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Holiday Spirit

About 19 fifth grade students at South Elementary School have been busy over the past few weeks preparing for the school's production of "So Who Cares about Christmas." See details and more photos on page 2.

Photo by Chris Paul

Angels Prepare for Annual Day of Giving at High School

KATIE O'DONNELL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

If your New Year's resolution is to try a fresh look - never fear! The annual Pantene Beautiful Lengths "Day of Giving" Hair Drive at Londonderry High School is just around the corner.

At the yearly Day of

Giving event on Jan. 5, the LHS community is invited to come let their hair down (so to speak) and donate their ponytails to the American Cancer Society. The hair is used to create wigs for cancer patients who have lost their hair due to treatment. The drive brings

together students, families, and over a dozen local stylists to create a moment that makes a community proud.

"The first cut is always done by friends and family chosen by the angel," said LHS teacher, Steve Juster who has been organizing

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Council and School Board Conflicted Over Tax Shortfall

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry recently came into a rather troublesome issue concerning the town's 2017 tax rate.

One of the major factors within determining this tax rate came with totaling up property values across town. By finding this total and submitting it to the state government, the tax rate is then revealed for the town, decreasing when these values grow. This rate, in turn, allows town officials to determine how much revenue to collect from residents.

However, there was an error with the newly implemented electronic

forms used for this purpose this year, with one line of inquiry not meant to be on the form. The inclusion of this line ultimately led to a lower tax rate than intended, meaning that the town saw around a six hundred thousand dollar revenue shortfall this year.

In order to remedy this situation, the Town Council recently held a joint session at Town Hall on December 11 with members of the School Board to come to a solution on the matter. Council Chair Tom Dolan was quick to remind residents that the town has the means to fix this problem.

"We have the money. It's in the bank", Dolan

stated.

The conflict in this situation, however, was not if they had the funds, but who would be covering the costs. Both the town and school district have undesignated funds for emergency situations such as this. But while the school's fund has only existed for a couple of years and currently sits at four hundred thousand dollars, the town's fund has existed for far longer and dwarfs the school's fund at eight million dollars.

It is for this reason that most of the board argued that they should not have to cover any of the shortfall, or at least

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High School Proposes Changes in Grading for New Freshmen

LORI COSTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After a series of debates and input from teachers, guidance counselors, and administrators, Londonderry High School is looking to change the weighted GPA system for the incoming freshmen class of 2022, lowering it to 4.5 from the current 5.0.

At LHS, there is a weighted GPA system in place for students who challenge themselves by taking honors and AP classes. Currently, the weighted GPA is used to determine class rank of the top 10 students by their weighted GPA during their four years at LHS.

The weighted GPA is also used for when students apply for scholarships.

LHS social studies teacher, Jim Choquette, presented to the school board how this change to the weighted GPA will help students overall. At the current weighted GPA, a student with a 4.63 GPA leaves LHS with a 92.6 or an A-. This is because the GPA is divided by 5.0 scale. If the scale was changed, however, a student with a 4.31 GPA would leave LHS with 95.7, a solid A. "By changing the way we weight, we better represent how students achieve at Londonderry High School. We better represent what a

student is capable of doing and what we report out to the world is more accurate than using the 5.0 scale," Choquette said.

A vote was taken by the teachers at LHS, and they were in support of the changes to the weighted grading system. A student earning a 4.5 is more

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South School Students Prepare for Holiday Treat



A special holiday treat is being prepared from students at South Elementary School. They have been busy rehearsing for the play "So Who Cares About Christmas." The play will give students the opportunity to perform a play and also raise money for new microphone that they will need for their spring play. About 19 fifth grade students will fill out the cast and the show will be presented at the school on Dec. 21 at 7 p.m.

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Day of Giving

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the event since its beginning. "The cut itself is a spectacle."

Juster started the drive 12 years ago and has been running it since. He said he was trying to think of a way to use the "positive energy" of the school's pep rallies to engage with the community. He went home one day, turned on his TV - and there was his inspiration - a segment on the Today Show about the Pantene Beautiful Lengths Hair Drive. Juster recalled the show had someone from each state donating hair, and the woman from New Hampshire looked just like a former student of his. He reached out to her, and although she ended up not being the person he thought she was, she was excited to come talk to LHS students about donating to the hair drive.

Juster originally wasn't sure if any of his students would participate. He had spoken with Ellyse Davis about donating her hair, but she was hesitant because she was modeling at the time and was told that long hair made her more marketable. Juster had showed videos to his class and brought in a few permission slips, but no one signed up. Another teacher came up to him later, and said she had a few students sign up, including Davis.



At last year's Day of Giving event, Madison Sousa, above, chose to shave her head to donate her hair for a wig. Photo by Chris Paul

According to Juster, she had changed her mind, saying "How could [she] keep it when others need it"? It just felt selfish to her.

There were 62 people who donated that year. Juster knew he had something worthwhile when the first students signed up for the second year.

"It's funny that it all worked out that way," he said.

Since then, the hair drive at the Day of Giving has grown to over 230 donors at its peak. This year, Juster said he has 120 donors signed up. It's become such an event

that Juster has photographer Roger Grondin come in to take before and after photos for the kids. Donations occur throughout the year, so not every ponytail is collected at once.

"They don't all come in on that day," said Juster, but the Day of Giving is about more than just the haircut. It's about the lead up - the reasons why the students donate their time and hair to the American Cancer Society.

Hannah Ellis is only a freshman, but she said she



From left, Kaitlyn Quirk, Maddie Puglisi, Jill Hansen, Cassidy Conty, Lauren Ferraro, Madi DiBenedetto, Maddy Laudani, Meghan Jackes, Krista Fletcher show off the "I Pledged" shirts from previous Pantene Beautiful Lengths Hair Drives at LHS to benefit the American Cancer Society. Courtesy photo

is ready to donate the eight inches required after cutting her older sister's hair the year before. "I think donating it to someone who needs it and wants it is a good way to get rid of it," said Ellis. That sentiment is shared with Jaelee and Anna Hutchinson, who will be donating their hair along with their younger sister, Rachel. Anna donated her freshman year and is up for the challenge again as a junior.

"I really like my hair, personally. . . I think it would be traumatic to lose it so giving it to someone would be worth it," said Anna.

Jaelee explained that the three sisters would be cutting each other's hair during the drive, round robin style. She also talked

about their aunt, who is an ovarian cancer survivor, and how she lost her hair during chemo. "I know it was really hard for her to lose her hair," said Jaelee. Luckily, her aunt is now cancer free.

Juster said it takes about six and a half people to make a wig. Depending on how many donations LHS gets, "certain years it can be 30-40 wigs" made from the hair collected. Over the years, Juster estimated he's had between

2,640 to 2,650 people donate to the hair drive.

"As long as we have one person signed up, we'll have the event," he said.

If anyone wants to donate hair to the Pantene Beautiful Lengths Hair Drive, they can go to LHS on January 5 to participate. There is no age requirement, but all students need to have a permission slip signed by their guardian.

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Editorial

Holiday Greetings

As the holidays get closer and closer, we're all treated to outdoor Christmas decorations brightening the night on most streets, with gaily lit trees adding a festive touch to public spaces, and warm, friendly holiday music playing from every other car on the road. The weather even seems to be cooperative (for the time being), offering a light covering of snow to better set the scene for a Norman Rockwell, New England Christmas.

Now is a great time to bake an extra batch of cookies, or get together a few hand-written holiday cards and send them along to neighbors and co-workers. It may seem like a small gesture, but you'll never know whose holiday you'll make in the process.

In the past few decades, it feels like we have been led to believe that the amount we love our family and friends is reflected only on the amount of money we are able to spend on them, through fancy gifts and extravagant dinners. In our hearts, we know that Christmas and Hanukkah are not holidays based on greed and gluttony, despite what large commercial companies would want us to think. Rather, it being an opportunity for families and friends to reunite, these holidays carry the message of a miracle. It's true that both involve gift-giving, a little thinking outside of the gift-box goes a long way - and it doesn't have to break bank.

Money, after all, is not what the holidays were meant to be about,

rather, good will towards our fellow human. In our case at Nutfield Publishing, it is through the good will of all the businesses you see advertised in the paper you hold in your hands that we are able to keep you informed with this and every publication.

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With the holidays fast approaching, we don't doubt that you readers have been busy. Between holiday activities, school fundraisers, collecting warm clothes and toys to help out the needy in our midst, requests from community groups selling Christmas trees and wreaths and email holiday party invites and suggestions for gift giving, it can be hard to remember to take a breath. We appreciate you for taking the time to catch up on your local news!

We wish each one of our readers a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and a very Happy New Year. Thanks for reading!

Letters

Civics 101

To the editor,

I noticed that now that the selling season for apples is over and the risk of losing customers is low, the sign man is back with his divisive political message boards on Monmouth Road.

Instead of setting an example for our younger school age generation, most of whom pass the signs daily, to respect the office of the President of the United States, he uses personal attack words like "cuckoo" in his description of the President of the United States.

There are a lot of ways to speak out but it is really through the actions you take that you promote the values that matter most to you. He must believe that he accomplishes his objective through the use of derogatory and insulting adjectives to describe the President of the United States. Perhaps working with his elected representatives to make his voice heard would be more effective than working to divide the community.

But then again, this is the same person who wants to "sell" his house to the town of Londonderry so that the taxpayers can spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to

restore and renovate the property. I don't want to own it and apparently neither does anyone in his family.

John Bradley
Londonderry

Merrimack Valley Reliability Project

To the editor,

I recently attended the completion ceremony of the Merrimack Valley Reliability Project (MVRP) at Elwood Orchards. This electric upgrade project, coming on line in January, was requested by the regional electric grid operator. It's important to Londonderry because it enhances our ability to keep power flowing during events and helps keep energy costs lower. Many have seen the work being done by Eversource from the Scobie Pond substation to the turn at West Road and towards Hudson to Route 111.

It was important to me to keep tabs on how it affected our town. That's why I attended the public hearings, had Eversource walk me through the most critical landscape before the actual work started, observed the tree cutting operations, visited the area where homes were most affected, and observed the laying of the

poles and the hanging of the transmission wires.

In short, I followed the program from beginning to end.

Project planners kept close communications with the town officials and those most affected to mitigate their many concerns. My observations were that communications were proactive, timely and responsive with residents and the town and state officials. During contact with the workers and sub-contractors, I learned the processes that resulted in a professional and safe operation. This resulted in a quality project that was completed on schedule and on budget. As an example of the close coordination between Eversource and the town.

The Town of Londonderry was presented with a plaque of appreciation and was accepted by Town Manager Kevin Smith. I was pleased to have the opportunity to observe and follow such an important project that affected so many Londonderry residents.

I'd like to thank all parties involved for a job very well done!

Doug Thomas
State Representative,
Londonderry

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Grading

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mathematically attainable than a 5.0, which is impossible for a student to earn. LHS Principal Jason Parent made it clear that no student is at a disadvantage with either scale, but the adjustment to the scale provides a clearer profile.

For the proposal, the class of 2022 would have a weighted GPA of 4.5 and an un-weighted GPA of 4.0. Changing the system for students already in

high school would cause mathematical problems. The hope is also for students to allow some diversity in their schedules so they are not just taking AP and honors classes for a higher GPA.

The only issue from the board about the proposal was that it decreases the inflation that comes from honors and AP classes, essentially decreasing the reward students get for challenging themselves by taking more challenging courses.

Parent acknowledged this issue and told the board that LHS wants students to participate in these upper classes for the right reasons and not have a GPA necessarily drive the decisions they make.

At the end of the meeting, the school board gave their consent to continue on with this proposal for the incoming freshmen of 2022 with the hope that this will benefit both students and their college dreams going forward.

LHS Technology Education Department Looking to Update Courses

LORI COSTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

LHS is looking to rename a few of their courses to better fit their description of the class. The technology education department looks to rename "Video Production Lab" to "Advance Video Production". The reason for this change is to clarify for students taking Basic Video Production classes that there is an option for a more advanced course to help further their skills. The course description

would also feature a change to clarify the skills students will be using while in Advance Video Production. This course will be used to expand upon the skills students have learned in the Basic Video Production course. Students will learn the use of multiple cameras, professional video editing software, special effects, animated graphics, and how to create their own video soundtracks. This course will challenge students to grow in their understanding of video

production to produce high quality video productions. Advance Video Production is a hands-on project based learning environment that will require students to work both independently and in group settings. The prerequisite for this course will be Basic Video Production and written permission from the student's basic video instructor.

The technology education department is also looking to change the title of "Television Produc-

tion" to "Digital Media Production". This course is designed for students who want to pursue a career in the digital media field. Students will create, shoot, and edit their own digital creations. This class will also feature skills such as script writing, storyboarding, sound recording, and problem solving. Students will also be producing studio television shows at the Londonderry Access Center. Projects will include short films, documentaries, commercials, and music videos. By the end of the course, students will design and develop an online portfolio to show their skills and projects the course has taught them. Career and college opportunities will be explored as well.

Another course title change proposed to the school board is "Advance Television Production" to "Advance Digital Media

Production". This course is a follow-up to Digital Media Production, where students will advance skills learned in the prerequisite course. Students will continue to produce in-studio television programs at the Londonderry Access Center and learn the utilization of mobile technology for multimedia production. Organizational and career related skills will also be explored in this course. Skills include networking, marketing, promotion, and effective social media will be introduced to students. Students will work with outside clients and learn how to communicate appropriately and effectively. The prerequisite for this course will be Digital Media Production.

Finally, the technology education department is looking to rename "Radio Broadcasting Production" to "Audio Production and Podcasting". This course

is designed for students who have an interest in careers related to audio recording, sound design, and podcast creation. Students will learn to properly record and edit audio files along with researching and revising content for scripts. Technical skills will also be explored in this course for podcast production that may include music programs, entertainment reviews, commentary, sports talk, discussion of current events, and public service announcements. Finished projects by the students may air on LEO 103 or the Lancer Spirit online. The proposal for these changes is to better represent the curriculum taught by the technology education department and increase student interest to maximize the use of equipment and resources available.

Shortfall

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only cover a rather minute amount. Board member Leitha Reilly felt that if they were to cover around one to two hundred thousand dollars of the shortfall, which was suggested by Dolan during the session, it would leave the schools in bad shape were one to go through some sort of structural emergency, such as flooding. Furthermore, Reilly also felt that current budget negotiations could be negatively impacted with a proposal such as this.

"As we enter budget season, this has bearing on that", Reilly noted.

To add to their argument, Board Vice Chair Jenn Ganem felt that if the school's funds were used for the shortfall it would create a hardship situa-

tion when they apply for a bond which will likely be needed in the next few years due to the growth in student population. She felt that taxpayers should be paying attention to this issue. After the meeting, Ms. Ganem clarified that applying for a bond is similar to applying for a mortgage, although the school district is put under extensive scrutiny due to the amount of the note. "If we reduce the amount in the reserve fund, or worse, we have a deficit - it will raise a lot of red flags and the interest rate on the bond could be higher. That has impact on the taxpayer."

However, members of the council argued that the board should share some of the load. Council Vice Chair John Farrell, who was quite vocal opposed to the idea of

the board not sharing the weight of the shortfall, argued that not only does the town's fund need to remain above a certain level at all times, but that the board is obligated to assist because of all the tax payer dollars they receive each year.

"What I'm looking for is skin in the game from the schools", Farrell said.

Since this was the first discussion between the two sides on the matter, neither side was able to come to a conclusion over who should be paying how much. Several school board members stated they wanted taxpayer input on this matter. Dolan instead suggested that both parties should pick two representatives to meet together at a future date to come to a decision.

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Some Reading Levels in Decline at Londonderry Middle School

LORI COSTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At Londonderry Middle School, students are required to take both a language arts and a reading course as part of their literacy block and five core academic programs at Londonderry Middle School. Over the past several

years when students moved on to seventh grade, approximately 30% of the sixth grade class continued with the two period literacy block according to Middle School Principal Richard Zacchilli. There has been a noticeable trend over the past several years that has seen a decline.

Many students are spending less of their personal time reading and writing and more time in front of a screen. With college expectations always on the rise as well as the workplace environment continuing to be competitive, this becomes an issue with less students reading and writing on their own time.

In the school year 2016-17, 38% of LMS's sixth graders continued on with their two period literacy block when they went on to seventh grade. Also, 192 eighth grade students did not meet the benchmark for reading on the PSAT-8 in 2016. As a result, many eighth grade students needed to take a reading class in their freshman year at Londonderry High School. The issue at hand is that this trend will continue with students declining in their reading abilities at the Middle School level.

The recommendation

given by Richard Zacchilli was to implement a full year literacy block in seventh grade for all students for the following reasons: to build student's reading endurance, to assist with the complexity of text in content areas; to enhance and build upon student's academic vocabulary; to develop strategies for life-long, non-fiction and technical text; to analyze, predict, infer, compare, and comprehend a variety of literary works; and finally to foster the relationship between reading, writing, and communication skills within the seventh grade literacy block.

Some parents fear that some books required to be read by students are too dark and upsetting and may steer kids away from reading them or reading in general. Students who enjoy reading on their own time will typically pick a book or work of fiction to entertain

themselves with, but it does not necessarily mean that they are challenging themselves depending on what level the book is considered. All teachers at the Middle School do require independent reading as part of their reading assignments/homework but do not monitor directly the reading level of each book the student picks. Students are encouraged over the summer to read one to two books over break as well. Zacchilli will discuss this issue further and also other possible changes at the Middle School for the Program of Studies meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018.

OBITUARY

Amanda Beth Kezer

Amanda Beth Kezer, 27, of Raymond, NH Passed away peacefully on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017 at Parkland Medical Center, Derry, NH surrounded by her family. She was born on May 14, 1990 in Manchester, NH to Jason and Lisa Kezer. Amanda had a smile that would light up a room and a personality that made her unforgettable.

In addition to her parents she is survived by her sister, Heather Kezer; a niece and nephew; grandparents, Jim and Norma Kezer; grandmother, Thelma Kittery; aunts, uncles, cousins and hundreds of people who called her their friend.

Following cremation, calling hours will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 15 Birch Street, Derry, NH with a memorial service to follow at 3 p.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that you spread joy and happiness with one random act of kindness. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

OBITUARY

Charlotte Butler



Charlotte C. Butler, 72 of Londonderry, NH died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017 in the Community Hospice House, Merrimack, NH. Charlotte was born in Gloversville, NY on August 25, 1945, the daughter of the late, John and Christine (Lalonia) Capasso. In addition to her parents, Charlotte is predeceased by her husband, George F. Butler who died in 2016.

Charlotte received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Skidmore College and a Masters in Education from Boston University. She was a respected and well known teacher in the Salem, NH School District for 30 years teaching eighth grade social studies at Woodbury Middle School. She was recognized for her professional achievements and outstanding accomplishments by her students and was nominated to Who's Who Among America's Teachers on several occasions.

Those who knew Charlotte well will remember her as devoted to her husband George, her students, hardworking, and passionate about world travel.

There are no calling hours. Following cremation, burial will be private. Those wishing to respect Charlotte's memory may make donations to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or www.stjude.org. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

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Leach Library Teaches Children About Animals In the Arctic

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

As much as the winter season is dedicated to festive displays and assorted Christmas stories, it is always good to keep track of our various animal friends that thrive in this type of weather, especially up north in the arctic.

The Leach Library agrees, and as part of their ongoing series of kids programs in the Children's Room, they recently held their "Way Up in the Arctic" event on Dec. 11 to educate Londonderry children about these majestic animals.

The entire event was led by Jennifer DelVillar, a

staff member for the library. DelVillar proved to be a massive fan of children, excitedly leading the children throughout the events' various activities and presenting the same level of enthusiasm that the dozens of kids in attendance were showing.

"It's really about celebrating the season and having some fun", DelVillar noted.

Alongside their parents, the children packed into the basement of the library, sitting side by side while DelVillar read a variety of stories to them about polar bears, penguins, owls, and wolves - quizzing the children by expanding upon their

habitats and how these beautiful animals work and live. Amongst some of the books shown to the children were SkySisters by Jan Bourdeau Waboose, Ping and Pong the Penguins by Sylvaine Gangloff, and Flight School by Lita Judge.

But that was only the start of the event. As the program continued on, DelVillar introduced the children to a variety of animal-themed songs, passed out a series of scarves designed to look like the numerous arctic animals for the participants to wear and even had them dance around like some of these animals!



Children's Librarian, Jennifer DelVillar teaches dozens of young children about a wide variety of arctic animals as she read to them last week during the "Way Up in the Arctic" event. Photo by Alex Guittarr

And the children did not leave the library empty handed. One lucky child was able to win a raffle and be given a teddy bear, while every child received a bouncing ball designed to look like a penguin.

Property Owners Look to Convert Duplex into Condominium on Adams Road

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Representatives for Dane Development looked to gain permission from the Planning Board to alter the purpose of one of their structures in Londonderry during the board's latest meeting on December 6 at Town Hall.

Joseph Manard, a representative for Benchmark Engineering, came before the board to request permission to convert a building owned by Dane Development from a duplex into a condominium on 86A Adams Road. Already determined not to hold any regional impact earlier in the meeting by the board,

the project would be an extension of a lease and lot divide granted by the board back in 2015.

Manard confirmed that only the ownership portion of the structure would be converted, and the site plan already falls within any state subdivision requirements for approval, thus only needing permission from the

board in order to move forward.

It was noted by Manard, however, that there do exist some wetlands north of the property. In order to eliminate any concerns about overreaching into said wetlands, monuments were set up along the lot lines to keep the two sides separated.

As far as questions and concerns from the

council, board member Ann Chiampa questioned the current state of the septic system on the property, to which Manard confirmed that it is still in good shape and was on the property long before the site plan came to be. Meanwhile, Roger Fillio showed some concerns over how long it has been since the lease and lot divide were undertaken and whether or not

that may conflict with updated regulations for these structures. He was quickly reminded that it would not be an issue, as the new structure would simply be held to those updated standards.

Aside from those two questions, the board showed no concerns over the state of the plan and unanimously approved the application.

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Londonderry Resident Wows Neighborhood With Advanced Light Display

ALEX GUITTARR
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Of all the festive traditions that come with the Christmas season, none are quite as eye-catching as seeing row upon row of houses covered from head to toe in colorful lights. Each year it seems that these homes try harder and harder to outdo their neighbors, putting together elaborate displays that some could only dream of.

But for one Londonderry resident, it goes much further than just your average light show. Brendan Sevin, in order to spread holiday cheer this season, recently held the

second annual Christmas in the Kings event outside his well-lit home on 3 King Edward Drive on Dec. 10.

Sevin has always loved this time of year, from his time living in Louisiana, trying to keep up with the beautiful southern displays, to the decade that he has now spent in Londonderry with his family and friends.

"It's always been something I'm interested in", Sevin stated.

This is exactly why his home stands out far more than most others. Utilizing one hundred separate channels and around fifteen thousand lights, not only is Sevin's home com-

pletely illuminated, but so are assorted trees in his front yard, as well as other various fixtures adorning the lawn, including a tunnel of lights at the front of his driveway.

But that is only the beginning. As part of this special event, which usually sees over one hundred and fifty visitors, every light is hooked up to the Light-O-Rama program which helps the lights pulsate to an assortment of holiday songs and sounds to add an extra festive touch. Sevin's display is so impressive that it recently caught the attention of NH1 News, getting fea-

tured alongside other houses across the state with equally amazing lighting.

This effort may have been a labor of love for Sevin, but it is far from easy, as he admitted that it can take anywhere to around three weeks to coordinate a sequence to just one song, meaning he usually has to begin preparations as early as February.

Those who attend the event are always astounded by Sevin's hard work, but on top of the amazing display, visitors are also treated to a roaring bonfire during the chilly night, hot cocoa, and homemade cookies. And the children in attendance were more than happy to see that Santa Claus also made an appearance, setting up shop underneath the light cave and asking several



children what they wanted for Christmas.

But Sevin also hoped to take advantage of this platform to really get into the Christmas spirit and help the less fortunate, which is why he set up a

donation area on his lawn, all proceeds going directly towards the Make-A-Wish foundation. The receptacle used to take these donations will be kept in place for the remainder of the month.

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High School Drama Club Hosts Annual Gingerbread Night

LORI COSTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Next Thursday night Dec. 21, the Londonderry High School Drama Club will host its annual Gingerbread Night. The event will be held at the High School cafeteria between 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Students and faculty are encouraged to bring their families along for some extra fun! It is a great event to relax to with the stress the holiday season can bring. Families can have fun building and creating their houses with graham crackers, sprinkles, and even homemade frosting. This event is not

only for High School students, but members of the Londonderry community are welcome as well. In years past, members of the Derry and Hudson communities have also been known to join in on the holiday excitement. Who can't resist a gingerbread house?

The cost per gingerbread house is \$10 that covers the cost of supplies to build all the houses. This night is not viewed as a fundraiser, however, but simply a way to bring the community together during the holiday season. Any additional money raised will be used to help pay for

future drama club productions. Holiday music will even be played while families create their houses, and members of the drama club will be around to help anyone who needs assistance.

During this time of year, having fun with loved ones is what's important, and the LHS Drama Club is here to help. Not only does the money go to a great cause - it brings families together and allows a great way to unwind and enjoy the company of community while making wonderful memories for the whole family to enjoy.

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Community Caregivers of Greater Derry hosted their annual Holiday Open House last week at the Londonderry Senior Center. Clients, volunteers and supporters were treated to a pot luck buffet and a chance to win a variety of prizes from their treasure chest. Volunteers were given certificates of appreciation for the number of years they have been with the organization. Santa also stopped by to visit with those that attended.

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North School Students Busy Preparing for Annual Spring Play



Students at North Elementary School have been busy rehearsing and gathering up costumes for the Spring production of "Seussical Kids." About 90 students from the fourth and fifth grade will be taking part in the play this year. Rehearsals have been underway for much of the fall and will go right through winter. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Youngsters Pace LHS Swim Squads in Their Season-Openers

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

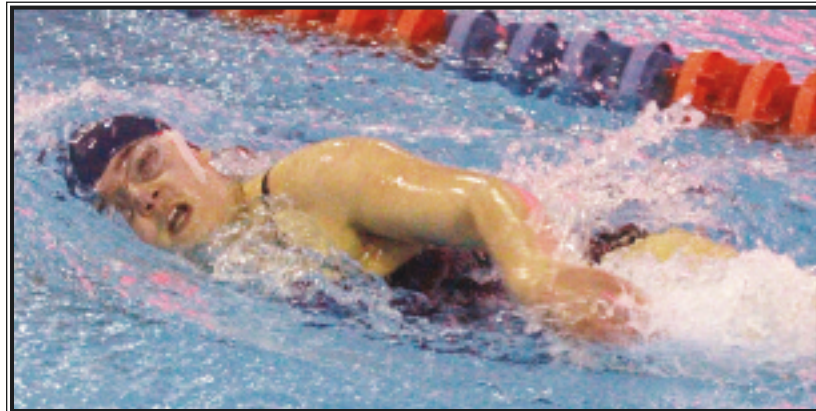
Freshmen and sophomores played significant roles in season-starting successes for their Londonderry High School swim squads at The Workout Club Friday night, Dec. 8.

The Lady Lancers went a perfect 5-0 - with a couple of tight decisions - in their opener at home that evening with freshman Kaity Witkop and Liz Allen and sophomore Jasmine Brown coming up big along with several battle-tested veterans. And the Lancer males - powered by sophomore Chris Byrne and freshman Brandon White - went a very strong 4-1 to start off their 2017-18 campaign well.

GIRLS

Veteran coach Chrissy Ewen watched her Lady Lancers go 5-0 with convincing defeats of Campbell of Litchfield (132-18), Goffstown (127-34), and John Stark Regional of Weare (130-31), and far tighter edgings of Windham (87-83) and Timberlane of Plaistow (93-76).

The ninth-grader Witkop began her high school career in superb



LHS veteran swimmer Madison Martin claimed a strong second place in the 500 free in her team's impressive opening meet.



Young Chris Byrne had a first and a second for the Lancer boy swimmers in their opener. Photos by Chris Paul

style by winning the 100-yard butterfly (time of 1 minute, 2.70 seconds) and the 100-yard breaststroke (1:14.32). The locals also notched a win in the 400-yard freestyle relay (4:19.07).

The hosts received second places from senior veterans Madison Martin in the 500-yard freestyle (6:11.39) and Caroline Russell in both the 100-yard backstroke (1:13.25) and the 200-yard individual medley (2:39.48).

Thirds were delivered by Brown and Allen in the 50 free (tied at 28.65 seconds), Brown in the 100 free (1:05.48), Allen in the 500 free (6:26.72), Caitlynn Mahan in the 100

backstroke (1:15.12), and the 200 medley relay (2:14.82) and 200 free relay (1:57.52) teams.

Along with Witkop and Allen, freshmen looking to make a difference for their Lady Lancers this season are Isabella McKnight and Grace Stone.

BOYS

The Lancer guys bagged four lopsided wins over Goffstown (123-27), John Stark Regional (137-4), Timberlane (126-28), and Campbell (137-6) but fell to Windham (100-70) in going 4-1 overall.

Rookie White began his high school career in stellar fashion by winning the 100 free (54.41) and the 100 backstroke (1:03.80), while sopho-

more Byrne was tops in the 500 free (5:47.07) and second in the 200 IM (2:23.53).

Senior stalwart Brian Parrott snared a second in the 200 free (2:15.26) and a third in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:14.07), and other second places were delivered by the 400

free (4:01.37) and 200 medley (1:56.09) relay quartets. Londonderry also bagged third in that latter relay (2:12.85).

Other newcomers on the LHS boys' squad this winter include senior Jake Calligandes, junior Parker MacIntyre, and sophomore Jaime Aranzabal,

and freshmen Theo McKnight, Luc Lafond, Connor McKinnon, and Hunter Turek.

The two Londonderry High contingents return to action in their home pool this Friday night against Campbell, Conant of Jaffrey, Dover, and Mascenic of New Ipswich.

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Lady Lancer Basketball Squad Starts Season With Lopsided Loss

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Patience, a little more patience, and then a bit more patience. Londonderry High girls' varsity basketball

coach Nick Theos and his assistants have stepped into the 2017-18 season knowing full well that there will be growing pains with their promising but young Lady Lan-



Lady Lancer Charlotte Sullivan tries to go baseline on a Memorial opponent. Photo by Chris Pantazis

cers. And the team's season-opening game against the Manchester Memorial Crusaders in the Queen City Friday night, Dec. 8 - a lopsided 63-40 loss - simply placed an exclamation point on the Londonderry coaches' need for patience this season.

The LHS squad were outscored 39-17 in the first half of play, rebounded with a pretty strong third quarter, and were then outscored by a 13-7 tally in period four in falling by 23 points.

The Lancers certainly had moments when their promise and obvious talent shone through in the season-opener. But they also had lots of turnovers, numerous situations in which they didn't do basic things like boxing out for rebounds, and losses of focus. Both they and their coaches have every reason to believe that the team will get significantly better as the

campaign bounds along, but game number one wasn't particularly pretty from too many angles.

Still, in the aftermath of the contest Theos had the positive and relaxed attitude of a veteran coach who knows full well that his patience meter will need to be cranked up on high this winter.

"I know the potential we have, and we showed it at times tonight. Just not consistently," said Theos. "We have the talent, we have the kids, but they're just young and inexperienced."

The host Crusaders sprinted out to a 9-0 lead during the first three minutes of the game and the Lancers didn't net their first points of the new season until 4:25 remained in that period and veteran Delaney McGurn sank a three-pointer.

Memorial would go on to nail some seven three-pointers of its own during

the first two quarters on the way to the aforementioned commanding half-time lead of 39-17.

The Londonderry squad's most concentrated period of strong play came during the first 4 1/2 minutes of quarter three during which it reeled off a 10-0 run to trim the Memorial lead down from 22 points to 12.

The hosts finally tickled the twine for the first time in the second half on yet another three-pointer with 3:10 to go in the third, and when that third stanza was complete the Lady Crusaders' lead was 17 points at 50-33. Londonderry outscored its host by a 16-11 margin during those eight minutes of play.

Freshman Ashley Rourke showed her potential in the second half - with Theos calling her "our best player on the court" - and she helped her side to five of the first

six points netted during quarter number four.

At that point, Londonderry trailed by 13 at 51-38 and a comeback still seemed to be a distinct possibility. But the Lady Crusaders ended up outscoring LHS 12-2 through the remainder of the game in getting to the final score of 63-40.

Sophomore stalwart Courtney Shay ended up being the Lady Lancers' top scorer with 12 points, while Rourke began her high school career with an eight-point night and veteran McGurn was good for seven points.

The team played their next game - the home-opener - against Nashua North Tuesday Dec. 12, after Londonderry Times press time. Their two other pre-holiday games has them at Spaulding High in Rochester on Tuesday, Dec. 19, and then at home against Bedford two evenings later.



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Lancer Boys' Basketball Squad Already Acquainted With Adversity

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It's a proven fact that when a sports team faces adversity, stares it down, and vanquishes it, that squad is better off for having faced such a challenge.

And the 2017-18 Londonderry High School boys' basketball squad dealt with its first dose of adversity before one sneaker had been tied, one ball had been bounced, and a single shot had been taken.

Very much like the Boston Celtics did when star free-agent signing Gordon Hayward went

down with an ugly leg and ankle injury a mere five minutes into the 2017-18 season some weeks ago, the Lancers had talented junior shooting-guard Ethan Garofalo suffer a nasty injury to his right leg and foot during fall ball which required surgery and evidently leaves him unable to play at all this winter.

The immensely athletic Garofalo showed great growth during his sophomore season last winter and helped his Lancers go 10-8. He was expected to play an even bigger role this season, but Londonderry will unfortunately

have to forge forward with him watching from the sidelines instead.

Veteran coach Nate Stanton's Lancers ended up being the eighth seed heading into the 2016-17 Division I tournament earlier in this calendar year, and their title hopes were dashed by a first-round loss to the Bishop Guertin Cardinals from Nashua.

Among the contingent's key returnees is battle-tested senior court-general Cole Britting, a wily and skilled player and leader who will serve his third consecutive season as a captain.

Other returnees

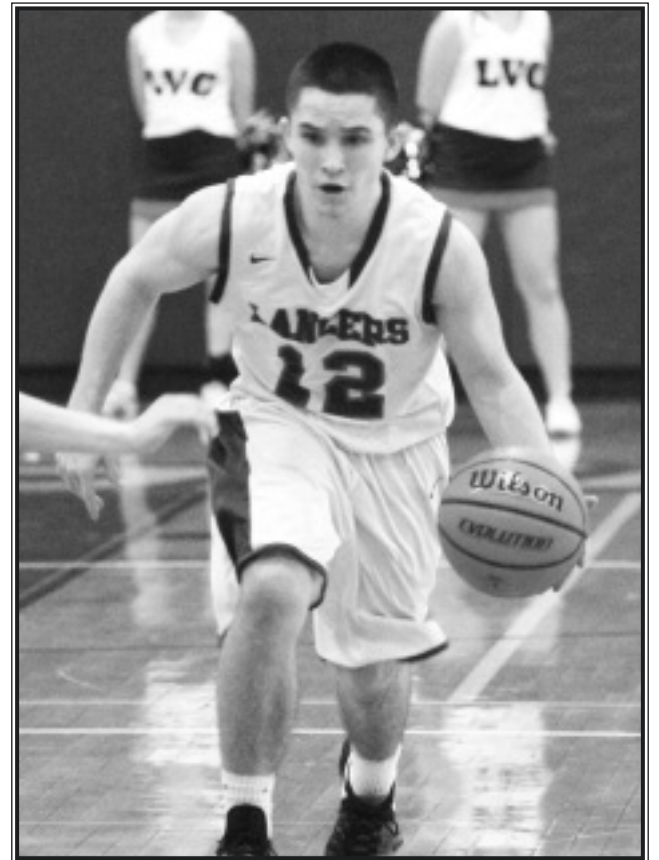
include Britting's fellow 12th-graders Dakota Bertrand (a forward) and Pat Zepf (at center), junior Ethan May (small forward), and sophomore Jack Anderson (shooting-guard).

The team's other varsity returnees include seniors Ryan Chisolm (shooting-guard), Shane McNamara (forward), Jack Connors (forward), and Cam Champa (shooting-guard), and junior James Buttafuoco.

There's also a quartet of promising newcomers which includes senior center Nathan Gervais, junior forward Alex Crutcher, sophomore small forward Cole Keegan, and freshman shooting-guard Dean Haggett.

When asked what the keys to success will be for his Lancers this winter, coach Stanton responded, "Working together and focusing on all the little things. Working on getting better every day and preparation are the keys to success at the moment."

Londonderry gets its 2017-18 campaign officially off and running with a pair of pre-Christmas home contests against the highly-touted Spaulding Red Raiders of Rochester on Tuesday the 19th and then Bedford two evenings later.



Both the play and leadership of senior captain Cole Britting will be keys for the Londonderry High boys' basketball squad this winter as that crew steps into its 2017-18 season already having lost one key weapon to injury.



In Fine Form

Londonderry resident and co-owner of The Woo Kickboxing Academy Barbara Woo took fifth place in the Pro Fitbody Division at the 2017 World Natural Bodybuilding Federation/International Natural Bodybuilding Federation World Championships in Boston on Nov. 18. The local woman is shown here in the center of the group.

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Lancer Wrestlers Find Mixed Success in Their Early Matches

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Alopsided victory in its first dual-meet of the 2017-18 season followed by a more modest performance at a tournament in Massachusetts last week left the Londonderry High wrestling team feeling reasonably good about its early-season results.

Veteran coach Jason Cucolo's Lancers were far too much for the Nashua North Titans in the Gate City last Wednesday night, Dec. 6. The locals

tallied a 45-24 victory over that host, with several individual grapplers truly excelling for the locals.

Senior standout Craig Santos notched a 15-0 technical fall in the second period of his bout for the winners, and freshmen Aiden O'Loughlin, Johnny McKinnon, and Dylan Barnes all got their high school careers officially rolling with impressive successes.

O'Loughlin registered a pin at 120 pounds as did McKinnon at 132. Barnes

contributed a 10-2 major decision in his 138-pound bout, and juniors Taylor Dyer and Wyatt Lamontagne snared falls at 220 and 285 pounds respectively. The Lancers also received forfeit points from Ben Psaledas at 182 and Alex Boucher at 195 in beginning the campaign at 1-0.

"It was a nice start to the season," said coach Cucolo. "Everyone has been working hard and we had a nice first day. The kids listened well, but we will have a big test this Saturday with a solid tournament opener with all teams from Massachusetts."

That tournament was

the Devin Ness Invitational at Oliver Ames High School in Easton, Mass., on Dec. 9, and the Lancers ended up a very modest 10th out of the 14 squads in attendance.

Santos won his 145-pound weight class by going a perfect 4-0 with four pins, and Psaledas and Boucher both finished

third in their divisions with matching 3-1 records.

Londonderry then returned to competitive action Wednesday Dec. 13 by travelling to another Nashua high school - South - after Londonderry Times press time to take on the Purple Panthers in their gymnasium.

LHS Boy's Track Looking Strong at the Start

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In both his long-past days as a Londonderry High School runner and his current role as an LHS track and field and cross-country coach, Matt Smith has seen a great many mixes of talent wearing Lancer uniforms.

And nobody can blame the veteran Londonderry High coach for being both intrigued and excited about the blend of talent he finds himself with on his 2017-18 Lancer boys' winter track and field contingent as it heads toward the start of its campaign.

Smith has a slew of skilled athletes back from a 2016-17 winter crew which placed a modest

ninth at the Division I championship meet, along with a bunch of promising newcomers looking to fill important roles and test their mettle in the tough league.

"We have an interesting mix of returners and newcomers this season. Our returners are going to need to continue to develop and progress, and our new guys, some of whom have done outdoor track, will definitely bolster our depth. We also have a number of freshmen this year that we think will make an impact right away," said the coach.

Among the squad's key returners are seniors Nathan Seeley (distance events), Jeff Cieslikowski (distances), Cam Taranto

(middle-distances), Kyle Dickson (sprints), Zach Ford (sprints), Jake Donnelly (distances), and Brian Metro (mids), juniors Khalique Bagley (sprints) and Kyle Hoglund (distances), and sophomore Dylan Hotter (distances).

Other important returnees include seniors Jared Barton (throws), Avery Bonanno (mids), and Tyler Seeley (mids), junior distance men Carter Letalien, Eric Nowak, Ben Palumbo, Christian Smith, and Kyle Wheeler, and sophomore distance men Chris Burpeau and Owen Miller.

The promising team's promising newcomers include senior sprinter Josh Rutina, junior throw-

ers Zach Chau and Patrick Hagearty, sophomores Kerry Daley (distances), Kyle Proulx (sprints), and Jeff Wiedenfeld (sprints), and freshmen Matt Griffin (distances), Will Heenan (distances), Damon MacLeod (mids), and Cam Robbins (distances).

The Lancer guys will get their 2017-18 campaign officially rolling at the University of New Hampshire on Saturday, Dec. 16 with their lone pre-Christmas meet which they'll host. The opposition that day will include the Pinkerton Academy Astros along with the squads from Exeter, Nashua South, Portsmouth, Spaulding of Rochester, and Winnacunet of Hampton.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Dec. 4

Courtney Shay, Sophomore, Girls' Basketball



Is a sophomore captain of this youthful captain is being asked to help lead this year's LHS team. She led the squad in scoring with 12 points in its season-opener against Manchester Memorial and also helped out on the defensive end by guarding the opponent's best scorer.

Craig Santos, Senior, Wrestling



This battle-tested veteran has started the year at 4-0 and had a dominant performance at a very challenging Devin Ness Invitational Tournament in Massachusetts. He has been working hard and continues to get better each and every day, and his performances will be key for his Lancers.

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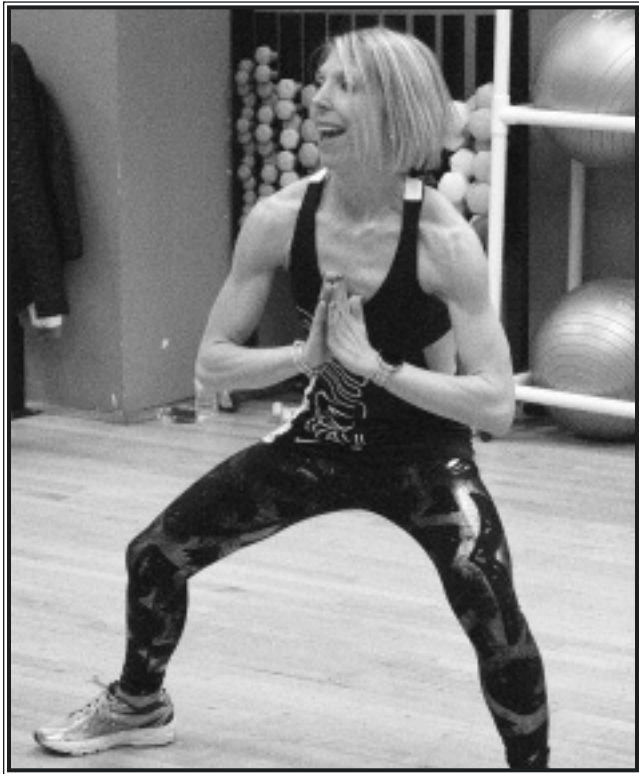


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Zumba Lovers Raise Money For Baby Brady's Medical Bills



Kerri Morrison dances along to the Zumba beat to raise money for Brady Martin's medical care during a Zumbathon at the Zoo Health Club recently.

KATIE O'DONNELL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The beast was unleashed at the Zoo Health Club as about two dozen dancers gathered in the club's workout studio to sweat it out to benefit a sick baby boy.

Kerri Morrison, a Zumba instructor at the club, put together the "Zumbathon" fundraiser in honor of her friend's eight-month old son, Brady Martin.

Martin was born with TARP syndrome, a very rare genetic disease. It affects the X chromosome and typically only affects males, according to the National Institutes of

Health's website. Unfortunately, TARP syndrome is also terminal. Children born with TARP syndrome do not have a long life expectancy.

The Martin family had lost a child two years ago to complications at childbirth, so dealing with Brady's illness has been very difficult. He has spent most of his life at either Boston Children's Hospital or at Franciscan Children's Rehab. As one could imagine, the cost of this daily care is immense. Morrison wanted to help raise money for her lifelong friend, Dominique Martin and her family, so they can continue to care for

Brady.

"That family's so amazing," said Morrison. "When she lost her first son, I hoped it would never happen again." She said she is constantly amazed by the Martins' "positive attitude" towards their son's diagnosis.

"You never imagine it's going to happen," Morrison said.

Morrison set up the Zumbathon because she thought it would be a great way to get the community to donate to her cause. At a previous Zumbathon Morrison hosted for a friend's son, she said it managed to raise about \$4,000. This time around, she expects to get between \$350 to \$400.

Morrison teamed up with her co-instructor Bob Velastegui and three others to help lead the 90-minute class. Morrison used to be a student of Velastegui, and the two have worked together since Morrison got licensed to teach. The other instructors, like Heather Kennard, donated their time when approached by Morrison. Kennard sympathized with the cause, since she also had a baby who was once sick. She said she was happy to help the Martin family in their time of need. Velastegui agreed.

"People enjoy giving in a time of need," said Velastegui. "It's just great to give back to the community."

Velastegui had brought a large bag of children's stuffed animals, pink bunnies, brown

dogs, and grey cats to give to the dancers who donated their time, sweat, and money to the Martins. The creatures, and the cash donations, were guarded by Morrison's mother, Gail Hartnett. She recalled when Morrison and Martin were both little girls, meeting for the first time at Vacation Bible School. They were

paired together because the two 4-year olds were both crying. Hartnett said they have been friends ever since.

Hartnett said the Martins have had incredible faith throughout the whole ordeal. She and Morrison agreed that their strength as a family helped them through their previous loss and

drives them forward as they deal with baby Brady's illness.

"You have to hold on to faith," Hartnett said. "It gives you hope."

Anyone interested in donating to the Martins can use PayPal and submit payment to Morrison at KerriandBobbyV@gmail.com.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY ZONING BOARD

Agenda - December 20, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.
Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Rd

- I. Draft minutes to approve: November 2017
- II. Report by Town Council liaison (if any): n/a
- III. Public hearing of cases:

- A. **CASE NO. 12/20/2017-1:** Request for two variances to LZO 3.11.6.D.5.b to allow (1) three wall signs where only two are permitted, and (2) to allow 125.35 SF of signage where 100 SF of signage are allowed, 12 Innovation Way, Map 28 Lot 17 2A, Zoned GB, Electronics for Imaging (EFI) (Owner and Applicant)
- B. **CASE NO. 12/20/2017-2:** Request for a variance from LZO 3.11.5.c to allow a sign 30 feet in height where only 10 feet are allowed, 16 Nashua Road, Map 010 Lot 138, Zoned C-II, Cracker Barrel Old Country Store (Owner & Applicant)
- C. **CASE NO. 12/20/2017-3:** An appeal of an administrative decision regarding the interpretation of "multi-tenant" in LZO 3.11.6.D.3.c, 298-302 Rockingham Road, Map 17 Lot 24, Zoned C-II, Fortin Remi Realty Company, LLC (Owner and Applicant)
- D. **CASE NO. 12/20/2017-3A:** Request for three variances (1) from LZO 3.11.5.C.1 to allow a sign taller than the allowable 10 feet in height, (2) from 3.11.6.D.3.a.i to allow placement of a sign 0 feet from the property line where 15 feet from the property line are required; and (3) from 3.11.6.D.3.a to allow a sign larger than the allowable 65 SF, 298-302 Rockingham Road, Map 17 Lot 24, Zoned C-II, Fortin Remi Realty Company, LLC (Owner and Applicant)
- E. **CASE NO. 12/20/2017-4:** Request for a variance from LZO 2.3.1.4 to allow dog kennels on a 1.7 acre lot where two acres are required, 187 Pillsbury Road, Map 6 Lot 101, Zoned AR-1, Beryl Blakemore, Executrix of the Estate of John Pullis (Owner) & Elyse Greco (Applicant)
- F. **CASE NO. 12/20/2017-5:** Request for a special exception under LZO 3.12.1 for a dog day-care business as a home occupation, 187 Pillsbury Road, Map 6 Lot 101, Zoned AR-1, Beryl Blakemore, Executrix of the Estate of John Pullis (Owner) & Elyse Greco (Applicant)
- G. **CASE NO. 12/20/2017-6:** Request for a variance from LZO 3.11.8.B to allow the alteration of a pre-existing non-conforming sign without bringing it into full compliance with the Londonderry Zoning Ordinance (the existing sign height is greater than what is allowed), 44 Nashua Road, Map 7 Lot 61, Zoned C-I, Leeman Corporation (Owner) and The Sign Gallery (Applicant)
- H. **CASE NO. 12/20/2017-7:** Request for a variance from LZO 2.4.3.A.3.a to allow construction of a building 28 feet from the right-of-way where 60 feet are required, 42 Nashua Road, Map 7 Lot 68-01, Zoned C-I, NH Six Realty Trust (Owner & Applicant)
- I. **CASE NO. 12/20/2017-8:** Request for a variance from LZO 2.4.3.A.3.a to allow construction of a building 32 feet 6 inches (32'6") from the right-of-way where 60 feet are required, 42 Nashua Road, Map 7 Lot 68-01, Zoned C-I, NH Six Realty Trust (Owner & Applicant)
- J. **CASE NO. 12/20/2017-9:** Request for a variance from LZO 2.4.3.B.1 to allow encroachment into the perimeter green space in two locations: (1) encroachment of up to 17 feet into the required 30 feet of perimeter green space along Route 102, and (2) encroachment of up to four feet into the required 15 feet of perimeter green space along the private way, 42 Nashua Road, Map 7 Lot 68-01, Zoned C-I, NH Six Realty Trust (Owner & Applicant)
- K. **CASE NO. 12/20/2017-10:** Request for two variances from LZO 3.11.6.D.3.b.ii to allow (1) three wall signs where two are permitted, and (2) from LZO 3.11.6.D.3.b.i to allow three wall signs totaling 486 total SF where only 50 SF are allowed, 42 Nashua Road, Map 7 Lot 68-01, Zoned C-I, NH Six Realty Trust (Owner & Applicant)

- IV. Communications and miscellaneous:
- V. Other business:

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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 londonderrytimes@nutpub.net.

Gingerbread Night

The LHS Drama Club will be hosting Gingerbread Night on Thursday, Dec. 21 from 6-8 p.m. in the LHS Café. Cost is \$10 to build a house and we provide everything and clean up the mess! It's a great event to get into the holiday season!! Email vnelson@londonderry.org for more info.

Christmas Craft Show

On Sat. Dec. 16, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Singing Santa will make an appearance at 10 a.m. Lots of vendors for original Holiday Gifts. All Located At Londonderry Methodist Church on 258 Mammoth Rd. Londonderry A few vendor spaces available wood, Glass vendors needed call Peter 603-432-7547.

Londonderry United Methodist Services

On Sun. Dec. 24, 10 a.m. Londonderry United

Methodist church will host regular Sunday worship (3 Services merge as 1 for the morning). On Sun., Dec. 24 they will host a Christmas Eve Services with Candle-lighting, Lessons and Carols at 5 p.m., a Family Service at 7 p.m., a Living Well Contemporary Service at 9 p.m., and a Traditional Service with Adult Choir 11 p.m. For more information contact Rev. Amy Alletzhauer, D.Min. Londonderry United Methodist www.londonderryumc.org or call 603 432 7083.

Tiny Houses

The Leach Library will host the program "Tiny Houses: A Very Different Approach to Home Ownership" on Thur., Jan. 18, at 7 p.m., "Tiny Houses: A Very Different Approach to Home Ownership" by Isa Bauer. The event is free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. It will be held in the

library's lower-level meeting room. Light refreshments will be served.

Library Olympics

Arrive on Thur., Jan. 11, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. the Leach Library to take part in Olympics trivia. Team up and answer trivia questions on athletes, sports, and Olympic venues, to help your team win! In addition at this special event, snacks and drinks will be served and there will be a raffle for fun door prizes. No sign up is necessary.

Needle Crafts

Although the long winter months lie before us, the needlecraft books we have on display at Leach Library this month will help you have fun and keep warm indoors. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned expert, we have something for you. If you have a specific craft or project in mind, the Leach Library Reference Staff can help find the right book for you.

"Magic Show"

Come to the Leach Library on Mon., Jan. 22 from 4-5 p.m. for a program filled with magical fun. With lots of laughs and participation, this program will leave a smile on everyone's face. This program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is

required. To register, stop by the Children's Room, or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Tue. Jan. 16.

Santa Live!

Santa Claus is coming to The Londonderry Access Center! The access center is located at 281 Mammoth Road. He and Mrs. Claus arrive Saturday Dec. 16 from 1-3 p.m. This is a free event. Kids can visit with Santa Live on TV! There will be gifts and refreshments. Parents can take pictures for no charge as well. It is always a lot of fun and Santa looks forward to seeing everyone. For more information please contact Erin at 603-432-1147.

Library Hours

The December Library hours are: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The library will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25, and re-open at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 26. The library will also be closed on Monday, Jan. 1, and re-open at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018. The library will also be closed on Mon., Jan. 15, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Movie Time

On Thur., Dec. 14, from 3:15-5:30 p.m. for our Young Adult Movie Time program. All participants in grades 6 through 12 will enjoy the movie Eragon, along with popcorn and beverages. In addition at this special event, there will be a raffle for fun door prizes. No sign up is necessary.

Mouse Tales

On Mon., Dec. 18, from 4 - 5 p.m. and visit with Mouse, the star of Jane Numeroff's If You Give a Mouse a Cookie. During this program, participants will hear the story of a mouse trying to find the owner of a shoe, hear the story of

Sleeping Beauty from a mouse's point of view. Each participant will leave with a fun mouse and mitten craft to do at home to create a cute keepsake from the program. There will be plenty of time for a hug and picture with Mouse. This fun-filled program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room, or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Mon., December 11.

Shake, Move & Read

This engaging program is open to participants of all ages. Each week participants will energetically explore a different theme using songs, fantastic finger plays, a story and simple craft. This exhilarating and fun-filled program will be held on Weds., from 4 - 4:45 p.m. Meeting dates are: Jan. 10 and 17. Advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room, or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Mon, Nov 27.

Toddler Time

This program is open to children ages 2 & 3. Children attend with their parents and enjoy a fun half-hour of thematic stories, games, songs and a simple craft. Meets on Thurs., 9:30 - 10 a.m. Advance registration is required. Meeting dates are: Dec. 14 and Jan. 11, an 18. Advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room, or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Mon, Nov 27.

Legion Christmas Party

On Dec. 16, from 10 a.m. to noon the American Legion is holding the children's Christmas party at American Legion Post 27 located at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry (behind the fire station on Mammoth

Road). Children 8 and under are invited to meet Santa Claus and get a present. Children must be related to current Post 27 members. Interested families need to sign up in advance at the Post.

Library Holiday Sale

The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library annual Holiday Sale is now on display at the Library. This year there are COOKIES, COOKIES and more. All cookies are homemade, with no nuts and in assorted flavors, Chocolate Chip, Shortbread, Ranger, Molasses, Sugar Holiday, Oatmeal Raisin and more for \$2 per package. Also for \$1 there will be available the Scandinavian "Good Luck" seed packets. All these items will be available at various times, so stop by to see what's new.

"Ring in the New Year"

Welcome the New Year with an exciting trip around the world, Mon., Jan. 8 from 4 - 5 p.m. at the Leach Library. During this fun-filled program, audience members will travel the globe and hear stories from countries that have very interesting New Year's traditions. All participants will leave with a glow-in-the-dark starburst beach ball to commemorate their travels. This program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. To register, stop by the Children's Room, or call 432-1127 beginning at 9 a.m. on Tue., Jan. 2.

The Church/State Challenge

Free Lecture on Dec. 14, 7 p.m. at Etz Hayim Synagogue in Derry. Supreme Court Justice Robert J. Lynn will speak on "The Church/State Challenge." the relationship between the government and religion/religious institutions in the United States. The lecture is part of Etz Hayim Synagogue's Continuing Education Program, "Hot Topics, Cool Contemporary Stuff," and is open to the public at no charge. Donations to the synagogue to allow us to continue with similar programs are welcomed, of course. We hope you will join us.

Free Meals

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TOWN OF LONDONDERRY PUBLIC BOND HEARING

Pursuant to RSA 33:8-a, I, the Town of Londonderry will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 18, 2017 to discuss a proposed bond issue, in the amount of \$4,900,000, for the construction of a new central fire station. The hearing will be conducted at a meeting of the Town Council scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Moose Hill Conference Room, Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road. The public is encouraged to attend.



LONDONDERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Londonderry School District will hold a public hearing to discuss entering into a multi-year lease agreement to relocate the Supervisory Administrative Office [District Office]. The public hearing will be held at the Londonderry Town Hall, Moose Hill Conference Room, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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phere. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Please call the facility to check on holiday times. We look forward to seeing you! Dinner held on Dec. 16 from 5 -

6:30 p.m. at St. Luke's, Derry; Breakfast held on Dec. 17 from 9 - 11 a.m. at Etz Hayim Synagogue, Derry; Dinner held on Dec. 29 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at First Parish, Derry; Lunch held Dec. 31 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at St. Jude's, Londonderry. For more information, please visit:

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Walking Together

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ry. Lets walk together. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Dec. 4

7:27 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Mammoth Road at Buttrick Road.

12:58 p.m. Services Rendered for Juvenile Offenses at Londonderry High School.

2:04 p.m. Services Rendered for Criminal mischief on High Range Road.

2:20 p.m. Keeping the peace on Albany Avenue.

3:23 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Mammoth Road at Londonderry Town Hall.

5:18 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on Wiley Hill Road.

6:07 p.m. Three officers assist Londonderry Fire Dept. with transport to hospital on Fiddlers Ridge Road.

6:21 p.m. Domestic disturbance investigated Charleston Avenue.

11:28 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Sylvester Street in Manchester. Jeffrey Hewitt, 31, of Manchester charged with Criminal Mischief (vandalism) and Theft; from a Motor Vehicle.

Tuesday - Dec. 5

2:48 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated N.H. Liquor Store on Rockingham Road.

9:05 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nashua Road near Young Road.

11:58 a.m. Unlawful activities investigated at Talia's Eatery on Nashua Road.

1:47 p.m. Peace restored after disturbance on Treadway Lane.

2:13 p.m. Services rendered at disturbance on Treadway Lane

2:57 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated Nashua Road at St. Charles Street.

5:24 p.m. Trespassing investigated on Winding Pond Road.

8:02 p.m. Auto Theft responded to and investigated by five officers on Mammoth Road.

11:25 p.m. Arrest made after domestic disturbance on South Road. Erik Burke, 40, of Londonderry charged with Criminal Mischief (vandalism), Domestic Violence Simple Assault and Domestic Violence Act.

Wednesday - Dec. 6

8:53 a.m. Services rendered

for suspicious activity on Chestnut Hill Drive.

10:13 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. on Justin Circle.

12:28 p.m. Trespassing reported on Winding Pond Road.

12:37 p.m. Assault investigated at Londonderry High School.

12:48 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Litchfield Road.

1:55 p.m. Services rendered in keeping the peace on South Road.

2:22 p.m. Attempted suicide transported to hospital on Mammoth Road.

3:53 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Ash Street.

5:10 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Rockingham Road at Commercial Lane.

5:40 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nashua Road at High Range Road.

8:31 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. on Wiley Hill Road.

10:56 p.m. Peace restored after domestic disturbance Elijah Hill Road.

Thursday - Dec. 7

12:41 a.m. Vehicle towed after motor vehicle accident on Harvey Road at Planeview Drive.

1:38 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Mountain Home Road.

8:57 a.m. Services rendered for suspicious activity on Mountain Home Road.

10:20 a.m. Disorderly conduct investigated at Londonderry High School

2:31 p.m. Disturbance results in transported to hospital on Ottersson Road.

2:51 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Griffin Road.

4:42 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Ferry Street in Allentown.

Anthony Brunelle, 21, of Allentown charged with Conspiracy to Commit and Criminal Liability or Conduct of another.

6:02 p.m. Neighborhood disputes investigated on Fieldstone Drive.

7:44 p.m. Attempted Suicide transported to hospital at CVS Pharmacy on Mammoth Road.

Friday - Dec. 8

2:40 a.m. Suspicious activity

investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

4:35 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Charleston Avenue.

7:39 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made at Nashua Police Dept. Joseph Croft, 29, of Nashua charged with Possession of

Controlled/Narcotic Drugs.

7:52 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Whittemore Road. Steven Wilding, 25, of Concord charged with Domestic Violence Simple Assault and arrested on a Warrant.

11:59 a.m. Domestic disturbance investigated on Melody Lane.

3:50 p.m. Attempted Suicide investigated at Londonderry Middle School.

3:54 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Stonehenge Road at Rockingham Road.

8:20 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Crestview Circle.

9:13 p.m. Drug offenses Investigated on Vista Ridge Drive.

10:32 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated Bayberry Lane at Old Nashua Road.

Saturday - Dec. 9

6:45 a.m. Three officers investigate motor vehicle accident on Stonehenge Road. Utility pole impacted, results in power lost in area.

8:28 a.m. Criminal mischief investigated on King George Drive.

9:52 a.m. Services rendered for criminal mischief on Holton Circle.

9:53 a.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. on Hovey Road.

11:51 a.m. Services rendered at suspicious activity on Bayberry Lane.

2:06 p.m. Motor vehicle accident reported on Mill Road.

2:18 p.m. Three vehicles involved in accident on Nashua Road at Parmenter Road.

3:35 p.m. Citation issued for domestic disturbance on Hovey Road.

4:24 p.m. Services rendered motor vehicle accident on Mammoth Road at Southwood Drive.

5:21 p.m. Services rendered motor vehicle acci-

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dent on Mammoth Road at Litchfield Road.

5:36 p.m. Peace restored after domestic disturbance on Charleston Avenue.

6:13 p.m. Vehicle towed

after motor vehicle accident on Perkins Road at Stonehenge Road.

6:16 p.m. Services rendered for motor vehicle accident on Pillsbury Road.

6:28 p.m. Vehicle towed after Motor Vehicle Acci-

dent on Rockingham Road. 6:44 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Kendall Pond Rd at Holly Lane.

6:48 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Stonehenge Road at Route 28.

7:31 p.m. Vehicle towed after motor vehicle accident on Nashua Road at Parmenter Road.

Sunday - Dec. 10

7:36 a.m. Services rendered at Suspicious Activity on Hovey Road.

8:04 a.m. Motor vehicle

accident investigated on Hardy Road at West Parish Drive.

12:55 p.m. Services rendered for trespassing on Manter Mill Road.

1:24 p.m. Overdose at Tedeschi Foods on Rockingham Road transported

to hospital.

4:06 p.m. Peace restored after neighborhood disputes on Scots Place.

6:34 p.m. Four officers respond to domestic disturbance that results in transport to hospital on Fieldstone Drive.

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