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Holiday Advice

Beckett O'Brien gets some words of wisdom for Old Saint Nick at the Great Candy Cane Hunt event held at the YMCA on Friday night Dec. 13. The second annual event brought families in from all over for holiday fun. More photos page 2. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Town Council Counters Tax Hike with Taxpayer Relief Act

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the Monday, Dec. 9, Londonderry Town Council meeting, Town Manager Kevin Smith introduced a Town Council resolution to create the Taxpayer Relief Act of 2020. This resolution is targeted for Lon-

donderry residents, as a direct result of the anxiety raised from recent property tax hikes across residential properties. This resolution was adopted as a Town Council plan at the meeting.

Over the past year, the Town of Londonderry went through a revalua-

tion that has resulted in significant property value increases across the town. This property value increase is due to real estate market trends and the popularity of Londonderry as a desired place to live. As outlined in this Taxpayer Relief Act reso-

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Residents Address Recent Apple Tree Destruction on Gilcreast

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Monday night, Dec. 16 meeting of the Londonderry Town Council, a number of residents addressed the board about, what they deemed to be a violation of the Woodmont Master Plan.

The issue being raised involves the property along Gilcreast Road, that is currently being excavated. The plan for 28 homes on that land was given approval a number of months ago by the Londonderry Planning Board, and as construction started; the developer removed more of the apple trees, than they were allowed to do.

The plan called for

three rows of apple trees being left along Gilcreast and at least one on the abutter's side. Two rows of trees were left last week, and as the developer started to remove all the trees abutting the neighboring yard, the town's planning department was contacted, and the excavating stopped after a few trees were removed.

At the Council meeting, a longtime resident who lives in a neighboring area, Jack Falvey, spoke about the situation.

"I'd like to address the council tonight about trees," Falvey began.

Falvey talked about how the Woodmont Common Master Plan and an agreement were developed at the time the

orchard was converted from an orchard to a 'Planned Unit Development.' "They agreed to a buffer zone around the entire development where apple trees were involved," Falvey said. "They agreed to keep three rows on Gilcreast Road."

He also mentioned that a number of years ago he had noticed that only two rows were being maintained in the area, and he and Town Manager Kevin Smith contacted the Woodmont attorney, and the issue was corrected.

Falvey then added, "Last Friday was Black Friday, the third row was destroyed."

He finished by asking

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School Board Budget Process Focuses on Student Needs

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the Budget Workshop on December 12th held by the Londonderry School District, the Board began the meeting hearing comments from the public. Resident Bob Slater of Stonehenge Road came forward to request the board to clarify the public hearing process for their budgeting efforts. Chairperson, Nancy Hendricks, pointed out there is a public hearing at the end of the process. Currently that public hearing is scheduled for January 16th.

Slater also pointed out, "The IT Director never got replaced and we had a line item from last year for him or her for \$116,000. Is that money being allocated towards this current budget?" The board told him no as another person is working in that area with a different budget pay and that IT position as of July was being eliminated.

Resident and Town Council Chair, John Farrell, came forward with another request related to technology. Farrell said, "I am an advocate for 1 to 1 technology. Dur-

ing the past 5 to 9 years, it has been implemented in public, private and charter schools within the state. And for the past five years at the annual CIP (Capitol Improvement Program) meeting, it has been the subject of discussion each year, but has not been added to the

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Families Flock to YMCA for Annual Great Candy Cane Hunt



For a second year in a row, the YMCA of Greater Londonderry held a Candy Cane Hunt at its facility on Rockingham Road. The public was invited to enjoy the festivities set up inside and out of the building. Families could sit with Santa, make crafts, write letters to Santa, enjoy an indoor snowball fight, interact with Disney and Marvel characters, sit by a campfire, and go on a candy cane hunt.

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Recreation Committee Discusses Rift Between Town and School

MARTHA SMITH
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Recreation Committee held a meeting on Dec. 9, and one of the items discussed was the fact that the town facilities have been readied for the winter and the equipment has been stored for the winter season.

One key issue discussed at the meeting was in regard to the recreational sports using school facilities. Psaledas mentioned that there has been a lack of coordination and apparent discord between the school board and the town council in regards to sustaining the recreational sports financially. Issues

have been raised that recreational sports may have to pay to use the school facilities. This measure would place a heavy burden on parents in the community that could significantly impact the community, the school and its recreational activities. This would ultimately eliminate the schools ability to sustain these activities. Psaledas said, "Some people do not realize the impact this could have on recreational programs."

The committee hoped that the two boards could play to each other strengths in order to better work together. The facilities are public and it would be a shame if this

current lack of coordination between town and school created the "ridiculous situation where it becomes necessary to pay to use school facilities." The recreational committee remains hopeful that the two boards will eventually sit down and work out their differences. It is so important for the sake of the communities and future school recreational activities.

The committee has spent about 55% of their total budget, which is the considered within the regular norm at the half-way point in this budget year. So far, there have not been and presently there is no need for any large

purchases for this season. Art Psaledas, Chair of the Recreation Committee, informed the other members that Steve Cotton had reviewed the electrical bills and has assisted the committee in obtaining a guarantee that the current rates will remain fixed for the remainder of this budget season.

The Committee then discussed the matter of shade at the fields and what the patrons would prefer. There are many choices available and it is a question of money. Cantilever shading is possible and Psaledas showed the committee pictures of several different types of shading.

Psaledas told the Committee members, "You can buy all sorts of stuff if you got the money."

This issue falls within the concept of prioritizing and seeking the best option for restoring and creating a functional sports field for the spring and eventually summer. The discussion continued regarding the different types of shading options available. Cotton asked Psaledas, "Do you know of any other groups in town that have purchased this type of equipment?" Psaledas answered that he did not know of any. Dimension of an 18x20 ft shading apparatus was discussed and seemed

the ideal size. Ideally the decision was to wait until spring and talk to the community to see which would be the best fit for the shade issue at the fields. Space and safety issues were also addressed. Spring appears to be the best time to make a final decision on this matter.

The next item discussed was concerning the softball infield. The company Psaledas has originally contacted has not been responsive. He suggested talking with the company that just did the drainage work on the town common job. They may have to go out to bid to get the issues resolved.

Relief Act

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lution, property value increases have shifted the tax burden somewhat from commercial property taxes to residential property taxpayers. Recently many residents were tagged with updated home value assessment metrics and tax hikes that many found to be higher than expected. The current tax rate in Londonderry is \$19.39 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Real Estate property values across Southern N.H. have been growing significantly over the last 5 years with some residential properties seeing greater than 20% valuation increases according to the National Association of Realtors. While many residents have expressed frustration over tax increases, some residents are happy that their home values have appreciably gone up.

A property revaluation

process has been set up by the town to occur every five years — but during the most recent years, the real estate market for residential housing in Londonderry has risen steeply. In 2018, the NH Department of Revenue Administration projected that the town's assessed property values were at only 85% of market value.

The state's projection for Londonderry supported town-wide residential property valuation to go up from \$3.9 billion to \$4.5 billion. So last month Londonderry taxpayers got updated tax bills in the mail that showed substantial tax increases and as a result, many residents felt blindsided about these large, unexpected tax hikes.

Smith pointed out, "People's taxes did go up, and we wanted to make a good faith effort to show the town residents that we're doing what we can to control spending and

also control the tax rate from our end over the next few years."

To counter the anxieties of many residents who got tax hikes, Kevin Smith and the Town created actions to address the problem over the next several years. Smith pointed out that the town has cautiously managed its Undesignated Fund Balance over the last six years resulting in a current balance of over six million dollars. Smith pointed out that full-time personnel salaries and benefits are the largest cost drivers of the general fund operating budget each year and he took these metrics into account to set up the resolution.

The first part the resolution act states that town will provide \$1 million back toward the tax pool to come out of the Undesignated Fund Balance. These funds will be used over the next five years by guiding \$200,000 in rev-

enue each year toward the next year's tax rate.

The second part of the act sets up a hiring freeze for full-time town employees over the next two years. New employees can still be added if there is funding of 50% or higher from a grant or another outside source. Currently Londonderry supports 159 full-time employees — who are budgeted at over \$20 million for salaries and benefits.

As a final action of the resolution, the town promises not to set up any additional town-side projects in the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) through 2024.

Smith told the council and the public that the CIP is projected to comprise mostly of school district projects over the next few years. The district approved recent CIP budgeting related to the school district in September for fiscal years 2021 to 2026. Potential school district

projects include \$38 million for development of more kindergarten and elementary school space, a new \$10 million auditorium, \$15 million for renovations across the district schools, \$4 million for a new School Administrative Unit (SAU) office development and \$3 million for high school grounds and gymnasium improvements.

Each of these proposed school district projects would go before voters for approval, as they are expected be financed via bonding initiatives. According to Smith, the new Central Fire Station in

Londonderry represents the last known major capital expense on the Town-side of government for the foreseeable future.

Smith said he discussed this Tax Act for 2020 plan with Town Councilors at a meeting on Nov. 25 to gain their support, so the plan was adopted officially at this Dec. 9 meeting. Smith summed up the resolution saying, "While the recent town-wide revaluation for the most part increased people's taxes, hopefully this resolution going forward will at least soften that a little bit."

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Editorial

Holiday Greetings

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

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

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

Money, after all, is not what the holidays were meant to be about, rather, good will towards our fellow humans. In our case at Nutfield Pub-

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

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

Letters

Why Cut the Trees?

To the editor,

To help keep the general appearance and ambiance of our town in light of the massive Woodmont Commons development there was an agreement reached with the town to keep three rows of apple trees on Gilcreast Road. It was assumed by all that it would be the original trees in the same rows. Woodmont now says that the 50 foot setback is the only criteria. This is clearly an aberration to the spirit and original intent of the agreement. The fact that Michael Kettenbach said he couldn't comment on an architect's six year old statement to the board is especially telling.

We are now being told that the existing trees were sickened and beyond the point of being restored. I'd like to see support for such a statement. And if so, had the trees been taken care of properly, this would not have happened. How about the remaining two rows of trees? Are they

also diseased and doomed?

One last point, what kind of town planner do we have in Colleen Mailoux who stated "Any regulation can be interpreted a thousand different ways." Who's side is she on and who does she represent? It doesn't appear to be the town's! And if she really believes in that statement, all town regulations may be up to the interpretation of lawyers representing the most far reaching developers. Think of the abomination of a complex still under construction on Stonehenge!

The town seems to have lost all control over development and especially Woodmont Commons. How did this happen?

Roy Bouchard
Londonderry,

A Thank You to the Fire Department

To the editor,

Annually, our Londonderry Fire Department gives a Thanksgiving Feast to the senior citi-

zens at the senior center. This year, I had the good fortune of getting to the delicious feast they prepared. This activity is not a job requirement. Indeed, it is an act of kindness by the people who take their lives in their hands every day they go to work.

Also, I'd like the director of the senior center, Cathy Blash, our president Bonnie Ritvo, and all the volunteers who decorated the tables and adorned the area with the spirit of Thanksgiving.

I'd be remiss if I didn't thank Joe Green, our councilman, who helped the firemen, their wives and children make the event a huge success.

In conclusion, my thanks goes out to each of our Londonderry firemen every single day of the year. Their jobs - whether hosing down the trucks, putting gas in the ambulance, putting out a fire, or even saving just one life makes them heroes in my book.

Sincerely,
Joan L. Chimelorz

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Planning Board Denies Adjustment and Subdivision Project on Wilson Road

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At the Dec. 11 Planning Board meeting, members continued to discuss the Evans Family Limited Partnership application for a lot line adjustment and to subdivide the adjusted parcel to create nine residential lots. There is an issue for the plan, as that area includes a complex Wilson Road area problem.

The hearing was continued from three previous meetings. Town Planner, Colleen Mailloux, overviewed the status of the request saying, "We received an updated applicant submission on Nov. 21, as to plans for

improvements on Wilson Road, as submitted for discussion with the planning board. We have reviewed a draft improvement plan and have comments to offer."

Attorney Paul DeCarolis of Gottesman and Hollis from Nashua represented the applicant to the planning board. DeCarolis said, "At the last meeting Steve Pernard, Traffic Engineer testified that our plan with the additional lots on Wilson road is safer than other situations and with the improvements we're doing we will be improving Wilson Road."

"The planning board had some concerns particularly about what the

fire department thought of this plan. We understand you consider their opinion, so we have since filed a letter from Brian Johnson of the fire department dated Oct. 29 — and he indicated that the fire department is in support of modifications for Wilson Road that provide a 20 foot wide minimum roadway with proper curves in the road that is ready to properly support fire apparatus."

"If I could remind the board about the history on this property. In particular the town engineering department has had a concern on this roadway going back to 2006. One of the problems with Wilson Road is that there's

not enough road area width to make proper improvements. We needed to acquire land from the property owners in the area because of the width of the road and with our latest plan we can solve this problem for the town.

"We are making up that difference in the road width on the West side that will give us a total of a 50-foot-wide right-of-way and move the lot lines back a bit."

"What we are asking for this evening is for feedback from the board as far as the issue of building this road to be a full Class V Town standard roadway which we think is unfair in this particular situation — because of problems with Wilson Road that have been there for years. ...the problem has to do with one-way traffic and restricted traffic flow to accommodate it."

"There are bad corners and a narrow road that exacerbate these problems, so we think it's fair to ask for feedback from the town before we go into incurring a substantial expense for additional planning and engineering work. Particularly, we want to discuss whether or not this road has been built to this Class V Standard. We are proposing to maintain the restricted traffic flow by making this an additional one-way thru street.

Whether or not the town requires that or not, we think that with the improvements we will make, will make this road substantially safer than what exists now."

Bernie Temple — a project engineer presented the site plan specifics. After listening to the details of the plan, Chairman Rugg invited planning team comments.

John Trottier, Assistant Director of Public Works and Engineering, went over some of the plan and provided comments to the board and the applicants. Chief Brian Johnson from the Fire Department was also invited to speak to the board about the project. The planning board and department officials supported a detailed discussion with the applicant to align town guidelines — though Londonderry does not have a lot of regulation set ups for one-way streets.

Resident Deborah Stuart of Wilson Road came forward to state that she was against the plan and she pointed out roadway problems, speed issues, traffic flow concerns and the practicality of the project. Other residents also added disagreement to the plan primarily because of the roadway and traffic issues. One

resident came forward to say the town needed to fix Wilson Road and offered that "perhaps this project could be set up to help fix this road problem."

Finally the time for hearing the request ran out. Chairman Rugg pointed out, "To continue this hearing would be contingent about having complete town specs for a 1-way road — otherwise we don't know what we are operating with."

The applicant reiterated their request from the planning board for direction to help them understand what the board requires for fixing this road area. Rugg pointed out that the planning board's role is primarily to provide yes or no answers for applications. The applicant requested a 60 — 90-day continuance saying they would submit additional documentation for their plan. Rugg pointed out that the Town might also need to come up with more detailed regulations for a one-way road situation too.

It was noted the project had four continuances already, so in the end the application was denied by a 5-2 planning board vote supporting the denial. The applicant has 30 days to appeal this to Superior Court or the applicant can start over.

Trees

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the Town Council what they intend to do.

At that point only councilor Jim Butler had a response, saying, "With PODs like this, there are always gonna be mistakes, there are always gonna be errors, Nothing is perfect. I think this is just an unfortunate mishap, but I don't have enough information now to determine what we can or can't do."

Council member Ted Combs responded that it was determined at the planning board recently that the apple trees would be replaced with crab apple tree.

Resident Tim Siekmann questioned whether it was just that area, or everywhere on the Woodmont property.

Planning Board member Ann Chiampa disagreed with Combs' state-

ment about the crab apple trees. "I thought we were going to continue that, nothing was set for that. I was suggested that we replace them, but it wasn't voted on." She added that she suggested at the time to not do that, as the PUD ordinance says to replace with "like trees," not crab apple trees.

Roy Bouchard, a fifty-year resident took exception to earlier statement that the trees needed to be removed because of disease, and suggested the reason for that is because they were being taken care of properly. He finished with, "The town can do better, and I'd like to get it fixed, and I'd like to have it back the way it was. I think the town should put its foot down, there was an agreement and the agreement was not kept."

Ray Breslin addressed the council by saying, "Is

there a legal agreement, is there a memorandum of understanding, whatever you want to call it between the town of Londonderry and the developer in regard to this, or do we just overlook it and move on."

Falvey returned to the podium for a final comment asking that 138 feet of buffer be restored, not the 50 feet the developer is proposing.

Council chair John Farrell ended the discussion by tell those who spoke that the council would need to go back to the agreement with the town attorney to understand exactly what was agreed upon.



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Day Of Giving Returns For 14th Year at High School

MELISSA BETH RUIZ
LONDONDERRY TIMES

According to a bulletin calling students of Londonderry High School to action, it is indeed once again time to consider making “the kindest cut of all” to help bring comfort to a stranger during a difficult time.

Last year marked the final run of hair-care company Pantene’s Beautiful Lengths campaign, where those with locks to spare were invited to give at least 8 inches of their hair to women losing their own to chemotherapy.

Londonderry High School had been a faithful

partner of the campaign since the very beginning, with contributions growing every single year. After the final cut with Pantene in 2018, some worried it may be the end of an era.

But thanks to the determination of Londonderry students, the end of Beautiful Lengths merely meant the beginning of Lancer Lengths.

On Friday, Jan. 10, 2020, a tradition carries on to ring in its 14th year. This time with not one, but three different charities to choose from.

After nearly a year of careful research and vetting by members of the

LHS Pep Rally Team, donors have the opportunity to send their locks to either Children With Hair Loss, Locks of Love, or Wigs For Kids. According to Steven Juster, LHS English Teacher and Pep Rally Master of Ceremonies, none of these groups profit from the hair they receive, and all contributions are used to create wigs for people in need.

The minimum length requirement for each group is eight inches for Children With Hair Loss, 10 inches for Locks of Love, and 12 inches for Wigs For Kids.

In addition to its partnership with these three

charities, the high school also has its very own American Cancer Society wig bank, says Juster, so the school is able to give wigs to members of the community if they need to.

According to Juster, the Lancer Lengths campaign is currently around 50 members strong, and counting.

“More students every day sign up,” said Juster, adding that even those who gave just last year have added their names to this year’s roster.

The Day Of Giving 2020 event is not limited to current Londonderry High students. Middle and elementary students and Londonderry alumni are all invited to make the cut. Those interested in being a part of Lancer Lengths need just reach out to Juster via email.

To ensure that those in need receive the highest quality wigs possible, hair may be donated under few conditions:

- Donated hair must be a minimum of 8 inches long, measured from just above elastic bands used to secure it to the end of the hair.
- Hair may be colored or permed, but not bleached or chemically damaged (if unsure about existing hair damage, consult a hair stylist). Hair can be colored with vegetable dyes, rinses, and semi-permanent dyes.
- Hair cannot be more than five percent gray.
- Donors must arrive at the Day of Giving ceremony with hair that is freshly shampooed and conditioned and free of any hairspray or styling product.

Students under the



Roger Grondin recently took “before” pictures of student participating in this year’s Day of Giving. Sisters Ashley and Victoria Arrigo pose.

age of 18 who wish to donate their hair must turn in a signed permission form to room 204 at the high school prior to making the cut.

Those intending to donate their hair either this year or in the future are encouraged to adhere to a few preparatory Do’s and Don’t’s:

Do: Use a conditioner after every hair washing.

Use a smooth, wide-toothed comb to detangle wet hair.

Wait for hair to be at least 80 percent dry before using a blow-dryer.

Use a spray or leave-in conditioner after every wash to help keep hair moisturized and strong.

Use a root lifter spray and/or velcro rollers to achieve volume in lieu of teasing hair (teasing can uplift cuticles, making them fragile and susceptible to breakage).

Finally, use deep conditioning treatments once a week, or as often as needed to help minimize

split ends and keep hair in tip top condition.

Don’t: Use a brush on wet hair.

Use a blow-dryer on soaking wet hair.

Overbrush hair (it is a common myth that 100 strokes a day offers benefits for hair, but it has since been shown that this can cause damage).

Finally, don’t wait more than six to eight weeks to get hair trimmed, as regular visits are essential in keeping hair healthy and beautiful.

Though the charity drive has changed for the Day Of Giving, what remains very much the same is the heart behind it, and the remarkable generosity of Londonderry youngsters.

“To be at that age and think, ‘I think I need to give this,’ is incredible,” said Juster. “And a miracle to be a part of.”

For more information on the 2020 Day Of Giving, contact Steven Juster at sjuster@londonderry.org.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
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Apple Tree Clearing Sparks Questions At Planning Board

MACK LEATHURBY
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Over this past week, a number of Londonderry residents were upset to find that crews working at the Woodmont Commons project area last Tuesday, cut down more apple trees along Gilcreast Road than was expected, per a Master Plan Agreement, that has been previously approved by the town.

At the Dec. 11 Planning Board meeting, Town Planner, Colleen Mailloux, said, "We have gotten some phone calls today and some questions — ...over on Gilcreast Road — the Woodmont subdivision and WC4 and WC5

has begun work, so some trees have been cleared out there. What they are doing now is in compliance with the approved plan. They have taken out the third-row of trees right now, but they are replanting that third row of trees next spring — so it is in compliance with the Planning Department Master Plan in the approved subdivision — so we just wanted to identify that."

Mailloux continued, "Public Works has been out there, and I think that there are a couple of trees that were ...maybe (the crews got) a little overenthusiastic — and two trees were taken down that need to be replanted, so

we'll make arrangements with the contractor — making sure they are taken care of." "So that is underway," she said.

"We've gotten a lot of phone calls — people have noticed the clearings happening and we are monitoring and staying on top of that — making sure it is done in accordance with the approved plan.

Vice Chair, Mary Wing Soares, asked, "If they inadvertently take out more trees than they are supposed to take out, is the only recourse we have — making them replant?" Town Planner Mailloux replied — "...that is it."

Planning Board Chairman, Art Rugg, noted, "I don't think there are any

provisions for recourse. ...I don't think we can do anything because we don't have any enforcement powers. ...probably have to take it up with the building inspector to get his input, but there's no provision in the Master Plan at all. We just have to be talking with them. There has to be three rows of trees and I think we have plenty of people in town to keep track of this — besides us going by and we will keep track also."

Pillsbury Realty Development originally purchased the Woodmont Orchards property for \$7 million — officially about a decade ago. At that time, the developers proposed project was set up

to transform that land parcel area from apple orchards into an approximately 600-acre, multi-use development to be known as Woodmont Commons.

The current site plan for this section of the development — with the current Apple tree clearing, was approved in August 2018. The plan is for the developer to eventually sell the land along Gilcreast Road to The Stabile Companies. Stabile plans to build 28 single-family homes on 20 acres of former orchard land. Woodmont is clearing the trees and topsoil as a condition for closing the sale. Stabile is under contract to buy the land and is paying for the tree removal.

The clearing of these trees has sparked controversy for residents like Jack Flavey who says he is monitoring these actions, as he has been involved with town groups whose goal is to save many of the apple trees in this area.

Flavey said, "These trees are an important feature of historical and cultural significance and an aesthetically pleasing screen from the development and we need to do our best to save many of them. People are not happy with this tree clearing when crews are not doing so according to the master plan."

See related story on page 1.

Conservation Commission Ok's Construction Design for Evans Family Project

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Bruce Gilday of BAG Land Consultants returned to the Commission with a project that included an amended conditional use permit for the commission to review. This project has been in the works for land development that is owned by the Evans Family Limited Partnership. Gilday noted the project has been approved with an appropriate weapons permit for construction purposes — for allocated corners of the land area, as well as, with permits for an alteration of terrain of about 11,300 square feet.

The terrain alteration project will include many improvements needed for roads to be developed with a goal to provide access and optimized road structure for vehicle safety and to maintain precious land resources. Southern and northern roads will be developed to support safety access for construction vehicles and there was new access granted, that was set up in the design, that will have a possible land impact of about 2,900 square feet of land. NH DES (Department of Environmental Services) has granted the appropriate addendum to the original permit for this and wants

this area to be marked as permanent impact.

Access road layout issues were discussed with the commission. There are road design actions that are work in progress and will be determined for additional impact and development over time. NH state law requires reflagging of weapon usage permits after five years, which has now been done. There are now some restrictions and changes in progress that will involve small streams that will have culverts constructed to protect

them and that construction will conform to what NH Fish and Game wants to see — which is for 24" culverts in this area.

Land access will be gated before construction. Legal precedent for the permits does not allow the two access points in the design to be open at the same time. However, a second emergency access point for this project construction is crucial and there is need for a road between Sanborn Road and Osborn Road that will meet the safe site dis-

tance requirements. This project phase is being set forward primarily to provide access for the construction vehicles — not to provide the access for the eventual development, though some areas may be restored accordingly for the final development.

According to requirements of this project, an access road does not need to be paved and the roads designed for construction vehicles will not be paved. This roadway can be set up as a road that can be later restored

— it still remains unclear at this point as to which solution — pavement now or a future restoration for some road areas is better. It may take another year or so to know what access type is best suited for specific construction trucks and as to what types of buildings will actually be constructed in that particular location.

The commission signed off on this phase of the planning design and the project will continue in process with other town officials to move this development forward.

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School Budget

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project list. During a recent presentation by the outstanding teachers and staff of the school, a statement was made by a school member that it looks like 4 schools out of the top 10 have implemented this program."

"He continued, "...the real secret is technology enables change, it's not the other way around. I urge you to engage, as I said in the last meeting, Mr. Young, with the leadership team, to draw from his extensive knowledge and experience in this field." Farrell summed up, "...the time is now to give our teach-

ers and staff — who give 120% every day the tools that will help them to set up today's second-grader with the skills they need in society 10 years from today."

Board members, including Jenn Ganem, agreed with Farrell about this technology area and pointed out discussions in progress with actions that are being taken to ensure this issue can be addressed.

Ganem stated, "We want to reassure the public we have been addressing this and it has come to the board level. Sometimes the public does not realize that we do not

start the process, the administration does, such as our teachers and the faculty. They do that research and present it at C3 meeting, which is attended routinely by board members. And then it comes to the board level, after the research has been done. I do not think it is an accident that 4 of those schools are in the top 10 and I think we can learn a lot from those schools that have implemented this program before us."

Over the next month, the school board will continue discussions about actions and items within the budget proposal process that was kicked off a few weeks

ago. Their goal is to analyze, prioritize school needs and finalize numbers that will face voters next spring.

At the school board meeting on Dec. 3, Londonderry Superintendent of Schools, Scott Laliberte, presented his fiscal year 2021 budget proposal to the school board. Laliberte pointed out that a lot important, complex work lies ahead — to go over the numbers and propose a finalized budget plan that will make sense to voters.

Laliberte is proposing a General Fund Budget number of \$79,163,100, which is \$3,328,914 over last year's budget and comes as a 4.39% budget increase. That proposed budget would have a General Fund Budget Fund tax impact increase of 56 cents. The budget proposal notes that the primary focus is to continue supporting the right levels of social, emotional and behavioral support needed by all students. Laliberte suggests that a student's world today is becoming

more complex and that students and their families are facing more serious challenges than in past times, so he suggests that where community resources are stretched thin, it is important for all of the school officials to help district students be prepared to learn.

He says in the report, "This budget seeks to increase support where it is most needed and wherever possible, through redeployment of existing resources or staff." While the budget proposal is not set to include any additional full-time positions, Laliberte pointed out that there are proposals to redeploy current staff members to other areas as needed to accommodate appropriate needs. He said, "We need to be more creative and we are looking at recertifications and use of staff."

The school budget also maintains all current school programs at the same levels, though adjustments could be made to adjust for any

enrollment changes. As there appears to be a continued decline in state support, Laliberte says the Londonderry school district will creatively offset these state support challenges by continuing to find ways to generate revenue. For example, it is expected that about \$1.5 million will be generated for fiscal year 2021, through the Memorandum of Understanding with Hooksett. This will bring students from Hooksett to the Londonderry High School.

The district also expects savings via energy-saving management efforts and by enrolling special education students with demanding needs within district programs. Budget workshops will continue on Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. at the Moose Hill Council Chambers at the town offices. The board will continue working on the budget until the Public Hearing on Jan. 16 where additional public feedback can be considered.

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Gingerbread Houses Erected by North School Second Graders



Second grade students at North Elementary School had two sessions of Gingerbread House making last week. Students, family members, and staff all pitched in with construction materials and building assistance, and each child took home a delicious decoration.

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The Fourth Grade Drama Club at North School hosted a number of shows at the school recently that featured popular songs from some animated musical favorites. Songs included: Zip a Dee Doo Dah; Whole New World; Belle; Be Our Guest; Monster; Friend Like Me; and Believer. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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LHS Swimming Dives into Season with Impressive Results

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Boys' and Girls' Swimming teams hosted their first meet of the winter season at the Workout Club in Londonderry on Friday, Dec. 13. The Lancer boys and girls faced off against five different schools that night, Campbell, Portsmouth, Goffstown, John Stark Regional, and Souhegan high schools. The Lancers finished in first with 437 points and the girls dominated the night with 558 points.

The evening started with the girls 200-yard Medley Relay, and Lancers Elizabeth Allen, Lillian Law, Maggie Edwards, and Julia Ethier came in second with 2:07.91. They also came took fifth place with the team of Megan St. Germain, Avery Crimmins, Hannah Gagnon, and Grace Stone with 2:25.78, in ninth: Lexi Apholz, Emily Powers, Alexa Calligandes, and Madison Rearick with a time of 2:50.47.

Moving to the boys 200-yard Medley Relay, Londonderry took second place again with Brandon White, Christopher Byrne, Theodore McKnight, and Connor McKinnon finishing at 2:01.36. Lancers Kevin Moscat, Hunter Turek, Stephan Bompastore, and Dylan



Maggie Edwards contributed in a number of races.

Anderson took fifth with a time of 2:1.:57.

Three lady Lancers competed in the 200-yard freestyle and Isabella McKnight took fourth place (2:29.21). Hannah Gagnon came in eighth (2:55.56) and Madison Rearick took ninth (2:58.18). For the boys 200-yard freestyle, Theodore McKnight came in fourth (2:19.10) and Connor McKinnon took fifth (2:27.93).

In the girls 200-yard Individual three girls placed in the top 10 finish starting with Maggie Edwards coming in second (2:24.35), Elizabeth Allen coming in fifth (2:40.62), and Megan St. Germain taking seventh place (2:47.95). The boys 200-yard Individual Medley had Londonderry's Brandon White finishing first (2:13.10) and Kevin Moscat finished fifth (2:46.96).

In the girls 50-yard freestyle Jasmine Brown came in second (28.21). Avery Crimmins finished ninth (32.45). For the boys 50-yard freestyle, Dylan Anderson placed fifth (28.39).

In the girls 100-yard butterfly, Maggie Edwards placed second with 1:07.31 and Grace Stone came in seventh (1:37.53). The boys 100-yard butterfly had Lancer Brandon White taking first place (57.31) and Dylan Anderson finishing fourth with 1:27.14.

Five girls competed in the 100-yard freestyle and Megan St. Germain finished fourth (1:08.04), while Lexi Apholz came in fifth (1:10.35) and Caden Thomas finished 14th (1:24.45). In the boys 100-yard freestyle when Stephen Bompastore finished in sixth, with a time of 1:05.98.

The girls 500-yard

freestyle had Isabella McKnight finishing in third (6:52.41), Lillian Law finished fourth (7:08.49), and Madison Rearick came in sixth with 8:17.19. The boys 500-yard freestyle followed with Christopher Byrne taking first (5:47.14) and Theodore McKnight placing third with a time of 6:43.45).

For girls 100-yard backstroke, Jasmine Brown placed fourth (1:10.66). Grace Stone eighth (1:24.14) and Lexi

Apholz ninth (1:28.82). In the boys backstroke Connor McKinnon took second (1:17.56) and Kevin Moscat took third place (1:17.93).

The evening ended with both the boys and girls competing in the 400-yard freestyle relay. For the girls the Lancers took first place, Julia Either, Jasmine Brown, Elizabeth Allen, Maggie Edwards finished with a time of 4:11.65, third place went to Isabella McKnight, Lexi Apholz,

Lillian Law, Grace Stone with 4:50.65 and sixth place was Elise Beauchemin, Riley Walter, Madison Rearick, Caden Thomas at 5:43.41. The boys were able to close the 400-yard freestyle relay with a first place finish by Brandon White, Hunter Turek, Theodore McKnight and Christopher Byrne, with a time of 3:54.60.

The LHS squads next meet is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 20, at the Workout Club in Londonderry.



Brandon White took first place 100-yard butterfly. Photos by Chris Paul

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Lancer Wrestling Season Starts with Ups and Downs

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Varsity Wrestling squad kicked off its 2019-20 season this past Wednesday Dec. 11, with a slim 38-36 win over Nashua

North High School in Nashua.

The Dual Meet between the schools started with the 113 lbs. weight class, and Lancer Jordan Marion pinned Mirenis Torres at 3:45 to take an early lead. At 120 lbs.,

Evan Madigan of Londonderry beat Benjamin Haight in a decision 7-5.

Following that match Nashua took the 126, 132 and 138 weight bouts, the LHS's Nendoe Gleekia (145 lbs), righted things by earning six

points with a pin. Lancer Aiden O'Loughlin (152 lbs) earned five points with a technical fall, and his teammate Dylan Barnes (160 lbs) won six points with a pin. At 170, Lancer Dante Bernardini earned the team three points in a 4-2 decision over Nashua North's Dominick Gentry, while Josh Bean (182 lbs) managed another three points in a 9-2 decision. Nicholas Walter (195 lbs) pinned Nashua North's Tyler Griffin at 3:12, but Nashua North made it interesting late with Titan Max Ackerman winning over Sam Choate, at 285 lbs, and Matt Oliver beating Lancer Michael Palmer at 106 lbs., but it wasn't enough as Londonderry went on to win their first match of the season in a nail-bitter 38-36.

After the first meet of the season, head coach Jason Cucolo said, "We have a very young team and the kids are working harder every day and keep getting better," he added, "It was a hard-fought match and we came out on top in a very close final meet. It was a very exciting match and great to see how hard they all wrestled."

After the close road win, the LHS squad then traveled over the Massachusetts border to compete in the Danvers Duels on Saturday, Dec. 14 at Danvers High

School where they had a tough time. There, they faced off against Westford Academy, Shawsheen Tech, Foxboro High, and Danvers High School, but losing in all four contests.

The day started with an exhibition against Westford Academy, Westford struck first with a pin over Michael Palma (106 lbs), but Nicholas D'Alessandro (113 lbs) was able to pin Giselle Picdrahita of Westford in the second bout. Brandon Drake (132 lbs) of Londonderry beat Patrick Hickey in a 12-8 decision along with Dylan Barnes (160 lbs) who pinned Ryan McKee of Westford at 1:31. Josh Bean (182 lbs) was also able to earn a pin, but the Lancers were well behind their competitors in the end, losing to Westford Academy 48-27.

Next, they then faced Shawsheen Tech and things did not go well for the Lancers as only five players earned points. Brandon Drake (132 lbs) won six points with a pin, Aiden O'Loughlin (138 lbs) earned another six with a pin, Dylan Barnes (160 lbs) and Dante Bernardini (170) both got pins, worth six points each, and Nicholas Walter (195 lbs) earned four points. The Lancers were bested by Shawsheen Tech 52-28. Next up was Foxboro and it went better than

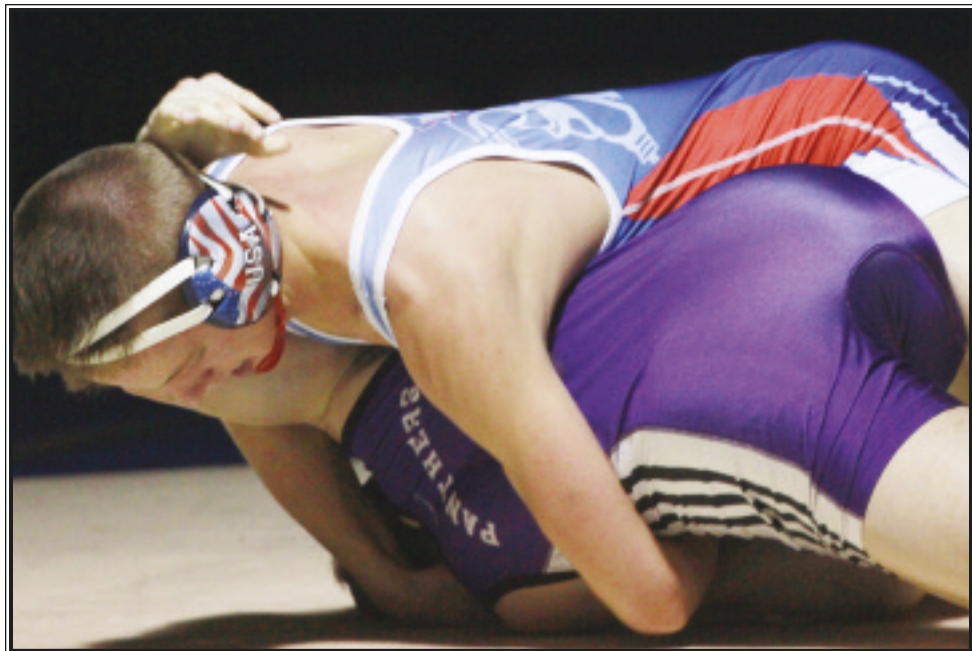
the previous two matches for the Lancer squad. Brandon Drake, Aiden O'Loughlin, and Josh Bean all go pins. Michael Palma, Nicholas Walter, and Dylan Barnes earned themselves three points all by decisions. Londonderry still couldn't catch a break as they lost to Foxboro in a close one of 39-33.

In the team's last match-up of the day, against Danvers High School, things continued to go in the wrong direction for the Lancers. Although four Lancers got pins, with Nendoe Gleekia, Dylan Barnes, Nicholas Walter, and Nicholas D'Alessandro winning their bouts it wasn't enough as Danvers cruised on to win 43-27.

With the Barnes wins over the weekend and, his win Wednesday, he was able to start his season undefeated at 5-0.

Cucolo commented on his team after the four duals, "We were so proud of all their hard work and the fact that they never gave up in these matches. We like to travel out of state as much as possible, as we feel this will prepare the kids as best as possible."

The Lancer squads next dual meet is set for Wednesday Dec. 18th as they will travel to Concord High School and take on the Crimson Tide.



Lancer wrestler, Dylan Barnes, got off to the new season with five wins and started out undefeated in the first two meets.

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LHS Cheerleading Looking Forward to Another Strong Season

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Lady Lancer Winter Spirit squads are excited to get back into their routines with

the people they love to compete with. "In the winter, we tend to have smaller teams, a stronger bond, and a lot of fun. That is because many of the cheerleaders have

already been together for the fall season and we already have our routines in place." Said Head Coach Chelsea Dennis.

Coach Dennis doesn't always stick to the play-

book, as she likes to change things up to help welcome new players. "We do change routines a bit to fit our new team's strengths and we love welcoming a few new faces to the program. Between the varsity and junior varsity teams there are 19 returning players from the fall and two players brand new to the program. "Having so many returners is an advantage because they already know our expectations and the routines." Coach Dennis went on to say.

Coach Dennis and her squad have big goals this year and she thinks the only way to achieve those goals is by performing to their absolute best. "Our goal this season is to put out the best routine we are capable of at Prelims on March 8th, and we hope it is strong enough to carry us through to States." She knows how tough the competition is, but won't let that affect her squad. "NH is full of talented teams we are proud to compete alongside. We are looking for-

ward to cheering on our basketball teams and providing our athletes with a positive experience this season." Said Coach Dennis.

The varsity squad will consist of returning senior Ashley Greenwood, and junior's Kylee Dodge, Nikki Longua, Alana Mobbs, Alyssa Pitarys, and Lilly Tharrington. For the younger players, it includes sophomore's Ava Campbell, Madison Ouellette, and freshman's Isabell Roy, Amanda Doucette, and Kaylin Carkhuff.



Lancers varsity and junior varsity cheers squads pose for a photo as they prepare for another season. Courtesy photo

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Rough Season Opener For Londonderry Indoor Track

MATT TRITTO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Over the weekend the Londonderry's Indoor Track squads traveled up to Durham on Saturday, Dec. 14, to compete in their first meet of the winter season, at UNH, and faced Pinkerton Academy, Portsmouth, Spaulding, Bishop Guertin, Exeter, Winnacunnet, and Nashua South High Schools. The Lancers Boys' placed sixth with a score of only 17 points.

Starting with the boys 55-meter dash, Londonderry's Damon MacLeod placed 12th (7.17), Alex-

ander Soucy 22nd (7.43), William Bieler 28th (7.55), and Hayden Austen placed 36th with a time of (7.72).

In the 300-meter dash, Damon MacLeod finished fourth (40.01), William Bieler 13th (41.55), and Erik Reilly placed 23rd with a time of (44.33). For the 1000-meter run, Will Plante was able to take eighth place, with a time of 2:58.79, and three Lancers placed top 15 in the 1,500-meter run. Those runners were Ryan Fortin who placed sixth with (4:51.66), Cole Borovicka came in 11th with a running time of (5:03.58), and Colby Lynch finished

13th (5:17.92).

Things got better for the squad in the 3,000-meter run when Ryan Young came in second place (9:23.36) and Matthew Griffin followed behind in third place with a time of (9:26.07). For boys' long jump, Damon MacLeod once again found himself in the top 15 as he placed 11th, and for shot put Hayden Fielder placed third.

The results for the Lady Lancers weren't much better, as they finished in sixth spot also with a score of just 22 points. In the 55-meter dash seven Lancer runners finished outside the

top 20. Abby Ellis finished 21st (8.41), Retta Hatin 22nd (8.45), Brynn Foster 29th (8.54), Ashley Perry 32nd (8.65), Tara Wright finished 34th (8.73), Robyn Batchelor 40th (8.94, and Alexis Groulx placed 46th with a time of 9.11). For the 300-meter dash there was only one Lancer and that was Juliana Hamel who placed 33rd with (57.54).

Moving to the 600-meter run Londonderry runner Maura O'Shaughnessy placed 17th with a running time of (2:07.10) Londonderry improved in the 1,000-meter run where Callian Borovicka came in ninth place (3:34.70) and

Adranna Nadeau finished 14th with a time of (3:48.77). Next was the 1,500-meter run where Grace McDonough placed fourth (5:34.08), along runners Caitlin Boufford who came in second place (11:31.54) and Cailey McDonough finished fourth with a time of (12:46.63) in the 3000 meter run.

In the 4x160 relay, Londonderry placed fifth (1:35.23) and for the 4x400 relay the Lady Lancers placed seventh with a time of (4:42.95). In the high jumps Erica Waters finished 11th and there were five Lancers who finished top 25 in the

long jump which three of them finishing right behind each other. Erica Waters finished 13th, Abby Ellis 14th, and Retta Hatin 15th, along with Gia Komst who finished 18th and Alexis Groulx placed 25th.

The highlight was senior Gia Komst coming in first place in the shot put with a throw of 31'2.5". Akolam Wambu finished ninth in that event with a throw of 26'10.75", Phoebe Bartlett 11th at 26'8.75", and Sage Matzker who came in 18th.

The Lancers next meet is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 27, at Dartmouth College.

LHS Hockey Takes the Ice This Season With Strong Young Core

LISA D'AMBROSIO
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A new year means a new squad and a season with different story, and the Londonderry High School Varsity Hockey team has already faced adversity before the first puck drop due to Mother Nature pushing their tryouts a day back.

The team hit the ice for tryouts on Tuesday, Dec. 3, and they concluded them on Thursday, Dec. 5. Veteran Head Coach Peter Bedford

decided to extend his tryouts and evaluated his players during the Keene Jamboree, where Londonderry came home with a pair of wins and one tie. After that, Bedford gave his players even more of a chance to prove themselves, during their scrimmages against Keene on Friday, Dec. 13, and Saturday, Dec. 14. They won the first game on Friday in a close game with a score of 4-3 and then finished their preseason strong with another win over the Black Birds in a hard

fought battle, ending in a score of 6-3.

Coach Bedford will start this season with a young team, and hopes they're up for the challenge. "We have a strong contingency of a young returning core so the hope is they have grown and progressed," said Bedford. His squad has increased in numbers to 37 total players, and 16 of them are incoming freshmen which he thinks will benefit the program. "Provides plenty of players to fill both varsity and junior

varsity squads." During tryouts coach Bedford looked for the basic skills of a good hockey player, but wanted competitive attitudes and his players to act like gentlemen on and off the ice. "The obvious is I'm looking for players who can skate, pass, shoot, sound positionally and take readily to coaching and direction. I want players who are self motivated and willing to put in an honest effort, I also expect that they be good students as well as good citizens of their school,"

Bedford continued to say.

Bedford is keeping his season goals limited and within reach, since he as a young team, but is giving the returning upperclassmen a lot of responsibility. "With such a young group, my goals are basic, get the new incoming players comfortable and familiar with our program. For the returning players and captains it is important for them to lead the way in this area and provide support," said coach Bedford. He wants his players to become one and give it their all every time they take the ice. "As we progress through the first month the focus will become more and more on game play, systems and individual performance, effort and team play are a foundational trait of

the Lancers."

Coach is excited to see what his team can do, and believes they have the talent to be a solid competitive team. "I feel we are a well balanced group with solid goaltending, mature defensive squad and a burgeoning set of forwards. We will be extremely competitive and could be in the mix for a top six finish." Bedford wrapped up the preseason by saying.

Their first official Division I game of the 2019-20 winter season is set for Wednesday Dec. 18, after the Londonderry Times went to press, and the will face off against Manchester Memorial High School at the Tri-Town Ice Arena in Hooksett with the puck dropping at 3:05 p.m.

This will be the 20th Anniversary of the Lancer Hockey program.

The Graduates

Christmas Jazz Concert

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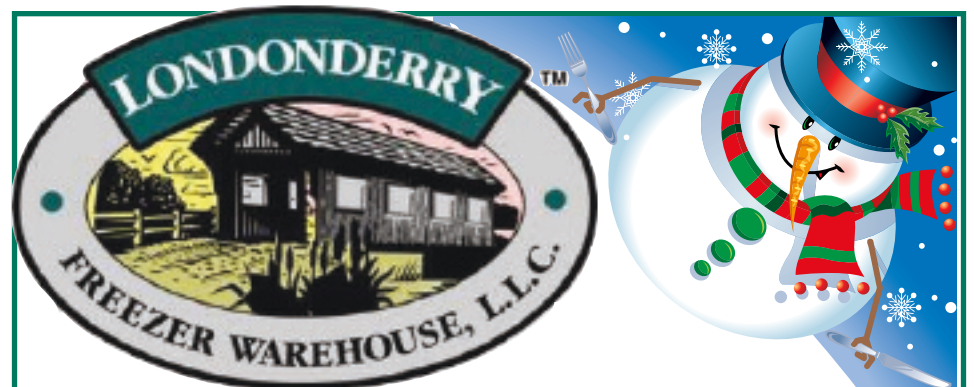
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Derry Garden Club Members Get Creative at Green Workshop



The Derry Garden Club held its final meeting of the year recently, and invited visitors to their yearly tradition of creating holiday pieces with the greens brought in by members. Besides having members and guests making festive wreaths and center pieces, members also filled hundreds of mugs they'd collected with greens to give to the clients at "Meals on Wheels" in Derry. The group meets every month, usually at the Boys and Girls Club in Derry.

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Wood Art

On Thursday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m., Mr. Stephen Carey's presentation "Wood Art for the Average Woodworker and Hobbyist" will be held at the Leach Library. Learn how to make unique wood art using average tools and supplies. He will display some of his work and explain the process behind techniques such as segmented wood turning and linear radius turning. He will also explore some simple home-made gifts which one can create on a budget. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library. The event is free and open to the public with seating limited to the first 90 individuals. Light refreshments will be served.

Did You Know? Library Edition

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, Jan. 16 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. for our young adult Did You Know? program. Participants in grades 6 - 12 will take part in a challenging library themed trivia game. This event includes an exciting door prize raffle and light refreshments. No registration required.

Delve into Knowledge

Exciting weekly trivia challenge. Stop by the Leach Library's Children's Room desk to answer our special trivia challenge question. If you are not sure of the answer, use one of our books or the Internet to help you. All answers will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a cool prize. A new trivia challenge will be available each week starting at 9 a.m. on Monday Jan. 6 and Jan. 13, Tuesday Jan. 21, and Monday Jan. 27, and will be available until 5 p.m. each Saturday.

Alejandro's Olde Tyme Magik

Come to the Leach Library on Monday, Jan. 6

from 4 - 5 p.m. to enjoy Alejandro's Olde Tyme Magik. Prepare to be amazed by his remarkable magic tricks and delighted by his humor. This exciting program is open to 90 participants of all ages and advance registration is required. This program is being sponsored by The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library. To register, stop by the Children's Room or call 432-1127.

A Long Winter Nap

Come to the Leach Library on Monday, Jan. 27 from 4 - 5 p.m. to learn about how some animals spend their cold winter months. Listen to stories about hibernation and find out which animals sleep for the winter months and which go someplace warmer. In addition, we'll learn a song about hibernation and help a bear find his cozy cave in time for the winter. At the end of the program, each participant will receive a cute and cuddly stuffed bear. 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 Tuesday, Jan. 21.

Lions Club Tree Sale

The Lions will be selling Christmas Tree started Wednesdays thru Fridays 4 - 8 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. At the Londonderry Lions Hall, Mammoth Rd., across from the town common. The Lions Club tree sales help with their efforts to support the community with Eye Care, Scholarships for high school seniors, and much more.

Parent & Caregiver Café

Raising a Teenager? The Upper Room holds a Parent & Caregiver Café (PaCC) Thursdays 6 to 7:30 p.m., located at 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. A free resource for parents, grandparents and

caregivers rising teens. Discuss your concerns and learn strategies. New topics are introduced weekly. Drop-ins welcome.

Vaping and Your Health

The Upper Room, at 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry, will hold a Vaping and Your Health Workshop for Teens on the 1st Tuesday of the Month, 3 - 4:30 p.m. Teens will learn the risks of vaping and how it affects brain development, behavior and health as well as how to break the habit and replace it with healthier options.

Teen Talk

The Upper Room, at 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry, will hold a Teen Talk (TT) for ages 13-18: Every Tuesday from 3 - 4 p.m. An after school group for teens to talk, connect, relate and support each other. Drop-ins are welcome.

TIPS

The Upper Room holds TIPS (Teen Information for Parenting Success) a Support Program for young parents up to age 23. Every Wednesday from 5 - 7 p.m., at 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. Get in-school support, workshops, baby/toddler supplies, resources and a place to talk share and learn.

Early Childhood Education Workshops

Co-Parenting for Educators Jan. 7, 6:30 - 8 p.m., at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. Learn how to help keep children as the focus when divorced, separated, relative and multiple caregiver families don't share similar views and values.

VA BINGO

On Dec. 23 Post 27 will be playing bingo with patients at the VA Hospital in Manchester from 7 - 8:30 p.m. We'll be serving pizza and diet soda as well as providing prize money. Please call Post 27 at 437-6613 between 1 - 5 p.m. if you have ques-

tions about anything.

Library Hours

Leach Library December are Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The library will close at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 24, and re-open at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 26. The library will also close at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 31, and re-open at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020. The library will also be closed on Monday, Jan. 20, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Guess It Jar

Beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 2 and ending on Saturday, Dec. 28. Stop by the Leach Library's Children's Room desk to see the jar. The closest guess, over or under, will win a really cool prize.

Town Seeks Volunteers for Old Home Day

Attention Londonderry residents: We need YOU to help us continue our longstanding and beloved Old Home Day celebration! For many years, a small group of volunteers has put on an outstanding Old Home Day celebration, BUT those folks are stepping down and we need new volunteers to keep it going. PLEASE consider joining the Old Home Day Task Force which the Town Council would like to create to foster the transition from the old to the new! There are so many activities you can work on- Kidz Night, the Parade, etc.- come one, come all! To indicate your interest, please contact Kirby Brown at kbrown@londonderry.nh.org. We know our Town will step up!

Create a Craft

At the start of each week, the Leach library will provide supplies for a new, creative craft and place them in the box on the spotlight shelf for patrons to create. A new craft may be picked up each week starting at 9 a.m. on Monday Dec. 23, and 30 and will be available until 5 p.m. each Saturday.

Delve into Knowledge

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for a chance to win a cool prize. A new trivia challenge will be available each week starting at 9 a.m. on Monday Dec. 23, and 30 and will be available until 5 p.m. each Saturday.

Craft Time

Children of all ages are invited on Wednesdays from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. to explore their creative side at the Leach Library. Each week, participants will discover a different fun craft to make using a variety of materials. Advance registration is required. Meeting dates are: Jan. 8, 15.

Toddler Time

Open to children ages 2 & 3 at the Leah Library. Children attend with their parents and enjoy a fun half-hour of thematic stories, games, songs and a simple craft. Meets on Thursdays, 9:30 - 10 a.m. Advance registration is required. Meeting dates are: Jan. 9, Jan 16.

Winter Vacation Scavenger Hunt

Beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 23 and ending Monday, Dec. 30 at 8 p.m., during Winter Vacation, the Leach Library Children's Room will be offering an in-library scavenger hunt. Stop by the Children's Room desk for a list of items to find around the building. Turn in the completed hunt for a raffle ticket and a chance to win a fun prize.

Winter Vacation Craft

Starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 23 and ending Monday, Dec. 30 at 8 p.m., during Winter Vacation, participants will have a chance to create a foam gingerbread house. Stop by the Leach Library Children's Room desk to pick up the supplies and create your own work of art in the library or in the comfort of your own home.

Romping Reads

An energetic half-hour program, Romping Reads, open to participants of all ages at the Leach Library. Each week, participants will have a romping good time with songs, interactive stories, and a game. Move and groove with friends old and new on Wednesdays from 4:15 - 4:45 p.m. Advance registration is required. Meeting dates are: Jan. 8, and 15.

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 Jan. 3, From 6 - 7 p.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers), Proof of age and 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. For more information contact: Kristin Grages Chair, Supervisors of the Checklist Town of Londonderry 603-432-1100, ext 198

Ticket Raffle

Raffle for Patriots vs. Miami Dolphins tickets on Sunday Dec. 29 at 1 p.m. - Two Seats, Sec. 128, Row 9. 1 for \$20; 6 for \$100. Make checks payable to: Etz Hayim Synagogue, 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry 03038 or pay by PayPal to payments@etzhayim.org. We will e-mail your stubs. For more information contact Laurie at patriots@etzhayim.org. Drawing is Dec. 15.

Transitions Support

The Upper Room offers Transitions support for young adults ages 18-25. Learn how to manage the "overwhelming" in a healthy way for you. We offer workshops, and 1:1 support, groups. For an appointment, call (603) 437-8477 ext. 24.

Child Find Program

Free Community Child Find Program for all Londonderry residents ages two 1/2 - five years, 11 months (5.11) Of Age, who are suspected of having vision or hearing problems or developmental concerns. Child Find will be held at the Londonderry early education program (L.E.E.P.) Moose Hill School - 150 Pillsbury Rd., on Feb. 6, and April 2. We encourage parents of preschoolers to set up an appointment if they have any concerns. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call: Kathy Kelley 437-5855, Ext. 7223, between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No Child Will Be Seen

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Without An Appointment. For children birth to 2.5 years old, please contact Beth Warner at The Moore Center 603-206-2732 or Lynne Thomas at Easter Seals 603.666.5982 Ext. 34. Both providers are connected with family cen-

tered early supports & services.

Evolve!

A group for young woman ages 13 to 18 to talk about today's challenges meets every Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. To register, Call 437-8477 to

register ext. 16.

Bingo

The Londonderry Senior Center at 535 Mammoth Road in Londonderry, has Bingo every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. all seniors over 55 are welcome, come and enjoy the fun. Cash prizes, small fee per card.

If you want more information call Senior Center at 432-8554.

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.

Transitions Young Adult Strategies

A new group where young adults can talk about things that are challenging meets every Thursday from 6 - 7 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd. Derry. This is a free weekly group. Drop ins welcome. Call 437-8477 to register ext. 24 for more

information/options for dates and times.

Walking Together

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Dec. 9

9:42 a.m. Services rendered for Sex Offenses on Heritage Lane.

10:37 a.m. Keeping the peace on Nashua Road.

11:51 a.m. Auto Theft Investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

12:07 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Department with transport to hospital from Woodhenge Circle.

3:25 p.m. Warrant Served and Arrest made on at Derry Police Station. John

Mercer, 30, of Derry charged with Theft by Unauthorized Taking of under \$1,000.

Tuesday - Dec. 10

6:16 a.m. Services rendered for report of Auto Theft on Winding Pond Road.

10:23 a.m. Weapons Offenses reported on Stonehenge Road at Hardy Road.

10:24 a.m. Services rendered for Weapons Offenses on High Range Road at Litchfield Road.

6:29 p.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses on King Henry Drive.

11:23 p.m. Suspicious activity investigated by three officers on Nashua Road at Staples.

Wednesday - Dec. 11

6:28 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

11:05 a.m. Services rendered in Keeping the Peace on Burton Drive at Felton Brush Inc.

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Londonderry Rotary Club members took to the aisles of Walmart last week to shop for about 37 families in need of a little assistance this holiday season. The annual event had members collecting mostly clothing products for 125 residents. The club takes what they've purchased to local churches for them to distribute before the holiday. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Police Log

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12:09 p.m. Services rendered for report of Wires Down on Brewster Road.
7:11 p.m. Services rendered in Keeping the Peace on Perkins Road.
8:07 p.m. Services rendered by six officers for an Airport Alert at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.
9:01 p.m. Missing Person reported at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.
10:32 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Department with transport to hospital from Pendleton Lane.

Thursday - Dec. 12
3:39 p.m. Welfare check investigated on Nashua Road at Papa Gino's.
8:54 p.m. Motor vehicle stop leads to arrest on Currier Drive at Hampshire Lane.
11:37 p.m. Motor vehicle check results in a Warning Issued on Planeview Drive.

Friday - Dec. 13
9:28 a.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mis-

chief on Hampshire Lane.
9:56 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Grove Street, Manchester. Richard Hardy, 36, of Manchester charged with Theft by Unauthorized Taking (two prior convictions).
11:30 a.m. Auto Theft investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.
12:32 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Loop Road. Todd Degryse, 44, of Londonderry charged with Theft by Unauthorized Taking over \$1,501.
3:28 p.m. Neighborhood Disputes investigated on Chase Road.
6:01 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Westview Terrace. Kevin Goulart, 22, of Chelmsford, Mass. charged with Charge Theft By Unauthorized Taking between \$1,001 and \$1,500; two counts of Theft By Unauthorized Taking under \$1,000.
8:51 p.m. Missing Person investigated by five officers on High Range Road.

Saturday - Dec. 14

1:28 a.m. Suspicious Activity Investigated by three officers on Rockingham Road at Triangle Mobil Mart.
8:45 p.m. Burglary investigated by four officers on Old Derry Road.
9:53 p.m. Arrest made after an assault on Shasta Drive. Four officers assist in charging Lyle Willis, 47, of Londonderry with Domestic violence; Simple Assault - Bodily Injury.
11:06 p.m. Overdose transported to hospital from Mammoth Road.

Sunday - Dec. 15
12:25 a.m. Services rendered in keeping the

peace on Shasta Drive.
7:14 a.m. Services rendered for disturbance on Kitt Lane.
9:26 a.m. Services rendered for Drug Offenses on Capitol Hill Drive.
7:03 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Ross Drive.
7:45 p.m. Warrant Served and arrest made on Whittemore Road. Mandy Mcqueeney, 41, of Londonderry charged with giving a False Report to Law Enforcement; False; and False Emergency - 911 Information.
10:22 p.m. Sex Offenses investigated on Wilson Road.

Have an Announcement?

This service is provided free of charge to local residents who wish to announce the birth of their child or grandchild, marriage engagement, wedding or milestone event such as a Silver Wedding Anniversary. This is a great way to share your news with your local community. The Tri-Town Times also accepts obituary notices. Please contact us at 537-2760 or e-mail to triantowntimes@nutpub.net.

Around Town

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meet, we walk together our journey of grief. No need to do it alone. If you have any questions, please call 781-866-9976.

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 Rd., Bedford. For more information call 660-3425 or email dhunter31@gmail.com

Lamplighters

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

Walk with Me

Are you losing or have lost someone? A child, a parent, a sibling or a friend? It can be a painful journey but you don't have to walk it alone anymore. Just come "Walk With Me". Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m., at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Rd.,

Londonderry. If you have any questions please call 781-866-9976.

UR Parents

A weekly Resource group for parents, grandparents and caregivers raising teens meets every Thursday, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto, Rd., Derry. This is a free weekly group. Drop ins welcome.

IPS

The Upper Room offers Teen Information for Parenting Success for young parents ages 13-23, Wednesdays 5 - 7 p.m. A weekly support program for young parents to talk, listen, learn and be accepted. Childcare available. To register, call (603) 437-8477 ext. 12.

Journey of Hope

Healing through grief and loss due to addiction. Londonderry Senior Center 535 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. We offer the group on the second and fourth Sundays at 6 - 7:30 p.m. Our mission is to promote healing in the grieving process for those who have lost a loved one through the unique circumstances and chaos of addiction; through education, encouraging support and compassion. Facilitated by: Jim Gamache, Julia Gamache, & Jerry Goncal, Journeyofhopeh@gmail.com

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