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Fifth Grade Fans

The Londonderry Middle School cafeteria was filled with fifth grade students last week during the annual Battle of the Books. The three elementary schools were able to cheer on their teams at the competition. See details page 5. Photo by Chris Paul

Concerns Raised on Stability of School's Federal Funding

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School Board was briefed on various federal funds the district receives, during its most recent meeting.

“With the questions that came up at the Deliberative Session in February and potential upcoming major policy changes from the Federal Government, I thought it would be good to help the School Board and the Community understand our Federal Grants a little more clearly, and potentially plan for those grants to be less stable in our future,” Superintendent Dan Black wrote in a memo.

He noted during the

meeting that during the March election, 87% of Londonderry voters approved the acceptance of federal grants for the upcoming school year.

One of the federal funds is Title IA, in the amount of \$198,327.

“The purpose of Title IA is to provide local school districts with additional resources that are targeted towards families in poverty,” Black wrote. “The general idea is that there will be higher needs that a school system will need to address to effectively educate all students. Every family that fills out a free and reduced lunch form for our school system, and qualifies, determines are

free and reduced lunch population. The rate and size of the population determine how much Title IA funds we receive year to year. That has remained relatively stable over my tenure here in Londonderry.”

He explained that they historically have used the funds for “intervention services in literacy and math. All our funds are directed towards staff at South Elementary School since they have had the highest rate of free and reduced lunch for our school system for decades.”

“Londonderry School Boards have chosen to then create mostly com- continued on page 3

Conservation Commission Calls for Greater Clarity on PUD Rules

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Deb Lieven of the Londonderry Conservation Commission called for greater clarity around Planned Use Developments (PUD) at the Commission's March 25 meeting.

“We've had several conversations about PUDs, things are not clear, there are certain rules for PUDs and even different rules for different PUDs,” said Lievens. “I've suggested that we go to the Planning Board and duke it out in some way. How can we make

this work so we know what's going on and so the developers can develop?”

Currently, PUDs like Woodmont and the ongoing Technology Hill proposal are large-scale projects that have a degree of flexibility regarding zoning and subdivision rules. Lievens also expressed concern that providing too many exemptions from town, state, and federal regulations could be a problem.

“I understand the concept behind these big projects, but even

though we're an advisory board, they need to take conservation issues into consideration,” she said. “We put these regulations in for a reason, we have done some fabulous things over the past 20 to 25 years in Londonderry, and it kills continued on page 7

Gym Roof Damage Secured, Will Need to Be Replaced

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the most recent School Board meeting, the board received an update on different needed repairs within the district. One of those issues is the gym roof.

“First, we want to thank everyone who came together to address

the LHS Gym Roof Issue on March 7, 2025. Everyone's quick action kept staff and students safe as the community worked together to secure the roof,” a memo to the School Board read.

It was explained that Therrien roofers have “secured the roof, but the roofers informed us the roof needs to be

replaced before another winter season.”

Business Administrator Amity Small, noted at the meeting, they are looking to see if insurance can reimburse them.

“They estimate the cost will be about \$275,000. We are working with Primex Insurance, who covered the continued on page 6

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School Board Reviews Academic Honesty and Integrity Policy

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The Londonderry School Board had a second policy reading for proposed revisions to its Academic Honesty and Integrity policy during its most recent meeting.

"This policy includes the use of Artificial Intelligence in our schools," Superintendent Dan Black wrote in a memo.

As part of the statement of policy, it states that "All students are expected to demonstrate academic integrity and honesty as members of the Londonderry School District. Students are expected to put forth their best effort on assessments, assignments, and all work done in their classrooms. Stu-

dents are expected to demonstrate respect towards their instructors and peers by encouraging and facilitating learning. For these reasons, engaging in various forms of cheating or academic dishonesty does not permit students to realize the full extent of their educational experience or their full academic potential. These expectations are directly related to the Board's educational objectives for students to learn to be responsible for and accept the consequences of their behavior. Fulfilling the Londonderry School District's Portrait of a Graduate means students are able to follow the guidelines below around Academic Honesty and Integrity."

"Any Violations of Academic Honesty and Integrity will result in disciplinary action as outlined in the procedures found in each school's Student Handbook," the policy states.

It also states that the "The Londonderry School District supports the use of Artificial Intelligence in our schools when it is a tool that can help teachers deliver the curriculum to students, enhance instructional techniques to support increased student learning and be a tool that helps staff increase their efficiency in the main responsibilities of their teaching roles."

"The Londonderry School District has created a spectrum of possible collaboration be-

tween students and artificial intelligence to help staff articulate expectations for all assignments in their classroom when it comes to the use of artificial intelligence," the proposed policy states. "Staff should constantly refer to this spectrum to ensure students understand the expectations for each assignment and avoid issues around academic honesty and integrity when applicable."

Under prohibited use, a section titled Improper Use of Artificial Intelligence "AI" Tools was revised.

"Improper use of artificial intelligence ("AI") and/or generative artificial intelligence tools is use which is inconsistent with the purpose,

spirit, or specific instructions for assigned schoolwork or homework by the teaching staff," the proposed policy read. "Students may only use AI tools in accordance with the teacher's specific instructions or guidelines mapped out in the Londonderry School District's spectrum of collaboration between students and artificial intelligence tools for assignments. When use is permitted, students must state their use of the AI tools and, where applicable, find a legitimate, independent source to cite information. Teachers will provide general instructions related to the acceptable use of AI tools, but students are expected to obtain clari-

fication from the teacher if they are uncertain of whether and how AI tools may be used on any given assignment."

Under consequences, it was also added as part of the proposed revised policy that "Specific consequences to violations of this policy will be detailed as school-based procedures outlined in the student handbooks at each school. These consequences will balance being consistent as a school district with the development needs of different ages of students in our school district. Multiple violations of this policy should have a progression of consequences for the student detailed in the handbooks."

Grant Funds for CTE Transportation Aid Gets Approved

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One of the agenda items during the March 25 Londonderry School Board meeting, was in regards to grant funds that were awarded to the school district for CTE reimbursements.

Business Administrator Amity Small, said they were looking for approval from the School Board to accept the funds, so they can get reimbursements for costs they already

incurred.

"The NH Department of Education Bureau of Career Development established a \$4M Grant for CTE Transportation Aid. The Londonderry School District applied for this grant in February to reimburse costs incurred for CTE transportation to Alvirne and MST for FY23, FY24, and FY25," a memo to the School Board stated. "We are requesting to accept this award under RSA 198:20-b, Appropria-

tions for Unanticipated Funds."

It was explained in the memo that the School District was notified in November that they were

"Allocated \$326,000 of this grant to reimburse transportation costs incurred to CTE centers from the state portion of the funding."

"The guidance from the DOE states: "All recipients for this grant must submit a final report into GMS no later

than June 30, 2025. Please note, that once the funds are awarded, schools will have 90 days from the award to submit their activity description for the project along with the budget to the NHED Grants Management System (GMS) for approval. Grants not submitted into GMS within 90 days of award will be reallocated to other programs. The grant funds must be expended by June 30, 2025," the memo to the School Board stated. "Final monthly reports for this grant must be submitted in GMS by June 30, 2025. Remaining funds will not be available for carry over." If the School Board votes to accept the funds, we will be able to meet the

current deadlines for obligating the funds."

The School Board unanimously approved the funds. Also during the meeting, the School Board approved its revised Educational Philosophy policy.

The policy states: "The School Board believes that education should be shaped by purposes rather than forces. Therefore, the educational system of this District, while maintaining flexibility in adapting to an ever-changing society, will be dedicated to the implementation of its vision and mission Statements."

It goes on to state: "Our Shared Vision The Londonderry School District will provide appropriate individualized

academic, social, emotional, and physical learning opportunities in order to establish a dynamic foundation for quality education and continued student growth.

Our mission is to provide all students with the vision, skills, and knowledge necessary to maximize their individual potential. Central to this accomplishment is the collaboration among all shareholders and disciplines so that students can become contributing members of society and appreciate that learning is a life-long process.

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Members Chose Slater to Chair School Board Again

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The Londonderry School Board had its first meeting, following the March 11 election, on March 25 as part of its reorganizational meeting, one of the agenda items was picking the Board's leadership positions for the upcoming year.

Bob Slater was once again unanimously selected by the rest of the Board to serve as the

Chair.

After being selected as School Board Chair Slater said "I would like to say thank you to my colleagues for all the time they spend in and out of our school district supporting staff to do things better for our students,"

Slater said the Board members do what is needed. "We're fortunate to have all of them on the board," Slater continued to say said he

hopes he is able to serve the School Board well. "Hopefully I can continue to serve you well," he said.

Also during the meeting, Sara Loughin was unanimously selected to serve as the School Board Vice Chair once again for the upcoming year.

The School Board also approved its various board meeting dates.

For April the Board is set to meet on April 8

and 22, in May they are set to meet on May 6, and May 20.

In June the Board is set to meet on June 3 and June 17, and in July they have one meeting scheduled, set to take place on July 15.

For August, the Board is set to meet on Aug. 5, with building tours set to take place on Aug. 20, and Aug. 21.

In September, the School Board is set to meet on Sept. 2 and

Sept. 16.

During the month of October, they are set to meet on Oct. 7, and 21.

In November, the School Board is set to meet on Nov. 11, and then on Nov. 25, which is when the school board is presented with the proposed budget.

In December, the they are is set to meet on Dec. 4, 11, and 18.

During January, the School Board is set to meet on Jan. 8, 15, and

27.

Feb. 6 is the date for next year's Deliberative Session, and the School Board is also set to meet on Feb. 17.

The School Board is set to meet on March 3, for a non-public session, Election Day is set for

March 10, and the School Board is set to have its reorganizational meeting on March 17.

The School Board approved the meeting schedule.

Funds

Continued from page 1
mensurate intervention services at the other elementary schools," Black wrote. "At times, if there is any carryover of funds with Title IA after we pay for staff, we have used it for curriculum materials for those intervention programs."

With a reduction or the funds going away, he said it would "force the School District to potentially change our intervention model in literacy and math. Still not being able to provide full-day kindergarten in the future complicates this possibility."

A total of \$129,138 goes to the district for Title IIA which are "funds dedicated to professional development for staff. These funds supplement all our district efforts over the years and this level of funding has generally been stable in the recent

future."

"How we have used these funds each year depends on the specific goals for the year as well as the larger five-year strategic plan," Black wrote. "In general, we have used these funds to support mentoring for new staff, additional classroom support for staff, our work around literacy in the elementary schools, and specific projects to support curriculum, instruction, and assessment work in all our schools. These professional development funds are about 4x larger than what we allocate in the operating budget."

Black said reduction or elimination of the funds would "not allow the school system to collaborate and coherently plan professional development for staff as a whole. Our teaching staff still have access to funding for their CBA, but this is largely for

personal pursuits related to workshops and seeking advanced degrees. I am worried that our collective learning together would halt in many ways."

Another major grant they receive is IDEA funds for a total of \$1,140,210 and IDEA Preschool for a total of \$29,163.

"Our IDEA grant is meant to supplement district-wide needs and services related to all that we do for students with special education needs," Black wrote. "The vast majority of funds year to year go to staff that range from psychologists to special education teachers and paraprofessionals. At times, the IDEA grant has supplemented district-wide needs in technology and professional development areas as well – but the majority of the grant is staff."

Black said, "IDEA as a law is a very powerful

law and we must comply with expectations it lays out for a school system to meet the needs laid out in every student's IEP."

"This dynamic makes it very problematic in terms of any reduction or elimination of IDEA funding for the school district," Black wrote. "We still need to meet the IEP needs and if we did not have sufficient federal grant funding, we would either have to ask local taxpayers to make up the difference or make reductions in other parts of the budget in terms of other programs. As you can see, not having such a large amount of funding would be a huge issue we would need to solve."

Another \$48,491 goes for Adult Education known as Perkins Grant.

"The Perkins Grant has been mostly stable over the last few years and supports our Adult Education Program at LHS," Black wrote. "This program serves our High School students to pursue their degree and find their path after LHS in an alternative setting."

He said any "elimination or reduction in the Perkins Grant would make our ability to provide this opportunity for our students not a clear option in the future."

"Everyone who has witnessed our Adult Ed Graduations knows how valuable the program is for students and fami-

lies," he wrote.

The district also receives \$554,000 for food services.

"To support the students that are on free and reduced lunch we receive more than half a million dollars in reimbursement and funding to make all the costs work for our Food Services Department," Black wrote. "Any elimination or reduction in funding would force the School District to make up the difference so that our students would still have food daily. We would then need to figure out how to make up that difference in the operating budget or seek additional funding from the taxpayers."

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Editorial

Fool Me Once...

April 1st has come and gone, and this mischievous date invokes laughter, clever pranks, and trust issues. That's right, April Fools' Day! It's a holiday that is either loved or hated by people, and that depends on who likes to prank people and who is the receiver of the prank. I have been caught in a few jokes myself.

Every year on this day, people take part in playing harmless tricks, telling tall tales, and engaging in lighthearted tomfoolery, all in the spirit of good fun. But why?

The tradition begins like many other customs rooted deep in history, the origins of April Fools' Day are cloudy, but the spirit of the celebration has always remained the same; laughter, levity, and a reminder not to take ourselves too seriously.

The origins of April Fools' Day according to the Library of Congress states that the first official reference to the devious holiday comes from a 1561 poem by Eduard De Dene, a Flemish poet who writes about how much fun it is to send his servant on a series of unnecessary tasks, which you might recognize as the origin of the term "fool's errands."

Others have traced the holiday's origins back to the late 16th century France when they switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar. People, who were slow to

adopt the new calendar versus those who continued celebrating the New Year in late March or early April, were mocked as "April fools". Others link the day to ancient Roman festivals like Hilaria, celebrated at the end of March, where people dressed up in disguises and mocked figures in town. Regardless of the exact origin, the idea stuck, and April 1st became a day dedicated to tomfoolery.

Today April Fools' Day remains one of the few times in the year where good-hearted pranks are accepted and encouraged as long as they're done in good taste.

In a time when stress runs high, the economy feels tight, and tensions sometimes boil over, April Fools' Day offers a rare and welcome escape. It's a chance to reconnect with our playful side, surprise a friend, share a laugh, and spread a bit of joy, all without spending a dime, and that's something worth preserving.

I hope this encourages you not only to enjoy the day next year but also help keep this tradition alive.

Teach your kids the joy of a clever joke, pulling a harmless prank. Laugh at yourself when you fall for something silly. Just remember: the goal is to make someone smile, not to embarrass or hurt.

Here's to a day filled with laughter, lighthearted lies, and the timeless joy of being just a little bit foolish?

Letters

Reducing IMLS and Its Impact on N.H.

To the editor,

An executive order issued Friday, March 14, 2025 calls for the reduction and elimination of functions of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), which is an independent federal agency that supports libraries and museums in all 50 states and U.S. territories. This decision will greatly impact Londonderry residents and Granite Staters. In our state, the NH State Library currently receives \$1.5 million of IMLS money annually to fund its interlibrary loan program (ILL), as well as the online catalog & van service to support it. In 2024, The Leach Library loaned out 4,043 items to other libraries using the ILL service and borrowed 2,158 items from other libraries to support the needs of our patrons. The State Library also uses IMLS money to provide you with Talking Book services (for the blind and print disabled), and Libby, the eBook, eAudio and digital magazine platform. In 2024, Leach Library patrons borrowed, on average, over 3,000 titles per month through Libby.

What does this mean for you? This funding, if not available, will dramatically affect the above-mentioned services that we currently provide to our patrons, crippling the collaboration between NH libraries, and drastically reducing access to materials library patrons would not otherwise have access to.

How can you help? If you object to the elimination of these funds

and the functions of IMLS that are specifically used to serve you, the public, we highly encourage you to contact your Congressional Delegation expressing why IMLS and the funds provided are critical, and how it will severely impact the many residents who rely on these valuable services, not only in our Town, but around the State.

Erin Matlin

Leach Library Director
Londonderry

Sound the Alarm

To the editor,

As an elder, I've lived through many political crises in this country - but I have never seen an attack on our democracy like this. In the past, there was bipartisan opposition to lawlessness. Today, the guardrails are being dismantled before our eyes, and we must sound the alarm.

Sincerely,

Tara Souther
Londonderry

The Thought Police ...

To the editor,

I prefer, and try hard, to be politically impartial. I try to pick my politicians for their character and integrity. None the less, a statement was made last week concerning one of our most significant institutions that prompts me to express a politically charged opinion.

The Smithsonian - that institution has safeguarded this nation's history since its formation by gathering factual records and making them publicly accessible. Now it is confronted with needing to "remove improper ideology".

Who is going to be the judge whether proven facts are considered improper ideology? It certainly should never be any political party.

Beware - the thought police are the next step. This is precisely what went on with the Nazi rule in Europe leading to, and during, WW-II. More locally, even our State Library is under threat of becoming unfunded. Shall we close all our libraries, museums, schools and colleges? When only ignorance prevails, it is far easier for an elite few to control the general population.

"If you repeat a lie often enough, people will believe it, and you will even come to believe it yourself." - Joseph Goebbels.

David Ellis,
Londonderry

Americans Fighting Back

To the editor,

Where to start? I think Toasted Tesla's would be a good place. Can anyone say Cancel Culture? It would seem the GOP menace has got its collective skirts all bunched up in knots over this one. It reminds me of one of my phrases; If you don't like it, don't do it. They could care less about their ongoing war on Disney, which has cost the company 195 Billion in Revenue thus far. Let's not forget the rights summer of war against Bud Light, which by the way cost the company 1.4 Billion in lost sales. Yes, you guessed it every Maga cult follower is still cheering about this. Still, it's not on par of

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North School Team Wins Annual Battle of the Books Again



For the second year straight, a North Elementary School fifth-grade team took home the trophy at the annual "Battle of the Books" challenge. Prior to the pair of Bears wins over the past two years, Matthew Thornton had a three-year reign in the number one spot. Each year, the three Londonderry Elementary Schools send teams of fifth-graders to represent their school at the annual battle, hosted by the Middle School. The friendly competition took the place of the spelling bee a number of years ago, and has teams recall information from the books they have read during the school year, and points are given for correct answers along with spelling the title completely and correctly. This year, the North team had an overwhelming win with 103-points, over South School with 79 and Matthew Thornton with 72-points. Members of the winning team, pictured at top left, were: Austin Lemay, Lola Williams, Ander Tamanaha and Mackenzie Motschmann. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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Signs at Building Near Manchester Line Discussed at ZBA

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

One of the cases during the recent Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, was in regards to proposed variances for signs at 347 Rockingham Road, which is in the Multi-Family Residential (R-III) zoning district.

There were three different variances being considered during the meeting.

One of the proposed variances was to allow one identification sign exceeding six square feet, where one identification sign not exceeding six square feet is allowed.

It was explained by Mark Cusson, the owner of Turn One Graphics, that he was applying for

the variance on the behalf of the tenant of the building Genalco Inc. He explained the current sign has been in its current location for many years, that the height and location allows for the information to be clear.

The reason for the new signage, Cusson said, is to clean it up.

Cusson explained that they were called by the owners of the tenant of the building.

"I think many of you will know this property as the broken down... run-down property," he said.

Cusson told the ZBA during the meeting that the tenant and the property owner Thibeault Corporation of N.E. have put "substantial work into the property and

cleaning it up."

"At this point, the only thing really left is the sign," he said.

Cusson explained that the structure is solid and that they would actually be reducing the square footage of the sign, by changing the face of it.

He explained that the location of the sign was originally placed there due to where the building is located.

The argument, Cusson said, is that they have had the sign in the same spot for years, and also said "moving it would cost tens of thousands of dollars.

Cusson also explained that the lowering of the height of the sign to meet the Town require-

ments, would actually have negative impacts after speaking to the building inspector.

An issue raised during the meeting was how unclear the exact height of the sign was.

While the variance for the square footage of the sign was approved by the ZBA, other variances were continued by the Board at the request of the applicant.

One of those variances was to allow one detached identification sign exceeding a height of six feet, whereas one detached identification sign not exceeding six feet in height is allowed.

The other was for a proposed variance to allow one identification sign within 15 feet of

the property line, where- ed nearer than 15 feet to as no sign shall be locat- a property line.

Gym Roof

continued from page 1 repairs to secure the roof, to see if the roof replacement is also covered by insurance," the memo stated. "However, it is possible the District will need to cover the cost of the replacement, which we will need to discuss further when we get confirmation either way. We have posted an

RFP for the project with proposals due by April 2, 2025 so we are ready to proceed."

Small said she hopes they will have more information by the next meeting.

Another item discussed was for the line painter.

"The voters approved the budget to lease the Turf Tank Line Painter," the memo read. "Turf

Tank has reached out to Buildings and Grounds to give them the opportunity to get the machine for the Spring - at no additional cost, with no costs due to them prior to July 1st - so that we are able to use it for our Spring season, as well as Fall."

The memo continued, "We would like to proceed with this opportunity as it will give us a fuller picture of its functionality for future budget discussions."

The School Board approved moving forward with it.

Door replacements were also discussed during the meeting.

"There are two door areas that need replacement due to safety issues: South School Gym

Door #9 and Matthew Thornton Café Door #13," the memo read. Facilities have been trying to get the three bids for the doors, but only one company has produced actual bids. We are looking to proceed with the bid we have received from New England School Services, Inc. for the door projects. The B&G Team feels they are fair and reasonable, and we want to make sure these doors are replaced in a timely manner due to the safety concerns."

The door bids were \$7,871 for the door at Matthew Thornton, and at South School, the door bid was \$5,512.

The bids were approved by the School Board.

OBITUARY

Dorothy Helen Cole



Dorothy Helen Cole, 95, of Scituate, MA passed away on March 15, 2025, at the All American Assisted Living in Londonderry, NH surrounded by her loving family. Born on May 15, 1929, she was the daughter of the late Eldrude Whitney (Royce) of Three Rivers, MA & Howard A. Whitney of Ludlow, MA. Dorothy was known for her courage to stand up for what she believed in, her determination, & resilience. Her lessons went beyond words, as she led by example, always fighting for fairness, empathy, & the dignity of others.

She is survived by her children: David Cole & his wife Evelyn Mousel-Cole, Steve Cole & his wife Michele Gear-Cole, & Sandy Cole Kunitake & her husband Doug Kunitake. Dorothy was the proud grandmother to 4 grandchildren: Christopher Cole, Alyssa Frechette, Julia Frechette, & Brian Frechette. She is also survived by her sister, Virginia ("Ginny") Mae Fleming of Warren, MA along with many nieces and nephews.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Wilbur "Joe" Cole, & her siblings: Marilyn, Phyllis, Joyce, Joan, Barbara, Janice, Milton ("Milty"), Howard ("Butch"), & Eda.

Dorothy was the second oldest of 11 children & raised in Warren, MA. She graduated from Warren High School in 1947 with high honors. In 1950 she graduated from Springfield College of Nursing & began her career at Mary Lane Hospital in Ware, MA. She loved her role as a surgical nurse in the OR &, later on in life, remarkably recalled her favorite patients' names & memories of her time there.

All her life, she took pride in her medical knowledge & care for others. Dorothy & Wilbur married on June 20, 1953, & were blessed with almost 60 years of marriage. Dorothy was a stay-at-home mom who remained very active in her social circles. She & Wilbur raised their children with values of kindness, integrity, honesty, & respect for others which were passed down from their respective upbringings. Wilbur's career brought many moves for the family throughout the Midwest & East Coast. Their final move was to their beautiful seaside town of Scituate, MA in 1976.

Dorothy was a passionate, lifelong learner & attended OLLI classes through UMass Boston well into her late 80s. She obtained a graduate certificate in Human Services from UMass Boston in 1990. Regarded as ahead of her time, Dorothy had a passion for social justice & women's rights. She demonstrated how human connections can transcend cultural & language barriers through her many travels.

Closest to her heart were her trips to El Salvador with UCC Norwell, which spanned over 20 years. In her final months, she would often reflect on these visits & how much the other Asaprosar members and Salvadoran people meant to her.

Some of Dorothy's favorite pastimes included early morning walks on Peggoty beach in Scituate, playing word & card games with family and friends, reading, & watching Jeopardy. Dorothy also took pride in being a grandmother & was a source of great support for her grandchildren. Dorothy leaves behind a legacy of strong, principled individuals who will continue her work, holding steadfast to her lessons of moral courage, love, & equality. Her spirit will live on through her children, grandchildren, & all whose lives she touched with her grace & wisdom.

The family would like to thank the United Christ Church of Norwell, a place where she found deep connection in community & faith. A special thank you to Brookhaven Hospice & the All American nurses & staff who were there during her final moments to ensure her quality comfort & care.

A celebration of life was held on Saturday, March 22, at the United Church of Christ. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Asaprosar in Dorothy's name at www.asaprosar.org, continuing her lifelong commitment to justice & equality. The Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium is assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

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School Board Receives the 90-Day Discipline Report

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board received a 90-day discipline report, during its board meeting last month.

It was explained by Londonderry Superintendent Dan Black, that they broke it down into

a number of different categories.

One of those categories was the percentage of students who do not have a referral to the office for their behaviors so far this year.

Another was for the percentage of students who we considered in a

“Tier 1 status” where they have between 0 to 3 office referrals so far this year and “can follow the expectations of the school generally in classrooms, hallways, cafeteria, bus etc.”

They were also broken up into the percentage of students in Tier 2 or Tier 3 status that “do require interventions to address the behaviors we see and a more team-oriented approach to helping them meet the behavior expectations we have.”

At the 90 day mark, the percentage of students who did not have an office referral ranged between 82% which was at Londonderry Middle School, and 94% of stu-

dents at North School who did not have an office referral.

“That’s a really good benchmark,” Black explained during the meeting.

Black explained during the meeting that they broke it out with what they call “tier 1” which is zero to three office referrals.

Moose Hill and South were at the lowest with 5% and Londonderry Middle School was at the highest with 15%.

“Tier 2” is what they refer to when a student has four to nine office referrals.

Less than one percent of students reached that number at Londonderry High School and North

School, with Moose Hill having the highest percentage at 3%.

“Tier 3” is when a student has 10 or more office referrals, with all schools having less than 1%.

“By the time we arrive at the frequency of Tier 2 and Tier 3 behaviors we now have interventions and a team-based approach in place to help students make better choices in the future,” Black wrote in his memo.

Another area that they looked at was the number of bullying investigations and risk assessments completed.

Across the school district, there were a total of 19 bullying/har-

assment investigations initiated at the 90-day mark with six of them sustained.

There were also 23 risk assessments completed.

The risk assessment Black said is “when a student is considering self-harm.”

“One of the hardest aspects to navigate is peer conflict within our schools and walking students and families through the legal definitions of bullying and harassment,” Black wrote in his memo. “The rise in risk assessments is concerning. We need to help our students, and their families, find more mental health support in the community as well.”

OBITUARY

Joan Yvonne McClure



Joan Yvonne McClure (Dey), 90, of Londonderry, NH passed away on Saturday, March 22, 2025. She was born in Buffalo, NY, the daughter of George A and Mary (Harrison) Dey. Prior to moving to Londonderry in 2016, she lived for over 55 years in Wilmington, Delaware with her husband Robert.

Joan had a loving personality and adventurous spirit which will be greatly missed. In life, she was a devoted wife and mother and delighted in being a Grandma and Great Grandma. She was a very generous and kind-hearted person who always looked for ways to help others or a chance to offer an encouraging word. Joan’s playful nature had her joyfully joining in with whatever activities her friends and family participated in. Over the course of her life, she traveled across the US, Europe, and China, went scuba diving in Hawaii, and took thousands of photos everywhere she visited. She was a very active person with many interests throughout her life that included water ballet, waterskiing, gardening, ballet, golf, and of course art. In art, she found her passion and calling.

Joan was an accomplished artist whose formal training began in Buffalo, NY in 1949 and resumed in Delaware in 1967 when she began attending the University of Delaware. Joan specialized in printmaking, employing etching, lithography, and silkscreen printing to accomplish her work. She also was known to use her hand made paper in the ‘Chin Cole’ method (Chinese collage) to impart color to her original etchings.

Joan taught printmaking at the Delaware Art Museum from 1975 – 1981 and for 16 years each at the Chester County (PA) Art association and at the art studios at Absalom Jones as well as for a time at the CCArts in Delaware.

In 1995 Joan was invited by the Belgium government to work with a small group of international artists at the Frans Masereelcenter for graphics in Kastrlee. Two of her works accomplished there remain in the center’s permanent collection, and two other works circulate with the Belgium government’s collection. She also was recognized nationally by the inclusion of her etching “Renewal” in the permanent collection of the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington DC. In 2003, two of Joan’s works, “Renewal” and “Coloring Book II,” were published in the collection Speaking for Themselves: the Artists of Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Joan is survived by her son William McClure and wife Diana Lynn of Rehoboth Beach, DE and Zephyrhills, FL; her daughter Barbara Schechinger and husband Paul of Londonderry, NH; two granddaughters, Lauren Schechinger of Arlington, MA, and Anna Guastella and husband Rob of Clinton, MA, two great granddaughters Ivy and Maya Guastella; a brother George Dey and wife Marilyn of Amherst, NY; brother in law, Jerry McClure and wife Terry of Jackson Beach, FL, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was pre-deceased by Robert McClure, her husband of 63 years until his death in 2018.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Sunday, March 30, at the Peabody funeral Homes and Crematorium. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer’s association at www.alz.org or to the Delaware Art Museum at delart.org/support.

PUD

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me to see it thrown away because developers need that extra 10 pounds of flower in their bag.”

Alternate Commissioner Mike Speltz suggested visiting the Planning Board and the Master Plan Committee with any PUD-related concerns.

Chair Marge Badois gave an update on the Scobie Pond Boat launch, which is scheduled to open this spring.

“I got a call this morning from the company doing the boat launch, and they’re looking to do an install on April 21,” she announced. “I need to get a letter out pretty quick to

the abutters.”

The Chair promised to contact abutters and the NH Department of Environmental Services before work begins.

With \$750,000 now in the bank following the return of property at 35 Gilcrest Rd., the Conservation Commission was tasked with replacing it with land of “equal conservation value.” According to Badois, several properties were already under consideration.

“We ought to advertise, we need to get this done,” said Speltz. “We should probably be actively pursuing it.”

He proposed generating a list of every parcel in Londonderry that has a conservation value greater than or equal to the for-

mer Gilcrest parcel.

“That way we can narrow the field down by quite a bit,” said Speltz, who then suggested talking directly to property owners with the best conservation land. “I will continue my search.”

Badios announced an annual, upcoming University of NH land conservation conference designed to help with development and networking skills.

“Every year, UNH has an event called Saving Special Places. It’s an awesome opportunity to see different things on

wildlife, on conservation, on easements, on community relations, it very interesting,” said Badois. “They did something different this year, and they’re having it on a Friday instead of a Saturday.”

She encouraged anyone interested to register for the event. Saving Special Places will happen on Friday, April 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Grappone Conference Center in Concord.

The next Conservation meeting is set for Tuesday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers.



Londonderry School District Summer Enrichment Program

The Londonderry School District will offer several fee-based enrichment programs to registered students during the summer break.

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North School Families Face Off in Friendly Dodgeball Battle



Students and family members of North Elementary School faced off in a friendly Dodgeball Night last week. Members of the high school's Pay it Forward group also helped out with the event. After a warm-up between the younger attendees, parents joined in against students. *Photos by Chris Paul*

OBITUARY

Ron Blyseth



Ron Blyseth of Hudson NH, passed away on March 26, 2025 at Community Hospice House in Merrimack, NH.

Ron was born in San Bernardino, CA. Ron spent six years in the U.S. Navy. He then pursued a career in technology working and traveling all over the world.

He is survived by his wife, Susan, and his brother Dan in Georgia. He is survived by two sons on the West Coast, Other relatives include Jenni and Pete, Rachel and Ariel, Jon, Tori. In Florida, there is Tammy Davis, Michael and Andrea. Stepchildren are Melissa Parker, Katie and Jen Scalise Mullett, Tabitha and Roger Colby; Deb and Ryan Hanlon, and Jen and Dave Wellman; and 17 grandchildren.

Calling hours will be Friday April 4, from 9 - 10 am. Funeral will immediately follow at 10 a.m., at the Peabody Funeral Home 290 Mammoth Rd. Londonderry NH. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Cancer Society in Ron's name.



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Monty Python's Spamalot Will Have Audiences in Stitches

Get ready for a crazy ride on a coconut-clopping horse, as Ovation Theatre Company presents Monty Python's Spamalot at the Derry Opera House on Friday, April 11, and Saturday, April 12.

Lovingly ripped off from the classic film comedy Monty Python and the Holy Grail, Monty Python's Spamalot retells the legend of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table, and features a bevy of beautiful show girls, not to mention cows, killer rabbits, and French people. The outrageous, uproarious, and gloriously entertaining story of King Arthur and the Lady of the Lake will delight audiences as they search for the Holy Grail and "always look on the bright side of life."

Many of the youth cast members were not familiar with Monty Python's comedy, but are loving portraying it on stage. Charlotte Latour of Londonderry is a featured dancer. "It's so fun. There's so much going on and I don't think anyone could ever predict it." Latour's parents gave her some idea of what to expect, but she "didn't know it would be so humorous."

Parker Danzey of Derry plays Patsy, who, with coconuts in hand, literally sets the rhythm of the show. "The coconuts are probably the best running gag in the show and it even makes it into a couple of songs. It's hard-



er than it looks!"

Bryan De Oliveira of Manchester leads the knights as the iconic King Arthur. "My favorite scene with the knights is at the iconic French castle, where we are repeatedly and very rudely taunted."

Ryan Kaplan of Windham gets to play two very different roles. "Sir Bedevere the Strangely Flutulent is a member of the knights of the round table, but he's not very bright. Prince Herbert is a very flamboyant prince, who is not interested in 'big tracks of land.' He would prefer that his significant other have a certain special something."

Janna Mori of Manchester embodies the diva Lady of the Lake. Mori enjoys "scatting" vs. Arthur. "They're upstaging each other in doing this crazy scat."

Colton Weidner of

Bedford portrays Sir Robin the Brave. "Sir Robin is a fun guy who is obsessed with everything Broadway. He wants to be a knight because he wants to go dance and sing, because he thinks that's what they do." Portraying Monty Python's humor "is such a great experience."

Spamalot: School Edition features a talented cast drawn from all over southern New Hampshire and northern Massachusetts. This production's creative team includes Director Meg Gore, Music Director Eric Berthiaume, Choreographer Brittany Cardoza and Stage Manager Audrey Labbe. The cast includes Connor Burns, Hanna Carroll, Bri Federico, Cooper Jean, Charlotte Latour, Ava Leahy, Claire Millis and Lily Tessier of Londonderry; Parker Danzey, Leo Denu, Eret Minsaa,

Naiya Philipp and Allison Zenga of Derry; Ava Chaloux and Ryan Kaplan of Windham; Bryan De Oliveira and Janna Mori of Manchester; Cara Berman and Colton Weidner of Bedford; Molly Peters of Hollis; Holden King-Farbstein and Nicholas Metz of Exeter; Carson Michael Curtis of Brentwood; and Ethan White of Groton, Mass.

Spamalot will be presented on Friday, April 11,



at 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 12 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Derry Opera House, 29 West Broadway, Derry. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for stu-

dents and seniors through April 4 and \$25 and \$20 beginning April 5 and are on sale at ova-tiontc.com.



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Lancer Athletes Take Part in National Signing Day at LHS



The Londonderry High School Athletics Department held its annual National Letter of Intent Signing Day at the school recently with three student athletes announcing their future plans.

Senior Lancer Runner, Sayde White, pictured at left, will be headed to St. Anselm's College in neighboring Manchester where she will continue her Cross-Country and Track career while receiving her degree.

Senior Quarterback Linebacker Alex Villa has plans to attend the University of Rhode Island where he will be playing football for the Rams.

Senior Tight End and Linebacker Devin Boles, not attending, will be attending Philips Exeter Academy where he will continue his football career as a member of the Lions.

Parents, family and fellow students attended the event which took place in Room 221 at the high school with Athletic Director, Jimmy Lauzon speaking briefly about the student athletes accomplishments.

Courtesy photo

School Board Approves Policy Allowing Members to Coach

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School District discussed a policy allowing a School Board member to coach, which was once again discussed during the most recent board meeting.

At the previous meeting, it was explained by School Board Chair Bob Slater that School Board

member Kevin Gray was approached by the Middle School the week prior to see if he would have some spare time to coach the boy's lacrosse team.

Slater explained previously that they have been trying to find a coach for the upcoming season, but they haven't been able to find one up to that point.

Slater added that they need to have their attorney look at their current policy, in order to allow Gray to be able to coach. Slater said that he had a conversation with the attorney who said he would look at the RSAs to make sure there isn't anything that would prevent a school board member from coaching under

state law. The attorney explained that their current policy essentially says you can't be an employee of the school district while also serving on the school board. "So what was brought up is, could he be a volunteer coach on an emergency case basis and could we put that into the policy," Slater stated during the meeting.

A policy was read for an updated policy regarding Board Member Qualifications. The proposed revised policy states: "Candidates for the School Board must be registered voters in Londonderry.

Board members cannot simultaneously hold the office of Moderator,

Treasurer, or Auditor. (See BBFA) Board members cannot be salaried employees of the School District. (See BBFA) Board members may assume the volunteer position as a lead or head coach for one of the District's sports teams provided, however, that the District does not have any other candidates for the coaching position, and the Board member only volunteers until such time as a coach can be hired.

The Board member shall not receive a stipend for this work, but shall be engaged as a "designated volunteer: in accordance with RSA 189:13 - a. This paragraph shall be in effect on a temporary basis

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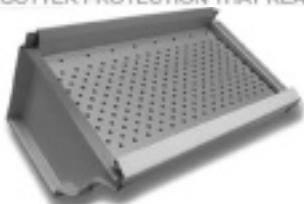
New Board members must take the oath of office specified in part 2, Article 84, of the New Hampshire Constitution.

New Board members shall take office at the close of the Town Meeting at which they were elected, or at the close of the Annual School District Meeting, whichever is later."

Slater noted that they received guidance from their attorney, who said they are allowed to waive the first two readings until a later date, in order to put the revised policy into effect, which the School Board approved during the meeting.

The next School Board meeting is set for April 8 at 7 p.m.

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Letters

Continued from page 4 believing the BIG LIE, storming the capitol, destruction of property, committing treason and causing the Death of Police officers. No sir, that will get you a Presidential pardon! However, torch a Tesla and they want to see you tortured and killed in a foreign prison.

I was very happy to see the GOP cult menace being Booed and screamed out of Town Hall meetings recently. It would seem even those who were Con'ed again are now wising up. They thought he would make their lives better. Really? Most can see destroying the Government, Giving a 5 Trillion tax Cut to the wealthy (like we told you he would) does not benefit them at all. Not to mention the Economic Disaster the Orange idiot created, by his wax on/ wax off Tariffs. Kind of funny to watch, Now wait a gosh darn minute, you mean tariffs mean I have to pay more? Yup, that's right I do declare. Also, the Dow Jones is down over 2,400 points since Jan. 20, as of this writing. FYI, the Orange idiot had tweeted: "If the stock market falls 1,000 points in two days the President should be immediately impeached". Well, it dropped 1,300 points in two days recently, so come on Brainwashed Maga puppets, do your JOB!

Finally, the Musk-rat. You know, the South African born, recent (2 year) US Citizen, billionaire, who spent 10 years here as an Alien, just doing what he wants with no oversight. Cause? Cause he feels like it. Yes, lawsuits are flying, and Federal Judges are stepping in to stay this madness. More are on the way, Musk after using his money (over 100 million) to get the Orange Lunatic elected, has tried offering a million dollars to Wisconsin voters (like he did before). Problem is Wisconsin has a Law against buying an Election.

No one elected a King, or a Dictator and Americans are now revolting! Bravo!

Thank You Rescue Squad

Next week we'll discuss Signalgate. i.e.: Pete "Whiskeyleaks" Hegseth. And if you did not already know this new CBR is all about Lies, Conspiracy theories and Hypocrisy, you will surely find out.

Steve Homsey Londonderry

To the editor,
We have the very nicest Rescue Squad ever. My friend fell and I could not get her up. We called 911 and just as quick as a wink, 911 transferred us to Londonderry and within 10 minutes there were 3 remarkable men who very quickly and gently lifted my friend back unto her feet.

My friend appeared

to be fine and she was, but they stayed for awhile with all the pertinent questions needed to ascertain if indeed she was Ok. Left with a Good-by and if anything should develop, take to the ER.

Thank You Rescue Squad! And when budget time comes, remember how much these folks are needed.

Jane Cooper Londonderry

Trump Derangement Syndrome - Help Is On The Way

To the editor,
With the election results in November, it has saddened me to see the anguish and suffering of some of our progressive brothers and sisters over the election of our Supreme Leader, Donald J Trump. Knowing that many of these poor souls are curled up in a ball in a dark corner somewhere, staring at the wall in a catatonic state while uttering incoherent satanic chants about the dangers of the oligarchy brings me to tears.

I am happy to report that there is some good news on the horizon for all of our troubled brethren.

Hitler, Nazi, Lucifer, Vlad the Impaler, Hannibal Lecter or whatever else some of the members of the loyal opposition are calling him these days, President Trump direct from Sky-Net HQ has just signed an executive order aimed directly at these tortured individuals designed to alleviate their pain and misery. Effective immediately, Der Fuhrer has ordered, (I am sorry, I meant suggested) that all of these emotionally fractured members of the "Trump Derangement Syndrome Club" are to be forced marched, (sorry again, I meant led on an Eco-Hike) 2500 miles to southern Arizona. Upon arrival, they will be interned to the newly constructed Trump Supermax Re-Education Gulag, (once again - apologies, I meant Trump Relaxation Spa and Resort). After a short orientation strip search and chemical spray delousing, (my bad again, I meant Health and Safety Examination) all attendees will be escorted to their prison cells, (again, oops for my poor choice of words, I meant Luxury Penthouse Suites). Meals for the next several years are included. The menu is based on the Michelle Obama Children's school lunch menu of polenta, fennel, arugula, okra, kale, WW-2 surplus canned grey peas, all pureed together in truffle oil in an absolutely delightful primeval festering steaming goo that has the added benefit of an having an insulation value of R-68. Daily activities, are the best in the world, this side of Syberia. Water boarding, (or I should have said Eco-Water Immersion Therapy) designed to purge all angry thoughts from both the mind and the soul. Afternoon electric shock treatments (or as I should have been more specific, Relaxation Nerve Stimulus Sessions) designed to relieve stress and anxiety. Nightly group counseling meetings where our Inmates (my bad again, I should have been clearer, Honored Guests) can practice their group MAGA - USA chants for several

Student of the Month



The Londonderry High School - House 1 Student of the Month is junior Dagny Cogan. Dagny has excelled academically by taking numerous advanced classes and meeting every challenge.

She contributes to Londonderry High School as an executive board member of the community service club, a participant in the Big Buddies program, a peer mentor, and the publicist of the student government. Her enthusiasm and commitment are contagious. Recently, she helped ensure the success of the Spring Semi-Formal. Despite her busy schedule, she also works at a restaurant during the school year and serves as a lifeguard in the summer.

Courtesy Photo

hours before retiring back to their individual cell blocks (sorry, I keep on stepping on my words, I meant 5-Star Deluxe Residences). As an added bonus, as suggested by our omnipotent liege himself Linda Ronstadt's Greatest Hits - Volume# 4 will be piped into all guest accommodations 24 hours a day at jet aircraft engine level decibels.

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Matthew Thornton Students Turn Up The Fun in March



Students, family members and staff at Matthew Thornton Elementary School took part in a series of events during the annual "Turn Up the Fun Week" in March. The five-day event featured a different theme each night to help inspire students be more active. Nights featured: Movement Monday; Time to Play Tuesday; Wellness Wednesday, Turn the Page Thursday and a Friday Fri-YAY! movie night. *Courtesy photos*

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Come Grow With Us

The YMCA of Greater Londonderry invites you to a Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce After Hours Networking Event. Join for an Open House Event to celebrate our brand new Outdoor Teaching Garden. On Wednesday April 2, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. See and hear about the exciting new YMCA Organic Teaching Garden, try your hand at indoor archery, or watch the new Youth FIRST Robotics Team in action.

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 for more details."

Be Set Free!

Free inspirational talk Hosted by First Church of Christ, Scientist, Derry on Sunday, April 6 at 2 p.m., at The Baldwin, Senior Residential Community 50 Woodmont Ave., Londonderry.

Career & Training Apprenticeship Expo

The Palmer CTE Center welcomes high school Juniors & Seniors from Hudson as well as Londonderry, for the 4th Annual Career & Training/Apprenticeship Expo on Thursday, April 17, from 8 - 11 a.m., at Alvirne High School, 200 Derry Rd., Hudson. Questions? Please contact jobfair@nhes.nh.gov

VA Information Day

On April 5, from 10 a.m. - noon, any veteran that needs to join, has questions, needs their disability rating raised or has any other issue is invited. You don't need to be a member of Post 27 to attend.

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.

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.

Green Team Speaker Series

The Green Tem is hosting a series of Free educational presentations at the Londonderry YMCA. Container Gardening on April 24 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 or email Marge at marge@margebadois.com.

Hawks Walk

April is Autism Awareness month and the South School PTA is holding its first annual Hawks Walk for Inclusion on Saturday, April 5, from 10 a.m. - noon at South School, 88 South Rd., Londonderry. This is a two mile family friendly walkathon around the school to come together to educate, advocate and celebrate minds of all kinds! There will be refreshments, music, sensory stations, crafts, face painting and more! There will also be tshirts for sale at the event (\$15). \$10 to register, everyone is welcome! Sign up at <https://hawks-walk-for-inclusion.cheddarup.com>

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. Busi-

nesses wishing to be a vendor can email: info@bringbackthetrades.org.

Little Sprouts Baby Lapsit

Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. now through April 15, a story time program for babies 0-18 months old will be held at the Leach Library. This introduction to story time is a great opportunity for your littlest sprouts to learn to interact with you and others in a new environment, as well as to begin to follow along with songs, dances, and finger movements. Registration is required and begins one week before each session.

Wiggle Worms Story Time

On Tuesday or Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m., now through April 16, toddlers and their caregivers are invited for story time with songs, rhymes, books, and more at the Leach Library. This program is designed for ages 2-3, but older children are welcome to join in. Registration is required and begins one week before each session.

Crafternoon

Drop in to this monthly crafting social hour on the first Friday of the month at the Leach Library. On Friday, April 4 and 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.

Multicultural Potluck

Celebrate and learn about different cultures by coming to the Leach library for a multicultural potluck on Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. To participate, prepare and share a recipe from your culture or a culture you are interested in learning more about. Please make enough for 25. The library cannot guarantee each dish's ingredients or accurate preparation. Food served at this program may contain or come into contact with common allergens. Registration is now open.

Tinker Time

Tinker Time will be at the Leach Library on Saturday, April 5 at 10 a.m. A variety of toys and games from the Library of Things will be provided for children to try. Registration is recommended and begins on Saturday, March 29.

Children's Cookie Decorating

Come to the Leach Library on Monday, April 7 at 4:30 p.m. to decorate Bunny Cookies. Cookies, frosting, and candy will be provided, and library staff will be on hand to offer assistance. Registration is required and begins on Monday, March 31.

D&D Dragoners Club

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Tween adventurers, Are you ready to step into a world of magic, monsters, and epic quests? Then join the Leach Library's Dragoneers Club for a stand-alone quest on Tuesday, April 8 from 3 - 4:30 p.m. in the Leach Library Meeting Room. Adventurers are encouraged to bring their own ready-made character sheets to jump straight into the action. If you're new to the game or don't have a character ready, have no fear, pre-made characters will be on hand for you to start your journey. This program is intended for participants aged 12-18. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, April 1.

The Last Duo Concert

In collaboration with the Friends of Leach Library and the Londonderry Arts Council, Leach Library will host a free, after-hours concert in the main reading room at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 11. Join for a live music performance by The Last Duo featuring veteran performers Dan Sirois and Greg Descoteaux. Refreshments will be provided while supplies last. Due to space limitations, registration is recommended and begins now.

Early College & Career Planning at Leach Library

Join a College Access Counselor from Granite Edvance on Wednesday, April 16 at 6 p.m., in the Leach Library Meeting Room for this informative presentation! During this session, they will discuss how and why to explore your interests and aptitudes, what you like and

what you're good at, and how these factors contribute to your education and career path. We'll cover how to prepare for the next steps in your journey, including maximizing your time in high school. Attendees will also get a brief intro to the college application and financial aid processes. This program is intended for participants in grades 6-10 and their parents. Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, April 9.

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.

Building Buddies

Join the Leach Library staff on Thursday, April 17 at 4:30 p.m. for a Lego program designed for ages 6 and up. Each month, there will be a fun theme and time to create using the library's Legos. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, April 10. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Mystery Book Discussion

Come to the Leach library on Thursday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Marie Benedict's novel "The Mystery of Mrs. Christie." This program has been generously sponsored by the Friends of the Leach Library. Registration is now open. To register, visit the library's

online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132. Copies of the book will be available to pick up from the library.

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-hour block, participants will be able to work independently or in small groups on projects and

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Londonderry Police Log

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Monday - March 24

12:38 a.m. Motor vehicle stop on Nashua Road at Old Nashua Road leads to an arrest made by three officers. Gary Hirth, 61, of Derry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and Yellow/Solid Line Violation.

1:32 a.m. Three officers make an arrest after a motor vehicle stop on Nashua Road, at Acropolis Avenue. Name: Erik Hayden, 32, of Derry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Resisting Arrest/Detention; and Yellow/Solid Line Violation.

2:13 p.m. Five officers restore peace after a Domestic Disturbance on Walton Circle.

4:25 p.m. Five officers conduct a Welfare Check on Winding Pond Road resulting in transport to a hospital.

5:18 p.m. Services rendered during a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Tuesday - March 25

7:27 a.m. Pedestrian Check and Arrest(s) made by three officers on Stonehenge Road, at Route 93.

8:40 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

10:18 a.m. Sudden Death investigated by five officers on Shadow Ridge Road.

3:33 p.m. Seven officers assist another police department with an arrest on Cortland Street. Matthew Devito, 22, of Londonderry, charged as a Fugitive From Justice.

7:51 p.m. Three officers respond to a Disturbance on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

8:13 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated on Olde

Country Village Road.

11:06 p.m. Motor vehicle stop on Rockingham Road, at Route 93, leads to an arrest(s).

Wednesday - March 26

1:31 a.m. Arrest made after a motor vehicle stop on Nashua Road. Michael Neacy, 39, of Manchester, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and Yellow/Solid Line Violation.

5:15 a.m. Six officers assisted Manchester Police at the Backyard Brewery on Rockingham Road.

3:21 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Scotland Road. Dawn Charity Davis, 58, of Kingston, charged with: two counts of Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury); and two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

3:51 p.m. Five officers render services for a

Sudden Death on Crestview Circle.

3:53 p.m. Motor vehicle stop on Mammoth Road, at Midridge Circle, leads to an arrest made by three officers. Laurissa Shina Lay, 25, of Londonderry, charged with Bench Warrants.

4:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident on Kendall Pond Road, at South Road, leads to an arrest made by four officers. Fred Boisvert, 44, of Lowell, MA, charged on Bench Warrants.

5:43 p.m. Four officers respond to a Disturbance at Norwich Place.

Thursday - March 27

8:05 a.m. Welfare Check conducted on Mill Road results in subject taken to Family/Guardian/Other.

11:07 a.m. Four officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Anderson Lane.

12:30 p.m. Involuntary Emergency Admission transported to a hospital from Anderson Lane.

4:36 p.m. Three officers respond to a Distur-

bance on Wedgewood Drive.

7:50 p.m. Shoplifting reported at Market Basket on Michels Way.

Friday - March 28

8:26 a.m. Services Rendered for a Medical Emergency on Severance Drive.

9:28 a.m. Motor Vehicle Check conducted by six officers at the Powerlines on Commercial Lane.

10:26 a.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance on Greeley Road.

10:26 a.m. Follow-up conducted by eight officers at Green Mountain Electric Supply on Londonderry Road.

3:33 p.m. Services rendered for Trespassing on Winding Pond Road.

8:22 p.m. Peace restored after a Disturbance on Chase Road.

9:26 p.m. Juvenile Offenses transported to a hospital from Bayberry Lane.

Saturday - March 29

1:34 p.m. Five officers respond to a Suicide

Attempt/Threat on Mountain Home Road. Transported to a hospital.

6:10 p.m. Welfare Check investigated on Raintree Drive.

Sunday - March 30

8:07 a.m. Services rendered for a Welfare Check on Raintree Drive.

1:23 p.m. Peace restored by six officers Juvenile Offenses on Grenier Boulevard.

2:26 p.m. Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional transported to a hospital.

5:17 p.m. Motor vehicle stop on Route 93 at Exit 5 southbound leads top an arrest. Carlos Perez Ramos, 19, of Manchester, charged with: Operation without a Valid License - License Required.

8:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Complaint on Nashua Road, at Buttrick Road, leads to an arrest made by four officers. Name: Janet Oliver, 65, of Londonderry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment and Conduct After an Accident.

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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.

Duplo Budding Builders

On Thursday, April 17 at 10 a.m., at the Leach Library participants will create using larger Duplo blocks. This program is designed for younger Lego enthusiasts ages 0-5. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, April 10.

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.

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.

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.

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 Thurs-

day, 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.

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.



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