annual GDTC race on Thanksgiving morning. Photos by Chris Paul

towns won their respective age groups' titles.

All in all, some 454 racers from Derry and 154 from Londonderry crossed the finish line. Runners from all of the six New York, Pennsylvania, California, Utah, Minnesota, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Illinois, New Jersey, and Ohio took part in the from Londonderry were winners included Matt annual race.

times and it looked like everyone had fun."

The top male and finisher of the race.

runners from the two female finishers from the aforementioned Kevin McMahon and Pinkerton overall in 20:19. She was er overall.

The first two finishers 18-year-old Josh Wasser-Coyle. "We had some fast ning standout Kalin Gregoire (37th overall, 20:26).

Where age division winboth Derry and London- ners were concerned, there derry win awards each were five from Derry year, and this time around including McMahon in the the Derry recipients were men's 20-29 class, Rich Moran in the guys' 30-39 division (18:36), Shawn Gile Academy soccer star Brit- in the males' 40-49 grouping England states as well as ney Johnson, a 16-year- (20:12), Rich DiSalvo in the Virginia, Georgia, New old who finished 34th mens' 50-59 class (18:32), and GDTC president Jim the second female finish- Peters in the men's 60-69 division (22:39).

Londonderry division Griffin in the boys' 1-14 "It was an awesome man (11th overall in grouping (18:40), Caitlin 18:17) and present Lon- Boufford in the girls' 1-14 said race director Sean donderry High junior run- class (22:06), Gregoire in the girls' 15-19 grouping, and 73-year-old John She was the fourth female Loker in the men's 70-79year-old division (29:15).

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### Soccer Duo Wheeler and West Collect All-State Honors

CHRIS PANTAZIS LONDONDERRY TIMES

High School varsity boys' soccer squad's 2016 season was quite a roller-coaster ride for the Lancers. But after crew had posted a 2-2 Dover High Green Wave, making an early exit from record through its first but a tough 1-0 loss to the the Division I tournament, the local booters ended very solid 5-2-1 through up with several reasons eight contests. for celebration during the post-season period.

Wheeler and senior midfielder Jayden West both Plaistow, Bedford, and received Division I All- Manchester Central in and Nashua North in their State Honorable Mention falling below the .500

recognition from that mark to 5-6-1. Timberlane. tant contributions to their finishers in Division I. 8-8-1 contingent's up-anddown campaign.

five matches, but it was a

However, the LHS six matches. squad then dropped four LHS senior goalie Cam consecutive decisions to Salem. Timberlane of

league's coaches for their Bedford, and Central all Londonderry noteworthy and impor- ended up being top-five

> Londonderry bounced back to the .500 The Londonderry High mark with a defeat of the Keene High Blackbirds dropped the Lancers to 6-7-1 with their fifth loss in

But future all-staters Wheeler and West and their teammates defeated Manchester Memorial last two regular season matches to finish up at 8-

That record got the Londonderry High legion the number eight seed in the Division I tournament, but the Lancers weren't involved in the tourney for long as they lost a 3-1 opening-round decision to a ninth-seeded Memorial Crusaders - who Lon-

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LHS senior Jayden West snagged allstate recognition for the 2016 season.

donderry had bested Concord

days earlier - which High Crimson Tide by 1-0 to the challenging 2016 wound up looking like the scores in the quarterfi- campaign, the honors Cinderella team of 2016. nals and semifinals received by standouts The Memorial Cru- respectively before getsaders went on to upset ting hammered by sixth- ing the season gave the both number one Bedford ranked Exeter by a 5-0 LHS Lancers reasons to and the fourth-ranked score in the state finals.

Skilled Lancer senior keeper Cam Wheeler was a 2016 all-stater.

Despite the early end Wheeler and West followbe proud.







Anna Haas (left) and Gillian Lynch were given awards during the Londonderry High School girls' volleyball program's season-ending dinner recently. Haas received the Rookie of the Year trophy and Welch got varsity coach Dave Starin's Most Improved Player Award at the event. The 2017 Lady Lancers will aim to rebound from a challenging 2016 campaign next fall, having learned many important lessons this autumn.

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### Former LHS Hoop Star Simpson Aiming to Help Wildcats Succeed

donderry local school can attest to the fact that she was a lete with the kind of drive which inevitably leads a basketball in Durham. player and their team to success.

with truly incredible help the UNH Lady Wildcourt sense helped her Lady Lancer girls' basketball squads to state title ing significant contribugames in 2010-11, 2011-12, and her senior year of 17-12 campaign under vet-2013-14. Londonderry lost eran coach Maureen Magto Winnacunnet of Hamp- arity during the winter ton that first year and to campaign of 2015-16.

Bishop Guertin of Nashua nybody who wit- overcame injuries to lead High 2013-14 state crown with School graduate Aliza a nipping of Bedford, and Simpson's truly stellar the University of New four-year basketball and Hampshire women's hoop soccer careers at the program was absolutely overjoyed to keep Simpson in the Granite State in that highly-competitive singularly talented ath- when she decided that conference, and the Ladv she'd play her collegiate

Nearly three years on, junior collegiate cager The hard-nosed guard Aliza Simpson's aim is to cats try to hit the heights in America East after maktions to the Lady Wildcats'

Simpson and her UNH this week. the second, but Simpson lady cagers were picked to finish a rather modest nessed 2014 Lon- the LHS cagers to the sixth in the America East Conference in that league's coaches' pre-season poll released recently. And they'd love to prove the poll wrong.

> There are nine teams Wildcats enjoyed a pretty decent start to the 2016-17 conference campaign by going 3-2 through their first five contests, winning all three of their home games and losing twice on the road.

> The University of Hartford (4-2) and UNH were the only two of the nine squads in the division to post records which were over .500 heading into

The defending conference champs from the University of Albany were picked to finish first in that poll, with the University of Maryland-Baltimore Country second and Maine third.

In her squad's first five games of the season - all of which she started - LHS grad Simpson showed her usual all-around abilities by scoring, rebounding, and dishing out assists pretty impressively.

The junior guard netted nine points, hauled down eight rebounds, dealt out four assists, and snagged a steal in the Lady Wildcats' seasonopening loss to Cornell in Ithaca, N.Y. on Nov. 11.

In about half that much home-opener against New England College of Henniker three days later, Simpson was good for eight points, four rebounds, two assists, and the squad. two steals in a 58-38 blowout win.

and her teammates then average (2.5), and she ciation Player of the Year the University of Ken- shooting tucky in Lexington but (.257). Simpson placed the LHS 1,000-point club Wagner College to start per-game average, and program.



Former LHS hoop star Aliza Simpson is a junior guard on the UNH women's team this season.

the season at 3-2.

During the aforemenlast winter, Simpson started 27 of the Lady Wild- Boston College. cats' 29 contests, averaging 26.5 minutes per contest, which was second on

also finished second on The former Lady the team in total assists New Hampshire Inter-Lancer multi-sport star (72) and assist-per-game scholastic Athletic Assosubsequently lost big to was fourth in three-point percentage bagged home wins over 10th overall in all of Amer- and the all-time assist Bryant University and ica East with her assists- leader for the girls' hoop

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she recorded seasonhighs of 12 points in court time in her team's tioned 2015-16 campaign games against both Boston University and

> During her stellar high school basketball career, Simpson was named Miss New Hampshire Hoop, the The talented guard New Hampshire Gatorade Player of the Year, and the for the 2013-14 season, and she is a member of



**e Fight Victory** Former Lancer wrestler Jon Paul climbed into the octogon on Saturday, Nov. 19 and came away with his first Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) victory as an amaturer fighter during the Combat Zone 60 at the Radisson in Manchester. He currently trains at Gate City MMA of Nashua. His competitor was Dan Ward of Spero's MMA of Plaistow.



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### **Ex-LHS Star Fairweather Sidetracked by Severe Ankle Injury**

LONDONDERRY TIMES

fter enjoying an exceptional senior Division I high school football season in his first (offensive) during the fall of 2014. Londonderry High star quarterback Eric Fairweather found himself unexpectedly under center lots as a freshman for the Saint Anselm College Hawks the next autumn.

And the quick and crafty signal-caller did himself proud for a Saint A's team which - after losing multiple quarterbacks to injuries - desperately needed him to step up.

But after that notable 2015 success, Fairweather was sidelined himself

by a severe ankle injury coach Joe Adam. right at the start of his promising 2016 campaign.

"Eric broke his ankle in the first game of the year, series," said LHS football coach and Fairweatherfollower Jimmy Lauzon. "He never came back, and he's still rehabilitating it."

The initial plan for the 2016 Saint Anselm Hawk gridders was for Fairweather to share playing time at quarterback with senior signal-caller and team captain Yianni Gavalas. But after his injury, Fairweather was forced to sit back and watch Gavalas and the Hawks face challenges and take some serious lumps under new

The former Lancer star - who swept up nearly every New Hampshire school football award there was to win following his glittering senior campaign of 2014 now looks toward a 2017 campaign for which he might have to take redshirt status to preserve a year of playing eligibility while still working on the ankle.

However, there are plenty of folks around the Hawks who saw Fairweather - pressed into action as a freshman last fall - excel in numerous areas at quarterback and earn 2015 Northeast-10 Conference All-Rookie

Team honors who know rushes for 177 yards and a A's quarterbacks who saw what he's been capable of touchdown against Stoneon a football field.

Fairweather appeared 2015 Hawks, starting the final seven of the season and going 112-for-187 for 1,058 yards passing. He posted a 59.9% completion percentage and tossed seven touchdowns. The fleet-footed athlete also rushed 107 times for 716 yards and eight scores. He went 26-of-40 for 299 yards and two touchdowns while rush- gone a dismal 2-9 overall ing 13 times for 55 yards and 2-7 in their confer- remember that Fairweathand another score against New Haven, and Fairweather posted three 100yard rushing games including a career-high 18

The 2014 LHS graduate in eight games for those also won numerous academic awards following the fall campaign of 2015, being named to the Saint Anselm Fall Dean's List, Northeast-10 Fall Commissioner's Honor then the Saint Anselm Spring Dean's List and the Northeast-10 Conference Spring Commissioner's Honor Roll.

With the Hawks having ence under their new coach this past autumn, if Fairweather elects to play next fall he'll find himself

precious little playing time behind departing starter Gavalas. Among them are junior Crosby sophomore Winters, Johnny Aylward, and freshman Tom Walsh. But there's no doubt that Fairweather's strong play during the fall of 2015 gives him the confidence to know that he can accomplish quite a bit in collegiate football with the 2017 campaign potentially in mind.

And Lancer fans will er rebounded from a 2013 injury with his 2014 season, so the speedy standout has been in his presamong a quartet of Saint ent circumstances before.

CHRIS PANTAZIS LONDONDERRY TIMES

hen the Houston Texans handed the keys to their offense to big money free agent-signee Brock Osweiler during the offseason between the 2015 and 2016 seasons, they hoped that the big quarterback would be able to create some pyrotechnics with his impressive pass-

ing abilities.

DeAndre Hopkins and a sticky-fingered trio of tight ends - including former Londonderry High School football standout Ryan Griffin - Osweiler has gotten plenty done with the passing game the National through Football League squad's first 10 games of 2016.

Griffin, who starred at And with the help of the University of Conprolific wide receiver necticut after graduating from LHS, is presently having a career season for the Texas team where production is concerned. The 6'6", 265-pound tight end had 30 receptions for 253 yards and one touchdown through the 6-4 Texans' first 10 contests, and those personal numbers easily surpassed Griffin's season high numbers in his first three pro cam-

paigns with plenty of contests and reception op- highs of 20 catches, 251 portunities still remaining.

Between Griffin's 30 catches, 35 from C.J. Fiedorowicz, and nine from Stephen Anderson, the three Texans' tight ends have a pretty stunning 74 receptions for more than 700 yards and five scores.

Twenty-six-year-old Griffin was a sixth-round draft choice of the Texans out of U-Conn in 2013.

His previous offensive yards, and two touchnine games for Griffin.

In tallying his new year, Griffin enjoyed his top individual performance on national televi-Foxboro, Mass. in front of friends and family in a losing effort against the host New England Patriots.

The big tight end had no less than eight catches for 52 yards in that condowns came during the test, and he had at least 2015 season, which due to one grab in each of the injuries consisted of just Texans' first 10 contests of 2016.

Griffin had three catoffensive highs of 30 ches in consecutive congrabs and 253 yards this tests against the Detroit Lions, Jacksonville Jaguars, and Oakland Raiders in Houstons' eighth, sion during week three in ninth, and 10th games of the campaign, and he scored his first touchdown of the season in the Jacksonville game.



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### **Wreaths and Trees and Santa On The Town Common**

KATHLEEN D. BAILEY LONDONDERRY TIMES

see the children at Christ- held Sunday, Dec. 4, on mas On the Common. the Town Common. "They have chocolate rings around their mouths," she interview that the obsersaid of the kids who indulge vance has been going on in the free hot chocolate. for at least 25 years. "They come back to us and

please?"

member Faye Sell is sored by the Londonderalways amused to ry Rotary Club will be

The fun begins at 3 say, 'More marshmallows, p.m., when refreshments

chili and cookies will be served. Residents and Sell said in a phone decorated by community groups and the wreaths decorated by local busiand an elf will arrive at 4 p.m. on a Londonderry

are offered and families fire truck, and at 4:30 kids The annual Christmas invited to stroll the Com- can pose for pictures and ondonderry Rotary On the Common spon- mon. Hot cider, cocoa, make their requests known. Scout groups lead the crowd in songs of the their guests are invited to season, and a high school stroll among the trees choral group is also expected to perform.

> The 20 undecorated trees are provided by nesses. Santa. Mrs. Claus Shady Hill Nurseries and decorated by Scout troops, church youth groups and other nonprofits.

The Wreath Stroll is relatively new, according to Sell. The Rotary pioneered it two years ago, she said. How it works: "We buy the wreaths, and then we go to local businesses and ask them to decorate them. People bid on the wreaths and the highest bidder gets to take it home." The funds raised go to local chari- the Common is free, it's a 150 people, and they ties, she said.

Despite the cold, the atmosphere on the Common is "spiritual and joy-



Local girl scout troops will be decorating some of the trees set up on the common. Photos by Chris Paul

ous," Sell said. She enjoys ple who are wondering cheeks.

engine," she said.

Since everything on "families that don't have the snow," she said. much," Sell added.

seeing the children run what Londonderry is all around, with their red about. "They come up to us and say, 'Thank you, "The kids love the fire I'm new in town," she observed.

The event draws up to great afternoon out for come "in rain or shine, in

"It gets people in the It's also good for peo- Christmas spirit," she said.



Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be on the Town Common Sunday Dec. 4.

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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.

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# **AROUND TOWN**

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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.

#### **Help Vets Give to Others**

The American Legion Auxiliary of New Hampshire will hold its annual gift shop for veterans this Sunday in the Manchester VA Medical Center. New purchased or handmade items are sought by Saturday, Dec. 3. On Dec. 4, residents of the home are in voted to "go shopping" to pick out Christmas presents for their loved ones, at no cost to the veterans. Items may be given through any Auxiliary member. Checks may be made out to American Legion Auxiliary, with a note of "Gift Shop" on the memo line, and mailed to American Legion Auxiliary Department of New Hampshire, 121 South Fruit St, Suite 103, Concord, NH 03301,

#### **Aviators in the Great War**

Aviators from Concord who served in the First World War will be the subject of a Second Saturday @ Museum presentation Saturday, Dec. 10, at 11 a.m. in the Aviation Museum in Londonderry. For more information contact Jessica Pappathan, Executive Director, 669-4820 or pathan@nhahs.org

#### **Learn about outstand**ing aviator

Bob Hoover, regarded by many as the greatest aviator of his time, will be the subject of a program at the Aviation Museum in Londonderry. The presentation will be Thursday, Jan. 12, at 6 p.m. For more information contact Jessica Pappathan, Executive Director, at 669-4820 or jpappathan@nhahs.org

#### **Brighten a life with** hospice

Volunteers are sought for Amedisvs Hospice in Londonderry. Volunteers can make the life of a patient a little brighter by reading together, playing a board game or doing a puzzle or by simply visiting and time. sharing valuable

Amedisys Hospice has an more information contact immediate need for volunteers in Rockingham County, Manchester and Concord. For more information contact Patty Cooper at patricia.cooper@amedisys.c om or 421-0414.

#### **LHS Winter Sports Coaches Night**

The Athletic Department at Londonderry High School has announced that the school's winter sports "Meet the Coaches Night" will be held Monday, Dec. 5 at 6 in the school cafeteria. Following the informational meeting there will be individual sports team meetings with the coaches. All athletes and parents are requested to attend. Any questions should be directed to the Londonderry High School athletic office at 432-6941, extension 2307.

#### **Share Holiday with Feathered Friends**

The Londonderry Rotary Club will sell birdseed wreaths now through Dec. 20. The eight inch handmade wreaths use an exclusive Duncraft birdseed formula to satisfy birds' hunger. The wreaths come with a red raffia bow and a natural jute hanger, and are boxed with a bow for easy gift-giving. Cost is \$15 each. For more information or a purchase contact Faye Sell, 434-4989; Mike Dolan, 774-245-2279; or Claudia Charbonneau, 425-4532.

#### **Christmas On the Commons**

The Londonderry Rotary Club will sponsor the annual Christmas On the Commons tree-lighting event Sunday, Dec. 4, from 3 to 6 p.m. The event includes refreshments, including hot cider, cocoa, chili and oookies; tree lighting; a wreath stroll; and Mr. and Mrs. Claus arriving on a fire engine at 4 p.m. Photo ops are available with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Decorated trees are welcome from school. Scout and youth groups. For

Faye Sell at 434-4989.

#### **Winter Wonderland**

Matthew Thornton School will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast and Secret Shop event Saturday, Dec. 3, from 8 a.m. to noon in the school gym. The pancake breakfast, including pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee or milk is \$4. A continental breakfast with muffin, juice, coffee and fruit is \$3. Personalized ornaments are \$3, pictures with Santa are \$3, and the Matthew Thornton chorus will perform. For more information contact Richard Gray ricannefl@gmail.com" or call (407) 508-8944) or Tara Sessa at thesessas@aol.com.

#### **Interfaith Choir**

The Interfaith Choir would like to extend an invitation to any St. Luke's UMC child K-8 age to join other children in a choir to perform during Christmas concerts on Dec. 6 and 7. The children will perform a few songs on their own, then sing one number with the adult choir.

#### **LMS Vendor Fair**

Crafters and vendors are sought for a Healthy, Happy Holiday Cooking Demo and Crafts event to be held Thursday, Dec. 1, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the Londonderry Middle School cafeteria. Vendor set-up is 5:30 to 6 p.m. Vendor space is \$20, with a 6-foot table provided. For more information contact Danielle McKeen at dmckeen@londonderrv.org Amanda Venezia at avenizia@londonderry.org.

#### **Cookie Swap**

The Londonderry Women's Club will hold its annual Cookie Swap Wednesday, Dec. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. in LaCarreta in Londonderry. Those wanting to learn more about the club are welcome to bring their favorite cookies to swap. RSVP is requested by Dec. 7. For be served as well as providmore information, e-mail info@londonderrywomensclub.org or visit londonder-

Stephen Guerra Jr., Suzanne Johnsonand Arthur Tsetsilas.

#### **Toys for Tots**

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American Legion Post 27 hosts a Toys for Tots Italian dinner on Dec. 4. Bring in a new unwrapped toy or donate \$10. Dinner will be served at halftime of the Patriots game (approximately 2:30 p.m.). For more information go www.alpost27.com or call 437-6613.

#### Karaoke

American Legion Post 27 hosts Karaoke with D.J. Sharon. starting at 7 p.m. on Dec 9 Non-members interested in joining Post 27 are welcome to attend. For more information go to www.alpost27.com or call 437-6613.

#### **Post 27 Meeting**

American Legion Post 27's monthly General Meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 12 Monthly General Meeting at 7:30 pm. All Post 27 Legionnaires and members are invited to attend. For more information go to www.alpost27.com or call 437-6613.

#### **VA Bingo**

On Dec. 26 Post 27 will be playing bingo with patients at the VA Hospital in Manchester from 7-8:30 pm. Pizza and diet soda will

ing \$150 in prize money. Anyone interested in helping out can sign-up at the Post. For more information go to www.alpost27.com or call 437-6613.

Latest Inductees There were fourteen new members of the Lon-

donderry High School Hall of Fame inducted on Saturday evening. Those that

attended the cermony at the LHS cafateria posed for a photo prior to the induction.

They are: front row from left, Sean Delisle, Matthew Charette, Katie Sullivan, Edward

Burgess, and Paul Dutton, Back row from left, Mike Beeman, Robert Ross, Michelle

Hart-Miller, Chris Gingrow, Peter Willis and Stefanie Murphy. Not pictured are

#### **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 members hail the extraordinary 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

#### **Pearl Harbor Anniversary**

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.

Photo by Chris Paul

#### Winter Fun Book Bingo

Come to the Leach Library on Monday, Dec. 12 from 4 - 5 p.m. to play a picture version of Bingo. 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, Dec. 5. To register call 432-1127 or stop by the Children'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, Dec. 19 from 4 - 5 p.m. During this 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.

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#### Around Town

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#### **Winter Session Programs**

The Children's Room at the Leach Library will be offering the following programs: Craft Time, Shake, Move & Read, and Toddler Time. Winter Session 1 will run Dec. 7 through 15 and Jan. 11 through 19. 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 Aguinas 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.

#### **Free Dental Services For Local 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.

#### **Holiday Library Hours**

The library will close at p.m. on Saturday, December 24, and re-open at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, December 27.

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

#### **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.

#### **LEEP Preschool**

The Londonderry School

Early Education Program (LEEP) inclusion preschool is accepting applications for the current school year. Londonderry children who turned 3 by Sept. 1 are eligible. Programs for 3-year-olds 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 Speers at kspeers@londonderry.org. The LEEP handbook is online at moose.londonderry.org.

#### **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.

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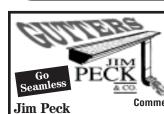
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### **Londonderry Police Log**

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Tuesday - Nov. 22

8:48 a.m. Drug Offenses investigated at Shell Food Mart on Nashua Road.

9:30 a.m. Unlawful Activities reported at Westminster Drive.

10:24 a.m. Overdose investigated at Gordon Drive. 1:35 p.m. Assist Londonderry Fire Dept with transportation to hospital from Chandler Drive.

**2:10 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Accident occurred at intersection of Mammoth Road and Fieldstone Drive. 3:33 p.m. Assist Londonderry Fire Dept on Horseshoe Lane.

**3:33 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Accident reported at Nashua Road and Old Nashua Road.

**4:52 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Accident occurred at Nashua Road and Garden Lane. intersection between Ford Focus and Audi A4.

9:12 p.m. Auto Theft reported on Ridgemont Drive.

11:18 p.m. Domestic Disturbance Investigated on Noyes Road.

Wednesday - Nov. 23 **5:27 a.m.** Suspicious Activity reported at intersection of Mammoth Road and Litchfield Road.

**5:48 a.m.** Responded to a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport terminal on Airport Road.

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car rental offices on Airport Road.

**6:18 p.m.** Responded to a Motor Vehicle Accident on Nashua Road and Action Blvd. between a Kia Optima, and a Jeep Cheroke

Thursday - Nov. 24 **12:15 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop results in arrest on Route 93 north of Exit 4 on Northbound side. Christopher Aaron Skinner, 31, of Graniteville, VT arrested for Operating Without A Valid License, Misuse Or Failure To Display Plates and Hindering 11:02 a.m. Services Ren-Apprehension or Prosecu-Also arrested. Zachary Lincoln Butts, 31 of Concord on a warrant. **3:44 p.m.** Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept at Whittemore Road.

**7:07 p.m.** Mutliple Motor Vehicles involved in accident at Mammoth and South Roads involving a GMC 1500, Chevy 1500 and Nissan Altima.

**8:11 p.m.** Arrest made after Welfare Check at Food Mart Nashua Road, Joshua David Ledoux, 31

of Hooksett arrested on a Bench Warrant, Warrant and Felon In Possession of Dangerous Weapon.

Friday - Nov. 25 **4:21 a.m.** Responded to motor vehicle accident on

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11:27 a.m. Responded to Rockingham Road near a Medical Emergency at Route 93 involving 2004 GMC Yukon and 2004 Ford Ranger.

> 8:11 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Hall Road involving a 2004 Volkswagen Passat.

> 9:57 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

**5:12 p.m.** Arrests made after complaint on Nashua Road. Rodney Feugill, 46, 50 Squire Ridge Road, Hampstead, arrested for Disorderly Conduct, Simple Assault, Resisting Arrest and Criminal Threatening.

Saturday - Nov. 26 dered for Criminal Threatening on Lawson Farm Road. 11:43 a.m. Assisted Lon-

donderry Fire Dept with Transportation to hospital from Mammoth Road. 2:21 p.m. Fish & Game Violations reported on

Griffin Road. 6:06 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated Winding Pond Road.

11:23 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated Kendall Pond Road.

Sunday - Nov. 27 2:03 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated at Moose Hill School on Pillsbury Road.

2:42 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Judy Drive.

3:05 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident on Pillsbury Road involving a 2014 Nissan Rogue and 2011 Chevy Impala.

5:25 p.m. Trespassing reported on Lawson Farm Road.

9:42 p.m. Domestic Disturbance results in Transport to hospital on Royal Lane.



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### **Glee Club Celebrates Fund Raising with Dance Party**







The North Elementary Glee Club capped of their fund raising efforts with a dance party recently. Students sold citrus boxes to raise money for a variety of school events including their upcoming play.

Photos by Chris Paul









Article 15

Article 16

# TOWN OF LONDONDERRY NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING FY18 PROPOSED TOWN BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that the Londonderry Town Council will receive public input on the proposed FY 2018 Town Budget on Monday December 12, 2016, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Moose Hill Conference Room, Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, N.H. The Warrant under consideration includes:

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	Debt Service	2,310,065
	Total General Fund Operating Budget	\$31,066,194
Article 4	Special Revenue Fund – Police Details	\$506,306
Article 5	Sewer Fund	\$5,246,992
Article 6	Roadway Maintenance Trust Fund	\$650,000
Article 7	Capital Reserve – Fire Dept. Equipment	\$164,000
Article 8	Capital Reserve – Geographic Info. Systems	\$28,000
Article 9	Police Dept. Patrol Officers (2)	\$198,545
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Article 10	Sewer Expansion	\$350,000
Article 11	Public Works Dept. – Truck Drivers (2)	\$158,070
Article 12	Sidewalk Improvements	\$250,000
Article 13	Air/Water Quality Study	\$85,000
Article 14	Central Fire – Architectural & Engineering Stud	ly \$350,000
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