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## Grail Quest

Ethan White and Janna Mori played Sir Galahad and the Lady of the Lake during the Ovation Theatre Company's performance of Monty Python's Spamalot over the weekend at the Derry Opera House. More photos page 8. Photo by Chris Paul

## Potential Option For School District Building Discussed

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the April 8 meeting of the Londonderry School Board, board chair Bob Slater provided an update to the School Board about a potential option for a future District Office building.

In March a warrant article that would move the District Office to Moose Hill and have full-day kindergarten at the various elementary schools, failed.

"I got a call this week from a real estate agent that has now listed the building at 5 Buttrick Place," Slater said during the meeting.

Slater explained that it has been for sale for a

few months, and it was across from the building they looked at last year as a potential option to put the SAU office moving forward. Currently, the School District leases its building.

"It's across from the one we looked at last year," Slater said during the meeting.

He explained that they looked at the building during the beginning of COVID-19 and at the time it was for rent, but said the numbers "were unrealistic I thought."

Slater said the real estate agent who is listing the property is local and knew about the situation with the current District Office, and that they wanted to let the

School Board know about it in case they want to get more information about it, to see if it is something realistic to look at.

It was noted by Slater that the asking price is about \$1.6 million, and they were expecting to spend about \$1.7 million on the remodel for Moose Hill in order to have the SAU Office there.

Slater was looking to get a consensus from fellow members.

School Board member Tim Porter said that the District Office issue isn't going away and that they should at least look at the building as a potential option.

"I'd say we should at  
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## Traffic Concerns Raised by New Town Councilor

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the April 7 Town Council meeting, newly elected Town Councilor Dan Bouchard brought up concerns with traffic, particularly at the corner of Rockingham Road and Sanborn Road.

"It's a safety concern," Bouchard said, noting he has been asked in the past why they don't have a police officer at the intersection when parents and buses are dropping students off in the morning and picking them up in the

afternoon.

Before being elected Bouchard noted that he previously had brought it up at public comment and that he got a "thank you" from the Town Councilor and the Police Chief explained that they didn't have the manpower "and he couldn't guarantee an officer out there at the time and it could pose a liability."

After being elected Bouchard said he was asked about it again, and he did research on it.

Bouchard explained that it's posted at 40 MPH and there is a light

if headed north on Rockingham Road with a 30 MPH sign that flashes yellow 45 minutes prior to the start of school and 45 minutes after school gets out.

He explained that there is also one that flashes about halfway  
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## Heritage Commission Discusses the Future of Historical Society

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the most recent Londonderry Heritage Commission meeting, a discussion took place regarding the Historical Society.

David Colglazier, a member of the Heritage Commission who also serves as the Treasurer for the Historical Society

said by the next Heritage meeting, they expect to have a list of a few things completed "that was approved by this commission about three years ago."

"We got a lot of them done right away but we've been hanging around trying to find some way to do the electrical work and we got

some electrical work repaired, we need to have a little more run," he said.

It led to a question from Town Councilor Ted Combes about discussions between the Town and the Historical Society about it becoming a Town Committee.

"Was there any further discussion about  
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# Black Briefs School Board On Proposed Tax Cap Legislation

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The Londonderry School Board was briefed on a potential piece of legislation related to tax caps, titled House Bill 675.

“This bill establishes a tax cap for local school districts, limiting their authority to make certain appropriations,” Black said. “Specifically, it amends RSA 76:8 by inserting new provisions that restrict school district appropriation amounts, excluding facilities acquisition and construction, to not exceed the previous year’s appropriation adjusted by the average Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previ-

ous five years until June 30, 2027. After this date, appropriations will be capped at the greater of either the five-year average percent change in Average Daily Membership Revenue (ADMR) or the five-year average appropriation. Additionally, any appropriations exceeding these limits will require a two-thirds majority vote from the legislative body of the school district.”

In March voters supported an advisory citizen petition warrant article asking the District to study a potential tax cap.

“We were already planning to study our warrant article around

tax caps, but we should shift our attention to this bill, because all signs point to this legislation being apart of the House Budget bill moving through the legislature,” Black said. “From the tax cap conversation earlier this winter I saw a lot of concern in the room around local control. This bill would certainly limit the work currently being done by the School Board and Budget Committee to work with the voters of Londonderry to fund the School District.”

Black said generally tax caps can have impact in a number of different ways but said “when you look at the

collective bargaining process, both the School Board and LEA put forth good faith effort for a new contract that was supported by the voters. I do not think that anyone created that new contract with the potential problem that we might not be able to follow through on the raises supported by the voters if the mechanics of the tax cap in House Bill actually stop those raises in the future.”

“Denying local control of the school budget and nullifying voter approved collective bargaining agreements seem to be two huge problems this bill could create,” Black said.

School Board Chair Bob Slater said he reached out to different legislators and explained that they were invited to speak at a School Board meeting about it.

He noted that the point he made to them is that things are being government, to allow states to make different

decisions, but said the state in this situation would be taking away from local control.

Slater said he spoke to a couple of local state representatives, who told him they didn’t support the proposal.

“I think it’s (a) overreach to its ultimate degree,” he said.

## Building

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least explore it because this isn’t going away as far as an issue with the District Office,” he said.

Slater said he is also concerned with the different projects happening in the vicinity of their current District Office, and that it could

be potential “prime real estate.”

Black noted during the meeting that they went there at some point during the summer to look at it and said it had plenty of space and parking, but added that some renovating would need to be done.

“It seemed like a viable option for the Dis-

trict Office,” Black told the School Board.

Slater ended the discussion by saying he would be putting the matter on the April 22 meeting agenda.

According to the listing, the building at 5 Buttrick Road is listed at \$1.3M for just the building. The abutting 1.5-acre property, at 9 But-

trick, adds another \$300,000 to the price.

Of note, during a recent Budget Committee meeting, members unanimously approved advising the School Board to look at options for moving the SAU District Office and starting full-day kindergarten in a similar way as this year’s proposal.

## OBITUARY

### Ronald J. Morin



Ronald J. Morin, 87, of Derry, NH, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025, at his home. He was born on June 24, 1937, in Lowell, MA, a son of the late Arthur and Yvonne (Jette) Morin and had been a resident of Derry for the past 38 years, formerly living in Lowell, MA. Ronald proudly served his country in the Army National Guard. He worked for New England Telephone for 35 years prior to his retirement. Ronald was a member of the VFW and the Halcyon Club. He enjoyed camping, riding motorcycles, golfing and spending time at his winter home in Florida.

He is survived by a son, Jeffrey J. Morin and his wife Kim, daughter, Jennifer Sarcione and her husband David, seven grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Ronald was predeceased by his loving wife of 43 years, Lynda I. (Halligan) Morin in 2023, his daughter, Deirdre Morin, as well as his two brothers, Raymond and Normand Morin.

Following cremation, memorial calling hours were held on Wednesday, April 16, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A burial followed in St. Joseph’s Cemetery, 96 Riverneck Rd., Chelmsford, MA, where he and his beloved wife Lynda will be laid to rest. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St., Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105.

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# Public Comment Added to End of Town Council Meetings

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The Town Council voted 4-1 to have public comment at both the beginning and the end of its meetings moving forward.

At the April 7 Town Council meeting, the rules of order were discussed and voted on.

Town Council Chair Ron Dunn said he thinks

it makes sense to have a public comment before they adjourn.

Town Councilor Ted Combes, who was the lone vote against two public comments, said he didn't understand why it was needed.

"I feel like the community's asked for it and they've been telling me they'd like to have public comment," Dunn said.

Dunn also explained that people have brought up to him that people want to be able to address things that happen at meetings, and not have to wait two weeks for the next meeting.

"To me, I don't think it's a big ask," Dunn said about having two public comment periods.

Combes said from his experience by the end of the meeting there usually isn't anyone there. "So I don't understand what's the point of having that at the end of the meeting if there's no one here to even talk," he said.

Town Councilor Dan

Bouchard, who said he has attended meetings for years as a resident, said he thinks it's a good idea, noting that people sometimes would want to bring things up, but couldn't say anything. "I don't think there's anything bad with that," Bouchard said.

Town Councilor Deb Paul said it was voted on as a warrant article and passed with around 75% of the votes, plus it is just good government. By having it printed on the agenda that the public can see at the beginning and the end of meetings, people may be more inclined to stay for

the whole meeting." She said if people took the time to show up and stayed they should be able to speak." She also noted if the public comment is redundant then the Chair could ask them to wrap it up, and that they can also limit comments to five minutes per person like normal. We were voted in to represent them not what we think so in order to do that we should hear what it is they have to say even if we have late meetings their information is very important"

Resident Glenn Douglas noted that he agreed that more people

may potentially attend and or stay until the end of meetings if they are allowed to speak at the end of the meetings.

The decision came following an advisory citizen petition warrant article that passed last year on a 3085 to 1077 vote.

The warrant article asked voters if they wanted to see a change to the Municipal code making public comment required at all official meetings at the beginning and at the end of meetings.

The next Town Council meeting is set for April 21 at 7 p.m.

## OBITUARY

### Roy Alfred Arsenault



Roy Alfred Arsenault, 91, of Londonderry, NH, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 11, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on July 20, 1933, in Reading, MA, son to the late Joseph and Constance Arsenault. He had been a resident of Londonderry for the

past 53 years, in the home that he built for his family.

Roy was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force where he served as a Basic Airman installing and maintaining various radio relay equipment. After his service, he went on to own and operate a successful machine shop as a skilled machinist for over 30 years. He loved anything that involved working with his hands. Whether it was carpentry, automotive or general home improvements, he could always be found with his toolbox nearby. He was also an enthusiastic Red Sox fan and rarely missed a game. In his younger years, he was an avid snow skier and an expert water skier. Roy spent summers with his family on Merrymeeting Lake in New Durham, NH, where he and his father built by hand the family lake house in 1963. Roy instilled in his children and grandchildren his love of the outdoors along with his strong belief in the rewards of hard work and putting others first.

Those who knew Roy will remember him as a selfless and genuine man, devoted to his family. He was a steadfast friend, always willing and able to lend a hand. He lived a life of honesty and integrity.

Roy is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years Marie (Palermo) Arsenault; son, Roy Arsenault, Jr.; daughter Lynne (Robert) Dejadon, his two grandchildren Tyler (Nicol) Dejadon and Brooke Dejadon, along with many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Raymond McBride; two sisters, Antoinette (Bailey) McBride and Claire (Keaveney) Arsenault.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, April 17, from 4 - 6 p.m., at the Peabody Funeral Home, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. Catholic funeral services will be held Friday, April 18, at 10:30 a.m., at the funeral home with interment to follow at Pillsbury Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)). To send a condolence, please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).

## Heritage

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making the Historical Society an actual Town Committee," Combes asked.

Colglazier said he was unsure. "Not that I know," he said.

Combes explained that the previous Town Manager was supposed to have a meeting regarding it.

"I know that at least our former Town Manager was supposed to have a meeting regarding that at one point but I guess that must have fallen to the wayside with some busy items," Combes said.

Combes said if they became a town committee the Town Council "could actually contribute money within a budget at some point if it

actually becomes a Town Committee compared to a separate entity."

Heritage Commission Vice Chair Art Rugg said "Historically the town has always contributed in kind or with money appropriated through a warrant article because we appropriated money."

Combes said one of the ideas would be to try to attract people to the committee, and by making it a Town Committee they could help with advertising.

He said he could talk to the Acting Town Manager about beginning to

have the conversations with the Historical Society.

According to the Historical Society website, the organization was formed in the mid-1950s.

"On Feb. 15, 1956, about a dozen people met at the Leach Library and formed the Londonderry Historical Society," the organization's website states. "The group defined its mission as the 'discovering, procuring, and preserving of whatever may relate to the natural, civil, literary, and

ecclesiastical history of the town."

The Historical Society's property is located at 140 Pillsbury Road, and according to the organization's website is "home to the Morrison House Museum, the Parmenter Barn, the Clark Blacksmith Shop, and the Litchfield Carriage Shed."

The next Heritage Commission meeting is set for May 22 at 7 p.m.

More information about the Londonderry Historical Society can be found by visiting [londonderryhistory.org](http://londonderryhistory.org).

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# Editorial

## April Showers Bring May Flowers

As April comes to a close; we still have our boots, umbrellas, and ponchos out for all the rainy days. Let's not forget to take out our vases for the beautiful May flowers that will soon arrive.

There is an old saying "April Showers Bring May Flowers." But where did this saying originate?

According to Google, Thomas Tusser attributes the phrase to a short poem from 1557, found in his collection "A Hundred Good Points of Husbandry". The line reads: "Sweet April showers do spring May flowers."

If we travel back in time to the Fourteenth Century, a poem by Geoffrey Chaucer about April is called "The Canterbury Tales". Chaucer's version goes as follows: "When in April the sweet showers fall, that pierce March's drought to the root and all, and bathe every vein in liquor that has the power to generate therein and sire the flower". While Thomas Tusser may be considered the father of this saying, Geoffrey Chaucer is undoubtedly one of its earliest creators.

This saying likely emerged as a way to help us cope with the depression that comes after a long, hard winter and the dreary, rainy months of early spring. It encourages us to remain hopeful for better weather in May.

As I wrote this, I couldn't help but think of other encouraging sayings like: "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning", "There is a silver lining after every

dark cloud", and "This too shall pass."

The reality of death leading to new life parallels the arrival of spring and the promise of sunshine following a season of gloom and sadness. This brings us back to the phrase, "April showers bring May flowers". It serves as a reminder that even the most unpleasant experiences will eventually pass, and we can look forward to more joyful moments. There is indeed light at the end of the tunnel and the promise of abundant flowers in May. This saying also teaches us patience, it encourages us to have faith that what is to be will be and that no matter how bad things get, they will eventually turn around.

Many of life's greatest rewards come to those who wait patiently and endure challenges with a positive outlook. As May unfolds, take in the sights and smells of life reborn. After all, it's easier to appreciate beauty when you start with an optimistic mindset. Have you experienced a season of setbacks, disappointments, or hurdles? Don't be dismayed. Remember this: there has never been a wind that did not change direction, clouds do not linger forever, and April showers will bring May flowers. My point is that after enduring these challenges, we emerge better prepared and stronger. Sometimes, we must go through some difficulties to truly understand what is important and beautiful, emerging better on the other side.



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# Letters

## Open Letter to New Town Council

To the editor,

Ron, Deb, Shaun, Ted and Dan. I just watched the last Town Council meeting. I have to say that I am very impressed with the new direction of the TC. The biggest and most impactful change is the meaningful, honest, back and forth communication with members of the public during public comment. This level of transparency will go a long way to bringing the trust to back to all of you that you deserve and stop the proliferation of the conspiracy theories.

This town is going through a time when more and more services are being asked for at the same time that funds will be becoming scarce at the federal level and tax increases will be harder for citizens to tolerate. Tough decisions will need to be made and not everyone will get what they want. If we feel that all decisions are made publicly and public input is considered, we can at least feel that we are being heard in the process.

I have been involved in public facing boards and know that it can be a thankless job especially when you only hear about what you are doing wrong, so I want-

ed to take a moment to say thank you and please keep up the good work.

Respectfully,  
Scott Bristol,  
Lifetime Resident.  
Londonderry

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To the editor,

Dear Neighbors, Newsweek proclaimed UNH 10th on the preferred list of Public Universities. Our Legislatures have voted to defund UNH. Do you think Newsweek will still think we are a Preferred University?

Jane Cooper  
Londonderry

## Beautiful Londonderry

To the editor,

And to our neighbors - Happy Earth Month! Beautiful Londonderry is ready to welcome all volunteers to come help with our roadside trash clean up this spring. Together we can work to remake Londonderry Beautiful this season.

Our small planning committee is hosting our day on Saturday May 10. We hope to get many people out and about. Our thank you gift this year is a sweet treat gift from Mack's Apples. We are grateful to Mack's for a generous donation of certificates for 100 cones. We wel-

come all individuals, families, scout troops, church groups, sports teams, neighborhood groups and businesses to participate.

Beautiful Londonderry will provide bags, gloves, vests and pickers to borrow for the clean-up. Committee members will be at the Matthew Thornton Elementary School from 9 a.m. to noon. You and your team can choose a road near your own location, or we can assign you with a location in need of cleaning.

If you cannot join us on May 10, stop by the Leach Library and check out our new DIY Clean-Up kit so you can participate at a time of your choosing! For more information, please contact Joy at [jmuller@tolboards.org](mailto:jmuller@tolboards.org), find our Beautiful Londonderry page on Facebook, or find us on the Town of Londonderry website. If you are part of a business who would like to join our growing "Sponsor-a-Road" program, please contact John at [jmahon@tolboards.org](mailto:jmahon@tolboards.org).

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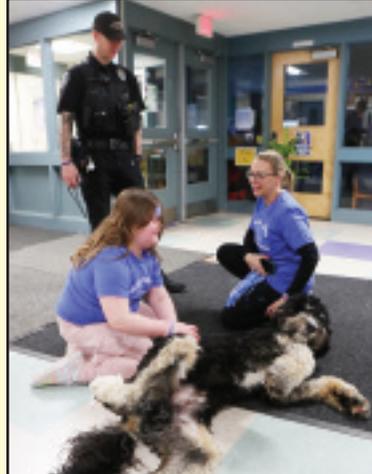
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# South School Holds Inclusion Walk Through the Halls



After having to reschedule the South School Inclusion Walk a week earlier, due to rain, organizer decided to hold the walk inside due to snow on Saturday, April 12. The event was a fundraiser aimed at buying sensory items for the playground. Overall, the walk was deemed as a success with the school hoping to hold the event annually. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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# Traffic

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between Sanborn Road and Page Road.

When headed south towards Manchester, Bouchard explained that there is a decline which makes many vehicles tend to go faster.

"This makes it difficult for vehicles trying to exit Sanborn Road especially if you're trying to make a left," Bouchard said, noting that it makes it difficult in particular for buses trying to pull out.

He also noted that the intersection once had a crossing guard.

Bouchard explained as part of his research that for three weeks he did observations there, and based on his experience he said very few vehicles drive 30 MPH or less in that area.

He explained that based on what he saw, cars trying to turn onto Sanborn Road are passed on the right "with vehicles not even slowing down."

When he was headed

south on Rockingham Road, when he got to the school zone, he said the vehicles ahead of him were way ahead of him.

"I was even passed in a no-passing zone," Bouchard said.

He said his proposal was to ask the Acting Town Manager Kim Bernard, who is also the Police Chief to direct the Police Department to have an officer at the intersection of Sanborn Road and Rockingham Road before and after school.

"It's a matter of time before we end up with a serious accident," Bouchard said.

Bernard said they have brought this up on numerous occasions at Traffic Safety meetings, and Town Council.

On the issue of having school resource officers working traffic Bernard said "SROS belong in the schools."

Bernard also explained that he doesn't have the ability to put an officer out there every day directing traffic without a cost saying it's not

about the money but rather about reallocating officers.

He said that they would add more directive patrols to the area. Bernard also noted that they continue to try to find crossing guards.

"When these things get brought to my attention I address them," Bernard said.

Bouchard argued they

could use people from the Police Command Staff, to help with traffic.

"There are plenty of people in that Police Department administrators if need be that you can (go take) up there and make sure that the traffic is taken care of," he said.

Town Councilor Deb Paul asked if they could have a timing system on

the light, so when there is a que of cars, it will trigger it, and stop traffic so cars can get out.

Bernard said it's something they can look

into. The Town Council is expected to have further discussion on this issue during the April 21 meeting.

## OBITUARY

### Barbara Jane Wallace



Barbara Jane Wallace, 86, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025, in her home surrounded by loved ones. She was born on Sept. 13, 1938, in Winchester, MA, a daughter of the late Elmer and Gertrude (Winn) Dearborn.

Barbara will be lovingly remembered for her generosity, unwavering devotion and was the first to pitch in and lend a helping hand to those in need. Even though raising her children was her greatest accomplishment, Barbara possessed an extraordinary gift to create beautiful masterpieces; most notably was her cake baking and decorating skills, which she eventually turned into a business. She also tackled other crafts resulting in unique and treasurable keepsakes. Barbara has had several rewarding career opportunities and engaged in her community as a lifelong member of the Londonderry Grange and the Londonderry Presbyterian Church, fostering many friendships along the way.

Barbara's greatest joys were spending time with her family, hosting cookouts, birthday parties and game day extravaganzas; especially the more intimate matches of Scrabble, where she maintained her status as "Scrabble Queen", along with her culinary skills, she also enjoyed reading. Her legacy is one of unyielding kindness and generosity and will be sadly missed by all.

She is survived by her son, Brian Wallace and his wife Jeanne; two daughters, Susan Wallace, and Cindy Doyle and her husband Terry; five grandchildren, Jeffrey Doyle and his wife Lisa, Craig Doyle, Katie Doyle, Sean Wallace and his wife Mia, and Lauren Dawson and her husband Ryan; 7 great-grandchildren, Clover and Finnigan Kowalczyk, Griffin and Emerson Doyle, Sarah and Harper Wallace, and Hallie Dawson; her brother, Laurence Dearborn, and her sister, Linda Campbell, as well as several nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Barbara was predeceased by her loving husband of 66 years, Henry P. Wallace; and her two sisters, Virginia Towle and Dale Watts and brother Elmer "Sonny" Dearborn Jr.

Following cremation, services will be held at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church on April 26, at 10 a.m., followed by the interment at Pleasant View Cemetery, and returning to the church for a luncheon upstairs for all wishing to attend. The Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Amedisys Foundation, 8 Commerce Dr., Suite 101, Bedford, NH 03110.

## OBITUARY

### Mark D. Thibodeau



Mark D. Thibodeau, 51, of Londonderry, NH, died Saturday April 5, 2025 in the Portsmouth Regional Hospital in Portsmouth, NH. He was born on March 11, 1974 in Bangor, ME, a son of the late Lester Thibodeau, Jr. and Annette (Cyr) Thibodeau. He had been a resident of

Londonderry for the past 26 years, formerly living in Methuen, MA. Mark was the proud owner and operator of Tibs Taps in Londonderry since 2010. Previously he worked for Verizon as a Splice Service Technician and was a member of the telephone workers union IBEW Local 2321. He had a personality that would create many friendships and bonds throughout the years. Mark enjoyed all the fun adventures in life, Playing outside on the side-by-off-roading with his girls, snowmobiling, ice fishing, and of course camping with special friends and family. He loved going to outdoor concerts as well as listening to music and cruising in his Ford Galaxie. His favorite past-time was fishing alongside his first mate of 30 years. From diving and fishing in the freezing northeast all the way to warm blue waters all over, he loved to charter a boat on vacation and enjoy life as well as experience all the great local people and food at each destination.

He is survived by his wife, Mari-Ann Thibodeau of Londonderry; two daughters, Alexis Thibodeau, and Madilyn Thibodeau both of Londonderry; and his sister, Amy Travers and her husband Chris Travers of Louisiana; as well as his niece and nephew Jessica and Josh; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Friday, April 11 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium.

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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Girls' and Boys' Tennis Teams Get Off to Strong Start

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Despite the weather ups and downs to start the spring sports season, the Londonderry High School girls' and boys' tennis teams season got underway on Wednesday, April 9, with matches against the Spaulding High School Red Raiders.

The Lancer boys' were on the road and the girls had their season home opener under the leadership of new head coach, Nikki Gauthier.

Gauthier took over this year from longtime coach Betty Wong-Mak, with the Lady Lancers

winning the season opener 6-3 and the boys had a dominating performance with a 9-0 victory of the Raiders.

In Londonderry, senior Lancer, Ali Von Pichl, set the tone as the team's number one starter and was able to come away with an 8-2 victory in her first match.

Fellow senior, Abby Jones, tallied an 8-4 win as the number two player on the squad.

Another senior, Riley Doyle, needed an extra set to give her team a 9-8 win as the number four player.

Sophomore Bianca

Bettencourt doubled-up her opponent, with an 8-4 win in the number five spot and freshman Tess Goding won 8-1 in the six spot.

In Doubles, the team of Doyle and Bettencourt had an 8-2 win for the Lancers sixth point.

In the boys' season opener, at Spaulding, Londonderry was able to sweep all their singles and doubles matches under the guidance of coach Alex Burbine.

Sophomore Neel Chakravarthy begins the season as the team's number one starter and had an outstanding 8-0 start.

Senior Logan Hunt also topped his opponent 8-0 to begin his season.

In the third spot, senior Connor Lord continues the trend with the team's third 8-0 victory.

Junior Jayden Wu contributed an 8-3 in the fourth spot and junior Tiede Broadhurst had an 8-2 in fifth.

In sixth, senior Evan Fortin made it perfect in single with an 8-0 win

In Doubles the team of Neel and Connor won 8-1; the Logan/Tiede team had an 8-2 win; and Jayden/Evan kept their opponent scoreless with an 8-0 victory.



Senior Ali Von Pichl, the Lancers number one starter had an 8-2 win to start the season.

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# Lancers Track and Field Teams Win First Spring Meet

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Track and Field teams had some very good results in their first meet of the spring season.

The Lancers faced the Spaulding Red Raiders and the Bishop Guertin Cardinals, with the girls winning with 85.5-points over the Raiders with 55.5 and BG getting 34.

The Londonderry Boys' team was able to take first place, getting 100-points over Spaulding with 38 and the Cardinals with 37.

## BOYS

In the 100-Meter Run, Griffin Massahos was first with his time of 11.19. Jon Inglese was second at 11.58, Jayden Ncala, was fourth at 11.68 and Lucas Palma was fifth at 11.77.

In the 100-Meter Run, Massahos got his second first-place win, with 23.26. Inglese took second at 23.90, Palma was fifth at 24.74 and Adrian Cruz was sixth at 24.81.

In the 400-Meter Race, Ryan Clegg was third at 57.85 and Finn McDonald took fourth at 57.94.

In the 800-Meter, Cash Robles took first at 2:10.41

and Chase Von Pichl came in at fourth with 2:20.14.

In the 1,600-Meter, Carson Fitzgerald, took second at 4:57.47, Josh Twomey, was third at 4:58.02 and Jack Dibuono was fourth at 4:58.38.

In the 3,200-Meter, Fitzgerald was second at 10:44.05, Dibuono took third at 10:51.33 and Twomey was fourth at 10:51.68.

In the 110-Meter Hurdles, Arnold Kasongo had a victory with a time of 17.37.

In the 300-Meter Hurdles, Kasongo placed second at 45.33.

In the 4x100-Meter Relay, LHS teams took first and second with times of 45.60 and 46.20.

In the 4x400-Meter Relay, Londonderry was first and third at 3:53.40 and 4:01.42.

In the High Jump, Kasongo placed first with a jump of 5'10". Devin Vanavery and Chase Burris tied for third at 5'8".

In Pole Vault, Palma took first-place at 9-feet.

In the Long Jump, Luc Gaudet jumped 21' 9" for first, Burris was second at 20'8.5" and Vanavery was third at 17'7.5".

In the Triple Jump, Brennan Cray was first at 32'10", John Vaccaro took second at 32'10" and Will Taylor placed third at 32'7".

In Shot Put, Matt O'Neil placed first at 38'4" and Davis Magarian was third at 33'7".

In Discus, Evan Williams was third at 85' 8".

In the Javelin, Alex Villa took second with a throw of 124'8".

## GIRLS

In the 100-Meter Run, Meara Horan was first at 13.58; Alexia Mbuyi was second at 13.71 and Jaylin Galeaz was third at 13.90.

In the 200-Meters, Mbuyi was second at 29.50.

In the 400-Meters, Drewanne Sherman took first at 1:05.45 5.

In the 800-Meters, Gabriella Delong was first

at 2:39.49, Nora Proulx was second with 2:58.12, Harper Labonte took third at 3:00.91 and Bella Mulhern was third at 3:02.51.

In the 1,600-Meters, Sayde White came in at second with a time of 5:48.33 and Stella Dutton was fifth at 6:04.07.

In the 3,200-Meters, Anna Laufersweiler took first at 12:32.25 and White was fourth at 12:52.41.

In the 100-Meter Hurdles, Evelyn Gillespie was first at 17.96.

In the 100-Meter Relay, Londonderry took first, at 54.15 5

In the Women's 4x400-Meter Relay, Londonderry took first and second at 4:42.68 and 5:08.69.

In the High Jump, Gillespie was first at 4'7", Lin-

sey Gregoire was second at 4'7" and Arianna White tied for third at 4'5".

In the Long Jump, Alexandra Pena, took second at 13'8.5".

In the Triple Jump, Shaneda Jackson was third at 29'1" and Julia Morrison was fifth at 28'.

In Shot Put, Autumn Yazbek was second at 26', Sharon Jackson was third at 24'9", Charlotte Rolfe was fourth at 24'4" and Adrijana Susa was third at 22'5".

In Discus, Yazbek took first at 90'4", Nkechi Wambu was second at 80'1" and Susa was third at 67'11".

In Javelin, Susa took second at 62'9", Gillian Rosen was third at 62'2" and Mia Robinson was third at 56' 11".

## Ryan Perry: Student, Athlete, Coach

SHANE BALL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

As Ryan Perry prepares to graduate from Londonderry High School this year, he will already have two years of coaching experience on his resume. He first started coaching his younger brother's sixth grade baseball and basketball teams as a junior in high school.

Perry played both sports growing up all the way to his sophomore year of high school until he suffered a broken wrist. After the injury, Perry decided to leave his days of playing basketball behind to pursue his goal of playing baseball in college as a pitcher.

Even through a busy baseball schedule, Perry found the time to give back to the leagues he was playing in just a few years ago. Before his coaching days when Perry wasn't on the field or the court as a player, he would be seen umpiring for the LAFA baseball team or refereeing for the LBC travel basketball team.

Managing a busy

schedule is something that Perry's been accustomed to for most of his life. He was always a multi-sport athlete growing up, so this was just another chapter for him. Perry found the time between his own school, practice, and work schedule to fit in nighttime practices for his athletes to prepare for games on the weekends.

"I like to stay busy," said Perry. "Being able to stay busy doing something I enjoy is great."

Being only a few years older than the kids he coaches offers a unique dynamic allowing Perry to relate to them in a way adults may not be able to.

"I remember quite well what it was like to be a middle schooler trying to develop, handle emotions, and prove myself," said Perry. "I try to instruct things in a way they can relate to, stay calm when they get emotional and support them."

While his athletes may try to test him at times, they do gravitate towards his leadership. He pulls

his inspiration from his previous coaches. In the brief window he's been coaching, Perry has won a championship with his recreational baseball team and recreational basketball team.

After a successful stint with the recreational leagues, Perry was able to join the Londonderry travel basketball team. He led that team to a playoff push where they would fall in a triple overtime thriller. He's received plenty of positive feedback from fellow coaches and parents.

Perry has committed to the University of Southern Maine as a pitcher for the school's baseball team. He'll be majoring in business with aspirations of business management or law enforcement. We'll see where his coaching journey continues as he moves on to his next chapter.

"I would love to continue to coach if the right opportunity came up," said Perry. "A career in coaching would be a dream job."

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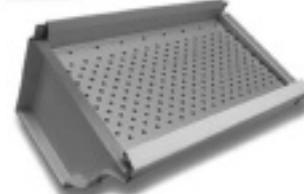
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## Bring Back the Trades

A Bring Back the Trades Skills Expo will take place at Londonderry High School on Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The event is brought through a combined effort of Bring Back the Trades Inc., the Londonderry Police Department and Londonderry Rotary and Rotary Club of Londonderry. Residents attending will see what's involved with many skilled trades careers. There will be a good selection of trades vendors and educators at the event to answer questions on a number trades jobs. Businesses wishing to be a vendor can email: [info@bringbackthetrades.org](mailto:info@bringbackthetrades.org).

## Pizza Wars

The 2nd Annual Pizza Wars to benefit the Sunshine Soup Kitchen, on Tuesday, April 22 from 5 - 7 p.m., at Pinkerton's Freshman Academy Marion Pounder Café. Try 'em all and vote for Best Cheese, and Best Specialty. Tickets are \$20 per person, kids 10 and under free with paid adult.

## Democrats Meeting"

The next meeting of the Londonderry Democrats is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23 at 6:15 p.m., in the Leach Library downstairs meeting room. Local Democrats and Democratic-leaning Independents and UnDeclareds are urged and welcome to attend. Please reach out to LondonderryNH Democrats via Facebook or email [pskud@gmail.com](mailto:pskud@gmail.com) for more details."

## Give Back to Veterans Concert

On April 25, from 7 - 9 p.m., American Legion Post 27 will host multiple bands who will be playing classic tunes and there is no cost to legion members. Members and guests can also play the groups new electronic gaming machines which pay out 90%. Post 27 also has keno and welcomes prospective members to stop in to check out the facility.

## Legion Meeting

American Legion Post 27 will hold their Monthly

General Meeting on April 14, at 7:30 p.m. All members are welcome to attend.

## Green Team Speaker Series

The Green Tem is hosting a series of Free educational presentations at the Londonderry YMCA. Container Gardening on April 24 at 6:30 p.m., attendees will learn the benefits and drawbacks of gardening in containers, as well as important techniques for successful growing. All are welcome to attend for more information see the groups facebook page [www.facebook.com/groups/greenteamlondonderry](http://www.facebook.com/groups/greenteamlondonderry) or email Marge at [marge@margebadois.com](mailto:marge@margebadois.com).

## Crafternoon

Drop in to this monthly crafting social hour on the first Friday of the month at the Leach Library. On Friday, May 2 at 2 p.m., bring your own craft project and supplies, and work alongside other local crafters. The library will also provide supplies for an adult coloring activity. No registration required.

## Mini Escape Rooms

Unlock the mystery at the Leach Library! The library will hold a mini escape room program once a month in Study Room A for teens. Find inspiration from the original consulting detective, Sherlock Holmes, and unlock the mystery. Each month will feature different themes and puzzles to solve. Join us for the next mystery on Friday, April 18 from 3 - 4 p.m. This program is intended for participants aged 12-18. Registration is required and begins on Friday, April 11. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

## Growing Up Wild

Preschoolers and their caregivers are invited to the Leach Library on Monday, April 21 at 4 p.m. for a new monthly nature exploration program. This program is designed for ages 3 - 7, but older children are welcomed to join in. Registration is required and begins on Monday, April 14. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

## Coding Club and Maker Lab

Unleash your imagination during the Leach Library's Coding Club and Maker Lab! Stop by Study Room B after school on Tuesday, April 22 from 3 - 5 p.m. to explore, craft, and create. During this two-

# Student of the Month



Londonderry High School is proud to recognize freshman Ty Momnie as our House III Student of the Month. As the dedicated manager for the Varsity Ice Hockey team, Ty's positive attitude and constant smile create an inclusive environment for Lancer Nation. Ty has spent countless hours supporting the team from the bench, ensuring everything runs smoothly and always putting others before himself. His commitment, enthusiasm, and school spirit are truly inspiring. We are incredibly grateful for his dedication. Congratulations, Ty - Lancer Nation is lucky to have you.

hour block, participants will be able to work independently or in small groups on projects and collaborations. This program is intended for participants aged 8-18. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, April 15. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

## Let's Make Something Together

Children ages 6 and older are invited to the Leach Library on Wednesday, April 23 at 4:30 p.m. for our new monthly program, Let's Make Something Together. Each month, we'll make something fun that can be taken home at the

end. This month, join us in making a shredded paper bird nest! Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, April 16. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

## Adult Craft: Acrylic Pour Painting

Adults are invited to come to the Leach Library on Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. to make their own masterpieces using acrylic pour paint! Registration is limited to 20 participants and begins on Thursday, April 17. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

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# Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

## Monday - April 7

**1:09 a.m.** Five officers conduct an Involuntary Emergency Admission on Noyes Road and transport to a hospital.

**1:13 p.m.** Robbery on Harvey Road investigated by ten officers.

**1:19 p.m.** Medical Emergency transported to a hospital from Londonderry Middle School.

**6:21 p.m.** Juvenile Offenses investigated by four officers on Grenier Boulevard.

**6:33 p.m.** Domestic Disturbance investigated on Chartwell Court.

## Tuesday - April 8

**8:29 a.m.** Assault investigated on Ash Street.

**10:27 a.m.** Arrest(s) made during Juvenile Offenses on Olde Country Village

Road.

**12:32 p.m.** Juvenile Offenses investigated at Matthew Thornton Elementary School.

**8:22 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated on Elwood Road.

## Wednesday - April 9

**1:19 a.m.** Violation of a Protective Order on Mammoth Road leads to an arrest. Leonard Coleman, 66, of Manchester, Charged with two counts of Stalking - Notice of Order.

**3:18 p.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud Services Rendered on Belgian Way

**6:36 p.m.** Four officers assisting the Londonderry Fire Department make an arrest at Market Basket on Michels Way. Alicia Alexander, 38, of Londonderry, charged with

Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

**5:53 p.m.** Welfare Check conducted on Winterwood Drive.

**8:49 p.m.** Services rendered for a Domestic Disturbance on Iris Lane.

## Thursday - April 10

**9:25 a.m.** Four officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Button Drive.

**10:58 a.m.** Neighborhood Disputes on Eglin Boulevard.

**2:13 p.m.** Three officers assist another police department with services in Merrimack.

**4:27 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on High Street, Hampton. Aaron Duvall, 40, of Hampton, arrested on a Warrant.

**6:31 p.m.** Services rendered during a Disturbance at the Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

**11:08 p.m.** Shooting Complaint investigated on Trolley Car Lane.

## Friday - April 11

**6:24 a.m.** A Domestic Disturbance on Tokanel Drive leads to arrest(s) made by five officers.

**8:49 a.m.** Sudden Death on Quentin Drive investigated by six officers.

**8:50 a.m.** Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at the Executive Health Sports Center on Highlander Way.

**9:02 a.m.** Services rendered by five officers for Animal Control - Dog Bite reported on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

**3:30 p.m.** Motor vehicle stop on Young Road, at Londonderry Fire Station II leads to an arrest.

Hailey Jesmar, 19, of Derry, Arrested on a Warrant.

**8:02 p.m.** Three officers render services for Juvenile Offenses on Grenier Boulevard.

## Saturday - April 12

**3:03 p.m.** Disturbance on Eagle Way leads to transportation to a hospital.

**3:07 p.m.** Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses on South Road.

**4:06 p.m.** Juvenile Offenses investigated on Grenier Boulevard.

**5:19 p.m.** Welfare Check conducted by four officers on Treadway Lane.

**8:30 p.m.** Juvenile Offenses on South Road investigated by three officers.

**8:36 p.m.** Ten officers investigate Juvenile Offenses on Alan Circle.

## Sunday - April 1

**12:38 a.m.** Motor vehicle stop at the Triangle Mobil Mart, on Mammoth Road,

leads to an arrest. Drew Fields, 39, of Salisbury, arrested on a Warrant; Resisting Arrest/Detention; and Front Lights - Auto.

**1:31 a.m.** Domestic Disturbance at Saint Mark's Church on South Road leads to arrest(s) made by four officers.

**10:49 a.m.** Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Vista Ridge Drive.

**3:01 p.m.** Disturbance on King Charles Drive leads to transportation to a hospital.

**5:37 p.m.** Domestic Disturbance at the Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road leads to an arrest made by three officers. Jonathan Sylvester, 42, of Boston, MA, charged with: being a Fugitive from Justice; and arrested on a Warrant.

**5:50 p.m.** Services rendered by four officers for a Missing Person reported on Mill Road.

## Around Town

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### Magician Robert Clarke

Magician Robert Clarke will be visiting the Leach Library on Monday, April 28 at 4:30 p.m. to amaze and entertain children of all ages. Registration is required and begins on Monday, April 21. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

### Wool Felted Gnome Craft for Teens

Ready to get crafty? Come to the Leach Library Meeting Room on Tuesday, April 29 at 1 p.m. for an awesome DIY experience to create a felted gnome! Teens are invited to learn the cool art of wool felting with the amazing Ms. Rachelle. All materials are provided. This program is intended for participants aged 12-18. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, April 22. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

### Teen Intro to Hand Sewing

Come to the Leach Library on Wednesday, April 30 at 3: p.m., and

learn how to sew and make a custom coaster. From simple stitches to creative designs, this hands-on session will teach you everything you need to know to get started with sewing! This program is intended for participants aged 12-18. Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, April 23. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

### Raising Chickens in Your Backyard

Have you ever considered owning chickens? Come to the Leach library on Wednesday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m. to learn how to get started! Join presenter Jen Valentine as she covers everything from coop design, breed factors, legalities, and cost, to raising your feather babies from egg to adult. Registration begins on Wednesday, April 23. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

### DIY Spa Day for Teens

Need a little self-care? On Thursday, May 1, stop by the Leach Library Meeting Room at 12:30 p.m. or 2 p.m. to make your own spring inspired bath fizz, sugar scrub, and bath soak! All materials will be provided. This program is

intended for participants aged 9-18. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, April 23. Visit the library's online calendar or call the library to register for one of the sessions.

### Intro to D&D

What is this D&D thing? Have you ever wanted to know more about Dungeons and Dragons? Then now is the perfect time to learn! Join Leach Library staff on Saturday, May 3 at 10 a.m. to discover how to create your own character, start a campaign, and dive into a world full of magic and adventure. Whether you're brand new or just want to brush up on your skills, this session is perfect for everyone! All participants will receive their own set of dice to take home. This program is intended for all ages. Registration is required and begins on Saturday, April 26. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

### Historical Fiction Book Discussion

Join Leach Library staff to discuss David Benioff's novel "City of Thieves" in May! On Wednesday, May 28 at 10 a.m., library staff

will offer a discussion at the Londonderry Senior Center located at 535 Mammoth Rd. On Thursday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m., join the discussion at the Leach Library. Refreshments will be served at each session. Registration is required for each session and begins on Monday, April 21. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the library.

### Film Discussion: Alien

It's like a book discussion but with a movie! Watch the 1979 film "Alien" (rated R) prior to the program and then come to the Leach Library on Monday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss it. Light refreshments will be served. This program is intended for adults ages 18 and up. Registration begins on Monday, April 21. Register online or by calling the library at (603) 432-1132. Copies of the DVD will be available to check out at the library.

### Free Comic Book Day

Stop by the Leach Library on Saturday, May 3 to receive a Free Comic Book! Whether you are a first-time reader or a returning enthusiast, make sure

to stop by and get your free comic book while supplies last. For some added fun, dress up as your favorite character! No registration necessary.

### Master Gardener Presentation: Birdscaping

Join UNH Master Gardener Stacy Scaccia on Monday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Leach Library to learn about how to landscape for our feathered friends. Planting native

perennials, shrubs, and trees can provide long-lasting habitat improvements for the birds while enhancing your landscape too. See examples and learn how to get started gardening for the birds. This program has been generously sponsored by the Friends of the Leach Library. Registration opens on Monday, April 28. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.



## TOWN OF LONDONDERRY OPEN POSITIONS

The Town of Londonderry is seeking volunteers to serve on the following Boards:

### Trustees of the Trust Funds

One (1) Three-Year Full Member Position (expires March 2028)

### Recreation Commission

One (1) Two-Year Full-Member Position (expires Dec. 2026)

### Senior Resources Committee

One (1) Three-Year Full Member Position (expires Dec. 2027)

Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2025. Interested applicants should be prepared to have a brief interview with the Town Council at the Council meeting on Monday, May 5, 2025 at 7 p.m. in the Moose Hill Chambers at the Londonderry Town Hall.

You must be a resident of Londonderry to apply for one of these positions. Information regarding these boards can be found on the Town's website. Talent bank forms can be found on the Town Manager's page on the Town website or by emailing Kirsten Hildonen at khildonen@londonderryrh.gov. For more information, please call Kirsten at (603) 432-1100 x153.



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