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Bunnies & Firs

Penelope Bossepanos holds one of the Twardosky Half Pint Farm's bunnies at Estey's Country Store on Sunday. The bunny was there as part of the petting zoo set up for children buying Christmas Trees. See more photos page 5. Photo by Chris Paul

Morrison Meetinghouse Assessment Contract Approved by Town Council

ALEX MALM LONDONDERRY TIMES

During a very short "Special" Londonderry Town Council meeting, held on Tuesday, Nov. 26, the main agenda item was in regards to a proposal from the Reverend Mor-

risson Meetinghouse Study Committee on moving forward with funding assess to overall condition of the meetinghouse.

At the previous regular Town Council meeting, one week earlier, the Committee presented a

proposal to hire a company to do a structural assessment of the Reverend Morrison Meetinghouse.

Town Council Chair Chad Franz during the meeting, said they heard from Kathy Wagner the **continued on page 3**

Art Psaledas Chosen to Be Acting Town Manager

ALEX MALM LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town of Londonderry will have a familiar face running the Town, after the Town Council named an acting Town Manager, during a special Nov. 26 meeting.

The move came following the resignation of Mike Malaguti in October.

"Pursuant to Section 4 of my employment agreement, I notify you that April 24, 2025, will be my last day as Town Manager, unless an earlier date is agreed upon or otherwise established," Malaguti wrote in his



Art Psaledas

resignation letter. "While I believe I have enough support on the Town Council to continue my service, I have decided that clinging to a job I love would come at too great a personal cost."

Malaguti was first hired with the Town in

2018, as a prosecutor, he then became assistant town manager, when Lisa Drabik resigned in 2022.

Shortly after taking that post, former Town Manager Kevin Smith resigned to make a run for United States Senate, and Malaguti was tapped as the Acting Town Manager, before officially being hired as Town Manager, three years ago.

"Town Council takes this opportunity to thank Town Manager Mike Malaguti for his service, hard work, and dedication to the Town

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School District Budget Comes In Under 2025 Year's Budget

ALEX MALM LONDONDERRY TIMES

Members of the School Board along with the Budget Committee were briefed on the proposed \$81 million FY-26 budget on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

"Tonight we're just handing over the budget," Londonderry Superintendent Dan Black said during the meeting.

Black explained that by early January the School Board finalizes the proposed budget that they will send to the Deliberative Session in February.

It was explained by Black, that the proposed

budget limits the growth over last year's budget, and in fact, the proposed operating budget, as of now, would be less than the current budget.

"We're delivering a budget today that is about \$33,000 less than that," Black said during the meeting.

Black said that they did so intentionally in order to allow for the prioritization of a Full Day Kindergarten and District Office potentially proposed warrant article, while also prioritizing their academic and co-curricular program.

"We have a budget

that's basically level funded," Black said during the meeting.

The proposed operating budget put forward by Black is a total of \$81,116,875, compared to the FY 25 budget of \$81,149,869.

Black said in addition to being below the FY 25 budget, the proposed **continued on page 7**

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Utility Committee Looks for Better Ways to Track Projects

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Utilities Committee met on Nov. 7 and discussed a new project monitoring and planning spreadsheet to make it easier for Utilities and its three subcommittees to keep track of their activities.

“I hope everybody has had a chance to take a look at it,” said Utilities Committee Chair Lynn Wiles. “It’s going to be a

constant work in progress, but I’d like to post it on the town webpage for the Utilities Committee. I think it’s important, it’s a good record on what we’ve accomplished and I think it’s a good record for what we’re working on in case people have questions.”

There were a few formatting concerns to address. Wiles expected to have the spreadsheet online before the next meeting.

The energy subcommittee remained focused on pushing forward their Community Choice Power Aggregation plan. Wiles was waiting for Eversource to release their next round of electric rates, which are expected next February.

“That will give us an idea on where we’re going to go with our program,” he said. “I think it’s looking good, Colonial Power just got under contract Laconia

to develop a program for Laconia.”

Colonial Power will be at the next Utilities meeting for a presentation on how Community Choice will work for Londonderry. The Town Council will need to approve any further progress.

The Chair also expected an upcoming presentation with a representative from the NH Department of Energy to go over the state’s 10-year energy strategy.

“I’m looking at being able to leverage his presentation with the Master Plan. We can start

looking at the energy strategy we want to put forward in the Master Plan,” said Wiles.

That long-term strategy seemed likely to include solar power, as the energy subcommittee gave an update on their push to install solar panels near Manchester Airport.

“They think they can get one full megawatt of power in there,” said Committee member Jeff McGraw, referring to airport officials interested in the solar project. “What’s nice is they only have to do one foundation, the way they’re

doing the solar panels is a drilldown instead of a big concrete bag.”

He found airport representatives extremely interested in a solar array due to the project’s low elevation. The plan was to build the array on unused land the airport has struggled to develop due to height restrictions near runways.

“What’s nice about the solar there beyond the good, green energy is that it’s property taxes that don’t have a lot of bodies coming in and out, it doesn’t add to traffic, it’s very low infrastructure impact revenue for the city,” said McGraw.

Under the current plan, solar installer Revision Energy would work with the airport to build the panels.



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Morrison

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Chair of the Committee “a committee that we stood up to look into several items, one of which is next steps,” he said.

“We discussed, we had public comment regarding that item as well specifically entering

into an agreement with ARCOve Architects,” Franz said during the meeting.

It was explained during the previous meeting, that the idea is to have the structural assessment done so they could move on with deciding what the next steps should be with the future of the building.

During the previous meeting, one of the concerns raised by Finance Director Justin Campo, was whether or not they would be allowed to hire the company without a bidding process, as part of their purchasing policy.

Campo said generally they are allowed when it comes to things like pro-

fessional services, and it's a unique type of service being performed.

However, instead of voting on the contract during the meeting, it was decided to discuss it further during the Nov. 26 special Town Council meeting.

At the Nov. 26 meeting, Franz said they were

provided an update from Campo, who wasn't at the meeting. He explained that if they voted in favor of going with the company to do the work, that they would in fact be in compliance with the purchasing policy, after doing more research on the issue.

On a unanimous vote

the Town Council approved the funding request and to allow for Campo to sign the agreement with ARCOve Architects to complete the structural assessment.

In total the contract was for a total of \$18,977. It was unclear when the structural assessment of the building would begin.

Psaledas

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of Londonderry and I'd like to extend the Council's best wishes with

Mike's future endeavors,” Town Council Chair Chad Franz said during the Nov. 26 meeting.

Following Malaguti's resignation, questions

were raised at multiple meetings by residents, about who exactly was running the Town.

“Our local would like some stability. We've noticed that the Town Manager has been absent,” Brian Young, the Vice President of Professional Fire Fighters of Londonderry Local 3160, the union which represents the Londonderry Fire Department, said at the previous Town Council meeting.

As part of Malaguti's contract, he was required to give six months notice, unless the Town Council and himself agreed on a different separation date.

Franz during the meeting announced the mutually agreed separation day on Dec. 2, at 11:59 p.m.

“The Londonderry

Town Council is pleased to announce that Recreation Director Art Psaledas has been appointed as Acting Town Manager,” a press release stated.

“Town Manager Michael J. Malaguti previously announced his resignation, and he and the Town Council have mutually agreed upon a separation date of Dec. 2,

2024. At midnight on Dec. 3, Art Psaledas will assume the position of Acting Town Manager.”

It was explained in the press release that Psaledas could serve in the acting role for up to four months.

“According to Section 4.5 of the Londonderry Town Charter, the Acting Town Manager appointment is for a period of

120 days,” the press release read. “Psaledas has been employed by the Londonderry School District and the Town of Londonderry for more than 43 years.”

No announcement or indications were given about how the Town Council would move forward with replacing Malaguti on a permanent basis.

Birth Announcement

Salvatore Adolfo Montefusco



Who's new? New parents Tara Esielionis and Michael Montefusco welcome a new born baby named Salvatore Adolfo Montefusco At 8.6 pounds this baby was welcomed to the world at 10:24 p.m. on Dec. 1! Salvatore is surrounded by lots of

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Editorial

Remembering a Day That Brought Us Together

Before Dec. 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor was just an American Naval Base in Hawaii. But that fateful morning would be forever etched into the minds of citizens all over the country. Only a few hours after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Japan formally declared war against the US. It was the day that brought Americans together like 911.

The sentiment Americans felt after the news of the attack spread and is best summarized by the words of fleet Chaplain William A. Macguire, "Don't say we buried our dead with sorrow. They died manfully. They were buried manfully. And we will avenge their deaths, come what may".

Pearl Harbor infuriated Americans and motivated an undivided decision to enter into World War II. On Dec. 8, 1941, the US joined the Allied Powers.

Before the events that took place at Pearl Harbor over 82 years ago, there was a division in our country, and not all Americans supported the efforts of World War II. After the attack, those who were skeptical began to see things differently and the support for the war became unanimous. The attack ensured America's entrance into the war, provoking a joint effort by all, at home and overseas.

The States became United that morning over three-quarters of a century ago, and everyone had a part to play in the war efforts. Civilian employees helped to load and clean

weapons, wounded men fought on, doctors from miles away rushed to tend to the wounded, blood donations were needed and donors stood in line for almost seven hours to do their part.

The outcome of World War II may have been entirely different, had the US not joined the Allied Powers. The US implemented the draft and all men ages 18 to 45 were included, providing over 16 million troops to the front lines. All automobile factories in the US stopped production of cars and began manufacturing only vehicles and planes for the war. Women went to work in factories to make war supplies, and some even joined the armed forces. Without the US providing so many troops and supplies, the Allied Powers may not have won.

Although the attack on Dec. 7, 1941, may not be our proudest day, there were many positive outcomes resulting from it and these effects are often overlooked.

We can look back on this day and be proud that we live in a country where people forget themselves and do whatever it takes to help each other in a time of need, uniting towards a common goal. Without the combined efforts all of those years ago, we could be living in a very different world today. Pearl Harbor changed the course of history, and it is on the 7th day of December that we reflect and say a prayer for those lost, and those who continue to defend our country to this day.

Letters

Navy Needs Ships

To the editor,
My U.S. Navy continues to be over stretched across the oceans of the world against our potential enemies of China, North Korea, Russia and Iran.

Our 11 carrier strike groups (CSGs) should be deploying for about six months at a time; but are now deploying to the world's hot spots on the order of nine months or more on a regular basis. We have around 285 naval vessels, when we need at least 300 ships to project U.S. Naval Power around the world.

George Will in his recent editorial points out we have only 50 attack submarines, but we need 66 to complete missions.

In addition to securing the needed funding, a major problem is the

lack of adequate ship building and maintenance facilities in the U.S. to service our submarine forces and our surface Navy. We are short three drydocks and the workers needed to man them. Additionally, we are not meeting our goals to recruit naval personnel. An increase of Navy ships from 285 to 300 would probably require an additional 25,000 to 40,000 personnel.

Our defense budget needs to be increased from 3% of GDP to somewhere around 6% or 7% of GDP.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry

Clarification

The headline on the Nov. 28, Londonderry Times "Committee Claims High Range Road Water

Project to Start in 2026" was incorrect.

Engineering and soil sampling for the project has already started, and physical construction of the water line itself will start in the Spring of 2025. The project will extend a water line from the corner of Old Nashua Road and Parmenter Road north up High Range Road to Royal Lane, and it should be completed by the Spring of 2026. It should also be clarified that St. Gobain's responsibility to provide clean drinking water to an additional 350 homes in the consent decree area is a separate matter that is still under negotiations between the company, the Town of Londonderry, and the State of New Hampshire.

Lynn Wiles
Chair, Londonderry Utilities Committee

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Annual Lighting

The Londonderry Presbyterian Church held its second annual tree lighting early Sunday evening. Carolers rang in the now yearly event that lit up the enormous spruce.

Photo by Chris Paul

Local Petting Zoo Keeps Kids Busy For Tree Shoppers



Baby goats, ducks, chickens and bunnies were available for petting during the Christmas tree sales at Estey's Country Store over the weekend. Twardosky Half Pint Farm provided the Petting Zoo to entertain families while shopping for a tree. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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Conservation Commission Has Concerns on Land Donation

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission met on Nov. 26 and discussed what the impact would be regarding the recent resignation of Town Manager Mike Malaguti regarding environmental planning in town. Recreation Director Art Psaedas will serve as the Acting Town Manager.

“Art can contact Mike and ask him any questions you guys have. Mike has agreed to help us out with the transition,” said Town Council Liaison Ron Dunn. “Anything you guys have in the works; Mike is willing to help us.”

Chairperson Marge Badois was particularly concerned about legal issues around land acquisitions the Conservation Commission hoped to finalize over the next few months, including a land donation around the intersection of Highway 102 and Parmenter Road.

Alternate Mike Speltz was unsure when that donation would come before the Town Council for approval.

“I did inspect the property. I saw no environmental concerns,” said Speltz. “My offer was to draft a deed, but I don’t have an answer if the town wants that.”

He wanted more

information on the matter from the Town Manager and the Town Council on the donation. Members wanted to eliminate any question over land ownership.

The Conservation Commission announced progress on the boat launch.

“We have gotten an approval from our permit-by-notification,” said Speltz. “One of the requirements is that we record an agreement with the DES at the registry. That requires the signature of not only Marge, which is pretty straightforward, but of the contractor as well. The contractor is obligated to follow the conditions of approval and right now, the contractor doesn’t even know we’re revising the design.”

Getting approval from the NH Department of Environmental Services had taken

longer than expected.

The Commission also talked about what they wanted to do in response to the developing Master Plan, which had undertaken a survey.

“We are going to be publishing the results of the survey,” said Badois. “There is interest in people keeping informed on this.”

Green development had been a topic of discussion with both the Conservation Commission and the Master Plan Committee, mainly as part of the debate over what to do with existing land-use regulations in town.

“It would be appropriate to have something in the plan saying we should have something in the plan saying we should revise site plan and subdivision regulations to be more supportive of green development,” said Speltz. “No minimum required parking spaces, EV

charging, sidewalks, all of these things.”

He singled out adding more EV stations as an area he believed the Commission should focus on, especially with the expected growth of both Londonderry and

electric vehicle ownership in the coming decades.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Moose Hill Conference Room.

OBITUARY

Darrylin “Day” Ciaramitaro



Darrylin “Day” J. (Robinson) Ciaramitaro, 77, of Londonderry, NH died peacefully at her home Tuesday, Nov. 12, surrounded by her family.

Born April 29, 1947, in Woonsocket, RI, Darrylin was the daughter of the late Frederick Robinson and the late Violet (Pyers) Robinson. Shortly after graduating high school, Darrylin moved to Gloucester, MA to attend nursing school, where she and the love of her life, Paul Ciaramitaro, married in 1974. She spent most of her career in nursing, caring for others. Later in life, she and her husband relocated to Londonderry to be closer to their oldest daughter and her family.

Darrylin loved being at the beach and ocean and enjoyed trips to the Gulf Coast and Disney World in Florida with her family. She was attentive to others, cared about education and treating others well, and she instilled those ideas and values in her children and grandchildren. She also relished simple pleasures in life, like getting a daily coffee with her husband. Above all else, she was devoted to and prioritized her family, all of whom she loved immensely.

Darrylin is survived by her devoted husband Paul Ciaramitaro of Londonderry, NH; her brother Fred Robinson of Webster, MA; her daughter Jessica Anastasi of Londonderry, NH; her son, Paul V. Ciaramitaro and his wife Nicole of Washington, DC; and her daughter Kim Ciaramitaro and her partner Craig LoPiccolo of Essex, MA. She is also survived by six loving grandchildren: Rachel, Nicholas and Morgan Anastasi, all of Londonderry, NH, and Felix, Daphne and Sienna Ciaramitaro, all of Washington, DC. She is additionally survived by a close childhood friend and cousin, Marge Fenley of Burrillville, RI.

On Darrylin’s behalf, her family thanks the hospice care team of the Visiting Nurses Association of Manchester & Southern NH, who were so caring and attentive to Darrylin and her family through the last couple weeks of her journey. Arrangements were handled by the Peabody Funeral Home in Londonderry, NH. An informal gathering of remembrance will be announced by her family in the near future.

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Town Council OKs Getting \$397,275 for SWAT Vehicle

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the most recent Londonderry Town Council meeting, the Town Council accepted a number of unanticipated funds for various items.

One of those was up to \$31,250 that Londonderry received from the 2024 Homeland Security Grant for cold weather gear for the SWAT/SOU Team from the NH Department of Safety.

Finance Director Justin Campo said the

Police Department went out and got the grant funds “on behalf of the Southern NH Operations Unit (SOU).”

It was explained by Police Chief Kim Bernard that the task force consists of 15 different communities.

“We are generally dubbed the grant writers for all SOU grants,” Bernard said, explaining they are good at grant writing and they have support to do so.

Bernard explained that the gear is needed

for the elements they perform in saying it can be very cold at times, and that the grant will help to provide the gear to the communities at no cost.

Another grant they received was for \$397,275, for the SOU to be able to purchase a BearCat.

“This is to replace a 2005 Beat Cat that was bought for \$195,000 some 20 years ago,” Bernard told the Town Council.

Bernard said the

grant would be able to fully fund the purchase of the Bear Cat, and said it gives them safety for officers in high risk situations.

He explained that the current one is past its useful life. Bernard also explained that it is housed in Derry, and their mechanic maintains it. He was unsure what they would be doing with the old one.

“We’re really the applicant and fiscal agent that facilitates it,” Londonderry Police Captain

Timothy O’Donoghue said.

The third grant came from a Homeland Security Grant “for funding for Elevated Threat overtime at Manchester-Boston Regional Airport.”

In total the grant was for \$9,000.

One question raised during the public hearing was how the Southern NH Operations Unit receives its funding.

Bernard explained that there is an annual fee of \$5,000 for any

town in Rockingham County who participates in it.

“There is no pay for service other than that,” Bernard told the Town Council.

It was also noted by Bernard during the meeting, that the town of Londonderry has been participating in the programs since the 1990s.

The Town Council unanimously approved accepting the various unanticipated revenue funds.

Budget

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operating budget is actually less than the Default Budget of \$89,240,249.

In total the proposed operating budget is about \$123,000 less than the Default Budget.

One of the major

aspects of the budget is for personnel, and Black said they are proposing a net reduction of \$365,100 for the add/swap staffing requests.

Black said it accounts for the enrollment the District has, and what is needed for both academics, and co-curriculars because of it.

As of now, if the proposed operating budget was approved, it would mean that \$67,184,188 would need to be raised from local taxes, which would equate to an anticipated tax rate of \$9.47.

Black explained if that were to stand, it would be 93 cents less

than the current tax rate.

During the meeting, Black also laid out the schedule for the budget review process, which includes meetings on Dec. 10, and Dec. 17, with the School Board expected to finalize its proposed budget on Jan. 7.

On Jan. 26, they are

expected to have its public hearing, and also a public hearing for any potential bonds that are proposed.

This year’s Deliberative Session is scheduled to take place on Feb. 7, with voting taking place on March 11.

School Board Chair Bob Slater, said he

appreciates the due diligence that went into having the proposed operating budget come in below last year’s budget.

“I think it’s a good start for the budget,” Slater said.

The next School Board meeting is set to take place on Dec.10 beginning at 7 p.m.

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The Londonderry High School football team's season came to an end over the weekend, as the squad was outscored 42-7 by Pinkerton Academy in the NHIAA Division I Championship on Saturday afternoon at Exeter High School.

This was only the second time the two rivals had met in the State Championship game, the last time being over 20-years ago, in 1993, when LHS lost 21-0.

It was also the fifth time in six years that the Lancers had made it into the big game, with their last title being earned

back in 2019.

Londonderry's attempts to shut down the Astros offensive threats of Matt Morrison and Aiden McDonald didn't go as planned, as the senior duo combined for four of the six PA touchdowns, with Morrison getting a fifth one during the initial kickoff of the game.

One highlight for the Lancers was that senior kicker, Blake Thompson, was able to add onto his LHS point-after record, giving him 86 career PAT kicks, beating the previous record-holder, Charlie MacInnis, of 82 back in 1997.

Another record that was captured during the championship game

went to Pinkerton Academy coach Brian O'Reilly, who now holds the New Hampshire win record for a high school coach. O'Reilly finished the year at 10-2, with a career record of 357-130. He's been coaching since 1978 and beat Chuck Lenahan's 356-70 record.

Going into the game, both teams had beaten higher-seeded and undefeated teams in the semi-finals.

Londonderry had beaten the number two seed a week earlier, in a thrilling 31-28 win over the Exeter Blue Hawks. Pinkerton had a 27-13 victory over the Bulldogs in a rain-soaked Friday night contest at

Bedford High School.

In the championship game, on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 30, at Bill Ball Stadium in Exeter, Pinkerton got off to a very quick 14-0 lead and never looked back.

The first touchdown of the game came when Morrison received the opening kickoff at the 15-yard-line and ran the ball back to the LHS end-zone.

Following that, Londonderry was held to a three-and-out in their first drive, where senior Alex Villa punted to the Astros at the 17-yard-line.

Starting from their 49-yard-line, it took six plays for PA to visit the



Senior QB Sam Ogden stretches to cross the goal line for the Lancers only TD at the Division I Championship on Saturday. Photo by Chris Paul

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Football

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LHS end-zone again, scoring on a 34-yard pass to Camren Dillon, just three-minutes into the first quarter.

The second drive for LHS, went much better, ending with the team's only points of the game, after 13-plays.

The Lancers senior quarterback Sam Ogden ran the ball in from the six-yard-line and Thompson put through his 86th career extra point, making it 14-7 with just under two-minutes left in the first quarter.

Pinkerton had the only touchdown in the second quarter, 25-yard catch and run into the end-zone by Morrison from McDonald, leaving the Lancers behind by a score of 21-7 at the half.

Londonderry fans hoped for a turn-around in the third quarter, but the Astros added three more touchdowns in the



Senior Blake Thompson finished his high school career with 86 successful point after.



The Londonderry defense was unable to contain Matt Morrison, center, who finished the game with 117-rushing yards and five TDs.

half for the one-sided victory.

Morrison had touchdown runs for 28-, six- and five-yards to finish the game with five trips to the end-zone.

One big highlight for the Lancers was when

senior Ethan Wheeler made a touchdown-saving interception at the goal-line and brought the ball back to the four-yard-line.

Londonderry had 274-yards of offense in the game, outweighing

the Astros 269-yards. LHS had 190-yards rushing and 84-yards passing, but they were only five of 13 on third down attempts and one of five on fourth down.

Ogden had 22-carries for 118-yards and junior

Adrian Cruz had nine carries for 38-yards.

Ogden's longest pass went to Wheeler, who caught the 37-yarder.

Cruz also had three receptions for 19-yards, while senior Mason Paquette had three

catches for 16-yards.

On defense, senior Carlson Palma had four tackles, sophomore Davis Magarian had three tackles and Ogden, senior Cooper Freitas and senior Cameron Ayotte each had two.



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Seniors Take Victory at Lancers Powder Puff Game



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A number of female athletes from Londonderry High School too to the field on Monday, Nov. 25, for the annual Powder Puff, and in doing so also raised \$500 for the Boston Children's Hospital.

The yearly competition pits teams of ladies

from each class at LHS, battling for bragging rights in touch football.

There are three games to decide a winning class consisting of one 30-minute period of running-clock action.

Game one had the senior class competing against the sophomores, with the senior class winning 7-0 after Lindsey

Gregoire made an interception with two-minutes left on the clock.

Freshman and juniors battled the second game of the evening, with the freshman class winning in another 7-0 game, also on an interception. This one was by Molly Connors.

In the championship-deciding game, the sen-

ior class was able to score two touchdowns and kick two extra-points for a 14-0 victory over the freshman class.

Gregoire and Riley Doyle scored touchdowns and Doyle had the successful point-after kicks.

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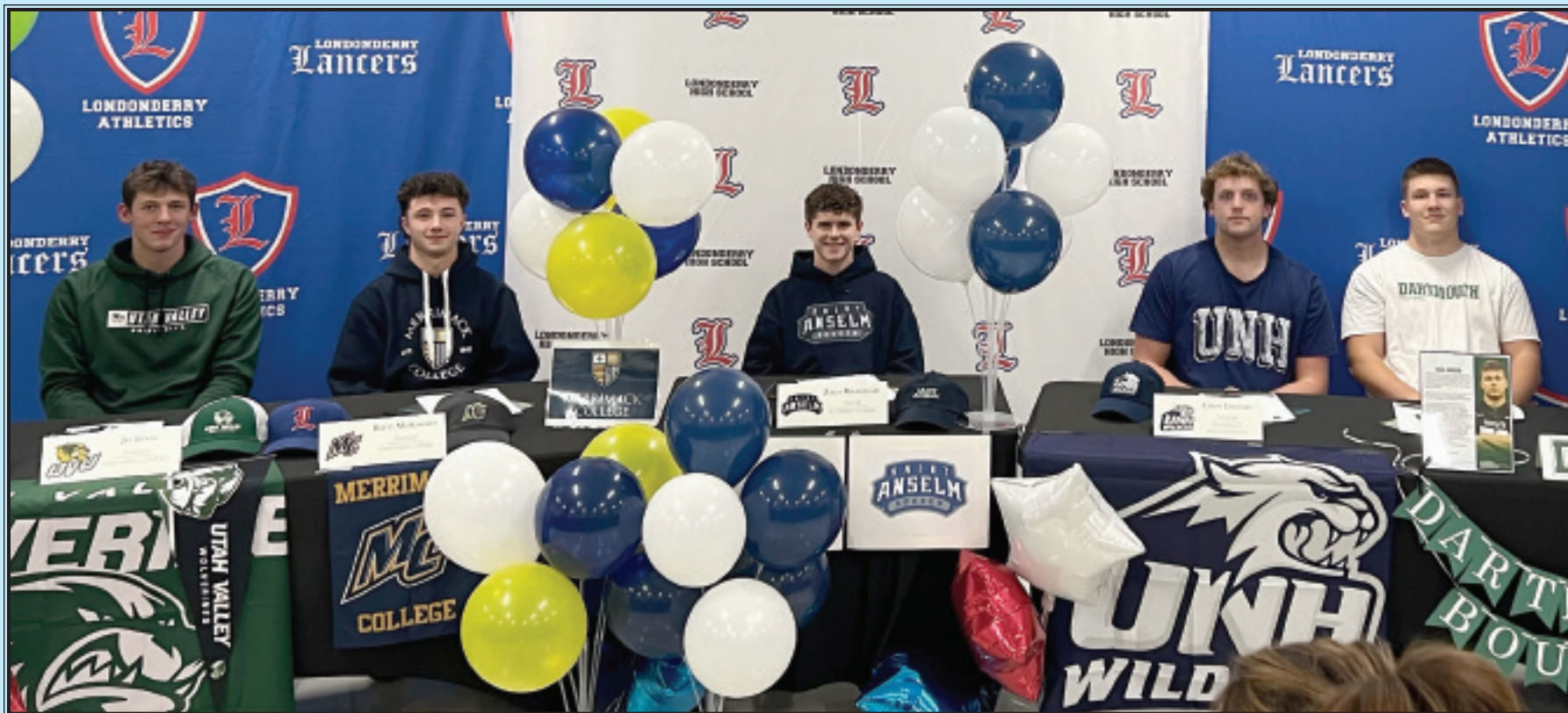
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National Signing Day Features Five Lancer Athletes



Pictured from left are: Jet Jones, Brett McKinnon, Zach Mantegari, Colin Couture and Paul Binder. Courtesy photo

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Five Londonderry High School athletes signed their National Letters of Intent tomorrow just before the holiday break, on Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 26 at the high school.

A ceremony was conducted to congratulate the members of Lancer Nation on their athletic awards and to announce where they are committing to playing next year in college.

Paul Binder will head to Dartmouth College where he will be

playing football.

Colin Couture will also be continuing his football career, he will be attending the University of New Hampshire.

Zach Mantegari signed to play soccer as a Hawk at Saint Anselm College in Manchester.

Jet Jones will continue his education and baseball career at Utah Valley University in Orem Utah.

Brett McKinnon will also be playing baseball after graduation. He will head to Merrimack College in North Andover.

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Christmas on the Common

The Rotary Club of Londonderry will be hosting Christmas on the Common this weekend. The event is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 8 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Santa is scheduled to arrive at 4 p.m. for photos. Crafts, music, sweets, chili hot cocoa and cider will also be available.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The Red Cross is in dire need of blood dona-

tions, please come and make a blood donation. The Londonderry Rotary Club, in partnership with the Red Cross, will be hosting a blood drive, on Monday, Dec. 23, from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Londonderry High School Cafeteria. To schedule your appointment for blood donation at this blood drive, please call 1-900-733-2767 or visit "redcrossblood.org" and enter the sponsor code: LONDONDERRY ROTARY.

Explore Girl Scouts

Come explore Girl Scouts in Londonderry at the following events: Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6 - 7 p.m., at North Londonderry School, 19 Sanborn Road. See more at <https://bit.ly/4fKJUF5>. Thursday, Dec. 12, 6 - 7 p.m., at Moose Hill Elementary School, 150 Pillsbury Road. See more at <https://bit.ly/3B01wAh>. RSVP to 888-474-9686 or customercare@girlscoutsgwm.org - or just drop in.

You can also join anytime online at girlscoutsgwm.org.

Sunday Family Camp

Interested in your little ones learning about Judaism? Join Etz Hayim Synagogue for Sunday Family Camp. This is a free monthly program for ages 4-6. This month it will take place on Sunday, Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. - Noon and will be about Hanukkah. Make a menorah and then learn about the game of dreidel. The program is free, and no membership is required. Please RSVP to sarahjohnplater@aol.com. Etz Hayim Synagogue is located at 1-1/2 Hood Rd., Derry, NH.

Menorah Lighting

Join the Etz Hayim Synagogue for the 3rd night of Chanukah and Shabbat Services on Friday, Dec. 27, at 7:15 p.m. hey will light their outdoor giant

electronic menorah. Please bring your own menorah and four candles. Etz Hayim Synagogue is located at 1-1/2 Hood Rd., Derry, NH.

Dinner Meeting

The Londonderry Lions Club will hold a meeting on Dec. 9 at 7 p.m., at the Londonderry United Methodist church, 258 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Enjoy dinner, connect with community minded individuals, and learn more about the impactful work the group does. Whether you're curious about joining, or just want to support the groups efforts, come on by. For more information please contact John Blay 603-247-7361.

Blue Christmas Service

Along with feelings of joy and delight, the Holiday Season can be a painful time for some. St.

Peter's Episcopal Church invites all to attend its Blue Christmas Service, a space for honoring the complexity of the Holiday Season and an opportunity to pray together. On Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m., at St. Peter's Church, at 3 Peabody Row, Londonderry. Experience hope while remembering the past. All are welcome to attend this very special gathering. For more information, visit <https://stpeterslondonderry.org>.

Holiday Craft Fair

A craft fair will be held on Friday, Dec. 6, from 3-6 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at Homes of NH Realty, 200 Rockingham Rd., Londonderry. All proceeds benefit the animals at Live and Let Live Farm Rescue. Fine selections of handmade items, porcelain dolls,

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Wiggle Worms Story Time

Tuesday or Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. beginning now through Dec. 11, toddlers and their caregivers are invited for story time at the Leach Library with songs, rhymes, books, and more. For ages 2-3, but older children are welcome to join in. Registration is required and begins one week

before each session.

DIY Holiday Decor

The Green Team of Londonderry will be making an all natural holiday door swag on Dec. 7, from 3:30 - 6 p.m. Each person will make a door swag of their own to take home. All materials will be provided. The event will be held at the YMCA. \$25 per swag or \$30 for a Family. This is a fundraising event for the Green Team's pollinator garden project. Space is limited to 25 participants, so register now. For more information contact the Green Team at www.facebook.com/groups/GreenTeamLondonderry NH or marge@margebadois.com

Tinker Time

Join Leach Library staff on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. for Tinker Time. A variety of toys and games from the Library of Things will be provided for children to try. Registration is recom-

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4:49 a.m. Peace restored during a disturbance on Litchfield Road.

9:30 a.m. Services rendered for Unlawful Activities at an abandoned warehouse on Independence Drive.

12:51 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Abington Drive.

4:10 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Adams Road at Cross Road.

Tuesday, Nov. 26

4:19 p.m. Four officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department and make an arrest at Walgreen Drug Store on Nashua Road. Kelly Moccia, 39, of Derry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and Contempt.

6:45 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on Eglin Boulevard.

7:03 p.m. Three officers render services for Criminal Threatening at Market Basket on Michels Way.

Wednesday, Nov. 27

8:12 a.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief at 7-eleven Food Mart on Nashua Road.

8:34 a.m. Disturbance investigated at Sleep Inn on Perkins Road.

9:10 a.m. Two officers Keep the Peace on Litchfield Road.

9:41 a.m. Four officers respond to Suicide Attempt/Threat on Teton Drive, transport to a hospital.

9:55 a.m. Five officers respond to West Road Fields South Complex on West Road for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud and make arrest(s).

10:32 a.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses on Whittemore Road.

5:20 p.m. Three officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department and make an arrest(s) at TJ Maxx on Michels Way.

7:01 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Hearthstone Drive.

7:22 p.m. Services rendered by four officers for a Domestic Disturbance on Sherwood Road.

Thursday, Nov. 28

12:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop and arrest made on Route 93 at Exit 5 northbound. Ryan Egan, 34, of Manchester, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

1:09 a.m. Motor vehicle stop at Londonderry Flea Market, on Avery Road, leads to an arrest. Joaquin Heller Della-Vecchia, 22, of Litchfield, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and an Open Container.

12:35 p.m. Peace rest-

ored by three officers during a Domestic Disturbance on Hall Road.

3:57 p.m. Disturbance at the Red Arrow Diner on Rockingham Road leads to arrest(s) made by four officers.

Friday, Nov. 29

12:36 a.m. Domestic Disturbance on Whittemore Road leads to four arrests made by six officers. Careena Simone Biron Martineau, 19, of Bedford, charged with: Resisting Arrest/Detention; Disorderly Conduct; Unlawful Possession and Intoxication. Kristen Bourgault, 36, of Londonderry, charged with: Resist Arrest/Detention; Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury); Domestic Violence (Simple Assault Bodily Injury or Physical Contact); Criminal Mischief; Disorderly Conduct. Thomas Giblin, 36, of Ashby, MA, charged with: Resisting Arrest/Detention; and Disorderly Conduct. Jared Marcus Hutchins, 21, of Bedford,

charged with: Disorderly Conduct; and Resisting Arrest/Detention.

1:53 a.m. Services Rendered by three officers for Suspicious Activity on Symmes Drive.

6:48 a.m. Welfare Check conducted by three officers on South Road.

Saturday, Nov. 30

12:01 a.m. Services ren-

dered to Keep the Peace on Bridle Path, at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

5:49 p.m. Services Rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

10:37 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Charlestown Avenue.



TOWN OF LONDONDERRY NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING FY26 PROPOSED TOWN BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that the Londonderry Town Council will receive public input on the proposed FY 2026 Town Budget on Monday Dec. 16, 2024, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Moose Hill Conference Room, Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, N.H. Please be aware the Warrant is likely to change based on any meetings that occur before the Dec. 16, 2024, meeting as well as meetings that occur after the Dec. 16, 2024, meeting. Any questions please call the Londonderry Finance Department. The Warrant under consideration at this time includes:

Article	Description	Proposed FY 25
	Operating Budget	
Article 2	General Fund Operating Budget	
	Town Council	\$13,110
	Town Manager	\$786,777
	Budget Committee	\$100
	Town Clerk	\$601,809
	Finance & Administration	\$726,058
	Assessing	\$441,646
	Information Technology	\$775,498
	Legal	\$200,000
	General Government	\$563,916
	Cemetery	\$42,540
	Insurance	\$6,000,383
	Conservation	\$3,500
	Police Dept.	\$11,733,914
	Fire Dept	\$9,919,030
	Building Dept.	\$448,245
	Public Works Dept.	\$5,178,020
	Solid Waste	\$2,954,529
	General Assistance	\$148,000
	Cable	\$272,890
	Recreation	\$273,215
	Library	\$1,567,657
	Senior Affairs	\$117,422
	Community Development	\$390,035
	Debt Service	\$1,329,550
	Total General Fund Operating Budget	\$44,467,849
	Enterprise Fund Operating Budget- Sewer	\$5,868,089
	Total Operating Budget	\$50,335,938
Article 3	Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund	\$200,000
Article 4	Roadway Maintenance Trust Fund	\$650,000
Article 5	Establish Capital Reserve Fund - Police Equipment	\$100,000
Article 6	Capital Reserve - Fire Department Trucks	\$300,000
Article 7	Capital Reserve - Fire Department Equipment	\$75,000
Article 8	Capital Reserve - Information Technology	\$100,000
Article 9	Capital Reserve - Pillsbury Cemetery Expansion	\$75,000
Article 10	Capital Reserve - Master Plan	\$50,000
Article 11	Capital Reserve - Recreation	\$10,000
Article 12	Capital Reserve - Cable Equipment	\$32,500
Article 13	DPW Vehicles - 6-Wheeler, Utility Truck, Boom Flail Apparatus - Lease (Finance - Up to 10 Years) (Total of vehicles/equipment \$520,000)	\$70,607
Article 14	Fire - Ladder Truck Lease (Finance up to 10 Years) (Total \$2,300,000)	\$292,130
Article 15	Police Body Worn Cameras	\$246,629
Article 16	Collective Bargaining Agreement - LEEA (Currently Negotiating)	
Article 17	Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost items	
Article 18	Collective Bargaining Agreement - LAPS (Currently Negotiating)	
Article 19	Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost items	
Article 20	Collective Bargaining Agreement - AFSCME 1801 (Currently Negotiating)	
Article 21	Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost items	
Article 22	Collective Bargaining Agreement - LAEA Town Administrative Personnel (Currently Negotiating)	
Article 23	Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost items	
Article 24	Collective Bargaining Agreement - LAEA Public Safety (Currently Negotiating)	
Article 25	Authorization for Special Meeting on Cost items	
Article 26	Add a Full-Time Children's Librarian	\$122,165
Article 27	One Additional Police Office - Traffic Unit	\$264,360
Article 28	Welcome to Londonderry Signs - Beautify Londonderry	\$20,000
Article 29	Establish a Contingency Fund Pursuant to RSA 31:98-a	\$396,668
Article 30	Transaction of Other Business	

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