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Out With The Old

There were quite a few hearty souls that made their way to Mack's Apple Farm Stand on Saturday for the annual Boy Scout Troop 521 Christmas Tree Burn. A huge stack of trees were ignited just after dusk on a night that had below zero temperatures. See more photos on page 10.

Photo by Chris Paul

Jetlagged Lancers Return From Their Rose Parade Adventure

KATIE O'DONNELL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Lancer Marching Band returned from sunny California last week to face a frigid reality after their latest Tournament of Roses Parade adventure.

The band marched in the Parade in Pasadena

for the fifth time, spending six days and five nights gallivanting from one performance to another while sneaking in some fun at Disneyland.

"It's been a very exciting week," remarked band director Andy Soucy. He, along with Surge Beaulieu, Keith Gosseling,

Paula Winer, Greg McKenzie and Zach Licata led 261 students and 49 adults across the country to show off some of the best young musicians Londonderry has to offer.

"We're proud to represent our community," said Soucy. "The kids did a

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Conservation Land Purchase Stalled by Many Questions

LORI COSTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After over an hour of deliberation and input from the Conservation Commission and Londonderry residents, there was no decision made on whether or not the Town Council will look to purchase the 66.9 acres of land located along Griffin Road for the purpose of placing it into conservation.

The discussion took place during a public hearing at the Town Council meeting on Monday night.

The owners of this property are developers that are looking to either develop the property themselves or sell to

someone who will develop it.

If the town of Londonderry were to purchase this land and have the Conservation Commission manage it, there is a strong possibility they would use the area to tree farm in the future, but not any time soon. With that purchase of the property from the town, it would prevent its future development.

If the town decides not to purchase the land then there is a possibility that it could be developed for new houses. The owner's intention, however, is to develop the land. Whether or not it is financially feasible to build on the property is between

the owner and his banker, according to Chairman Tom Dolan.

Lantern Lane residents also expressed their hope to keep the land as is for the wildlife. Residents have seen bears, mink, turkeys, deer, moose, and even a lynx. The pushback of the town buying the property is if it is the right price at \$740,000. At the end of public hearing, the motion was made to move the discussion to a future date. It was prudent point during the meeting that residents of Londonderry choose this town, because of not just the school system, but also because of the aesthetics,

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Town Faces Shortfall of \$600,000 in Tax Calculation

LORI COSTA
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In a joint meeting of the town council and school board in Dec. of 2017, there was a discussion of a revenue shortfall due to an anomaly in a form submitted to the State Department of Revenue that caused a little over \$600,000 shortfall in revenue according to town council Chairman Tom Dolan. The good news for the taxpayer was that this meant a \$600,000 tax reduction. It is now up to the town council to resolve this issue and fill the revenue hole that was created by this error.

At 6:30 p.m. on Dec.

18, two members of the school board and two members of town council met to discuss how to resolve this issue. That night at the town council meeting, Vice-chairman John Farrell discussed what was spoken about in the private meeting. The town manager received the MS-1 tax form, a form filled out by the tax collector and tax assessor, on Oct. 19. On the same day, Peter Curro, the business manager for the school district, received the same form and acknowledged the receipt. On Nov. 22, after the forms were received by the state, it came to

the attention of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the town council that there were some issues on the MS-1 tax form. Ultimately, this error on the tax form has caused resulted in a revenue shortfall, of which the council claims the town's portion was \$114,000 and

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South School Learn Puppet Skills from Artist in Residence



A Granite State Puppeteer, Pat Picciano, will spend a few weeks with fifth grade students at South Elementary School for an Artist in Residence program this month and next. He has performed and conducted puppet making workshops in a number of other schools and will be working with to create puppets based on their "Person Who Inspires Me" essay they have written. Some of the puppets will represent family members, people in the community, sports heroes and famous people. 3. Picciano will teach students how to make their own puppets through the various stages of construction, paper mache, painting facial features, assembly of puppets heads to bodies, and working with them on operating the puppets, script writing and performance. Picciano was at the school last week with assemblies for students of all grade levels some of his puppets and puppeteering techniques. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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Conservation Land

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wildlife, and apple orchids. If the owner of the property on Griffin Road were to build, it would mean added danger for the nature and wildlife living in that area.

The council also made clear that they will need

more information on the values of the property before making their final decision, but they are hopeful to be able to purchase the land and keep it under the management of the conversation committee. The town council will continue their discussion

on the possible purchase of the 66.9 acres along Griffin Road at their meeting scheduled on Monday, Feb. 5. There does not, however, have to be a final decision made at that meeting and has the potential to be carried out into a future meeting. There will be more on this story as it develops.



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Exit 4A Study Continues, Timeline Slowed Down a Bit

KATHERINE PRUDHOMME O'BRIEN
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The updated exit 4A environmental impact study funded by the towns of Derry and Londonderry to the tune of 5 million dollars each is nearing complete.

A 2007 draft environmental impact study was found to be outdated and partially inaccurate by the time funding was

secured for the widening project and had to be updated. The study by CLD Consulting Engineers, Inc. of Manchester will be sent to the Federal Highway Administration for review next spring.

Officials had previously hoped that the study would be complete by this month. The current estimate for completion is now April of 2108.

One area of concern that is slowing the process is salt reduction. Any exit option will add salt according to Derry Public Works Director, Mike Fowler, but the area around Beaver Brook has a low salt usage mandate because Beaver Brook is currently listed as an impaired waterway by the Environmental Protection Agency due to past road salt usage.

Fowler is optimistic that the brook will be removed from that listing within the year, pointing out improvements in salt usage techniques in recent years. "In the old days salt usage was not even measured. Now, with rising costs of salt, [improved] driver education, and brine use, this has all come together to reduce salt use overall."

Said Fowler.

The towns of Derry, Londonderry, Windham and Salem have joined efforts to make the reduction of salt use a priority in watershed areas impacted by the Interstate 93 widening project.

After completion of the study, the Federal Highway Administration has 120 days to review the study and recom-

mend a route for exit 4A. After that 18 to 24 months of work securing permits will begin. This means that construction on Exit 4a will begin between late 2019 and the middle of 2020.

Numerous routes have been proposed, with the clear front runner connecting Interstate 93 to North High street at Ash Street

New School Lunch Policy Gives Parents Food For Thought

KATIE O'DONNELL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Falling behind in school lunch payments will now cost Londonderry parents even more starting in April. The School Board approved revisions to Dining Service Management that will start charging fees for negative account balances. The reasoning behind the change is that the fees will help offset the massive amount of debt the dining services program has accrued since the beginning of the year.

Amanda Venezia, the director of dining services, checked the balance on Jan. 5 and said the district's meal program is in the red by \$20,185.02. She reported that 592 of the registered 3,954 elementary, middle and high school students owe lunch money. Out of those kids, 118 of them owe at

least \$50 and make up \$13,964.04 of the total debt.

"It's a very small percentage," said Venezia, "but it takes up the majority of the debt."

Venezia said she is concerned because the number of students owing money towards their meals "has been steadily increasing year over year."

School lunches cost less than \$3.00 a meal: elementary kids pay \$2, middle schoolers pay \$2.50 and high schoolers are charged \$2.75. Comparing those costs to the current debt, the district has comped around 10,000 lunches so far this year.

If the debt is not paid by the families, then the district is forced to pay for it by taking money from other programs.

"Some people think we're trying to nickel and dime them, but that's not the case," said Venezia.

To prevent that from happening, the district will be charging a monthly fee to parents whose children's meal accounts fall into the negative. A copy of the new policy can be found on the dining service's website.

The fees are broken into three tiers, and will cost more depending on how much is owed. Accounts that owe between \$50 to \$99.99 will be charged \$10 a month. If you owe between \$100 to \$199.99 a month then your surcharge will be \$20. Families owing over \$200 on their accounts will have to face a whopping \$50 a month fee. These late fees will be charged to the accounts starting the first week of

April and will be applied every month after that.

Once a child's meal account falls under \$5, the parents will receive an email (as long as they are signed up for it) to let them know the balance is low. If it falls into the negative, families will receive weekly emails reminding them to settle the debt. Once more than \$20 is due, the emails will come twice a week.

Anyone not signed up on the district email list will be sent a paper copy. Paper statements will be mailed out once a month automatically if the accounts accrue more than \$50 of debt.

There is good news for families that may have negative balances. First,

your child will not be denied a meal if there is no money on the account. They will not have access to special snacks, but they will still get a lunch, according to their assigned menu.

"We don't punish students for parents' actions," said Venezia. "We don't do that in Londonderry." According to her, this policy is a lot less strict than other school districts.

The other piece of good news is that parents can talk to Venezia if they are having difficulties paying their bill. They can find out if they qualify for assistance, like free or reduced lunches.

"Give us a call and let's

have that conversation," said Venezia.

According to Venezia, almost 11 percent of enrolled students in Londonderry are participating in the free or reduced lunch program. "It's actually quite low compared to other districts in NH," she said.

Venezia said she knows the news of the fees will be shocking to some families. "We're working on getting it solved before April first." In the meantime, families can contact her to pay a bill or ask questions about the fees or the free or reduced lunch program at avenezia@londonderry.org.

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Editorial

Celebrating A Milestone

It isn't hard to find news of the impending death of print newspapers. The last year has seen the closure of major dailies across the country, and closer to home, at least one daily in the state and several weeklies have shut their doors, even as others have cut their frequency of publication.

So it's a piece of good news to recognize the 18 year anniversary this week of the Londonderry Times, the original newspaper of Nutfield Publishing, LLC's three publications.

In these days of economic hardship and business closure, the Londonderry Times is going strong, continuing in its founding tradition of printing news its hometown readers can use, with the goal of building a stronger sense of community.

What started in the basement of a Londonderry home has expanded into a company that has never lost touch with its roots, or with its desire to help the community find out what's going on. With knowledge, as the saying goes, comes power, and great responsibility to educate the people on what is happening in the town encourage people to get involved/to take action and in Londonderry, that knowledge has often-times translated into powerful action, as residents reacted to stories of their neighbors' problems by offering help, and responded to gaps in services by stepping in to provide them.

These days, many communities

are realizing just how much of a hole opens up when they lose their newspaper. When is deliberative session? When is softball registration? When does the garden club meet? What's the town council's stance on an issue?

Sure, you can find most of those answers by making a series of phone calls if you know to ask about or searching online if you know what you are looking for. That excludes the residents without Internet service, of course, and most of us don't have the patience to do all that research or the time. So for many, local news falls by the wayside, and a sense of community and traditions falls away as well. As time passes, fewer and fewer people know about town events, fewer and fewer participate, and fewer and fewer bother to care or take action, very sad.

There are plenty of things we don't miss until they're gone, and a community newspaper is a big one of them.

Founder and publisher Deb Paul said she wants her newspapers to have heart. We hope you'll be part of that community connection we've forged between the Londonderry Times and its readers, as we move forward into our 18 years for being a part of your life and community.

Because there's no other place we'd rather be than right here in town, bringing you the news of the place where your heart is, the place you call home!

Letters

Our Manipulated President

To the Editor:

President Trump continues to believe Putin's comments and questions the U.S. intelligence agencies' analysis about Russian meddling in the 2016 election. Trump does not want the validity of his election as President to be questioned, but his criticism of our intelligence agencies and the FBI poses a risk to national security. The new FBI Director, Christopher Wray, is reassigning the

top echelon in the FBI to purge it of agents who Trump dislikes, and it is quite similar to the operations of past and current foreign despotic rulers.

Trump, and the country, have to rely on our intelligence agencies and the FBI to provide information on our adversaries in the world. If the agencies do not trust the President, they might be adversely affected in doing their jobs. I heard that morale takes a hit at the agencies every time Trump criticizes them. Trump is disrupting our intelligence agencies and

the FBI.

Unfortunately, Russia, China, and other countries know that Trump likes to be flattered, which they are happy to do in order to receive favorable treatment by our insecure President.

Our adversaries in the world are manipulating Trump to obtain concessions, and our national security is in jeopardy.

Donald Moskowitz
Former Intelligence Officer on a Joint Naval Staff from 1965 to 1967.
Londonderry,

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Budget Committee Explains Non-Profit Money Allocates

ALYSSA GUINN
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Members of the Budget Committee were present at the Monday night Town Council meeting to give their report on the non-profit organizations they were able to distribute money to.

Twelve nonprofit organizations asked for funds from the budget committee. The total amount of funds that were allocated was \$46,687.00 and was flat compared to fiscal year 2018. There was a lot of consideration made into the decision of dispersing the funds, including what other funding sources or revenue streams does this organization have? Do they charge for services or are they entirely locally funded?

The number of Londonderry residents served also played a role in

the decision making, because some organizations are focused on the county and the state while others are focused strictly on the town of Londonderry. With the opioid epidemic in New Hampshire, the committee has seen an increase in services requested in the last five years to help combat this problem.

Population served was also discussed in allocating the funds. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) was granted \$500 and the YMCA of Greater Londonderry was given \$2500. The YMCA is looking to greater expand their teen programs because of the dramatic decrease in engagement during the school year for students.

The logic behind this decision was also to encourage young adults to stay within the Londonderry community after

college. Rockingham Community Action was reduced by \$160 due to the fact it is under the umbrella of Southern New Hampshire Services, which has a \$43 million operating budget. The \$160 will be added to the budget of the Sonshine Soup Kitchen, who is continuing to expand their services. Since the overall budget number allocation did not change over the fiscal year, there was no action that was needed to be taken by the town council.

The Town Council thanked the Budget Committee for their hard work with interviewing the various nonprofit organizations and making the tough decisions on which organizations would be eligible for the funds the town has provided and town council Chairman Tom Dolan expressed his appreciation to the budget committee.

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Recreation Committee Discusses Spring Preparations, Soccer Group Unification

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

As the winter season continues to bear down on Londonderry, members of the Recreation Committee had their most recent meeting on January 8 at Town Hall in order to continue to prepare for the spring and oncoming seasons of outdoors sports.

The most significant element of the meeting came with the revelation that Londonderry's two soccer organizations are

set to be unified into one in the coming weeks.

Originally, Londonderry United and Londonderry Youth Soccer were given separate tasks for the sport in town, with the former handling transportation matters and the latter handling recreation matters. However, in order to simplify this, the two will be united under the Londonderry United banner and have a board of seven members that will cover both transportation and recreation

matters.

The process is apparently going rather smoothly according to Todd Ellis, a representative of the two organizations, and members of both parties are looking into establishing bylaws for the unification before seeking approval for a final unification from Town Manager Kevin Smith and the Town Council.

"There doesn't seem to be any reason why it wouldn't go through",

Ellis noted.

In other news, the committee is still on the path towards acquiring a new maintenance building to house their various pieces of equipment for the various fields. The committee was originally hoping for a forty by forty square feet metal structure, but the Town Council determined that to be too costly. Instead, they have established that a wooden structure of the same size will be put on the upcoming budget at

one hundred and eighty nine thousand dollars.

Finally, the committee delved into more long term plans they would like to put together going into 2018. Aside from the prospect of obtaining a new lawn mower, members feel that they should also be looking to obtain a number of auxiliary bleachers and restrooms for the future. In particular, many of the wooden bleachers currently in use are in poor condition and are beginning to splinter

in some areas. The committee is also hoping to keep track of the state of the tennis courts.

In order to better gauge the status of all of the recreational organizations in town, it was proposed that a survey be sent out to the various leaders of these organizations so that the committee can get a better idea of what is essential for them to have in the coming months.

Town's Assessor's Office Explains Veterans Tax Credit

KATIE O'DONNELL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Tax season is about to begin, and veterans can look forward to a newly updated tax credit for next year.

Rick Brideau of the Londonderry Assessor's Office explained that starting in 2018, veterans will see a change in the tax credit they get for serving their country. It's called the "All Veterans' Tax Credit," and it was officially adopted by the state last year. It will be phased in over three years to total \$500 that will be taken off a veteran's property tax bill.

Starting this year, all qualified veterans will get a \$100 tax credit. Next year will see it increased to \$300, while 2020 will offer a \$500 credit.

The official statement by the Assessor's Office

states there are four criteria that a veteran must meet to qualify for the tax credit. First, he or she "must be a resident of New Hampshire for at least one year preceding April 1 in the year in which the tax credit is claimed." Secondly, veterans must provide a copy of DD Form 214 (a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) and proof of service. Third, he or she must have served on active duty in the armed forces of the United State for no less than 90 days. Lastly, he or she must have been "honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from the service."

Like all tax credits, "it automatically comes off. You don't have to worry about it," said Brideau.

The only thing veter-

ans would have to worry about is if his or her property is in an irrevocable Trust. The credit cannot be applied to the property tax bill if the property in question is in this kind of trust, since the veteran is not technically the owner of said property. If the veteran is the owner, then the credit will be subtracted from the bill that the vet considers his or her primary residence.

Veterans who wish to apply for the credit should head down to the Assessor's Office and say hello to Brideau and his staff. Be sure to have a PA-29 form, since that

will need to be filled out once in the office. Vets will also need a current driver's license and a DD Form 214. A Veteran Credit Oath of Residency form will also need to be brought and filled out in the office.

If a veteran has property that is part of a Trust, as long as it's not irrevocable, then a copy of the trust must be brought along with a PA-33 form (Statement of Qualification for Property Tax Credit, Exemption of Tax Deferral). That form, like many of the other ones needed to apply for the credit, need to be completed in the

Assessor's Office.

Applying for the credit is not a one-time thing. "We require people to renew every couple of years to make sure people still live in town," said Brideau.

His job is to assess the value of each property in town. "It's all taken into consideration before it goes over to the collectors," Brideau said. "It's a bigger job than I thought it was," he laughed. That

hasn't stopped him from doing it for the last 30-years, 18 of which have been in Londonderry.

With all that experience, anyone with questions can reach out to Brideau and his staff at (603) 432-1100 and dial extension 135.

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Local Police Do Their Part to Combat Drug Epidemic

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It is an unfortunate fact that New Hampshire has one of the highest rates of drug use in the United States. According to data from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, New Hampshire ranked number two in the nation behind West Virginia for opioid-related deaths and number one in fentanyl related deaths in 2017. Fentanyl is a powerful opioid that is similar to morphine but can be 50 to 100 times more potent

and typically used to treat people with severe pain after surgery. This issue has been made nationwide and President Trump even went as far last year to call New Hampshire a "drug-infested den."

To help combat this problem, Londonderry is doing their part to help rid the state of the unneeded drugs that may be left behind in the medicine cabinet. A public service announcement was made at the town council meeting by Chair-

man Tom Dolan, who reminded the public of the program currently ongoing at the Londonderry Police Department. There is an anonymous stainless steel container at the Londonderry police station for people to drop off their prescription drugs that are no longer needed or taking up space in the bathroom cabinet. With the opioid epidemic still raging in NH, it is important for prescription drugs that are no longer needed to be disposed of properly so they

do not fall into the wrong hands. It is easy to forget about prescription drugs that are simply taking up space, but getting rid of them in the proper location can make a difference.

Londonderry has also extended the offer to not only dispose of prescription medication, but any illicit or illegal drugs that may be found in your home. If you happen to find an illegal drug in your home, do not throw it away in the trash. Put it in a paper or plastic bag and

bring it to the police station to dispose of in the stainless steel container. This is also a "No Questions Asked" policy. You will not be questioned or arrested for disposing a bag into the container. There are also no hidden cameras surveilling the area that the box is kept in. This program is meant to help the community, not hurt it. Also, if you know someone struggling with an addiction and would like to do an intervention for them, you can dispose of any illegal

drugs at the police station, no questions asked.

This may only be part of the solution, but it is a small step forward to help benefit the community and get rid of the drugs that are no longer needed or illegal. Chief of Police William Hart and his team do not wish to prosecute anyone who turns in such drugs to the police station, because it is a step in the right direction to help rid both Londonderry and New Hampshire of these dangerous drugs.

Rose Parade

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great job."

The Tournament of Roses Parade (commonly called the Rose Bowl Parade) is a New Year's Day tradition in America. To prepare for such a moment, Soucy and his team drilled the band members endlessly to prepare them for national television. The band director relied on his three drum majors, senior Julia Turk, and juniors Ian Goodspeed and Parker McIntyre to guide their classmates during the five and a half mile-long parade.

The Lancer Band

would play throughout the parade, but only one of them would air on TV. The song Soucy picked for that moment is one the rest of the country could define as quintessentially New England—"Shipping Up to Boston," by the Dropkick Murphys. One of Soucy's former students worked as a sound technician for the band, who gave the band their blessing to play it.

"There's so much excitement," said Soucy about the experience. "It's a unique parade."

This time around Soucy and his group were surprised to find out they were listed as the second band in the whole parade, appearing right

after the United State Marine Band.

"I was thrilled and shocked to find out we were the second band," said Soucy. He recalled the moment when the band stepped off onto the parade route and were greeted with non-stop cheering.

"The crowd was so spirited," he said. "I don't know I've seen such an energetic crowd."

Throughout the trip, the band practiced for the big day and two other performances, one of which was at Disneyland on New Year's Eve. That one was shorter, only 15-minutes in length, but Soucy said it was just as exciting. "It's a thrill," he remarked.

During the band's downtime, the kids, staff and parents (along with Principal Jason Parent and Superintendent Scott Laliberte) got to do some sightseeing around Los Angeles at Griffith Park and the observatory, checked out the California Science Museum and



LHS Band Director Andy Soucy is presented with a commemorative brick by past presidents of the Tournament of Roses Parade, celebrating the band's five appearances at the parade. From left to right: Mike Riffey, Andy Soucy, Bob Cheney and Jeff Throop, with Bill Johnstone seated.

enjoyed an old fashion joust at Medieval Times.

While Soucy and crew were responsible for getting the band ready to march, the Friends of Music parent group got the itinerary ready for the band. Kathy Gagon, Laurie Narsden, Susan Rouse, Jennifer Dupuis and Kathy Bachelor all worked together with the rest of the parents to

plan a trip that the kids would always remember.

"They all have special talents," Soucy remarked. "We had a really good coordinated team."

The outpour of support wasn't just from the parents. Local officials like Town Manager Kevin Smith tweeted out Lancer pride. Governor Chris Sununu sent the band a letter and made a procla-

mation. Both Senators Jeanne Shaheen and Maggie Hassan, as well as Representatives Carol Shea-Porter and Annie Custer sent their regards as well. The anchors from WMUR even sent the band a good-luck letter.

"We have a pretty cool network of support," said Soucy. "It meant a lot to the kids."

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A Penny Saved, a Watt Earned - Eversource to Lower Prices

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

In the throes of winter, when the sun is down by the time many return home from work, the lights are on in the house more often. For those with electric heat, this can further lead to the power bill seeing a spike. But this year, the spike might not be quite as high.

Starting January 1st of this year, Eversource has implemented a modest decrease in its Default Energy Service Charge, says a news release from the company. The New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ap-

proved Eversource's request to adjust its Energy Service Charge from 11.66 cents per kilowatt hour to 11.25 cents/kWh.

The new charge will take place for the three-month period from January 1st through March 31st. During this period, the company anticipates the closing of the sale of its power plants, and the implementation of a new energy charge calculation method will be facilitated.

"...our Energy Service Charge will be based on the price of purchasing power from the competitive regional wholesale energy market and will no

longer include the costs associated with owning and operating our New Hampshire power plants." President of Eversource NH, Bill Quinlan, has said.

In combination with several adjustments on the delivery portion of monthly statements, residential Eversource customers consuming 600 kWh per month will see a bill of \$123.64 each month, a one percent decrease from the previous \$124.50 per month. This new charge was figured out based on the actual cost of producing and purchasing the energy that Eversource

requires to serve New Hampshire customers.

After this initial price change, Eversource's Default Energy Service Charge will be adjusted twice a year on February 1st and August 1st. Shifting away from a January 1st adjustment will help to avoid price fluctuation by spreading out higher energy costs that typically come with the winter months.

But the savings don't have to stop there. By cutting back on the amount of energy used, customers can make additional cuts in their monthly energy bills. This can be as simple as remembering to turn lights off after exiting a room, to replacing household lighting and appliances.

Switching from standard bulbs to LEDs (Light Emitting Diodes) is one way to cut electric costs. LEDs are directional light sources, meaning that

they emit light in a specific direction, as opposed to incandescent light-bulbs, which emit light and heat in all directions, using 70-90% more energy. Not only that, but LED bulbs typically last 15 times longer than standard incandescent bulbs.

Air conditioners, air purifiers, washing machines, refrigerators and power strips can all take up a surprising amount of energy, as they are left on either a long portion of time (air conditioners and washing machines) or are left running constantly (refrigerators). Thankfully, in recent years, more energy efficient appliances have been developed. While these domestic machines can be a little pricy, rebates exist towards the purchase of energy efficient household appliances, and they are even tax deductible.

Most people probably remember to turn unnec-

essary appliances off when not in use, but what many may not be aware of is that they continue drawing power even when turned off. The US Department of Energy's Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory has said that depending on how many of these appliances, or "energy vampires," a household may have constantly leeching energy, it could mean a potential \$100-\$200 lost per year. Getting into the habit of unplugging non-essential appliances when not in use can put money back into your pocket bit by bit.

Saving money and saving energy are both great ways to say goodbye to 2017. 2018 can truly be a shiny new year for many in New Hampshire.

For more information on electric service rates, and for more tips on how to make your home more energy efficient, visit eversource.com.

Shortfall

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the school district's portion was \$440,000.

According to Farrell, the town's legal counsel did a lot of research when this issue arose including finding out that the commissioner of the DRA (Department of Revenue Administration) must verify that all calculations are correct before they send out a tax bill. This step was obviously missed before the bill was sent out. A possible solution for the town would be to pay the county and local piece out of the undesignated fund balance, while school portion of the funds could be paid via issuing a supplemental tax bill should the council decide on that option. However, this is only one solution and a permanent decision has not made by either the school board or the town council.

It should be known

that only the town can collect tax revenue from the taxpayers the town collects the funds then distributes the collected funds to cover each departments approved budget including fire department, police, highway department, library and school.

This has been a learning experience for both the school board and the town council, but what does this all mean? According to Farrell, the town holds roughly \$8.9 million in an undesignated fund balance. At this time, the town can only use \$3.7 million of the undesignated fund balance, because they returned \$500,000 to the taxpayers in a tax refund. Another roughly \$4.7 million dollars is used for catastrophic funds, that can only be used in emergency situations. Also, another \$2.3 million dollars is being used for the new communications system for first responders. This means that

the town needs to be careful how they choose to spend their undesignated funds, because they are limited. During the school board and town council joint meeting on Dec. 12, the school board explained that it has been permitted to have an undesignated fund balance for only a few years. Its balance is about \$400,000 which would put the school district in a deficit. It should be noted that during this meeting, school board vice chair Jenn Ganem inquired about what the town was doing in regard to the county's portion. It was stated that they paid the county's portion.

Although this issue of a shortfall was met with urgency from the town and school, a decision does not have to be made until the spring, giving both the town council and school board more time to figure out the most direct action forward and come to a mutually agreed upon decision.

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Destination Imagination Teams STEAM Ahead Despite Frigid Temps

KATIE O'DONNELL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It's not every day a kid will venture out on a freezing Saturday to learn the best way to build a tower made of straws and cups, but for some local students, going to the Destination Imagination "Dive In!" workshop is worth every chilly step to get there.

"It's a great way to get all your random ideas out," said Alea Millis. She is on the Londonderry Middle School Destination Imagination team with Nathan Anderson, Rebecca Buckley, Matthew Villineau and Rowan Romanaukas (who was absent). Meeting new people and trying new things is what brings the kids back year after year.

Buckley said she keeps coming back to the team because, "you get to do challenges that help you be creative and use your brain. It's fun!"

Kids from all over the state gathered at Southern New Hampshire University for a workshop on creativity, team building and problem-solving through the New Hampshire Destination Imagination program, or NH-DI for short. It's a way for students from kindergarten through college to participate in groups of 2 to 7 to work on standards-based challenges that broaden their thinking and help them develop new skills. The challenges are designed to



LHS Destination Imagination team members Ian Goodspeed and Jimmy Fitzgibbons look on as their "guru" teaches them about microprocessors during a class at an NH-DI workshop. Photos by Katie O'Donnell

push the limits of students in STEAM education. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math.

NH-DI is an after school program that has been around for decades. Some millennial-aged parents may remember when it was called "Odyssey of the Mind." A few changes have been made to the program since those days, but the general focus of solving themed challenges is the same. There are seven Team Challenges kids can choose from as their main project, Technical, Scientific, Engineering, Fine Arts, Improvisational, Service Learning and Early Learning (for the little ones).

The groups involved compete in regional competitions across the state by completing a Team Challenge and an Instant Challenge, which is timed. The

winners go on to the Global Finals at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

"We'll have around 2000 students from NH in competition from about 100 schools," said Wayne Kurtzman. He, like so many others, volunteers his time to the program. The adults who dedicate themselves to NH-DI either become involved because of their children, or are alumni of the program.

Sushmita Anand has been managing her team for four years. Her son, Nitin is on the team from Barka Elementary in Derry. He and six other students, Gabrielle Holt, Zoey Li, Declan Collins, Dylan Rousseau, Levi Bethine and Megan Carnahan were busy trying to work on the Instant Challenge of building a structure from things like paper cups, foil and plastic straws. The goal was

to have the structure fit in five circles drawn out on a piece of cardboard. The kids sit around their design with Anand standing back, letting them figure it out for themselves. During the workshop, the Team Managers are able to help and offer advice, but once the students go to the real competition, they are on their own.

"I think it's a fantastic program. It teaches them accountability and teamwork," said Anand. "Those are all real world skills... it helps them be successful."

The third grade team from Hampstead Central School was happy to try something different. "I thought it would be interesting," said Angelina Abruzzese. "I tried something new!" Her Team Manager, Meredith Eyre is trying her hand at leading an NH-DI team. She got involved because she thought her daughter, McKenna, would enjoy it.

"My daughter likes the hands on and I wanted to see more girls get involved," said Eyre.

Four of the five stu-



Londonderry Middle School's Destination Imagination team tries to problem solve during an "Instant Challenge" during a workshop at Southern New Hampshire University.

dents were able to attend the workshop, Eyre, Abruzzese, Julian Malcolm and Andrew Conti. Tighe Wisecarver was absent.

But it's not just the younger ones that get into the fun. Londonderry High School's team also participated in the workshop. They have all been doing NH-DI since elementary school, according to their Team Manager, Bill O'Connor. After the team was done practicing the Instant Challenge, the group broke off to participate in some of the more focused classes.

Jillian Fitzgibbons and Gillian Lynch decided to work on their theater arts skills, saying they wanted to use the opportunity to become better at the production side of challenges. The girls explained that one of the aspects to the Team Challenge is a skit that the students write, act and produce themselves.

Jimmy Fitzgibbons and Ian Goodspeed attended a class that was focused on using microprocessors to create patterns with LEDs

and sound. They were taught by fellow high schoolers from the Seacoast School of Technology. When their processor finally worked, it played the "Imperial March" from Star Wars.

"We're going to take what we learned and focus it into our solutions," said Goodspeed.

The countdown to competition starts now. Teams started preparing in the fall for the regional competitions in March. From there, they can move onto the NH-DI State Finals before, hopefully, making their way to Global Finals in May.

In the last three years, students from Londonderry, Derry and Hampstead have all sent teams to the Global Finals. The Granite State has a proud history of sending 40 teams there every year, according to Kurtzman. Once there, teams compete against kids from 48 other states and 30 countries.

Parents interesting in getting their kids involved next year, or even volunteering themselves can learn more at nh-di.org.

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Natural Beauty Brightens The Leach Library This Month

KATIE O'DONNELL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The ground outside may be covered in white and grey, but the inside of the Leach library is bright with the colors of nature, thanks to this month's artist, Tom Abruzese. His nature inspired pieces bring a sense of wonder and awe to those who journey to the library to see them. He uses everything and anything he can to transfer the image from his head into his hands.

"Everything I do is in nature," Abruzese said. "Nature provides the canvas."

Although Abruzese walked from one piece to the other with the help of his cane, he maintained a fast pace while showing off his collection. He is not a very tall man, he at one point joked about being a short Italian guy, but his work speaks volumes of his love for the outdoors.

"Anything that's out in the woods, I use," Abruzese said. "I like a challenge." And nothing says, "a challenge" like painting on spider webs. (You read that correctly.)

Over by the library window facing the police station, there is a series of what looks like small, plastic pucks with everything from sunflowers to the Red Sox symbol painted on them. It's hard to see, but if you look close enough, under the paint are tiny, nearly invisible fibers.

"These are done on spider webs," Abruzese said in hushed tones, like he was telling a

secret.

Abruzese spoke of how he loved walking through the woods in the slightly warmer months trying to find the best brown spider webs to experiment with. "Part of the adventure, part of the painting is going out and finding one to use. To me, that part is more enjoyable."

He would only take the ones that were not in use. Because of the cane, he had to get creative on how he would capture and carry the webs. He stuck juice bottle caps onto his baseball hat so he would have both hands free. Once he found a web he liked, he then pushed the caps through the web, using the plastic as a frame and the web as a canvas.

"No one else does it," Abruzese whispered. "It takes longer to find the web than to do the actual painting."

Another piece the artist showed off was seemed like a simple brown watercolor on a white canvas. It was a recreation of the painting "Christina's World" by Andrew Wythe. A closer look revealed that it was all painted with a cup of coffee.

"I try to do things other people don't do," explained Abruzese. "If you can do watercolor, you can do coffee."

The story behind "Christina's World" really moved Abruzese. The painting shows a woman in a field, propping herself up, with her legs dragging behind. Tall grass surrounds her with a large, old farm house in the distance.

"That has more emotional value," Abruzese said. It reminded him of his own suppressed mobility, but like the heroine of the painting, he doesn't let it limit him.

When he's not experimenting with coffee or webs, Abruzese can be found painting on other mediums, like birch bark or leaves from oak, maple, and apple trees. He said he needs to press the leaves first to get them flat before painting them with acrylic paint. He prefers the acrylic because it dries quickly. Then he immediately presses it again once dry to keep it from curling. Over all, he reported he's painted about 150 leaves with all types of scenes.

"If you're going to paint nature, paint it on something from nature," said Abruzese.

The leaves are not the smallest, or strangest thing Abruzese paints on. He also uses feather from birds he finds in the woods, or gets from his own chickens. He showed off one that was barely three inches long that has a winter scene painted on it. A red sleigh is being pulled by a grey horse towards a chalet with snow capped mountain in the background. Every tiny brush stroke was visible, even though the canvas used was barely longer than an adult pinkie finger.

"Whatever you can imagine, that's what I paint on," he smiled.

Abruzese calls his constant salvage for



Tom Abruzese stands next to one of his favorite canvas paintings at the Leach Library. His work is on display this month through the Londonderry Arts Council's exhibit. Photo by Katie O'Donnell.

materials, "New England thrift." He even uses acorns to make micro-sized ships in tiny bottles.

But his creative mind wasn't always into painting. He worked as a stone mason for many years after returning home from the Vietnam War where he and his twin brother served in the Army. He only got into painting nine years ago, and said he never took a lesson.

Painting is more about the art and the process for him than the money and fame. "I do it for the enjoyment," he said, "not to make a dollar off of it." The most he's ever sold a piece for was around \$100, which is pretty cheap in the art world.

Abruzese's passion is supported by his wife Diane and their five children, all of whom are grown. His kids encouraged him to do the

exhibit, which he's done, to his recollection, about four to five times now. He still does traditional canvas work when inspired, but always enjoys seeing the look on patrons' faces when they try to wrap their heads around his art.

"If you try to explain to people, they don't understand. They have to visualize it, especially spider webs," he chuckled.

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Boy Scout Troop 521 members staked out their usual spot at Mack's Apple Farm Stand on Saturday Jan. 6 during an exceptionally cold winter day to except Christmas Trees for their annual Tree Burn. About a dozen members accepted donations and hauled hundreds of trees to a huge pile near the sledging hill for the fire that took place just after sunset. The scouts dug out a small igloo that day as shelter from the severe wind chill. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancer, Astro Swim Squads Battle Hard in the SNHU Pool

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The boys' and girls' swim teams from Londonderry High and Pinkerton Academy helped to keep the intense rivalry between their local schools very healthy last Saturday, Jan. 5, when they engaged in a great battle in the Southern New Hampshire University pool in Manchester.

And all four teams were able to walk out of the humid conditions in the pool area and out into the bitter cold of an early-January day wearing smiles as the Lancers and Astros all had reasons to be pleased with what they'd accomplished.

In girls' action, the Lady Lancers became the very first opponent to outscore the previously-unbeaten 2017-18 Lady Astros by a tiny, 86-84 margin. And Londonderry also defeated its other three opponents in the meet to go a perfect 4-0 on the day.

For their part, the Lady Astros also beat their other three opponents to go 3-1 on a strong day.

In boys' competition, the Pinkerton males remained perfect on the campaign by steamrolling all four of their opponents, including Londonderry by a 110-60 tally.



Lady Lancer swimmer Caity Mahan contributed to a big relay win in the 200 medley relay last weekend as her LHS squad bested the host Pinkerton crew. Photos by Chris Pantazis

And the LHS Lancer males' lone loss was the one to Pinkerton as it went a fine 3-1 on the day.

GIRLS

Along with their narrow defeat of Pinkerton the Lady Lancers downed Bow (93-69), Hopkinton (126-25), and Campbell of Litchfield (133-13) in notching the sparkling, 4-0 day.

The Lady Astros were far better than Bow (91-69), Campbell (126-16), and Hopkinton (122-25) in tallying the strong 3-1 mark on the day.

The Londonderry performance was spearheaded by Kaitlin Witkop, who won two individual events and also swam on a victorious relay team.

Witkop proved unbeatable in the 100-meter butterfly (time of 1 minute,

12.42 seconds) and the 100-meter breaststroke (1:22.53), and she teamed up with Caity Mahan, Elizabeth Allen, and Jasmine Brown on a win in the 200 medley relay (2:19.19). Allen also delivered an individual victory in the 200-meter individual medley (2:53.50).

The Pinkerton girls got exceptional work from a number of sources, and that group was led by Olivia Neville who was nearly omnipresent among event winners.

Neville won the 400 free (5:09.90) and the 200 free (2:24.03) on her own and teamed up with Camelia Hannah, Maya Hedstrom, and Zoe Freedman on victories in the 200 free relay (2:05.44) and the 400 free relay (4:37.88).



Harry Feig chugs ahead in butterfly form during his LHS swim team's tough battle with the host Pinkerton Academy Astros at Southern New Hampshire University last Saturday.

The Lady Astros also snagged second places in both the 400 free relay and the 400 freestyle.

BOYS

The Astro males powered their way past Londonderry, Hopkinton (127-0), Campbell (123-14), and Bow (125-16) in tallying the 4-0 day. Londonderry bested Bow (140-0), Campbell (134-14), and Bow (132-19) handily in tallying the 3-1 record on the day.

And the final event results ended up being absolutely packed with Pinkerton names like Gordon Suwirjo and Nathan Landry and Londonderry's Brian Parrott.

Suwirjo won the 100-meter butterfly (1:04.85) and the 400 free (4:51.62), leading a top-two sweep in the butterfly and a top-three sweep in the 400.

Landry, who took second in the butterfly, won the 50 free in a time of 27.29 seconds, and Christian Nelson proved unbeatable in the 100 free (1:04.58). And all three of those young men played important roles on victorious relay teams.

Landry, Nelson, Chris Ploss, and Suwirjo teamed up for victory in the 200 free relay (2:00.53) - with another Pinkerton quartet also bagging second in that event - and Landry,

Ryan Golobiewski, Nelson, and Suwirjo also proved unbeatable in the 400 free relay (4:22.52). The Astros also had another foursome snare second in that event.

Londonderry veteran Parrott showed his talent and importance to his Lancers by winning the 100-meter backstroke (1:14.33) and the 200-meter individual medley (2:38.63) and teaming up with Minsoo Kim, Luc Lafond, and Devin Janas on a win in the 200-meter medley relay (2:15.37).

The two LHS teams will have their next meet at home this Friday night, Jan. 12.

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Lancer Boys' Basketball Crew Remains Unbeaten in Division I

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High boys' basketball squad drove its way into the new calendar year with significant successes, besting both of its first two 2018 opponents last week to move its Division I record to an impeccable 4-0.

The LHS crew had very little trouble with a Manchester opponent early in the week, but after the snow stopped flying late in the week the Lancers had a bit more trouble disposing of a rival from Nashua.

The Lancer cagers got their Division I record up to 3-0 with a 73-51 mauling of the winless Trinity High Pioneers at home on Tuesday night, Jan. 2.

The hosts won each of the first three periods, grasping leads of 21-11, 40-14, and 59-32 after each. Trinity outscored the locals 19-14 in the fourth quarter in what basically amounted to the proverbial "garbage time."

The victorious Lan-

cers got points from 10 different sources, with Jack Anderson (13), Ethan May (13), Pat Zepf (12), and Dakota Bertrand (10) all scoring in double figures. Shane McNamara fell just short of that goal, scoring nine points.

The locals then enjoyed another home contest on the evening of Friday Jan. 5 - after two days off from school following the nasty Nor'Easter which thumped the region - in which they were tasked with defeating a Bishop Guertin team from Nashua that Londonderry hammered by a 75-46 tally late in the Commonwealth Classic Holiday Tournament in Massachusetts just after Christmas.

Coach Nate Stanton was concerned that BG might be pumped up to gain revenge in the regular-season meeting after getting walloped by nearly 30 points in the tourney. And as things turned out, the rematch was far closer with much less scoring because the teams both struggled on

offense, with the locals bagging a 47-39 decision.

Guertin grasped a 13-10 lead after one quarter, but the hosts were far stronger at both ends of the floor in the second period and outscored their guests by a 15-5 tally en route to a 25-18 half-time advantage.

But both contingents were sloppy and had lots of trouble putting the ball in the hoop in the second half. The Lancers managed to maintain their lead of seven points at the end of three quarters (34-27), and they never lost the upper hand in the fourth period despite the fact that Guertin battled its deficit down to as few as three points at 37-34 with 3:20 showing on the clock.

The Londonderry lead was still quite tenuous at just four points (41-37) with 1:31 to go, and the hosts put the game away in pretty impressive fashion by sinking a bunch of free throws and digging in on defense down the stretch.

Anderson, who led all

scorers in the holiday tournament game with 23 points, was tops again in the rematch with 20. But the Lancers' next two top scorers were Cole Britting and McNamara with just seven apiece.

After scoring nearly 30 less points in the second meeting with BG than it did in the first, and barely shooting 50 percent at the free throw line for the game (11-for-21), the locals were pleased to be able to exit their court with a fourth straight D-I victory.

"Not all wins are going to be pretty, but great teams find a way to win even when they're not playing their best," said Stanton. "It's never easy to beat a team twice in one season, and to be honest I was thinking that maybe it wasn't a great thing that we beat them by so much the first time because that gave them a reason to come in here tonight looking for revenge. But I'm happy with the way we dealt with adversity and got the



Lancer guard Cole Britting goes strong to the hoop during his team's tough, recent win over the visiting Bishop Guertin Cardinals. Photo by Chris Pantazis ' win."

This week's slate of contests placed the Lancers in Concord on Tuesday Jan. 9 - after Londonderry Times press time - followed by a home game against Exeter this

Friday night the 12th. The team is then staring at a full 11 days off from competition, resuming its league schedule on Jan. 23 on its home court against Merrimack.

Lancer Track Teams Take Third Places in League Meet at UNH

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Portsmouth High Clippers' track and field squads made the biggest news during a Sunday morning high school league meet in the University of New Hampshire's Sweet Oval early this week. But Londonderry High School's boys'

and girls' teams both acquitted themselves well, with both the Lancer males and Lady Lancers ending up third against strong competition.

The Portsmouth tracksters were dominant in both the male and female competitions, with the Clipper guys scoring 115 points to easily outdis-

tance the second place Milford High Spartans (50) and Londonderry's Lancers (42). All in all, 10 boys' teams competed.

On the girls' side of the ledger, the Lady Clippers tallied a team score of 133 to easily best all other eight teams including the second place Milford bunch (54) and London-

derry's Lady Lancers (34).

BOYS

The LHS guys made their biggest news in the 1,500-meter run, taking the second through fifth places thanks to the performances of Kyle Hoglund (time of 4 minutes, 40.54 seconds), Dylan Hotter (4:42.64), Eric Nowak (4:53.74), and Christian Smith (4:57.94).

Londonderry also did great work in the 3,000 with veteran Jake Donnelly finishing first (9:50.34) and his freshman team-

mate Matt Griffin right behind him in second (10:21.04).

The locals also had Kyle Dickson take an individual third place in the 55-meter dash (7.24 seconds) and Dickson team up with Khalique Bagley, Josh Rutina, and Jeff Wiedenfeld for a third in the 4x160 relay (1:23.24).

GIRLS

The Lady Lancers' top individual performance came from senior distance star Kalin Gregoire, who won the 1,000 in a

time of 3:19.54. Her teammate Caitlin Boufford also snagged a third place in that race (3:34.84).

Third places were also delivered by the Lady Lancer squad's 4x160 and 4x400 relay quartets. The 4x160 grouping of Brittany Fernandez, Olivia Galluzzo, Gia Komst, and Kiara Quitayen finished in 1:37.14, and the 4x400 bunch made up of Boufford, Jill Doris, Cailey McDonough, and Emily Nowak posted a time of 5:02.34.

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Victory, Defeat Leave LHS Girls' Basketball at 1-5 in League

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A pleasing defeat of a Manchester opponent followed by a lopsided loss to the defending Division I state champions from Nashua left the youthful Londonderry High girls' basketball squad contemplating a 1-5 league record coming into this week.

After starting their Division I season at 0-4 and going 0-6 overall through holiday tournament play, the Lady Lancers got into the win column with a 52-44 defeat of the host Trinity High Pioneers in the first 2018 contest for both squads in Manchester on

the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Londonderry won the first, second, and (most importantly) fourth quarters in bagging the victory. Coach Nick Theos' crew led 14-5 after one quarter had been completed and 24-13 at halftime. The Lady Pioneers outscored the locals 16-9 in the third quarter and trailed by a mere four points at 33-29 moving into the fourth.

But the Lady Lancers outscored their hosts 19-13 in the final stanza en route to their first success of the winter.

Excellent performances came from many sources, including high

scorer Colleen Furlong (17 points), Courtney Shay (15), and Charlotte Sullivan (12 points and 12 rebounds).

"Colleen had three, three-pointers in the game and went 4-4 from the foul line in the fourth quarter," said Theos. "We had a double-digit lead in the third quarter until Trinity hit four threes in that quarter to cut the lead to two. But key baskets by Shay and a big three by Ashley Rourke helped extend the lead in the fourth."

With its league record having improved to 1-4 with the win, coach Theos had quite a few positives to contemplate prior to

his squad's Friday trip to Nashua to take on the two-time defending Division I champion Bishop Guertin Lady Cardinals.

"Our first win, and I'm glad the girls are learning how to compete coming down the stretch of games," he said. "We are getting better at executing in the crucial moments of games, and that should help us as the season progresses."

It was, however, no real surprise that the LHS troop got walloped by a 63-23 contest in the Friday night game at Guertin in Nashua because Londonderry had had a very similar outcome against that opponent in the Com-

monwealth Holiday Classic in Massachusetts during the Christmas break.

The Lancers were right with their hosts after one period, trailing by just four points at 13-9. But the Lady Cardinals had their advantage up to a full 18 points at 31-13 by halftime, and by the close of three stanzas they led by some 27 points at 49-22 and a victory was pretty much in the proverbial bag for the Nashuans.

"They beat us from the second quarter on," lamented Theos. "They trapped us, put us in bad spots, and turned us over. They also have (standout guard Erin) Carney, who scored 30 points by her-

self. A point-guard who is young but strong, can dish but can also score, she is going to be tough for anyone to deal with."

Londonderry received seven points from Rourke and five from Shay on the tough night, but Theos was still hopeful as his crew came into this week facing contests with Concord (at home on Tuesday the ninth, after Londonderry Times press time) and then on the road in Exeter on Friday Jan. 12.

"We still have a long way to go and a lot of learning that needs to take place. I just hope the girls stay together to see how good they can become," said Theos.

Londonderry Girl Stars at Massachusetts Gymnastics Event



CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The crowd of competitors was absolutely huge at The Shine Bright Gymnastics Invitational in Hanover, Mass., a couple of weeks before Christmas. But Londonderry's Shana Hatfield ended up being the cream of that massive crop of talented and determined young gymnasts.

More than 1,000 competitors - 1,011 to be precise - tested their mettle

in a slew of different age classes, but nobody at any level was able to tally a higher all-around score than Hatfield, who notched a top count of 38.025 to lead absolutely everybody.

Hatfield, who competes on the Junior A Level 4 squad for the Hudson-based New England Gymnastics Training Center, also finished first on the uneven bars (9.750) and notched top-three finishes in vaulting (second, 9.600), the floor exercise

(third, 9.300), and on the balance beam (third, 9.300).

What's more, Hatfield and her NEGTC teammate Kaylee Hall of Nashua led their Level 4 team to first place overall out of some 18 contingents in that wildly-competitive division. Hall finished a stellar second out of the

aforementioned 1,011 gymnasts with her all-around score of 37.775.

Hatfield's Level 4 squad was one of three NEGTC squads which bagged a top-three finish at the big Bay State event. The area school's Level 3 and Level 5 teams both ended up with strong third-place efforts.

Londonderry youngster Shana Hatfield made big news at a recent Massachusetts gymnastics event, posting the top all-around score. Courtesy photo

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Busy LHS Hockey Squad Thumps One Opponent, Then Falls Twice

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

After starting its 2018 schedule of contests by absolutely overwhelming one opponent, the Londonderry High ice hockey squad absorbed a couple of defeats last week which left it contemplating a .500 record of 3-3 in tough Division I.

Veteran coach Peter Bedford's Lancer bunch went 1-2 in three games in

the Blue Devil Holiday Classic in Salem following Christmas. But then the Londonderry High skaters returned to Division I action on their home ice on the night of Wednesday, Jan. 3 and absolutely hammered the struggling Manchester Central-West Little Green by a 10-1 tally.

The Lancers advanced their D-I record to a fine 3-1 with that lopsided success at the Tri-Town

Arena in Hooksett that evening, with Patrick Murphy, Anthony Federico, Nick Pitarys, Kyle Hamilton, Jared Tuccolo, and Nate Andrews all tallying multiple points.

The Little Green, which slid to 0-4 in the league with that loss, had been outscored by the stunning tally of 36-5 to that juncture with the defeat at the hands of the Lancers.

Murphy collected a total of four points on three goals and one assist, Pitarys notched a goal and two helpers, Federico was good for two goals, Tuccolo scored twice and assisted once, Hamilton had a goal and an assist, Andrews dealt out two assists, Pat McKinnon scored once, and Mike McCormick and Joe Stowell each registered one assist.

The Lancers outshot the Green by a 21-5 margin in the first period and received goals from Tuccolo, Pitarys, Hamilton, and Tuccolo again in that order in grabbing a 4-0 advantage.

The Londonderry lead bulged to 6-0 with scores by Murphy and Federico during the first 5:09 of the middle stanza, with Central-West finally lighting the lamp 46 seconds after the sixth LHS tally.

But the locals got goals from McKinnon and Murphy during the final 3:09 of that period in car-

rying a commanding 8-1 lead into the final period.

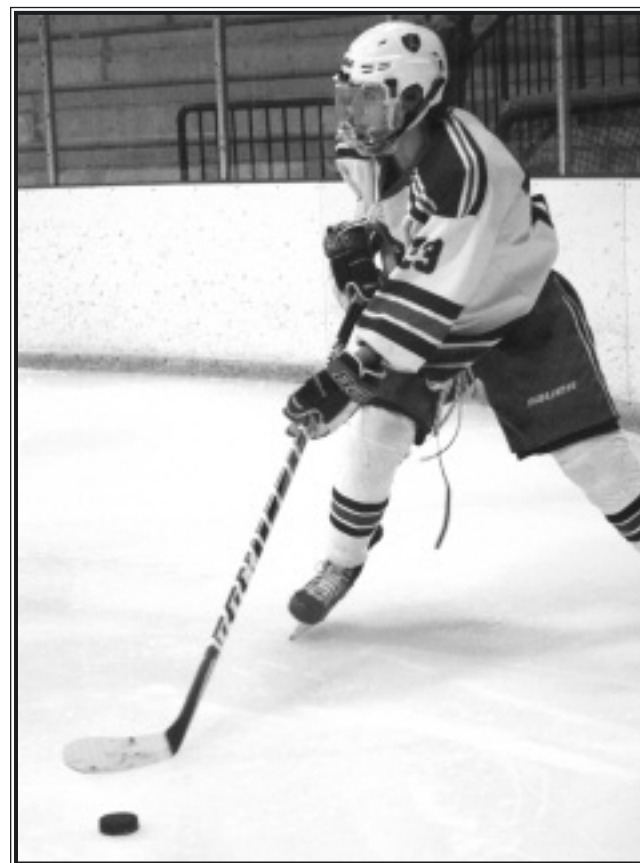
LHS goalie Cam Donovan contributed 17 saves to the victory, which came despite the fact that the frustrated Central-West crew kept on battling right to the final buzzer.

"You have to give a lot of credit to the coaches over there. They've taken on a project, and the kids never quit," said LHS coach Bedford. "We should beat that team by the score we did, and we need to be able to play a team like that the way we did because if you don't play hard against a weaker team you can develop some bad habits which can hurt you against stronger teams later."

In the wake of that decisive success, Londonderry looked at a pair of larger challenges against Bedford and Trinity of Manchester on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, Jan. 5 and 6, respectively.

Unfortunately, the Lancers just weren't fully up to the task against the Bedford High Bulldogs on the Tri-Town ice on the afternoon of Friday the 5th, dropping a 4-1 decision despite playing well in a number of areas.

After the squads played a scoreless first period, Murphy handed his side a 1-0 lead early in the second stanza. But Bedford then went on to



Londonderry High hockey veteran Jared Tuccolo scored two goals and set another one up during his team's recent thumping of a Manchester opponent in Hooksett. Photo by Chris Pantazis

net four unanswered goals the rest of the way, leading 3-1 at the conclusion of the second period.

Less than 24 hours later the Lancers - who were frustrated by not being able to bury numerous good scoring chances in the loss to the Bulldogs - were on the ice at Saint Anselm College facing off against the Trinity High

Pioneers. And the result of that contest was a tough, 3-2 overtime loss to the Manchester squad. Londonderry rebounded from a 2-0 deficit by potting two tallies in the third stanza - with Andrews and Murphy doing the honors - but the Pioneers capitalized on a power-play opportunity with 2:30 left in overtime in bagging the victory.

"The kids were tired, but we out-shot them 40-27 and just like the day before we just weren't able to finish on our scoring chances," lamented the LHS coach.

Londonderry faces another significant challenge this Friday night when it skates against those determined arch-rivals from Pinkerton Academy at The Ice Den in Hooksett at 7.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Jan. 1

**Brittany Fernandez,
Junior, Girls' Track
and Field**



This skilled veteran athlete has stepped up both on the track and off. She has been a top finisher for the team in two events and a strong leg on the relay, but more importantly she's growing into a valuable team leader.

**Justin Cassidy, Junior,
Boys' Track and Field**



This newcomer has been a great addition to the Lancer boys' squad, and in his first two meets of the 2017-18 season he has already qualified for the state meet in the 55-meter dash and the 300-meter run.

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Psaledas Leads Lancer Wrestlers to Sixth at Chelmsford Event

CHRIS PANTAZIS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Junior standout Ben Psaledas won his 182-pound weight class title and helped his Londonderry High wrestling squad to a fine, sixth-place finish out of some 24 teams at the Chelmsford (Mass.) Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 6.

Psaledas proved unbeatable in his division, posting a perfect 4-0 record and besting Framingham (Mass.) grappler Seth Martin by pinning him 2:13 into their cham-

pionship bout.

But the Lancers had three other standouts make it to the finals in their respective weight classes and have to settle for runner-up honors in the tourney, which was won quite handily by the host Chelmsford crew where team scoring was concerned.

Londonderry seniors Craig Santos (145 pounds) and Alex Boucher (195) both rolled into their title bouts having gone undefeated, but Santos was downed by

Chelmsford's Evan Goodall and Boucher got bested by Greater Lawrence standout Malib Pastrana with the divisional championships on the line.

LHS junior Taylor Dyer pinned his first two opponents in 220-pound division action but then lost to Burlington grappler Ryan Higgins with all of the proverbial chips on the table.

That tournament success came on the heels of the Lancers' fine dual meet performance at Exeter High School on

Wednesday, Jan. 3 where Londonderry bagged a 48-30 victory.

The locals tallied six competitive victories and two forfeit wins in a strong effort.

The competitive wins, all pins, were delivered by Santos at 145 pounds (fall at 1:10 of match), Vincent DelSignore at 160 (fall at 4:38), Michael Watts in the 170-pound bout (fall

at 3:10), Psaledas at 182 pounds (fall at 2:19), Aiden O'Loughlin at 120 (fall at 2:33), and Brandon Drake at 126 pounds (fall at 59 seconds).

Forfeit victories were gleaned by Boucher at 195 pounds and Dyer at 220, but the Lancers also handed over several forfeits in classes in which they had no wrestlers.

Coach Jason Cucolo's

Londonderry crew then looked at having its hands full on Wednesday Jan. 10 when they head to Plaistow to take on the New Hampshire powerhouse from Timberlane Regional on its home mats - after Londonderry Times press time - and over the weekend the locals will be on the road in Uniondale, NY, at the Solosky Memorial Wrestling Tournament.

Winter Festivities and Games Hosted at Londonderry YMCA

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Sledding, skiing and snowball fights are all the rage with kids during this time of year, but they are only some of the vast amount of activities that local kids can be a part of, as was shown during the Londonderry YMCA Winter Carnival event on January 7.

Taking place for the very first time, the event serves as an opener to the winter sports season for the organization, helping to give kids a taste of what the season will have to offer them and keeping them active during a time that is usually harder to stay active in than other months.

For the children looking to head outside and brace the chilly temperatures in order to have some fun, they could take a shot at snowshoeing through the deep powder surrounding the building or use colorful substances to perform snow-painting, spelling their names and carving out

various shapes in the snow.

But if the cold became too much for the kids, there were plenty of other activities for them to join in on inside. Downstairs, the kids could play Pin the Tail on the Snowman or use cotton and other supplies to build their own miniature snowman, while the upper floor had Snowball Fight Gaga, which was essentially a take on dodge ball where participants could only aim for an opponent's legs, and a hot chocolate bar. Finally, kids could also search around the building for a series of hidden snowmen and earn various prizes upon finding them all.

Melissa Mason, the Camp Director for the Londonderry YMCA, noted that although this only the first time they had done this event, it was still a roaring success amongst the dozens of participating children.

"They're having a good time", Mason noted.

But the event also served a greater purpose

beyond simply helping kids enjoy the season. It was also a chance for members of the YMCA Leaders Club to work to grow their leadership skills. Designed as a development program for teens ages eleven to eighteen, members work together during various events to learn about community building and volunteer service.

One such member, Leo Zupokfska, lent his help throughout the event to guide children to various events and has been more than proud to be a part of the Leaders Club. Originally working for the YMCA's Summer Club, he was eventually encouraged by one of the leaders of a similar Winter Club in Manchester to join in on the Leader's Club and has been a solid member of it ever since, taking pride in helping kids with experiences that he can relate to and seeing other children positively impacted by his help.

"You get to really share your experiences with them", Zupokfska stated.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda January 17, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

I. Draft minutes to approve: December 2017

II. Report by Town Council liaison (if any): n/a

III. Public hearing of cases:

- A. **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) – continued from December 20, 2017
- B. **CASE NO. 12/20/2017-5:** Request for a special exception under LZO 3.12.1 for a dog daycare 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) – continued from December 20, 2017
- C. **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) – continued from December 20, 2017
- D. **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) – continued from December 20, 2017
- E. **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) – continued from December 20, 2017
- F. **CASE NO. 12/20/2017-10:** Request for two variances (1) from LZO 3.11.6.D.3.b.ii to allow three walls 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) – continued from December 20, 2017
- G. **CASE NO. 1/17/18-1:** Request for a variance from LZO 2.3.1.3.C.1 to allow a carport to encroach approximately 27 feet into the 40 feet front setback back, 50 South Road, Map 3 Lot 15, Zoned AR-1, Brian Proulx (Owner & Applicant)
- H. **CASE NO. 1/17/18-2:** Request for two variances: (1) from LZO 2.3.1.3.C.1 to allow the construction of an addition which will encroach approximately 32 feet into the 40 feet front setback, and (2) from LZO 2.3.1.3.C.2 to allow construction of an addition which will encroach eight feet into the 15 feet side setback, Five Manter Mill Road, Map 18 Lot 20, Zoned AR-1, SHN, LLC (Owner & Applicant)
- I. **CASE NO. 1/17/18-3:** Request for a variance from LZO 2.4.1.B.3.a to allow the use of a financial institution with a drive thru window as an accessory use in the C-III district which is otherwise prohibited, Two Litchfield Road, Map 12 Lot 68, Zoned C-III & Historic Overlay District (HOD), Crowells Corner Properties, LLC (Owner & Applicant)
- J. **CASE NO. 1/17/18-4:** Request for two variances: (1) from LZO 3.11.5.C.1 to allow a sign 25 feet in height where only 10 feet in height are allowed, and (2) from LZO 3.11.6.D.3.a to allow a 113 SF sign where only 65 SF are allowed, 162 Rockingham Road, Map 15 Lot 58, Zoned MUC, 7-Eleven, Inc (Owner & Applicant)

IV. Communications and miscellaneous: Election of officers

V. Other business:

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The Londonderry Women's Club will hold a White Elephant Bingo on Wednesday Jan. 17, from 6 - 9 p.m. at La Caretta in Londonderry. This event is open to all members and new members. The club is a civic and social organization that has been involved in the community for over 30 years and is a great way to meet new friends and get involved in the community. Please join us on Jan. 17, or visit us at londonderrywomenclub.com for more information.

Potters Bowl

On Saturday, Jan. 27, Community Caregivers of Greater Derry is hosting their 13th Annual Potter's Bowl fundraiser from 5 - 8

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The Boston Red Sox Foundation is looking to recognize inspiring senior students dedicated to making a positive impact in their communities with the New England Red Sox Service Scholarship. The annual scholarship honors high school seniors who have demonstrated a commitment to social good. Those selected will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship and recognition during a special pre-game ceremony at Fenway Park. Submissions for New Hampshire seniors are due Jan. 12. For more details and to apply visit, redsoxfoundation.org/service-scholarships.

Derry Fun Night

Interested in model trains? go to Derry Fun Night on Jan. 12, The program is held the second Friday night of each month, 7 - 9 p.m., at the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry. The January program will provide all the materials to build a small laser-cut handcar shed. Always a part of the program is Model Showcase where modelers bring in the latest project they are working on to show and discuss. For

additional information go to the Division's website at seacoastnmra.org/calendar.

Renew Clothing

Renew clothing opening Jan. 13, from 8 - 10:30 a.m. (arrive by 10) also open every Thursdays 9 - 11:30 a.m. (arrive by 11) winter clothing is now available. Families and individuals in need or on a budget are welcomed. We give away free gently-used apparel that has been donated by the community, and sorted and organized by volunteers. Enter at marquee sign of Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Road in Derry. Limits: To make sure our newest items are available for all our visitors we limit each household to up to 20 of our newest items plus a reasonable number of our older items. Donations of good condition, modern clothing may be placed in our donations bin by our door at any time. No housewares, books, toys, or bedding, please. Sorry, we are unable to provide tax-receipts. No donations of money are asked for or accepted in return for our clothing. Contact us by emailing renewcalvary@gmail.com, or calling the church secretary at 434-1516.

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.

St. Gianna's Closet

St. Gianna's Closet provides free children's clothing to any family in the community that is in need. It is now well-stocked with sizes birth to teen as well as winter coats. Please contact Liz at 437-6678 to receive clothing.

"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.

Continuing Education Program

Programs are open to the public at no charge, except as otherwise indicated. Donations to the Etz Hayim Synagogue will allow us to continue to offer these and other programs, and are gratefully accepted. Thurs. Nights, at 7 p.m. Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1 1/2 Hood Road, Derry. For more information, please contact: Stephen Soreff, MD, at soreffs15@aol.com or 603 895-6120.

Lamplighters

A womans group with the goal of helping less fortunate woman and people in NH meets every 4th Thursday of the month 7 p.m. at Londonderry Presbyterian Church at 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Jan. 1
7:27 a.m. Auto Theft investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.
8:28 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Harvey Road.
1:13 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Alexander Road at Castle Court.

2:40 p.m. Services rendered at motor vehicle accident on Mammoth Road at Midridge Circle.
5:50 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Threatening on Cote Lane.
8:03 p.m. Vehicle towed after motor vehicle accident on Charleston Avenue at Gilcreast Road.

Tuesday - Jan. 2
6:36 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Eastern Avenue. Amanda McCurdy, 29, of Manchester charged with Endangering Welfare of Child/incompetent.
6:44 p.m. Four officers respond to Attempted Suicide on Elijah Hill Road. Person transported to hospital.

9:08 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Amherst Street, Nashua. Courtney Beaulieu, 25, of Nashua charged with four counts of Identity Fraud.
Wednesday - Dec. Jan. 3
9:43 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Abbott Street, Manchester. Kenneth Armstrong, 46, of Nashua Charged with Disobeying an Officer, Yellow Line, Stop Sign/yield Sign, Speed, Operating Without A Valid License and Reckless Operation.

10:58 a.m. Suspicious activity investigated on Pillsbury Road at Moose Hill School.
2:52 p.m. Warrant served and Arrest made on Fairway Drive, Derry. Cynthia Auger, 54, of Derry charged with Violation of Protective Order; Penalty and two counts of Stalking.
4:25 p.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nashua Road at Winding Pond Road.

6:28 p.m. Vehicle towed after motor vehicle accident on Mammoth Road at Londonderry Middle School.

Thursday - Jan. 4
12:56 a.m. Motor vehicle stop and arrest made on Nashua Road at Palmer Drive.
2:09 a.m. Warrant served and taken to other agency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport. Kyle Jeffrey, 34, of New Port Richey, Fla. Charged with a Bench Warrant.

11:22 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated Nashua Road at High Range Road.
12:01 p.m. Services rendered for motor vehicle accident on Rockingham Road at Mammoth Road.
6:57 p.m. Services rendered at Overdose on Winding Pond Road.
7:09 p.m. Three officers render services at motor vehicle accident at intersection of Hardy and Stonehenge Roads.

9:08 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated at Crossroads Mall on Nashua Road.

Friday - Jan. 5
5:24 a.m. Medical Emergency investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.
9:30 a.m. Complaint of large truck blocking traffic at MacGregor Cut on Stonehenge Road.

9:41 a.m. Services rendered for motor vehicle accident on West Road at Elwood Road.
9:58 a.m. Motor vehicle accident investigated on Nashua Road at High Range Road.

12:14 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made at Hillsborough County Superior Court. Alice Fisher, 44, of Manchester charged with Prostitution and related offenses.

12:26 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Winding Pond Road. Thomas Ludwig, 22, of Londonderry charged with Second Degree Assault.

1:47 p.m. Motor vehicle

accident investigated on Hardy Road at Bancroft Road.

5:57 p.m. Services rendered for motor vehicle accident on Nashua Road at Gilcreast Road.

6:03 p.m. Services rendered for motor vehicle accident on Industrial Drive at Milton Cat.

6:08 p.m. Services rendered for motor vehicle accident on Ash Street.

8:24 p.m. Services rendered for motor vehicle accident on Nashua Road at Winding Pond Road

Saturday - Jan. 6
1:01 a.m. Four officers respond to Assault at The Stumble Inn on Rockingham Road.

11:18 a.m. Services rendered for motor vehicle accident on Ammon Drive.

11:34 a.m. Services rendered for motor vehicle accident on Mammoth Road at Fieldstone Drive.

2:55 p.m. Services rendered for motor vehicle accident on Adams Road near orchard.

7:58 p.m. Services rendered for Attempted Suicide on Victoria Drive.

Sunday - Jan. 7
12:05 a.m. Four officers investigate Motor Vehicle Accident on Pillsbury Road at King Richard Drive.

11:25 a.m. Weapons Offenses investigated on Stonehenge Road.

2:19 p.m. Three officers and Fire Department investigate accident involving three Motor Vehicles at intersection of Hardy Road and Stonehenge Road.

2:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident investigated at Red Arrow Diner on Rockingham Road.

3:46 p.m. Overdose investigated on Capitol Hill Dr

7:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident investigated on Gilcreast Road at Nashua Road.

9 p.m. Attempted Suicide Transported To Hospital From Londonderry BP on Mohawk Drive.

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Honorable Mention

Celia Kerr
Simone Miller



Stella Dutton of North School stands near her "Vet Clinic" entry.

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The creativity of local students was shown off to the community at the Londonderry Middle School on Saturday, Jan. 6 with the annual PTA Reflections Program Exhibition.

This year's program, which encourages creativity and self-expression through art, literature, music and dance had the theme of "Within Reach," and awards were given out to all that participated.

All of the elementary schools in town along with Moose Hill submitted pieces for the exhibit and the winners from each of the schools will move on the state competition in March, which will be held in Derry at the Gilbert H. Hood Middle School.

During the exhibition

attendees were provided snacks by the local PTA's and entertainment was organized by Matthew Thornton Music Teacher Stacey Gilcreast.

The winners from each of the schools are:

Matthew Thornton Elementary School Winners

Visual Arts Primary (Grades 1-2)

Carter Blanco
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Visual Arts Intermediate (Grades 1-2)

Anna Arnott
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Lillian McKinney

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Megan Plaza

Honorable Mention in Visual Arts

Aidan Jones
Ella Argie
Domenica Vacca
Kylie Harrison

Moose Hill Winners

Visual Arts Excellence

Gavin Argie, Kindergarten
Bryant McKinney, Kindergarten
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North Elementary School Winners

Visual Arts Primary Division (Grades 1-2)

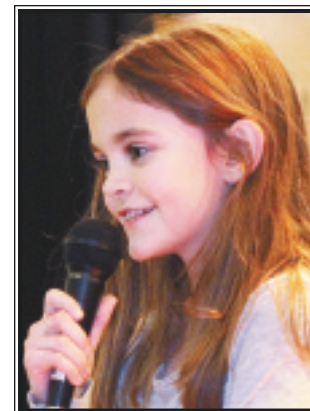
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