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## Under the Sea

Students at Moose Hill Kindergarten took part in the annual Beach Day held for both morning and afternoon sessions last week, giving them the chance to think warm thoughts during the winter months. Ali Murray and Jace Shanley are pictured examining the octopus purchased at the grocery store. See more page 10. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Resident Questions Need for Full-Time Resource Officers

RACEL CISTO  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

One of the more controversial items on this year's warrant is the proposal to add a new school resource officer to the Londonderry Police Department roster.

According to the warrant, Article 20 would

require the town spend \$120,070 to hire a full-time police officer as a school resource officer. The amount would cover salary and benefits/ Londonderry PD currently has three school resource officers on staff, and six public schools.

However, town resi-

dent and retired school resource officer Dan Bouchard says the way the town is structuring the school resource officer positions needs work, and he has been present at every meeting from Town Council to the Budget Committee with an

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## Recommendations Made On Warrant by Budget Committee

RACHEL CISTO  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Budget Committee met on Thursday, Jan. 24 to make their recommendations on this year's warrant articles ahead of the deliberative session.

The committee voted on each of the 28 articles and came to a unanimous decision on each one. They voted to support all but two articles, voting against both Article 20, which would add a new school resource officer to the Londonderry Police Department staff, and Article 27, which would

allow businesses in town to hold keno games on their premises.

These votes are in direct contrast to those taken by Town Council just days earlier. On Jan. 21, Council voted in favor of every article, including both the new officer and allowing keno.

The decision to vote against Article 20, the new school resource officer, came after a discussion with retired School Resource Officer Dan Bouchard about the costs and future trajectory of the program.

Bouchard made the case that hiring former

officers on a part-time basis and keeping those officers in the school when the school was open would save the town money down the road and better serve the schools. He also noted that the savings would allow the district to hire more officers - adding two or three to the schools instead of the current single officer in the warrant. Along with the overall savings, according to Bouchard, adding three part-time school resource officers to the three already hired would allow for the department to have one

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## Design Review of Woodmont Senior Living Facility Presented

MACK LEATHURBY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The design for a senior living facility within Woodmont Commons has now taken shape on paper, so the developers and designers were at the Londonderry Heritage/Historic District Commission meeting to present their design to conform to the Town's heritage standards.

The senior living community design plans will be constructed in several phases to eventually consist of six interconnected buildings containing 253 independent living units that will vary in size and price although unit pricing for the property is not projected at this time.

There will be 40 assist-

ed living units - expected to include approximately 375-410 square feet of space. The community plan includes parking and associated facilities and will be located within Woodmont Commons on Pillsbury Road and Michels Way. Residents are projected to have under building parking garage space with plenty of additional outside parking for visitors.

This community is zoned as a Agricultural-Residential District (AR-1) in a large land tract area and is intended to accommodate Seniors 55 and over who desire a rural or estate type living environment; there will be also units that have a slightly more urban architectural

feel too.

The community design is intended to surround residents in beauty and utility, so the residents can be close to everything needed for a healthy NH life style. For example, landscaping will utilize extensive plots of native NH plants, shrubs and trees and will include a NH style wetland-pond area, designed for easy

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# Woodmont

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maintenance. In addition, plaza styled units as well as garden units with a nice sized gardening area have been prototyped. There will be a garden block built with two Bedroom units bookending multiple 1-bedroom units.

Project designers have studied many types of New Hampshire and New England style building architectures and they are not looking to design "cookie cutter" units that all look the same. The developers have sought out building designs with both complementary and different looking architectures, using dissimilar materials and colors to create a scenic living area.

For example, some units will have a more traditional red brick New England style, while other units will show different yet complimentary colors. Building sidings highlight what the designers feel will be a nice New Hampshire appearance. Some of the units will

have peaked roofs with dormers while other areas may have a more flat styled roof with different types of window looks.

The designers are looking to create good views from the unit windows and balconies to provide a very comfortable lifestyle for residents.

There is a unique arrival experience designed to support a more urban plaza block corridor, with a more retail community plaza unit look. There will be a building that will stand out from others with an arrival canopy that will also be a main entrance area that will also be the access for assisted living residents. In an adjacent area to the canopy entrance will be a café that can be accessed via lengths of sidewalks.

There will be a glass enclosed raised walk through area that hovers over a main street so residents can stroll through and see outside areas without worries of diffi-



Rendering of the buildings being proposed to the Heritage Commission at Woodmont Commons.

cult NH weather days. Nearby the units will be a large area of outdoor space that will be used for recreation, communi-

ty gardening and healthy lifestyles.

The developers of this senior living community are known for their Edge-

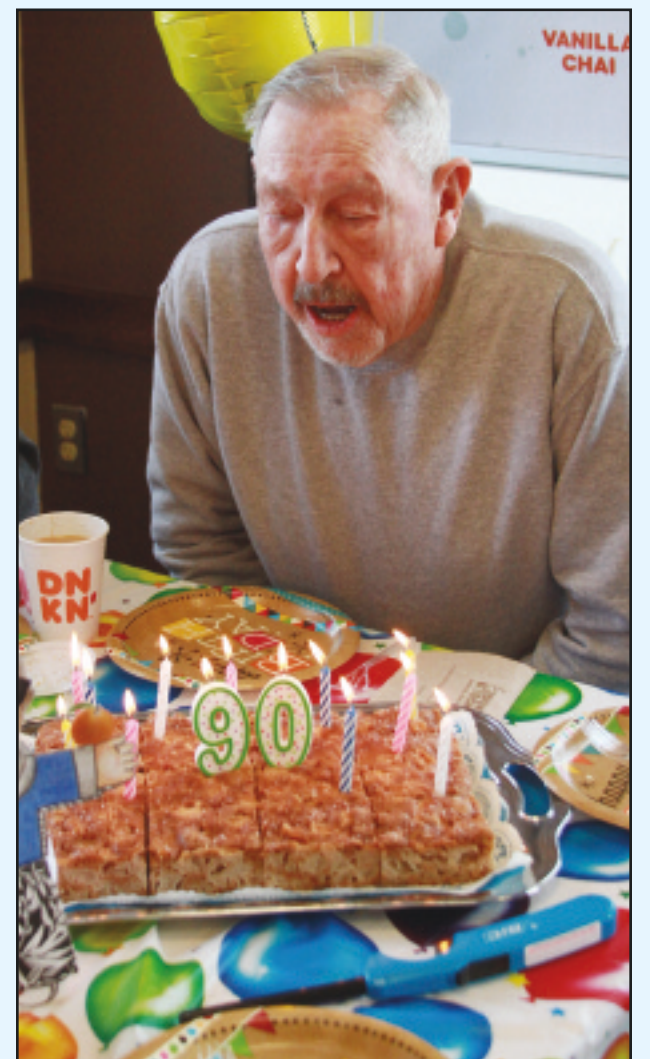
wood Lifecare Retirement Community in North Andover, Mass. That community is promoted for its healthy life style environ-

ment including community activities, amenities and security and multiple restaurants.

## Post Cane Holder Celebrates Turning 90



A group of some of the communities active seniors celebrated the 90th birthday of Londonderry's Boston Post Cane holder, Forrest Pratt, at the local Dunkin' Donuts last week. The group, ages 60 to 90+ get together on a regular basis for coffee, talk, and to enjoy each others company. Pictured above, Ann Chiampa shoots off a streamer popper during the event. Photo by Chris Paul



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# Conservation Requests Further Review Of Woodmont Senior Living Project

MIKE BYERLY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

As part of the town's Design Review Committee (DRC) process, the Conservation Commission began reviewing a proposed 15.4-acre project called The Baldwin Senior Living @ Woodmont Commons.

The commission noted that a proposed access road, several parking spots and walking paths were located within wetland buffers. They also had several questions that could not be answered from viewing

the plan documents.

As a result, they requested that the developers of the plan, Edgewood Senior Living, come to the next conservation meeting to answer open questions. After that, the commission would provide their formal comments on the DRC.

On another project, Peter Holden of Holden Engineering presented a wetland permit application for a planned development of ten two-bedroom condominiums at 244 Nashua Road. He was presenting on behalf of

Leonard Vigeant of Hudson, who intends to develop the property. The permit is required to allow wetlands and wetland buffers to be filled in by a proposed driveway serving the development.

Vigeant is buying the property from Londonderry Church of Nazarene, who in 2005 intended to build a church on the property but ended up building it elsewhere. The project has already been granted a Conditional Use Permit by the Planning Board to allow the building of residential housing on a commercially zoned parcel.

The plan calls for 2,868 and 10,500 square feet of disturbance of a wetland and wetland buffer, respectively, for the driveway and sidewalk. Commissioner Mike Byerly questioned the need for a sidewalk since the only traffic in the development would be from the ten residents. He was hoping to reduce the wetland impact.

Holden pointed out that the sidewalk led to a proposed bus shelter where school-aged children would wait for their bus near Nashua Road. The commission agreed that safety outweighed the small impact from the sidewalk.

While not germane to the wetland permit, commissioner Mike Speltz wondered why two wells were planned versus the standard one. Holden said that by having two wells, they could avoid having the system classified as a "community water system" and pro-

vide redundancy for the water supply. While monitoring of the wells would still be required, the requirements are less onerous than those for a community water system.

As per their usual process for minimum impact expedited wetland permits, the commission authorized passing on feedback on the permit to NH Department of Environmental Services after two commissions go out to look at the property.

The commission also reviewed a subdivision plan for 55 Old Nashua

Road, where an existing lot with one house would be split to allow for a second house to be built. A large pond that connects to nearby wetlands via stream is located on the property.

While the project does not directly impact wetlands or wetland buffers, the commission expressed concern that if the second house had a front yard that was cultivated lawn, chemicals would flow downhill into the pond. They suggested to town planning staff and the Planning Board that

the applicant be asked to leave a 25-foot natural buffer around the pond to mitigate that possibility.

Chair Marge Badois gave an update on the ongoing work to clear some small areas in the Musquash Conservation Area to create habitat for the endangered New England Cottontail rabbit. She said that the work in the northern area was wrapping up and that after a two-week break, the foresters will begin work in the area around Hickory Hill around Feb. 8.

## OBITUARY

Elsa L. Myers

Elsa L. (Fraser) Myers, 98, of Londonderry, NH, passed away peacefully on Saturday Jan. 26, 2019 at her home. She was born in Brooklyn, NY on Feb. 17, 1920, a daughter of the late Charles and Elsa (Spiess) Fraser. Mrs. Myers was a resident of Londonderry for over 43 years. She was the beloved wife of Rev. Charles Myers, who served as a pastor at United Church of Christ churches prior to his passing in 1981. She thoroughly enjoyed being a pastor's wife and ministering to the community at her husband's side. Mrs. Myers volunteered her time at Parkland Medical Center in Derry, Elliot Hospital in Manchester and the Leach Library in Londonderry. She also was a member of the Londonderry Senior Center. She is survived by one son, Stuart Myers and his wife Diane of Denville, New Jersey, a daughter-in-law, Barbara Rothstein of Micanopy, Florida, six grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and one nephew, Donald Turk of San Francisco, CA. She was predeceased by her husband Rev. Charles D. Myers and her son Charles W. D. "Butch" Myers. There are no calling hours and services are private. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations could be made to the Humane Society of the United States or the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry, 1B Commons Drive #10, Londonderry, NH 03053. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com)

## Warrant

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officer at each school in town.

For more in-depth information about that discussion, see "Resident Questions New SRO Plan" on page #.

Committee member Tim Siekmann said "it's a no-brainer."

"As the fiduciary to the town, it would be irresponsible not to recommend this," he said.

Committee Chair Kirsten Hildonen suggested that Bouchard could bring up his proposal at the deliberative session and try to amend the article. "This warrants further conversation," she said, noting that further discussion should be "open and in the public."

The committee voted 0-6 against the article as currently written, with several members saying they could support an

amended version of the article.

The other big discussion of the night was on whether or not the committee wanted to recommend an article that would allow keno games at establishments in town.

Committee member Christine Patton said she was not in favor of bringing keno to Londonderry.

While restaurants that participate in the Keno603 program must have a separate space to hold games, like a bar area, Patton noted that the bar isn't always separated from the rest of the restaurant.

"It's not that separate from the dining area, and I wouldn't want to sit and listen to the games going on," she said. "I'm dead set against this."

Siekmann also noted that the revenue from Keno603 program goes to fund towns that would

like to adopt a full-day kindergarten program in their schools, and since Londonderry does not offer full-day kindergarten classes, it would not receive funding from the program.

He said he would support allowing keno if the town would receive some of the funding.

The committee voted against it, in another unanimous decision.

The other 26 articles passed 6-0 with little discussion.

The Budget Committee will meet again on Feb. 28 before the elections. Hildonen said she doubts there will be much other business to attend to, but that the committee would be available to speak with the public.

That meeting will be held in the Moose Hill Council Chambers at 7 p.m.

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# Editorial

## Playing an Active Role

Deliberative sessions are the times specifically set aside to discuss and potentially change warrant articles. Residents don't vote on whether or not to approve the warrant article at deliberative session – they vote instead to send the article to the warrant, and on Election Day, they vote the warrant article up or down.

At deliberative session, voters can amend a warrant article (except those whose language is prescribed by law – usually zoning amendments), so long as they do not change the subject matter. Or they can leave it as proposed.

Depending on who's in the audience, school budget articles, for example, can be amended up or down before they go to the March ballot. That's why you often hear the fear that some group will "pack" the deliberative session and "force" their views on everyone else.

There's no force. It's up to whichever registered voters show up. If the turnout is poor and few people are there to promote or defend their views, the majority of those present will have their way. It's all in the hands of the voters who attend.

To participate, all you need do is to register to vote, attend deliberative, pay attention as the moderator explains the rules, read the proposed warrant articles, listen to public comment and vote on any changes or to send the article as is to the warrant.

The articles on the warrant hit us

where we live, and as New Hampshire residents, we have the right to express our views in a forum specifically designed for that purpose, and to change articles if we have the votes. And it's the articles that come out of deliberative session, not necessarily the ones that were on the warrant before the session begins, that we vote on in March.

Voters are clearly in the seat of power. That's why it's so important not only to attend, but also to stay for the whole deliberative session. In the grand scheme of things, it's not such a time consuming commitment to make.

In some towns, a deliberative session takes an hour or so. Others last four or five hours. In still others, getting through 20-plus warrant articles means 10 or 11 hours of your free time.

Plan to attend, and play a role in one of the participatory forms of democracy alive today. We can wave the flag and claim to be patriotic all we want; if we really believe in democracy, the deliberative session is the place to be.

And if you want to play an even more active role, school district deliberative is Friday Feb. 8, at 7pm and town deliberative, is Saturday, Feb. 9, 9am.

The final day to file to run for elected school board or town office is Feb. 15pm.

Go for it.

# Letters

## Pay Attention to "No Tax Impact" Warrant Articles

To the editor,

Our duty to vote comes up soon. Everyone, please take your time when voting and understand what you are voting for or against. Some may just look at the bottom of the article and see no tax impact and think it is free. Sure, I'll vote in favor of it. I don't have to pay for it.

If you read the Articles in detail, many state that the money is coming from the unassigned fund

balance.

Where do you think that unassigned fund balance came from? Did the money just rain down from the sky? It came from us. The tax payers.

If you add the amounts listed in the articles as being funded by unassigned funds it is over \$1.7 million dollars. I wonder what the total of the unassigned fund is and who else wants to use more of it.

How about reducing taxes instead of a rush to spend what wasn't as-

signed?

Paul Mentzer  
Londonderry, NH

## Deliberative Sessions

To the editor,

I agree with David Ellis regarding Deliberative Sessions. Why not have the Town Session on a Saturday morning and the School on Saturday afternoon? This was accomplished "in the olde days"! Easier on the Custodians!

K. Webber  
Londonderry

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# Conservation Sets Date For Annual Musquash Field Day

MIKE BYERLY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Conservation Commission has announced that the town's popular event, Musquash Field Day, is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 16. This family-friendly event includes guided walks, a scavenger hunt for young kids, a campfire with marshmallows and other food and drink including hot dogs, hot chocolate and cookies.

The center of activity will be at the Landing Area which can be reached by walking 0.7 miles on the Landing Trail that begins from the parking area on Hickory Hill Drive. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This year a special guest speaker from New Hampshire Fish and Game will lead a guided tour from the parking area starting at 10:15 a.m. Among other things, he

will describe the forestry work currently ongoing in the Musquash to enhance the habitat for the endangered New England Cottontail rabbit.

While most people enter for the event at the Hickory Hill entrance, visitors looking to make a longer walk can get to the Landing area using the other Musquash trailheads at Sara Beth, Faucher, Tanager Way and Preserve entrances.

From these trailheads, the walk each way is between a mile and 2.5 miles depending on the entrance. Maps are available at all trailheads and can also be found online in the Conservation Commission section of the town website.

A couple of guided walks will begin at the Landing. Attendees do not have to join one of the walks and are welcome to just explore the area on their own if they wish.

The event will be held regardless of weather.

The Musquash Conservation Area is Londonderry's largest conservation holding. The area includes over 1,100 acres of land with an extensive marked trail system, including 20+ miles of managed trails.

The area is made up of forested, rolling hills dotted with wetland areas that provide natural habitat for moose, deer, beaver, rabbits, porcupines and turtles to name just a few species. This landscape also provides an enjoyable place for outdoor recreation for the citizens of the area.

It is a popular area year-round for hiking, mountain biking, snowshoeing and dog walking. It is well signed and maps are available at the trailheads. The trails are woodland trails with some roots and rocks in the trails.

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# Town Awarded State Grant to Help With Next Phase of Rail Trail

RACHEL CISTO  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town of Londonderry has been awarded a state grant to help fund the next phase of the Londonderry Rail Trail.

The \$800,000 grant is part of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program, and will fund Phase 6 of the rail trail.

The grant was given as part of the 2018 TAP program. According to the

state's website, the TAP program is a federally-funded program designed to provide walkers and bicyclists with "safe, reliable and convenient" choices for transportation.

According to the town, Phase 6 would extend the paved section of the trail along the side of Harvey Road, Webster Road and Grenier Field Road in North Londonderry, which will complete the connection around the east side of

Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

The new trail will connect with Phase 5 - the Little Cohas segment - which runs 1.1 miles from Harvey Road to Mammoth Road and will be constructed later this year. After Phases 5 and 6 are completed, the total paved section of the trail will be 5.5 miles long.

Currently, the completed section of the trail is 3.2 miles long, from North Elementary School to New Hampshire Route

28 at Season's Lane.

There is one other section of the trail planned for the southeastern portion of town that will connect with the Derry rail trail at Madden Road. That section has not been funded yet.

The ultimate goal is for the Londonderry Rail Trail to be part of the 20-mile Granite State Rail Trail, which would begin in Salem at the Massachusetts border, run through Windham, Derry and Londonderry, and end at

Beech Street in Manchester. Currently, more than 11 miles of the 20 mile trail are completed.

In a press release, Town Manager Kevin Smith said, "The Rail Trail has been a widely popular amenity in Londonderry and has received great support from the community over the last six years since its inception. This grant will now allow us to connect the northern part of the trail all the way to the Manchester line, which

will no doubt only increase the Trail's use and popularity."

Residents will have to approve the funding through Article 24 on this year's warrant - a total of \$1,625,000 to complete the two phases. In addition to the \$800,000 TAP grant, \$225,000 of the money comes from the Londonderry Trailways Committee, and the remaining \$600,000 will come from the town's unassigned fund balance.

# Commissioner Explains What a Conservation Land Ranger Is

SUBMITTED BY  
MIKE SPELTZ

The proposed 2019 Town Meeting warrant includes an article titled "Conservation Land Ranger/Steward," a new, part-time position within the Londonderry Police Department. It is the result of a years-long collaboration between the Police Department and the Conservation Commission to ensure Londonderry's open spaces are not only legally open to residents, but safe and secure for residents to enjoy. So, what exactly is a conservation ranger and why do we need one?

The mission of the Londonderry Police Department is "To protect with courage and vigilance. To serve with professionalism, honor and dignity." Its vision is "To be the model agency in modern day law enforcement, through an expectation of excellence, a commitment to innovation

and community, and a devotion to unparalleled service." By statute (RSA 36-A:2), "A city or town ... may establish a conservation commission for the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources." (Emphasis added.)

Thus, the Police Department and the Conservation Commission share a mission of protection and a commitment to community. These overlapping missions should not be bureaucratically divided. Rather, they inspired the innovative proposal to create the part time position of a conservation ranger.

The conservation ranger will be a sworn police officer with full authority to enforce the laws of the state and the ordinances of the Town of Londonderry. At the same time the conservation ranger will be the steward of the town's open spaces.

These include conservation lands, the rail trail, the forest surrounding the town common, and conservation easements held by the Town.

It is an unfortunate fact that the same beautiful peace and quiet of our open spaces attracts not only those seeking the joy of a natural setting, but also those seeking a secluded area for nefarious activities. It is wrong for the immoral minority to deny the use of the town's open spaces to the law-abiding majority. The conservation ranger will ensure our open spaces, protected at significant cost to the town, remain safe and available to the taxpayers who secured them.

The conservation ranger will also be a "reserve" asset in emergencies. Storms, power outages, large fires, spills caused by motor vehicle crashes, and missing or lost citizens, especially children and seniors, can require an all-out effort

from first responders. The conservation ranger will be there to assist, with a close relationship with the volunteer ALERT (A Londonderry Emergency Response Team) organization.

The Conservation Commission is charged with managing all town-owned forestland and with monitoring all town-held conservation easements. This amounts to thousands of acres of land that must be monitored and maintained. The members of the commission put in far more

hours "in the woods" than they do in their twice-monthly meetings. The conservation ranger will enhance their efforts by visiting conservation lands more frequently, by responding to residents' concerns more quickly, and by uncovering small problems before they become big ones.

There is a story in the Bible about a landowner who, departing for a time, left money with several of his servants. The servant entrusted with the most money used it to increase the owner's investment.

The servant entrusted with the least amount of money simply buried it. Upon his return the landowner commended the enterprising servant who built on what he already had and condemned the servant who did nothing.

No one may ever make the story of Londonderry's conservation ranger into a Bible story, but future residents may very well commend the voters of 2019 for protecting and building on what they already have.

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# Potter's Bowl Serves Delicious Soup And The Community's Needy

MELISSA BETH RUIZ  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

For 13 years, the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry have held their annual Potter's Bowl to raise funds for the organization, so that they may continue to provide vital services and medical equipment to their towns' elderly and disabled. Patrons of the Potter's Bowl will be able to select a handcrafted pottery bowl donated by local artists, both professional and student, and enjoy a variety of soups donated from restaurants in the Derry area, as well as various delicious breads and desserts. The Potter's Bowl will be returning to Pinkerton Academy for the third year in a row, a venue with a capacity to hold at least 75 more people than in years past. This larger space also allows the Caregivers more room to devote to their auction, meaning there will be more items to choose from and bid on to benefit the Caregivers' cause. The event will feature a 50/50 raffle, musical entertainment, and a

silent auction. As mentioned in a previous article, the Potter's Bowl does not limit patron selection exclusively to pottery. Auction items are all donated from all sorts of New England artists and crafters and will include works of art made from oil, acrylic, and water color paintings, matted photography, wooden crafts, clothing, and handcrafted jewelry. According to the Caregivers, the monetary value of all donated items at this year's event amounts to over \$5,000. Those who arrive early to the event will be treated to "Wheel Throwing" demonstrations by Pinkerton Academy students, who will display the process of creating pottery pieces. Demonstrations will be held from 4pm to 5pm. Aside from having the chance to view a live demonstration, arriving ahead of time has its benefits. "Many people come early to be in line to get the pick of the litter," said Community Caregivers Executive Director, Cindy Tanuma, in reference to



*There will be plenty of handmade bowls to choose from during the annual Potters Bowl hosted by the Community Caregiver of Greater Derry.*

the vast selection of fine art and crafts available for patrons to purchase and bid on. One of the main attractions at every Potter's Bowl is the soup. Along with the selection donated from local establishments, the Pinkerton Academy culinary students will be making and serving soup and assisting with the setup and breakdown of the event. The culinary students will be receiving class credit for their participation in the Potter's Bowl, said Pinkerton Academy Culinary

Arts and Baking teacher, Mark Cahill, adding that it is an excellent opportunity for students to hone their community outreach skills. "Attendees always have nice things to say about the students," said Cahill. "And very nice things to say about the soup we make." According to Cahill, the students will be preparing a butternut squash bisque for this year's Potter's Bowl. Cahill added that the Astro Cafe, run on campus by PA culinary students and staff, is open to the public during certain times of the year, and weekly takeout food is available on a weekly basis. Schedules and more information can be found on their Facebook page, Pinkerton Academy's Astro Cafe. Wait staff at the Potter's Bowl will consist of the older members of the Red Star Twirlers of Derry, a tradition as long as the event has been taking place. Despite all of the work that goes into it, planning and running the Potter's Bowl is all done on a volunteer basis, said Tanuma.

"From soup to nuts we end up utilizing 75 volunteers," said Tanuma, fur-

ther explaining that volunteers split up responsibilities including phone calls, floral pickups, bread pickup, ladling soup, assistance with the auction, and more. Tanuma mentioned that volunteers work in shifts of about one and a half hours so that everyone working the event has time to enjoy it for themselves.

As with every year past, this year's Potter's Bowl promises to dish out delectable food, breathtaking works of art, exciting prizes, and the chance to give back to the elderly and disabled of the community.

The event will be taking place on Saturday, February 2 from 5pm to 8pm in the Freshman Cafeteria at Pinkerton Academy. Tickets for adults are \$40, and children 12 and under are admitted for just \$10.

For more information or to obtain tickets to the 14th Annual Potter's Bowl, call the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry at (603) 432-0877, or visit the office located at 1B Commons Drive, Unit 10 in Londonderry during business hours.

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# Find Out How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night at Leach Library Feb. 4

MACK LEATHURBY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Monday, Feb. 4 from 4 - 5 p.m. will be a great time for children and parents to visit the Leach Library, as there will be a party to celebrate Jane Yolen, Yolen is a renowned World Fantasy Life Time Award Winning children's

book author. All participants will leave with fun party prizes and one lucky participant will leave with a special plush T-Rex character from the book, "How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?"

fantasy, science fiction, and children's books. The party will feature an interactive get-together about some of her best known children books such as "Owl Moon", "The Emperor and the Kite", the "Commander Toad" series and "How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight". The end of the program will feature an animated version of the Caldecott Award Winning "Owl Moon".

The program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advanced registration is required. To register, stop by Leach Library or call 432-1127 beginning before the party. If you can't make that celebration party, there are more fun things going on in February at the library you should check out.

Here's a really good one! Join Wildlife Encounters at the Library on Tuesday, Feb. 19 from 4 - 5 p.m. to find out how ani-

mals adapt to the challenges of the changing seasons.

Every season, Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall present unique challenges for all animals. The animal ambassadors from the area's Wildlife Encounters team will provide fascinating information about where the animals go, how they live and how each changing season affects how animals can survive the weather, environment and predators.

cific week's trivia challenge. There will be a drawing to win a cool prize for participants who take the challenge

The library has lots more happening during February. With the school vacation at the end of the month, the library is planning a distinctive scavenger hunt, some special craft project times and more... The library wants to make sure kids can find something cool and not boring to do.

Beginning in February and ending early April, will be a time for children in grades 4-6 to participate in the NH Great Stone Face Award nominee program. For every book included in the program that is read by a child, that child will get a raffle ticket to enter the contest with a chance to win a fun prize.

The library also offers special winter program sessions during February including more Craft times along with Shake, Move and Read, and Toddler Time.

Toddler Time is on Thursday mornings from 9:30 - 10 a.m., this is where young kids are invited to enjoy a fun half-hour of thematic stories, games, songs and simple craft making. Advanced registration is required.

Live animal visitors at the program may include an Arctic fox, brown and white skunks, an African bull frog, and an alligator-snapping turtle. This program is also open to the first 90 participants of all ages and advanced registration is required. To register, stop by Leach Library or call 432-1127 beginning Monday Feb. 11.

The library wants to remind folks there is a continuing craft program in the month of February. Just stop by the library at the start of each week and find a fun craft project with supplies on the spotlight shelf to create a cool project.

The library is also continuing its weekly trivia challenge. Stop by - at the beginning of each week - to find out about that spe-

## OBITUARY

### Daniel Franklin Hicks Jr.



Daniel Franklin Hicks Jr., 82, husband of Gretchen Conner Hicks of Londonderry, passed away peacefully on Jan. 26, 2019, surrounded by his loving family. Dan was a husband, father, brother, grandfather, farmer, conservationist, Master Sergeant, volunteer fireman, and interim Fire Chief for Londonderry. He was born on July 20, 1936 in Londonderry to the late Daniel and Hazel Hicks.

Dan served in the Air National Guard for 19 years, some of which was active duty. He also served as commander of the Londonderry American Legion Post 27.

Dan owned Sunnycrest Farm in Londonderry with his brother-in-law, John Conner. He served as President for the NHFG and the NDFA. His vision made Sunnycrest Farm one of the leading innovative orchards in New England. Dan was instrumental in the formation of the Londonderry Conservation Commission, serving as chairman and remaining a member for 33 years. It was his dedicated work and passion for nature that ensured the purchase of land known as Musquash and the Plummer Property.

Dan is predeceased by his brothers Paul, George, Robert and David, and his sisters Elaine and Shirley. He is survived by his lifelong wife and soulmate Gretchen; their three children, Deirdre Hicks Barrett, Shelby Hicks, Daniel Hicks and his wife Kelley; seven grandchildren, Rachel, Elizabeth, Hanna, Michael, Daniel IV, Madison and Corey. Many, many nieces and nephews will greatly miss their Uncle Danny.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Tuesday, Jan. 29 from 4 - 8 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to benefit the Londonderry Rail Trail at Londonderry Trailways, PO Box 389A, Londonderry, NH 03053. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

## OBITUARY

### Mary E. Daneau

Mary E. Daneau, 66, of Nashua, NH, passed away peacefully on Monday Jan. 21, 2019, at her home. Mary was born in Haverhill, MA on Oct. 4, 1952, a daughter of the late Richard and Theresa (Welch) Dorr. She had been a resident of Nashua for the past year, formerly living in Londonderry, NH for 34 years. Mary retired from Boston Partners, Andover, MA, as the CFO in 2016. She previously worked for George R. Cairns and Sons Construction in Windham, NH. Mary was an avid Boston Red Sox fan and loved spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Katherine Daneau of Nashua, her son, Adam R. Daneau and wife Kaitlynn (Royce) of Londonderry, three grandchildren, Makenzie, Bentley, and Jameson; one sister, Margaret Shields and her husband Ralph of Lakeland, FL, as well as two nieces and one nephew.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Monday, Jan. 28 from 5 - 7 p.m. in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A Catholic prayer service was offered at 7 p.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Jimmy Fund, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168 or Pan Mass Challenge, 77 Fourth Avenue, Needham, MA 02494. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).



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# Space Heaters Culprit In 4/5 Home Heating Fatalities

MELISSA BETH RUIZ  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Heating a home with electricity, natural gas, or oil can be expensive in the winter months. To cut down on costs, a lot of households use a space heater in one or two of the most used rooms during the day and keep their primary heat source off.

While the use of a space heater can help reduce the cost of energy bills when it is cold, the improper or careless use of these devices could cost up to millions of dollars in home damage, and can even cost lives.

According to a press release from the office of the NH Division of Fire Safety, half of all home fires happen during the months of December, January, and February. Furthermore, most of these fires tend to involve space heaters, with the deadliest of fires happening when heaters are too close to things that burn such as clothing, bedding, or furniture.

Aside from the risk of causing a house fire, certain space heaters can also contaminate the atmosphere of the home with lethal gases. Any space heater that is not electric can quickly replace clean air in a

home with deadly carbon monoxide.

There are several types of space heaters, including electric, propane, oil/kerosene, and variations within including convection, radiant, and combination. Each of these types of heaters can be dangerous, and some are not even meant to be used indoors.

"Become familiar and learn how to safely operate whichever kind (of heater) you have," says Paul J. Parisi, Fire Marshal for the State of New Hampshire. "We know people have a variety of heating sources...just be careful. Space heaters account for 4 out of 5 home heating fire deaths and really do require some knowledge to operate."

Fire Marshal Parisi encourages residents to follow manufacturers' instructions closely when using any type of heating equipment, including furnaces, wood or pellet stoves, or any portable heater. He also stressed the importance of giving these units their space.

"It's tempting to put wet mittens or boots near the heater so they dry more quickly, or to sit close with a blanket to stay warm," said Parisi.

"But maintaining a safe perimeter is critical."

The NH Division of Fire Safety offers several tips in keeping safe while using space heaters.

As previously mentioned, it is important to know what kind of unit a household has and to make sure operators are familiar with manufacturer instructions to prevent any sort of hazard and how to properly repair them if necessary.

Space heaters should be placed on flat surfaces where they cannot be easily knocked over, and never on top of a table or chair.

Cords should be regularly inspected to make sure that they are not frayed or damaged. If a power cord feels hot to

the touch, the heater should not be used without having an electrician inspect it and/or determine if it is able to be repaired.

Prevent electrocution by keeping heaters away from any water source, such as pets' water bowls, sinks, etc.

Make sure that children and pets stay away from an open heater so that they do not get injured or do anything to cause a fire.

Keep space heaters away from walkways, exits, or congested areas to keep them from being accidentally knocked or tripped over.

Cords should be plugged directly into an outlet and never run underneath carpets, rugs,

or furniture.

Make sure that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are in proper working order when operating a non-electric space heater in case of a gas leak.

Heaters should be monitored while in use and need to be turned off and unplugged when no one is using them. Some people like to use them while sleeping, however this can be dangerous. It is wise to turn on a different heating source overnight when no one is able to monitor a space heater, or to simply layer up.

Nhpreservation.org offers helpful words of advice from owners of old homes on how to keep warm when the space

heater needs to be turned off and to conserve a primary heat source for extreme conditions. These tips include dressing in layers, wearing wool, keeping socks on, drinking hot beverages and eating warm foods, cooking more often, having warm throw blankets within reach, sleeping in flannel sheets and heavy down comforters, invest in heavier, blackout curtains and have them closed at night, making sure the home is properly insulated, put rolled up towels against baseboards and cover any cracked plaster with duct tape.

For more information and resources on fire safety, visit [nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety](http://nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafety).

## 'Wear Red and Give' on Feb. 1 to Support the American Heart Association

Morgan Jones, of Londonderry, thought she was the picture of health when she collapsed one evening while out with her daughter. Heart disease is the No.1 killer of women, taking more lives than all forms of cancer combined, and Morgan had a complete heart block. She underwent immediate surgery to install a pacemaker and now has a second chance at life thanks to medical advancements and research. The American Heart Association is asking everyone in the Granite State to 'wear red and give' to support Go Red for Women on National Wear Red Day: Friday, Feb. 1.

Heart disease and stroke claim the lives of 1 in 3 women – a third of our mothers, sisters and friends. Someone you know and love may be affected – at any age. It's time to change this fact.

That's why the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women movement, nationally sponsored by CVS Health, encourages you to show your support by wearing red and giving on Friday, February 1 to help raise awareness and save lives from heart disease. Here's how you can join us in support of women's health:

\* Wear red to raise awareness about heart disease – the leading

cause of death in women.

\* Make a donation to support the lifesaving work of the American Heart Association at [WearRedDay.org](http://WearRedDay.org) or at your local CVS Pharmacy, February 3- 23.

\* Join the conversation by using #WearRed, #WearRedAndGive or #GoRedNH on social media.

While nearly 80 percent of cardiac events can be prevented through education and lifestyle changes, cardiovascular diseases continue to be a woman's greatest health threat. To treat, beat and prevent heart disease and stroke, women should understand family health history, know their five

key personal health numbers to help determine risk and make healthy behavior changes like moving more, eating smart and managing blood pressure.

"Research saved my life," Morgan said, "I am so thankful to be here today and would like to encourage everyone to wear red on February 1, to show support for all of the women in your life."

For 15 years, Go Red for Women has provided a platform for women to come together, raise awareness, fund lifesaving research, advocate for change and improve the lives of all women everywhere. Learn more at [GoRedForWomen.org](http://GoRedForWomen.org).

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# Cadette Girl Scouts Looking for Kent Allen Forest Storybook Trail Sponsors

MACK LEATHURBY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

There's a lot of beautiful native N.H. plants and animals that live within the Kent Allen Forest next to the Londonderry Town Commons. Late last Fall, Cadette Girl Scouts, Troop 12591 leaders Gwen St. Germain and Sarah Fagan began support with their troop for a very interesting Silver Award project for the Kent Allen Forest. At that time, they began a collaboration with Kent and Meredith Allen, who are curators of the forest, to plant 300 daffodils to honor the upcoming Nutfield 300th celebration.

As the Cadette Scouts looked around the forest and walked the existing trail, a story - "Leave No Trace" - spoke to them. As they walked around the forest, the story's characters unfolded be-

fore their eyes and inspired them to develop a Storybook Trail consisting of 8-12 Kiosks on the trail that will educate people about respecting the forest, the wildlife in residence, and about leaving no trace of disruption or harm to forest areas.

The Cadette Girl Scouts would like to get help and sponsorships from folks and local businesses to realize this public effort that will leave a beneficial legacy to our community. Their efforts are in progress at this time with a goal to complete their Cadette Girl Scout Silver Award project by the end of September. They also hope to uncover much of the project at the Old Home Days/Nutfield Celebration time in August 2019.

The Cadette Scout Troop 12591 for the project has organized into 3 specific groups: Shaelee



The Cadette Girl Scouts look to find sponsors to help realize a Storybook Creatures Walk through the Kent Allen Forest.

Ambler, Alyssa Fegan and Hailey Grenier are project artists, while Katia Chylinski, Emily Galante are project authors and Sophia Miller and Megan St Germain will be project leaders for the construction, marketing, sponsorships and fundraising efforts.

The idea is to design storybook kiosks with natural materials will

require construction materials and funding for their creation and installation. Please consider working with Sophia and Megan as a project sponsor.

The story itself was developed in collaboration with Meredith Allen involved and is about animals who live in the area and their forest environment. "Leave No Trace"

are Girl Scout principals about treating the forest respectfully and concerns problems that can happen if people are not mindful of their environment.

There is Dottie the deer and George the goat who meet up with Trevor the turtle at the pond - who is not happy to be disturbed, so Dottie and George move down the

trail to find Charlotte the chipmunk, who informs Dottie and George about proper forest behavior and responsibilities. Dottie startles a skunk and uses the smell of the forest flowers to overcome skunk smells, though she accidentally steps on the tail of a salamander and finds a tick - and then the deer and the goat get lost in the forest.

Through a series of adventures, George the goat and Dottie the deer come to meet Walter the Woodpecker who directs them to Olivia the Owl to learn "Leave No Trace" principals.

There is a dramatic storybook ending that awaits you upon further project support and progress. For further information contact Gwen St. Germain or Sarah Fagan - Leaders, Londonderry Cadette Girl Scout Troop 12591.



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# Moose Hill Students Take a Trip to the Beach - At School



To help students get through some of the areas colder weeks of the year Moose Hill Kindergarten holds their annual 'Beach Day' where students come prepared for a number of fun beach-themed activities in each of the classrooms. Everything from examining sea creatures to surfing, building sand castles and just hanging out under an umbrella, was offered over the course of the morning and afternoon sessions. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Lancer Gymnastics Team Takes Second at Pinkerton Meet

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Varsity Gymnastics team was able to keep its good season going on Friday night, Jan. 25, when they finished with the second place finish during a ten schools meet, hosted by Pinkerton Academy, at Palaestra Gymnastics Academy. The Lancer gymnasts scored 130.3 points, while the Astros got 140.1 to finish first.

Seana Kelly was third overall on Bars, where she scored 8.6. She also led the team on Vault with 8.25 and finished

the All-Around competition with a total result of 33.55. Senior gymnast Maddie Croteau, who has seen limited action this season due to an ankle injury suffered last spring, had the team's best score on Beam (8.7).

Sophomore Sophia Hagymas had a 8.65 on the beam and an 8.7 on Floor, while Freshman Ella Houghton's result was 8.6 in the floor event.

After the meet, Coach Heather Tuden commented, "Great meet. We have some things we can improve on, but after a week of finals, the girls

are tired, but performed well. The goal of the season is to peak and have our best performance on State's. We hope that everything comes together there and we put our best score of the season. I see us improving in every meet".

Londonderry's regular season will conclude on Thursday, Jan. 31, at Salem High meet, and the State Championship will take place the following week on Feb. 9 in the Hackler Gymnasium at Pinkerton Academy.

Pinkerton is the only team the Lancers have lost to this season.



Lancer gymnasts Sophia Hagymas, left and Ella Houghton both scored well in the Floor Exercise at the Pinkerton meet. Photos by Chris Paul



**Friends and Family** Londonderry High School Spirit squad hosted Cheerleading Friends and Family Night on Thursday, Jan. 25 at LHS. The school's cheerleaders got an opportunity to perform their routine in front of their home crowd, before they hit the competition floor starting Saturday, Feb. 2, as their season begins with the "Cheer Madness" event at Nashua North High School. The Londonderry Middle School teams, both L and M, also joined the high school Varsity and Junior Varsity teams for the Friends & Family Night.

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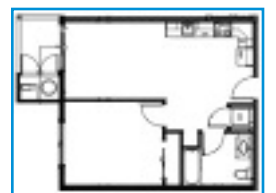
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# Londonderry Girls Basketball Team Splits Another Week

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

For the second week in a row, Londonderry High School's Girls' Varsity Basketball team had to settle for a split, winning one game and losing the next one. Now, with seven games left in the season, and

some tough challenges ahead, their record stands at 5-6.

On Friday, Jan. 25, at Nashua South High School, the Lady Lancers got a 50-36 victory. They jumped into a 14-7 lead after one quarter and slowed down, but kept some distance and went

to the locker rooms up 21-15. South came back in the third quarter and the teams entered the last eight minutes with LHS leading only by three points (32-29), but some good minutes of strong defense by the Lancers helped them to smiles at the last buzzer. Ashley Rourke scored 17, including three three-pointers and Courtney Shay had 12 points.

"It was another tough, physical, competitive game", concluded LHS coach Nick Theos, "The girls needed to play against a bigger team, on the road and road games are never easy, so we had to raise our energy and focus. We got fast break points in the close first half. The second half saw our defense pick up, especially against their bigs".

On Monday, Jan. 28, the Lady Lancers had a hard time scoring, which led to a 45-23 home defeat against Portsmouth. The visitors had a 13-6 lead after one quarter and were up just 21-17 at half-time, thanks to some good minutes by Londonderry, but were able to increase their lead again

in the third quarter (34-23), before dominating the last eight minutes, where Londonderry did not score a single point.

Theos said after the game: "We did not start very strong and were letting their size intimidate us. In the second quarter we finally got back into the game, but unfortunately, that is where the positives stopped. They completely broke us in the second half, out-rebounded, out-worked and out-shot us. They were bigger, but that was not the difference. They just wanted it more. We need to pick up the pieces from this game and hopefully learn from it".



Junior guard Colleen Furlong try her best to get through Portsmouth defenders.



The size of the Portsmouth defenders was definitely a factor as Ashley Rourke found out during the Monday night home loss. Photos by Chris Paul

## LHS Ski Teams Take Third and Fourth at Mt. Sunapee Meet

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School's Varsity Alpine Skiing teams competed last Friday, Jan. 25, on Mt. Sunapee, with the Division 1 Championship Races inching closer. The Lancers' girls team finished tied for third place while the boys settled for fourth in the event.

The best result for the girls' team came from

Bryeton Evarts, who finished second overall. Rylee McGrath took the 11th place, Juliette Louise the 15 and the last scorer for the Lancers was Emma Donnelly, with the 23rd place. Others to cross the finish line were Alexandra Tufts (24), Elizabeth Fish (28), Rease St. Gelais (29) and Erika Barnes (30).

The boys' point getters were Drew Gruchot

(20th overall), Brandon Fish (23), Evan Dugas (24) and Sam Palumbo (25). Jimmy Fitzgibbons got the 27th place, Austin Theriault the 30th, Ethan Green the 33rd, Tyler Keaixs the 35th and Kevin Brown the 38th.

The team will ski at Gunstock Mountain on Thursday, Jan. 31, staring at 2 p.m. and will host the last regular season meet on Feb. 5 at Mt. Sunapee.

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# Lancer Coach Lauzon Shares Thoughts on keys for the Super Bowl

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It's Super Bowl Sunday time and once again, for the third straight season and the ninth time under Bill Belichick and Tom Brady, the New England Patriots will play in the

title game. In order to get ready for the biggest game of the year, we asked Londonderry High School's Varsity Football coach, Jimmy Lauzon, for his top three keys for the Pats.

"The Patriots' defense is key number one. They

stepped it up in the playoffs, at least in the first game and the first half of the KC game. They have been able to get pressure on the quarterback and had some guys coming up with big plays.

Key number two? I

think the Rams' defensive backs are a bit overrated and some teams have been able to get big plays over them. All year they were a 'bend, don't break' defense and the Patriots can exploit them on the outside if one of their

receivers, outside of Edelman, can step up.

And key number three - The Rams linebackers are a little undersize and the Patriots need to take advantage of this. I think the game plan will be to stop James White and the

passes out of the backfield, but the Patriots can run against them".

Score? "Both teams scored a lot all year and the Super Bowls are always close with the Patriots. So I am going to say 34-30 Patriots."

## LHS Boys Hoops Team Keeps Winning Streak Alive

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At nearly the midway point of the Division I Varsity Basketball season, things continue to look pretty good for the Londonderry High School team.

On Friday night, Jan. 25, the Lancers hosted and won their only game of the week, a 65-43 victory over the Nashua South High School Purple Panthers. That was Londonderry's third straight win and fifth in the last six

games to put their season record a very strong 6-2.

Lancer coach Nate Stanson's team used a 10-0 run in the first quarter to open a double-digit lead, 16-6 after the first eight minutes of basketball. The Lancers kept pressing on defense and

finished the first half with a commanding 35-11 lead. The game evened out a bit after the break, and the third quarter's score was 19-18 in favor of the hosts, whose went on to easily finish the job in the last quarter.

Ethan May led the

team again in scoring, with 15 points. Cole Keegan and Max DesRosiers were good with 14 points each. James Buttafuoco scored eight points, and Jackson Cox had seven.

The Lancers were scheduled to try and keep their streak rolling when

they hosted Merrimack (2-7) on Tuesday, Jan. 29, after the Londonderry Times went to press. The team will then travel to Derry and face their rivals Pinkerton on Friday night at 6 p.m. The Astros have a winless 0-8 season.

## Athletes of the Week

Week of Jan. 21

**Justin Cassidy,  
Senior, Track and Field**

Justin continued to race well this season, finishing fourth in the finals of the 55 Meter Dash and fifth in the 300 Meter Dash this past Sunday at UNH.

**Grace McDonough,  
Freshman, Track and Field**

Grace has been making some big splashes all season for the girls' Indoor Track and Field team and ended the regular season in the same fashion. Going into the Championship Meet, she raced to two personal bests and two team bests in the 1,500 Meter Run and for her leg in the 4x400 Relay.

*Student Athletes supplied by Athletic Department*

## Local Jiu Jitsu Fighters See Success at World Championship in Pennsylvania

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Four Jiu Jitsu fighters who train at the Londonderry's Woo Kickboxing Academy competed with success recently at Elizabeth Town College in Pennsylvania, at the Good Fight's Sub-Only World Championship.

Brittney O'Brien, a Brazilian Top Team purple belt, competed for the first time in three years and found her division empty. She accepted a super fight against a much larger fighter, weighing in at 205lbs, and was able to take her down and choke her for the win. She also competed in the



higher Brown/Black belt divisions, where she finished third in Gi and in

NoGi.

Ed Tapia competed in the tournament for the

season year. He finished second in the Gi and successfully defended his championship in the middle weight NoGi division. Alyssa Marini, a Brazilian Jiu Jitsu practitioner and MMA cage fighter took the third place in her Gi division and won the NoGi. Amber Famisan was the winner in the Gi division and placed second in the NoGi. Team Woo, the Londonderry Affiliate of Brazilian Top Team, was also able to win the overall third place in the event.

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# LHS Indoor Track and Field Teams Ready for State Meet

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It all comes down to this. On Sunday, Feb. 3, starting at 10 a.m., the best members of the Londonderry High School Varsity Indoor Track and Field teams will compete in Dartmouth, in the State Meet and last week, the young athletes had their

last chance to secure a spot in the big event.

Last Sunday (Jan. 27), the Lancers traveled to the University of New Hampshire for the last meet of the regular season. Unlike other meets this season, this one was a non-scoring meet and Londonderry enjoyed some strong performanc-

es from athletes who are peaking exactly at the right moment.

Justin Cassidy finished fourth in the 55-Meter Dash (6.94 seconds) and fifth in the 300-Meter Dash (39.24), where Damon MacLeod took the seventh spot (39.64). LHS had six 1,000-Meter runners, with William Heenan

getting the best result (2:42.64, third overall) and Matthew Griffin finishing sixth (2:44.84). Kyle Hoglund got the seventh spot in the 1,500-Meter run (4:23.44) and the 4X400 Meter Relay team took the eighth place (Cassidy, Griffin, Heenan and MacLeod - 3:55.54).

In the girls' events,

Caitlin Boufford finished ninth in the 1,000-Meter (3:19.34) and Grace McDonough was ninth in the 1,500 (5:15.84). Londonderry placed eighth in the 4x400 Meter Relay (Cailin Borovicka, Boufford, Brynn Foster and Carline Leone - 4:37.14) and fourth in the 4x800 (Borovicka, Boufford, Cai-

ley McDonough and Grace McDonough - 11:27.94).

Mat Smith, coach of the boys' team, commented ahead of the State Meet: "We are looking forward to it. Pat Hagearty is one of the favorites in the Shot-Put and our 4x800 Relay should also compete for a win".

# Lancer Swim Team Hosts Last Meet and Senior Night

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Workout Club in Londonderry was rocking Friday night, Jan. 25, as the Londonderry High School Varsity Swimming teams hosted their seventh and last meet of the season, which was also the team's Senior Night. The seniors were honored with a ceremony to start the meet, and both Lancer teams were able to get victories over Merrimack, Derryfield, Campbell and Laconia, but lost their matchups to Bishop Guertin.

Londonderry's teams got fourth (Grace Stone, Lilly Law, Elizabeth Allen and Isabella McKnight - 2:19.39) and eighth (Riley Walter, Joanna Davis, Hannah Gagnon and Alexa Calligandes - 2:39.99) places in the 200-yard

Medley Relay for the girls and third (Cole Tridenti, Chris Byrne, Luc Lafond and Brandon White - 1:54.52) and fifth (Stephen Bompastore, Hunter Turek, Kim Minsoo and Kevin Moscat - 2:15.40) for the boys.

Davis finished fourth in the 200-yard Freestyle (2:30.88), McKnight was fifth (2:31.67) and Avery Crimmins seventh (2:33.65). Theo McKnight took second place in the boys' swim (2:15.67) and Turek third (2:30.72). In the 200-yard Individual Medley, Stone finished fourth (3:05.31) and Walter sixth (3:38.82), while Lafond was second among the boys (2:25.39) and Moscat fourth (3:11.87).

Julia Ethier placed fourth in the 50-yard Freestyle (28.36) and

Gagnon tenth (31.67). Devin Janas was fourth in the boys' swim (26.38), Harry Feig fifth (27.01) and Kim seventh (28.13). Isabella McKnight got the girls' third place in the 100 yard Butterfly (1:20.16) and Gagnon the fifth (1:25.36), White finished second among the boys (57.28), Tridenti fourth (1:13.56) and Bompastore fifth (1:21.33).

In the 100-yard Freestyle, Ethier was the third fastest swimmer (1:02.47), Jazzy Brown the fourth (1:04.77) and Allen the fifth (1:05.68). Lafond placed fifth for the boys (57.10), Feig sixth (1:01.07) and Janas seventh (1:01.66). Davis got the fourth place in the 500 yard Freestyle (6:42.91) and Law took fifth (6:56.38), with Theo McKnight finishing second



Brandon White continues to swim well for the Lancers this season.  
Photo by Chris Paul

between the boys (6:28.88) and Turek fourth (6:36.84).

The Lancers' team was third in the 200-yard Freestyle Relay (Brown, McKnight, Gagnon and Ethier - 2:00.89), with the second team finishing seventh (Sarah Gerardi, Walter, Calligandes and Crimmins - 2:21.73). The boys' team finished

fourth (Janas, Feig, Byrne and Lafond - 1:44.21). Brown got the fourth place in the 100 yard Backstroke (1:13.20), Stone was sixth (1:21.89) and Walter 11th (1:49.33). White finished second among the boys (59.69).

Allen got the sixth place in the 100-yard Breaststroke (1:25.40), Law the tenth (1:31.07) and Crimmins the 12th (1:34.92). Kim finished second in the boys' swim (4:28.46).

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# Lancer Wrestlers Drop Dual Meet to Salem Blue Devils

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Varsity Wrestling team continued its struggles last week, with a 58-24 loss to the Blue Devils at Salem High School and then 14th place finish out of 18 high schools at the Methuen Invitational in Massachusetts.

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 23, the Londonderry High School and the Middle School teams traveled south to Salem for two sets of dual meets. In the Lancer meet, points

against were scored by Sean Wilson, at 120 with a pin) Steven Valentin, 138, a forfeit, Josh Bean, 182, pin, and Justin Miller, 195, pin. Aiden O'Loughlin (126), Brandon Drake (132), Dylan Barnes (145), Johnny McKinnon (152), John Kelly (160), Vincent DelSignore (170), Nicholas Walter (220) and David Kichler (285) lost their matches.

Three days later, in Methuen Mass., O'Loughlin had a strong performance, placing third in the 126lbs category, thanks to three wins and one

loss. Drake finished fourth in the 132 and Walter was also fourth in the 220, with two wins and two losses. The Lancers scored a total of 67.5 points for the day, just 1.5 points less than Winchester and 2.5 less than Nashua South, who finished ahead of them.

Londonderry wrestled hosts Alvirne and rivals Pinkerton on Wednesday (Jan. 30), after the Londonderry Times went to print. They are also scheduled to participate in the New Fairfield Duels on Saturday, Feb. 2.



Lancer Josh Bean, had one of the victories during the Salem Blue Devils Dual Meet. Bean, at 182 lbs., pinned his competitor for LHS. Photo by Chris Paul

# Lancer Hockey Squad Edged Out By Hanover High School

IDAN VINITSKY  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry High School's Varsity Ice Hockey team dropped its only game last week when they traveled north to Lebanon. The Lancers played at the Champion Rink in Lebanon on Saturday, Jan. 26 and lost 3-2 to their hosts, Hanover High School, in a tight game.

For the LHS squad, this was their sixth loss of the season, with all of those losses coming in

the last eight games.

The Lancers conceded two second period goals against Hanover, after a scoreless first period. A Brandon Savage assist to Anthony Federico managed to get the LHS team to within one goal in the third period, but Hanover scored again.

A second Lancer goal, this time by Savage himself with a Federico and Zachary Rheault assist was not enough to even the score.

The Londonderry

hockey squad will have to win a few more games in the month left to the regular season to get themselves in a position for a spot in the Division I tourney.

Londonderry's record currently stands at 4-6-1, with seven games left in the regular season.

They hosted Exeter

High School (5-4-1) on Wednesday, Jan. 30, after the Londonderry Times went to print and are scheduled to play another home game at the Tri-Town Ice Arena on Saturday, Feb. 2, against Nashua South-Pelham with their modest 6-6 season record.



Zachary Rheault has been a major threat on the Lancer offense this season. Photo by Chris Paul



## TOWN OF LONDONDERRY PUBLIC HEARING

### OPERATION OF KENO GAMES IN THE TOWN OF LONDONDERRY

The Londonderry Town Council will hold a public hearing pursuant to RSA 284:51 I (b) relative to the operation of Keno games in the Town of Londonderry. The public hearing will be held on Monday, February 11, 2019 at a meeting of the Council scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Moose Hill Conference Room, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH. The public is urged to attend.

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Public hearing on proposed Zoning amendments including the adoption of section 5.21 General Regulations, organizational changes to sections 8.1.5.1.L and 5.10.3.A, and the replacement of the word "should" with the word "shall" throughout the Londonderry Zoning Ordinance. The proposed section and amendments can be viewed online or during business hours in the Planning & Economic Development Department.



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: We will run the full versions of any calendar items online free of charge at [www.nutpub.net](http://www.nutpub.net). Please send items to [londonderrytimes@nutpub.net](mailto:londonderrytimes@nutpub.net).

## Musquash Field Day

The Londonderry Conservation Commission will be hosting its annual Musquash Field Day on Saturday, Feb. 16. The family-friendly event includes guided walks, a scavenger hunt for young kids, a campfire with marshmallows and other food and drink including hot dogs, hot chocolate and cookies. The center of activities that day will be at the Landing Area which can be reached by walking 0.7 miles on the Landing Trail that leaves from the parking area on Hickory Hill Drive. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. New Hampshire Fish and Game will lead a guided tour from the parking area starting at 10:15 a.m. The event will be held regardless of weather.

## Londonderry Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet at the Town Clerk's Office to correct the checklist and register voters on: Saturday, March 2, From 10 - 11:30 a.m. This is the last day to vote prior to the Town Election on March 12. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency. Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers). Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, domicile and citizenship.

## Aviation Museum

The Aviation Museum will host the following events. Saturday, Feb. 9, at 11 a.m. Stories of the Tuskegee Airmen. Observe Black History Month with a program about the leg-

endary African-American aviators who served with distinction in an era of military segregation. Saturday, March 9, at 11 a.m. Bernice Blake, 90 Years Later. In 1929, a spirited young lady became N.H.'s first licensed female pilot right here at Manchester Airport. Join local author Ed Brouder for a review of her career. Saturday, April 13 Family fun! Our Easter celebration at the Aviation Museum. Thursday, May 16 'The Flying Fleet' silent film/live music at the Aviation Museum. Saturday, June 8 Welcome summer with our Nashua BBQ Fly-In at Nashua Airport. Saturday, July 13 Wheels and Wings! Our annual Car Show at the Aviation Museum. Saturday, Aug. 17 Home-built Fly-in at the Aviation Museum. Spectators welcome! Saturday, Sept. 21 Our Annual Fund-Raising Gala. Details coming soon! The Museum is located at 27 Navigator Rd., Londonderry. The museum's regular hours of operation are Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 - 4 p.m. For more information, call (603) 669-4280 or visit the museum's Web site at [www.aviationmuseumofnh.org](http://www.aviationmuseumofnh.org).

## Surf & Turf Diner

Surf & Turf Special K of C Monthly Dinner will be served on Saturday Feb. 9. The Diner consists of Shrimp & Tips, Stir-Fry Vegetables, Rice Pilaf, Salad, Coffee & Tea, Lemonade, and Dessert. Dinner starts at 5 p.m., plates cost \$7 per Adult, \$3 per child, take out dinner's available at 5 p.m. At St Anne's Parish Emerson Ave., Hampstead. Call Nick at 231-0622 for more information.

## Theatre Talks

Theatre KAPOW will host the first of a new series of talks in advance of their theatrical productions. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Derry Public

Library, Dr. Mark Cronin of Saint Anselm College will present "Fiction, Drama, or FAKE NEWS!?: De Rouge-mont, Shipwrecked!, and the Blurred Lines Between Life, Art, and Lies" followed by a discussion. Admission to the talk and participation in the discussion is free. Theatre KAPOW's production of Shipwrecked! An Entertainment runs Feb. 22 - March 2 at the Derry Opera House. For more information, visit [www.tkapow.com](http://www.tkapow.com)

## Different Roots, Common Dreams

On Thursday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m., at Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry, a continuing education program will present a program entitled, "Different Roots, Common Dreams: New Hampshire's Cultural Diversity." Becky Field, Author/Photographer, will show photographs and tell stories illustrating New Hampshire's cultural diversity. Since 2012, photographer Ms. Field has documented the lives of NH's immigrants and refugees at weddings, funerals, workplaces, ceremonies, and celebrations. These photographs are contained in her book, Different Roots, Common Dreams: New Hampshire's Cultural Diversity. The program is part of Etz Hayim's continuing education series, Hot Topics, Cool Stuff. It is free and open to all. Donations will allow Etz Hayim to continue to offer free and interesting program and are gratefully accepted. For more information, please contact Stephen Soreff, MD, at [soreffs15@aol.com](mailto:soreffs15@aol.com).

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## Renew Clothing

Renew will be open Saturday, Feb. 9, from 8 - 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, 145 Hampstead Rd., Derry. Arrive by 10 a.m. Renew will also be open every Thursday 9 - 11:30 a.m., please arrive by 11 a.m. NH residents only. Renew offers free, gently-used apparel. Each household is limited to 15 of the newest items, plus a reasonable number of older items. Enter at the church marquee sign. Donations of good condition, modern clothing may be placed in the donations bin by the door at any time. No donations of money are asked or accepted. For details, search for "Renew Derry" on Facebook, or email [renewcalvary@gmail.com](mailto:renewcalvary@gmail.com).

## Women's Writing Group

Derry Women's Creative writing group meets the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at the Derry public Library at 6:30 p.m.

## Lenten Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus council 3023 of St. Thomas Aquinas in Derry,

will be holding their 10th annual Lenten Fish Fry beginning on Friday March 8, and continuing on each Friday until April 12. We will be serving dinner from 5:00 to 7 p.m. at the St. Thomas Aquinas Center, 26 Crystal Avenue in Derry. Dinner includes a fried haddock fish fillet, french fries, cole slaw, tartar sauce and a roll for \$9.50. The children's dinner includes fish sticks, or mac and cheese, with french fries for \$3.50. Take out dinners are also available. For more information contact [stevellhom@aol.com](mailto:stevellhom@aol.com).

## Republican Meeting

The Londonderry Republican Committee is holding will meet on Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Victory Baptist Church, 78 Litchfield Rd., Londonderry. We will meet from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. We plan on discussing our strategy for building our committee and planning a strategy for the 2020 election cycle. Please plan on attending; meeting will be canceled if the weather is bad. I'd love to see there!

## The First First Lady

On Thursday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m., Anne Barrett, a historian and entertainer with experience working with her local historical society and at the North Shore Music Theatre, will hold a presentation at the Leach Library on The First First Lady, Martha Washington. This program 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.

## Guess It Jar

Guess how many lanterns are in the jar, beginning at 9 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 1 and ending at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28 at the Leach Library. Participants in grades 6 through 12 are invited to stop by the main desk to see the jar and make a guess. The closest guess, over or under, will win a Barnes & Noble gift certificate. In the event of a tie, a winner will be selected by a random drawing.

## The Oscars

Join us this month in celebrating the Oscars at the Leach Library! The 91st Academy Awards ceremony (also known as the Oscars) will be televised on Sunday, Feb. 24. In honor of the

upcoming awards ceremony, some nominated movies and winners from the Oscars' long history will be on display this month as well as books on film history and biographies on movie celebrities. The display will also have ballots for patrons to vote for their favorite "Best Picture" winner from the last 20 years. All participants will be entered to win a raffle prize bag.

## Celebrate Jane Yolen

Join us at the Leach Library on Monday, Feb. 4 from 4 - 5 p.m. to celebrate the works of Jane Yolen. During this energetic party, we will visit a Duck Pond, discover What to Do with a Box, and find out How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight. We will end the program by watching a short animated version of the Caldecott Award Winning Owl Moon. All participants will leave with fun party prizes and one lucky participant will leave with a special plush T-Rex character from How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight. This engaging 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 Monday, Jan. 28.

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Come by the Leach Library Tuesday, Feb. 19 from 4 - 5 p.m. to find out how animals adapt to the challenges of changing seasons. From winter to spring, summer to fall, each season has its own challenges. During this fascinating program, participants will meet animal ambassadors and learn interesting information about where the animals live and how the changing season affects what animals do to survive. Animal visitors may include an Arctic fox, brown and white skunk, African bull frog, and alligator snapping turtle (live animals). This exciting 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 Monday, Feb. 11.

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# Londonderry Police Log

### Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

#### Monday - Jan. 21

**10:07 a.m.** Suspicious activity results hazard removed Nashua Road at Commons Plaza.

**4:06 p.m.** Three officers respond to a Medical Emergency and transport to hospital from Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**4:25 p.m.** Domestic Disturbance investigated on Pettengill Road.

**4:31 p.m.** Sudden Death investigated on Conifer Place.

#### Tuesday - Jan. 22

**12:53 a.m.** Suspicious activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**9:52 a.m.** Assisted Londonderry Fire Dept. on Alexander Road.

**9:44 p.m.** Four officers

respond to report of disturbance on Perkins Road at Subway but could not locate.

#### Wednesday - Jan. 23

**7:58 a.m.** Motor vehicle accident and vehicle towed on Rockingham Road at Smith Lane.

**8:18 a.m.** Disturbance investigated at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

**11:26 a.m.** Juvenile offenses investigated at Londonderry North School

**1 p.m.** Three officers investigate a Disturbance at Park And Ride South on Garden Lane.

**5:35 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Linwood Avenue. Sean Ashford, 28, of Derry charged with Theft/Shoplifting and

Willful Concealment.

**9:30 p.m.** Attempted suicide investigated on Winterwood Drive.

#### Thursday - Jan. 24

**10:50 a.m.** Services rendered for suspicious activity on Rockingham Road at Vista Ridge Drive.

**11:08 a.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Mammoth Road. Arlene Campbell, 62, of Hudson charged with Disorderly Conduct and Criminal Threatening.

**1:29 p.m.** Trespassing investigated on Judy Drive.

**2:40 p.m.** Services rendered for suspicious activity on West Road.

**7:48 p.m.** Drug Offenses reported at Red Arrow

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## Around Town

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### 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.

### National Model Railroad

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one man's junk is another man's treasure. If you are interested in model trains and would like to join other like-minded hobbyists from beginner to expert for a fun evening program come to Derry Fun Night the second Friday of each month. For additional information go to the Division's website at [seacoastnmra.org/calendar](http://seacoastnmra.org/calendar).

### Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support

Hosted by David Hunter this group meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the: Bedford Presbyterian Church 4 Church Road Bedford. For more information call 660-3425 or email [dhunter31@gmail.com](mailto:dhunter31@gmail.com)

### Journey of Hope

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### Walking Together

A support group for widows and widowers meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Manse at Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. When we meet, we walk together our journey of grief. No need to do it alone. If you

have any questions, please call 781-866-9976.

### Lions Club Meeting

General Lions Club Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m., at Lions Hall, Mammoth Road. We are always welcoming new members to help support our community, so stop in to learn more.

### Child Find

Free Community Child Find Program for all Londonderry residents ages two half years through five years, eleven months of age who are suspected of having vision or hearing problems or developmental concerns. The Child Find Program will be held at Londonderry early education program (LEEP) Moose Hill School located at 150 Pillsbury Rd., on

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## Resource Officer

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alternative plan.

His suggestion? Make "school resource officer" a part-time position and have retired police officers take on the task of mentoring the children.

Bouchard pointed out that full-time officers who are serving as "school resource officers" can get pulled out of the school to perform other kinds of police work.

He said, while helpful, being pulled out of the school constantly wouldn't help officers form a bond with the students. A retired officer performing resource officer duties,

however, cannot be pulled from the school, Bouchard said.

In addition, using retired officers would cost the town less in the long run - savings would come by not being required to pay into the retirement system, for example, since they would already be receiving benefits through the state system.

Bouchard said, "If you paid a part time officer \$32.66 per hour for 7 hours a day, that would be \$228.62 a day. For 190 days, that covers all 180 school days plus ten

days. The total would be \$43,437.80 - far less than the \$120,720 for one that is being requested in a warrant article this year."

He also pointed out that a retired officer who stays part time as a resource officer, has a much quicker response time than other first responders since they would be in the same building as opposed to down the street.

Bouchard made his presentation to the Budget Committee on Jan. 24, and received many questions - and ultimately, support.

Members had initially been wary of what it meant to make an officer "part-time" and how

those hours stacked up with the ones of the current full-time school resource officers.

According to Bouchard, full-time officers follow a set "four on, two off" day pattern for their workweek as defined in their contract. However, a part-time officer would not follow the same schedule.

A retired officer is allowed to work up to 1,352 hours in a calendar year, he said. This adds up to seven hours a day for 193 days - which would allow them to be in the school for the full school day for the entire year, since school is only in session for 180 days. Their part-time status, he

also noted, would prevent the department from pulling them out of the school for other duties, unlike full-time officers.

Bouchard said that he made the proposal because he was concerned about the staff and students in the Londonderry schools.

"I want to see everyone be protected," he said. "That's one officer at all six schools. Just adding one officer isn't going to do that."

Chair Kirsten Hildonen pointed out that Bouchard may be able to amend the article at the Deliberative Session on Feb. 9 to use the money to hire part-time officers instead, but said she didn't know for sure if an amendment of that nature would be allowed.

Committee member

Tim Siekmann said that, given the new information, it would be "irresponsible" not to offer what they now know to the rest of the town.

"It's a game changer," he said. "We aren't being responsible if we don't think this through and tell the public."

He said that one officer would be better than none, but that six total officers would be ideal.

Member Christine Patton agreed, saying she couldn't support the article as written. "If they can't amend this at the deliberative session," she said, "I think we should vote no and come back to it later."

Bouchard said his meaning was simple. "It's all about keeping our kids safe," he said.

## Police Log

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Diner on Rockingham Road.

### Friday - Jan. 25

**12:52 a.m.** Three officers assist Londonderry Fire Dept. on Capitol Hill Drive.

**1:13 p.m.** Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Kelley Road.

**1:30 p.m.** Sex Offenses Action: Services Rendered on Winding Pond Road.

**5:39 p.m.** Keep The

Peace Action: Services Rendered on Parmenter Road.

**5:17 p.m.** Pedestrian Check on Stokes Road results in two Arrests. Kimberly Breen, 32, of Nashua charged on a Bench Warrant; Stalking; and Obstructing Government Administration. David Little, 35, of Center Barnstead charged with Hindering Apprehension Or Prosecution and Littering.

**9:55 p.m.** Three officers respond to Wedgewood Drive for an Attempted

Suicide and transport to Hospital.

### Saturday - Jan. 26

**3:21 p.m.** Criminal Threatening investigated on Mammoth Road.

**4:04 p.m.** Four officers respond to a Disturbance on Perkins Road at Subway and make Arrest. Jared Reeves, 18, of Londonderry charged with Disobeying an Officer; Seven counts of Simple Assault; Second Degree Assault; Disorderly Conduct; Criminal Trespass; and Criminal Mischief

(vandalism)

**7:20 p.m.** Overdose transported to hospital from Woodhenge Circle.

### Sunday - Jan. 27

**1:55 a.m.** Three officers Investigate a Complaint at Wallace Farm Apartments on Bridle Path.

**10:55 a.m.** Services rendered in keeping the peace on Watercrest Drive.

**9:43 p.m.** Three officers respond to Overdose and transport to hospital from Red Arrow Diner on Rockingham Road.

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