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Just over 150 residents attended the Town Deliberative on Saturday morning, Feb. 8, with most of the 35 Warrant Articles moving forward without changes. Photo by Chris Paul

## Amendment for \$500K Cut to Town Budget Fails

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the Town's Deliberative Session on Saturday, Feb. 8, there was a motion for an amendment made by budget committee Vice Chair Joseph Gagon which would've reduced the proposed operating budget by \$500,000. Going into the Deliberative Session the proposed warrant article stated: Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other

appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$50,111,482. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$49,654,290 which is the amount of the appropriations contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous fiscal year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing

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## Bernard Replaces Psaledas as Acting Town Manager

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry has a new Acting Town Manager following a vote during a special Town Council meeting held on Feb. 10.

Effective Dec. 2, previous town manager, Mike Malaguti, resigned. On Dec. 3, Art Psaledas was named Acting Town Manager. Psaledas has worked as the town's Recreation Director for 43-years.

Psaledas was being paid \$5,000 a month for his role as acting town manager, according to Finance Director Justin Campo.

A recent press release stated, "The Lon-

donderry Town Council is pleased to announce that the role of Acting Town Manager will transition from Recreation Director Art Psaledas to Police Chief Kim Alan Bernard to allow Psaledas to return his focus to the Recreation Department." The new change took effect immediately with the press release stating, "The transition will be effective as of 12 a.m. on Tuesday, February 11."

Also according to the release "Psaledas accepted the appointment to the role with the understanding that early spring is a busy season for the Recreation Department as they hire

and prepare for summer, and come that time, he would like to return his focus to those duties."

"My time in the Town Manager's office gave me a chance to get to know the Town and the staff on a deeper level," Psaledas stated. "I am happy that I could help the Town navigate a time of transition, and I know that Chief Bernard is up to the challenge of taking over the reins. I'm looking forward to getting back to my routine in recreation." Bernard is taking on the role with over two decades of experience working for Londonderry.

"I have enjoyed serv-

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## School District Budget Goes To March 11 Ballot Without Debate

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The proposed operating budget was one of the warrant articles discussed last week, at the Londonderry School District Deliberative Session last week.

It was explained by Superintendent Dan 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.

"It's actually about \$33,000 lower than what the taxpayers approved

last year," Black said about the proposed operating budget.

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 public hearing.

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

et of \$81,149,869.

Black said in addition to being below the FY 25 budget, the proposed 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.

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# \$40K Library Furniture Article Nullified at Deliberative Session

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

One of the last articles was a citizens petition warrant article, in regards to replacing library furniture drew debate at the Town Deliberative Session last week.

The warrant article stated: "To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$40,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance for the purpose of replacing the furniture in the Library."

The Budget Commit-

tee Chair Patrick Casidy previously said he spoke to a library Trustee and the Library Director earlier in the day "and they didn't have any knowledge of this previously of this petition." It was also stated that the \$40,000 would be more than what would be need for furniture.

Town Councilor Ron Dunn during the public hearing on the warrant article said he was concerned about it because people could come up with warrant articles to

spend the undesignated fund balance and take out all of their reserves. "That to me is pretty frightening," Dunn said during the meeting.

Dunn said that based on the warrant article, and how it is legal to do, he said he thinks they may need to look at state law to prevent it from happening in the future.

During the Deliberative Session, Richard Bielinski said he also was concerned about it, saying it could set up a

bad precedent. "This needs to go away the way it's written," he said.

Nancy Hendricks, a Library Trustee, spoke to this petition and said she was not the citizen who brought forward the warrant article. She said "we absolutely need furniture but this is overkill so I would encourage people to vote against this."

Bielinski said they have some broken pieces of furniture but most of it could be "easily repaired." He also argu-

ed no one had presented why the amount was being requested. "Nobody has said how or why they got to the number, that was presented on the petition," Bielinski stated.

Leach Library Director Erin Matlin, during the public hearing noted that she was not aware of the warrant article being proposed before it came forward, noting that no one came to talk to her about potential numbers for it. "I was not aware of the

citizen petition until after," Matlin said during the meeting.

Budget Committee member David Plaza proposed an amendment to make it \$0 instead.

The amendment was approved by the voters at the Deliberative Session meaning the new amendment would have an appropriation of \$0, killing the article. Both the Budget Committee and Town Council voted to not recommend the warrant article.

## Town

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body may hold one special meeting, in accor-

dance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

If passed, this article

will require the Town to raise \$26,213,784 in property taxes, resulting in a tax rate impact of \$3.998 in FY 26 based on pro-

jected assessed values.

Budget Committee Vice Chair Gagnon proposed the amendment calling for a \$500,000 decrease to the proposed budget. "I move to amend this warrant article to \$50,111,482, to \$49,611,482," Gagnon explained that during the budget season, the Budget Committee was tasked with looking at potential cuts to the proposed budget and thought they could make the proposed budget even leaner. "I think we can keep it leaner," Gagnon said, noting that the Town Council had already reduced about \$250,000 from the original proposed budget.

Budget Committee member David Plaza said they have talked about the budget for months, and he was concerned about the hours of service and resources from different departments that would be impacted by the proposed cut to the overall budget. "I'm totally against this amendment

change," Plaza said.

Gagnon said one of the largest areas that he thinks they can make cuts to is to the over time lines.

Resident Dan Bouchard said he attended the budget hearings held throughout the year, and said the Budget Committee has done a good job at making suggestions along with the Town Council. He explained that he was not in support of reducing the proposed budget. "I don't agree with this whatsoever," Bouchard said. Bouchard also argued that if someone didn't agree with the proposed budget they should've voted no on the recommendation.

Resident Jonathan Esposito said he urged the voters in attendance to approve the amendment saying he thinks that voters should have the chance to vote on a budget below the Default Budget. "I think this a great amendment," he said, Esposito

went on to say, that he thinks they can find the cuts outside of public safety over time and that we need to stop with the fear tactics. It was noted that the amendment didn't call for the cuts to be made from any particular line item in the budget and that the budget is a bottom-line budget meaning the cuts can come from anywhere in the budget.

One question raised by resident and State Rep Kristine Perez was what happens if the Default Budget passes.

Finance Director Justin Campo said he has been talking to the fire chief about what may happen should that occur. He also noted during the meeting that most departments have proposed budgets that are under default.

The amendment did not pass during the Deliberative Session meaning the original warrant article will be placed on the ballot as written.

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# All Day Kindergarten Project Moved To March Ballot

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After a failed vote last year, voters in Londonderry will be voting on a new warrant article to add full-day kindergarten to the District, this March.

"We listened to the voters from last March's vote, there was strong interest in full-day kindergarten but not enough," Superintendent Dan Black said previously.

Black said ultimately that they knew they needed to come up with

a "less expensive solution."

"We compromised there was feedback that the current district office lease needs to be solved as well," Black said, noting that in order to get support for full-day kindergarten they expect they would need to address the district office issue.

The estimated tax impact for year one would be four cents, 12 cents in year two, and 12 cents in year three.

"Here we are this

year with an option for full-day kindergarten and to solve our lease with the district office," School Board Chair Bob Slater said during the Deliberative Session.

As part of the project, LEEP would remain at Moose Hill, which is the current kindergarten building, and by the fall of 2026, the district office would also be at Moose Hill.

By August 2026 they would have full-day kindergarten at Matthew Thornton, North School,

and South School.

Black explained that as part of the proposal they would be adding eight modular classrooms, explaining that they want them to blend in with the different schools.

As part of the project, the total cost would be \$9.05 million, which is close to 80% less than what last year's proposed project would've cost.

In addition to the cost of the project, the district would also be saving about 85% on the additional personnel needed compared to last year's proposed project.

School Board member Porter, during the Deliberative Session, noted that they will be able to save money on

the lease for the District Office if the warrant article is approved, and they will receive additional state aid, along with being able to save on the mid-day bus runs.

"We think this is a good plan," Slater said during the Deliberative Session.

Black in a letter following the public hearing in January, said the District would have information on its website regarding the proposal.

"We want you all to know that we heard your support last year for Full-Day Kindergarten – but that we had to find a less expensive option to achieve that goal," the letter read in part. "We also heard from the community we needed to

come up with a long-term solution to no longer have a lease for the District Office. This bond project solves both those problems for nearly 80% less in costs! The School Board explored many options this summer to bring back to the voters and this one seemed the most viable to satisfy the community as a whole and solve both our pressing needs."

The warrant article was moved to the ballot during the Deliberative Session without any discussion or debate from the public.

It is being recommended unanimously by both the Budget Committee and the School Board.

## School

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"This is a level-funded budget," Black said.

Overall, Black said the tax rate would be reduced by about 9% overall if it's approved compared to last year.

One of the biggest changes as part of the proposed operating budget is a reduction of \$414,000 in staff turnover, \$475,000 in reductions from District Wide Renovation Bond retiring, and a reduction of \$170,000 from one-time elementary literacy program costs.

For increased costs, the proposed budget calls for an increase of \$1.2 million in out-of-district mandated placements and transportation costs, an increase of \$38,000 in advanced course digital textbooks at Londonderry High School, a \$16,000 in-

crease in career-connected learning at the high school, \$23,000 for a Londonderry Middle School Assistant Athletic Director stipend, and \$19,000 in other curriculum supplies.

In addition the proposed budget calls for \$410,00 in savings for staffing cuts due to lower enrollment.

It was noted during the Deliberative Session, that they are projecting an overall drop of about 60 students next year, compared to this year, based on the current projections for the

school district.

If approved by voters in March, the proposed operating budget would have an estimated tax rate impact of \$9.47 and if the Default Budget is approved it would have an estimated tax rate impact of \$9.49.

The Budget Committee voted 7-0 to recommend the operating budget, and the School Board voted 5-0 to recommend the proposed operating budget.

Voting on the various warrant articles will take place on March 11.

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# Editorial

## Presidents Day Promotes Democracy

Many Americans associate Presidents Day with nothing more than a long weekend since schools are often closed to observe the holiday. Though its significance is taught in schools, it seems that so many still don't fully comprehend what Presidents Day stands for. Businesses even take advantage of the holiday to move and sell more items.

Two great American leaders were born in February, and a big part of this national holiday celebrates them and what they did for our country.

The main focus of Presidents Day is on the lives of the past United States presidents; George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. These men have served as examples for future generations for hundreds of years. Their actions and messages are preserved and followed to help keep our nation strong.

These two presidents in particular, are celebrated together every February not just for their shared birth month, but also for their demonstration of strength during turbulent times in our nation's history.

George Washington was a model for "Integrity, self-discipline, courage, absolute honesty, resolve, and decision, but also forbearance, decency, and respect for others". Not everyone agreed with Washington's viewpoints and qualities, but many honored, respected, and trusted him nonetheless. Washington did not need to tell his fellow new Americans how strong and capable of a leader he was—his actions spoke of that for him.

Abraham Lincoln came from a

poor family, but he fought his humble beginnings and persevered in his way of life until he became President of the United States. He received little formal teaching; instead, he educated himself on the command of the English language, developing a way with words that would humble speechwriters of today.

These two men served as examples for future generations, along with their actions and messages that should be preserved and followed to keep our nation strong.

During a time when a large national party had intentions to reject the Irish Catholics and Germans pouring into the country, Lincoln voiced praise for immigrants. When southern leaders threatened secession, he stood firm against the expansion of slavery.

With everything they have done to consider, it's a pity to see how the holiday has changed from a holiday meant to honor these great men, reduced to great deals. This isn't to say that there is anything wrong with getting a deal or enjoying a long weekend on a national holiday, but we at Nutfield Publishing believe that Presidents Day deserves recognition for keeping the virtues of two great leaders alive.

We should not forget that as a Nation we should be grateful to live in a Country that allows us freedom; a voice in our government and a choice of our leaders. Keep in mind that Presidents Day weekend means so much more than a great deal.

"We The People" Done!

# Letters

## NOW is the TIME

I have lived in Londonderry for almost 17 years. I am happy here and have no intention of leaving unless forced out by the ever-inflating tax burden that is continuing to erupt.

Over the past 12 plus years I have seen things that happen over and over again, and they are not for the better. I have paid much closer attention to promises made and promises not kept.

For one, Woodmont is certainly not becoming the development we were sold. Where are the shops and the restaurants? I have witnessed turnover in management, the firing of a well-respected Planner and staff members leaving right and left. I have watched and attended Town Council meetings and heard private citizens being bullied and screamed at by some of our elected officials.

This is more than disturbing. It is quite honestly an embarrassment. I now hear of policies that were introduced to give huge tax credits to multimillion dollar developers as an incentive to build here with no way to choose not to allow these tax credits for up to ten years. "If they meet the criteria, we have to grant the credits." Who in their right mind would implement a policy like that? There is one common thread in all that has

happened over the past 14-plus years and that thread is a very influential person in a leadership role in the Town who is running for reelection in March.

It is time to change and bring in people with only one agenda, what is right for the Town and its citizens. Change is not only necessary, but also a requirement to save the people who work here, have retired here, and want to stay here.

For these reasons as well as others, I am asking you to join me in voting for Deb Paul and Richard Belinski for the two available Town Council seats on March 11, 2025.

Ms. Paul has served as Councilor in the past, but was quite honestly treated very poorly by fellow councilors when she attempted to bring forward concerns and implement changes to improve our Town government.

She also brought forward five Citizen's Warrants on the Ballot in 2024 that were approved overwhelmingly by the voters, but they have not been implemented despite other Councilors attempting to move them forward. She continues to serve us every week with the Londonderry Times.

Richard Belinski has lived in Town for 40 years and has been an active participant in bringing valid concerns

forward not only during public comment but by researching the "whole" story and making it available to the public. His honesty and desire for transparency have motivated him to run for office this March.

Please stop the "power" motivation and bring on honesty and transparency as well as experience.

Respectfully,  
John Perez  
Londonderry

## Running for Library Trustee

To the editor,

My name is Cris Navarro and I am running for Trustee of the Library. I have lived in Londonderry for over 30 years and I am passionate about staying involved in the local government and community. Over the years in this town I ran for town council, was the Vice Chair of the Charter Commission in 2010, and was a longtime member of the Londonderry Women's club. Outside of community and town programs, I currently sit as the office manager at a financial planning firm where I am fully licensed. I am running for this position because our library is fundamental to the longevity of our community and I believe that I have the passion, dedication and skillset to be a trustee of

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# Letters

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the library.

Before settling down in Londonderry, I always loved books. When I was in middle school there were summers where I would spend all day, every day at the local library for military families due to my father's active service. Once I had kids of my own, I took them to events at the Leach Library. Through any hardship in our personal lives or times of hardship for families in the town, the Leach Library has always been a safe and reliable place to go. Whether you are there to practice reading, learn a new language or access technology, the library stands to be an invaluable resource to our local society.

Aside from my personal passion for libraries, I also believe that it is critical that our library is well maintained and organized to remain excellent. My hope is to bring my experience as a resident, a parent, and a longtime community leader to ensure things are running as efficiently as possible. I believe that collaboration with the librarians, the current trustees and the town will help foster new

opportunities for programming and keeping our library up to date as a place for all residents to have access to knowledge, stay informed and foster curiosity.

Please vote for me at the election that will be held on March 11th.

Best,  
Cris Navarro  
Londonderry

### Maria Barud for Library Trustee

To the editor,  
John and I would like to enthusiastically endorse Maria Buard for Library Trustee in the upcoming election on March 11, 2025. Her energy is nothing short of amazing as a mother of three, working full time and engaging in multiple volunteer opportunities. Her work as an international trade compliance officer will certainly enhance her position as a trustee at the Leach Library with a strong focus on detail and research. Presently she serves the community as a Cemetery Trustee and has been a member of Friends of the Library since 2023. She is looking to explore new grant opportunities and supporting the library's growth for all members of the community as well as providing fiscal

responsibility and transparency. We know that her values will foster a respectful and inclusive environment while listening intently to all individuals. As a person, we know Maria as an honest and kind individual, always first to lend a hand in any way. We hope that you will join us in supporting Maria by voting for her. It will be a vote cast for the betterment of the entire community.

Kristine Perez  
Londonderry

### Hello Londonderry!

To the editor,  
My name is Erica Laue, and I am running for the Leach Library Board of Trustees. My family and I have always been big library fans, and I see this as an opportunity to give back to the entity that has offered so much to us and our community.

A library trustee has two major jobs: to facilitate the work of the library staff, and to promote the library's services throughout the town. To those ends, a trustee needs to be skilled at managing a budget, good at developing a strong partnership with the library director, willing to engage with community feedback

about the library's services and potential, and publicly supportive of the library. I believe I am highly qualified in all of these areas.

I am a clinical social worker with a 15-year nonprofit work history. I am familiar with the complex ins and outs of navigating funding and limited resources, and I both practice and encourage creative problem-solving in restricted economies. My background also means that I have extensive experience with building and maintaining positive working relationships with key stakeholders. The library director and staff, the town's budget committee, the Friends of the library, and members of the community are all important elements of maintaining a healthy public library. If elected, I would apply my skills in this area to benefit the library and, ultimately, all who use it.

Finally, I am a big advocate for the library, its staff, its services, and its potential. Over the

last few years our library's services have expanded to include more programming for adults and children of all ages, a vast Library of Things, and access to the GMILCS database. None of this would have been possible without the creativity and energy of the staff, funding from the town, and most importantly, community engagement. It has been wonderful to be part of this resource's growth and to see how much benefit it has brought to our town. I would love the opportunity to serve the library as a Trustee and see what more we can do together.

Thank you!  
Erica Laue  
Londonderry

### Vote Deb Paul

To the editor,  
I've been a Londonderry resident for 15 years, I've seen changes around town and not all have been good for the residents of Londonderry. I've also known Deb

Paul for a number of those years since being here. She is someone you can trust to steer our town in the right direction. She has her hand on the pulse of Londonderry, and as someone who owns the Londonderry Times she is a well informed person in town and that is someone we need on the town council. I'm sure she'll be a voice for the residents when we don't have a voice and she'll be there to listen to us at public comment. I know a vote for Deb Paul will be a vote for someone who really listens and loves this town as much as I do.

Alan Roy  
Londonderry

### Library Trustee Seat

To the editor,  
My name is Linda Lampkin, and I have lived in Londonderry, with my family, since 1998. I am campaigning for an open position as a Library Trustee. Many

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people in town my know me or my name but there are plenty of people who do not. Like many of folks I am a transplant to this town. My family moved to Derry in 1996. I was hired at the Sandown Public Library at this time, as a children's librarian. We moved to Londonderry when we purchased our home in 1998. Since that time, I became involved in the school district first as a volunteer and then as an employee for 15 years. After the 15 years, I then became an employee of the Derry Cooperative school district for 11. For the last 27 years of my life, I have worked or been a part of a library. This past June the school that I worked in closed. And I decided to take a break, and take stock of what I really wanted to do with my time. In January I saw the request for Library Board members. And that was it. As I hope you can tell by this letter, I have experience in both the Public and the School district libraries, but what you might not see by this letter is my genuine love of reading, libraries, and this town. Moving here years ago

the first place I found was the library, because if you need to know something about your town, you go to the library. The wealth of knowledge that is in between the walls of a library is immeasurable. Not only is it a wonderful place to meet people, learn something new, voice opinions, it opens its arms to all ages, races, religions, education, and economic situations. In a library we ARE all equal, and all are welcome. This is how I find the Leach Library of Londonderry to be. I hope if elected we can continue this for many years to come.

Linda Lampkin,  
Londonderry

### Vote Yes on Warrant #34

To the editor,  
During the month of January, I may have knocked on your door to get a citizen's petition signed. The purpose of the petition was to increase the disabled veteran's optional tax credit. Per the information I received from the assessor, there are 71 households which qualify for this credit and the town currently spends \$284,000 for the abatement for these homes. A bill

passed last year to allow 100% permanent and total disabled veterans to receive a 100% tax exemption last year but somehow an SAH stipulation was added last minute. Having an SAH stipulation is useless because the SAH is a federal grant and a veteran can qualify for it but not receive one because there are only 120 available nationally. Many veterans went to the tax assessor's office after the VA sent out a notification that the bill had been signed into law only to be turned away. During the September 2024 primary, all elected state representatives promised to further aid for disabled veterans. HB99 was introduced with the same wording as last year, however, none of our local representatives sponsored or spoke on behalf of this bill. Many other states offer property tax exemption to 100% permanent and total veterans because the majority of them are not able to work. The town lawyer deemed my citizens' petition "advisory only," which is frankly bullsh\*t. I ask that you, my fellow citizens do two things: 1. Vote YES on article #34 and 2. Contact all of our state senators and ask them to fix

this situation by passing the original verbiage of HB 99 without any SAH requirement. We're the only state that has this requirement and it's senseless.

Vote Yes on Warrant #34.

Thank you  
Morian Ryan  
Londonderry

### Hate the Hate

To the editor,  
We live in a country, a state, and a community in which there are people from "many walks of life". We are a diverse population of different races, different religions and different political views. This is a given. This is America. Rhetorical question: When did we become a nation divided and hateful? So what if we don't agree with each other? Isn't this part of and essential to a democracy? If we all agreed about everything, we'd probably be part of a cult.

I have friends and neighbors who hold similar beliefs to mine and I also have friends and neighbors who do not. We are still friends and always neighbors. We wave to each other, speak to each other and are there for each other when needed.

We may love the political landscape or we may dread it but it is what it is. As Americans we either support it or work to change it through legal and established democratic processes. We do not need to criticize, blame, threaten and express animosity toward each

other. We do not need to continue writing vitriolic letters to the editor which only serve to perpetuate divisiveness and hate. I am a big believer in free speech and freedom of the press and this can be practiced without being mean, nasty or hateful. There

is a line that we don't need to cross. We can live our lives, adhere to our beliefs and values, and acknowledge that we may have differences. We may not be friends or neighbors but we are all Americans.

Bruce Stern  
Londonderry

## OBITUARY

### Barbara Jane Wallace



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

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

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

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

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

Following cremation, services will be held at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church on April 26, at 10 a.m., followed by the interment at Pleasant View Cemetery, and returning to the church for a luncheon upstairs for all wishing to attend. The Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry, NH is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Amedisys Foundation, 8 Commerce Drive Suite #101, Bedford NH 03110. To send a condolence please visit [www.peabodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.peabodyfuneralhome.com).



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## Raffle Rides

Two South Elementary School students were the lucky winners of this year's raffle prize to get a ride to school within a fire truck and a police cruiser. Makenzie Bissonnette was picked up at her home by paramedic Valentina Boshar and driven to the front entrance in a fire truck. Chase Keeley was the winner of a ride with SRO officer Dan Perry in a police vehicle.

# School Board Reviews Two Phone System Upgrade Bids

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board reviewed different bids during its most recent meeting, to upgrade the district's phone system.

"In April of 2024, the school district was notified by our phone vendor that our phone system was no longer going to be supported as of March of 2026. We then met with a couple of phone vendors to inform us of the state of phone technologies and to help us determine our course of action," IT Director Brandon Weinert wrote in a memo to the School Board.

Weinert explained that in October, the District released a request for proposals, to replace the "existing phone system

for all locations."

"This includes phone hardware, cabling, network switching hardware, and licensing. We received bids from five companies," Weinert wrote. "We reviewed those bids to determine what best fit our needs and then invited two vendors to meet with us. The vendors came in separately to further discuss their solutions and to tour all our locations. They then revised their bids based on a more accurate assessment of our environment and needs. We also followed up by having discussions with school districts that were given as references."

In a memo, it was explained that "Vendor A's solutions bid is for \$331,936.65 and Vendor

B's is \$244,895."

"The two solutions are not equal in comparison," Weinert said.

One difference is that Vendor A is a five-year licensing agreement versus one year for Vendor B. Vendor A would include new cabling for all locations except the District Office, while Vendor B would include new cabling for all locations except Moose Hill School and District Office.

Vendor A was noted they would have failover PBX at each of the seven locations. Vendor B would not have a failover option.

"We have taken into consideration the solutions provided. Based on our needs and reference checks, we have determined that Vendor

A is our choice," the memo stated. "We feel that they are better equipped to handle a district our size. Vendor B has smaller school districts, and one district said their response time was lacking.

Vendor A also serves many of NHs largest

school districts and they get positive reviews from everyone. We do not doubt Vendor A's ability to finish this project in the time required whereas Vendor B left us doubting their ability to do this job. One reference that has done business with both vendors

stated that if you want the job done correctly then you should go with Vendor A."

It was decided to post the public hearing notice for up to \$322,000 and a vote will be taken at the next meeting on what vendor to go with.

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# Conservation Commission Holding Field Day at Musquash Feb. 15

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Preparations for the 35th Annual Musquash Field Day were wrapping up during the last January meeting of the Conservation Commission. Chair Marge Badois hoped to put together another successful event, complete with fire pits, cookies, hot dogs, hot cocoa, and the attendance of at least some members of the Mountain Bike Association.

"I had asked the New England Mountain Bike Association if they wanted to come and do their demonstration, but they're already committed to another event that weekend," she said. "But a couple of guys said they would come with the bikes and hang out on the landing and talk to people, showing off the

bikes and whatnot."

Last year, the Association attended the 2024 Field Day, and the group has continued its involvement with the Musquash Conservation Area. Field Day attendees are encouraged to dress warm.

Vice-Chair Gene Harrington offered to provide firewood for the event.

"I got some wood split up the other day. I'll get some," he offered.

Members agreed to get the firewood to Musquash by the morning of Field Day.

Field Day is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hickory Hill Road entrance to the Musquash Conservation Area.

Long-delayed improvements to the Hickory Hill parking lot were also scheduled to begin by

mid-February.

"The construction for the parking lot is going to start the Monday after," said Badois. "They're working around our event. This weekend, I'm going to put up signs at the entrance of Musquash announcing the construction dates, along with information where people can call and get updates on the progress."

Progress on the parking lot will be weather dependent, but is not expected to take longer than "a couple of weeks." Town officials hoped to have the work done in time for the spring hiking season.

"Once it starts, nobody is going to be allowed to park there. One of the signs will recommend different entrances," explained Badois.

With the new year,

the Conservation Commission needed to vote for a new slate of officers, starting with Badois, who was unanimously re-elected as Chair for another term without much discussion, Harrington was likewise re-elected as Vice-Chair. As the incumbent Treasurer, Deb Lievens could not make the late January meeting, that election was postponed.

The Commission also

hoped to fill an empty spot on their board as Badois announced that at least one resident was interested in volunteering.

"He travels during the summer; he'll be missing for a couple months during the summer. How do we feel about that?" she asked.

"We've had two alternate spaces open forever," noted Harrington, expressing his support for accepting anyone interested in the job.

"He's an alternate, and if we have people standing in line who want it later, we'll deal with it later."

All Commissioners present agreed that having an alternate willing to help for most of the year was better than leaving the position empty.

The Conservation Commission is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers.

## Town Manager

Continued from page 1  
ing the community over the past 24 years, and I am dedicated to continuing to do so in any capacity I can," Bernard said. "The Town has a dynamic team of professionals across all departments doing excellent

work and I'm grateful to Art for his leadership to date and his partnership in this transition."

According to the release Bernard has worked for the Londonderry Police Department since 2001.

"He began his career in Londonderry as a patrolman, working his way up through the ranks to become Chief of Police in 2022," the press release stated.

As part of the Town Charter "an Acting Town Manager appointment is for a period of up to 120 days," the release stated.

"The application period for the permanent

Town Manager position ended on Friday, Feb. 7, 2025," the release stated.

Town Council Chair Chad Franz was asked why Assistant Town Manager Kellie Caron was not promoted to Acting Town Manager, but Franz did not respond as of press time on Tuesday afternoon.

According to Campo Bernard, the new Acting Town Manager will receive \$4,000 per month for performing the duties of Town Manager.

Of note, the previous Police Chief, Bill Hart, was also appointed as Acting Town Manager before Kevin Smith was hired.



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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Lancers Girls' Basketball Remain Perfect With Two Wins

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Basketball team kept its unbeaten streak rolling with two significant wins last week. First, LHS delivered the Windham Jaguars their second loss of the season and then edging out the Kingsmen of Concord Christian Academy for that team's third loss of the year.



Brooke Eacrett

period, then increased the lead to 17-points in the fourth-quarter for a 57-40 victory.

The win marked the Lancers tenth consecutive win of the season and the Jaguars loss put them at 10-2.

Sammie Sullivan led with 26-points, including

five, three-pointers.

Mia Giampa hit for three from outside the arc and finished the night with 13-points

Junior Brooke Eacrett scored 12-points, going 3-4 at the line and getting one, three pointer.

Over the weekend, on Saturday, Feb. 8, the team kept their season record unblemished with a 39-35 win over Concord Christian.

The Kingsmen had recently made the move up to Division I, and had only lost two games prior to the LHS game

Now at 11-0, LHS has a firm hold of the second place spot behind the Bedford Bulldogs with their 14-0 record.

Eacrett led the way in scoring with 20-points. Sullivan had eight and Gemma Murray finished with six-

points.

The two wins also set up a big night for senior guard/forward Reagan Anderson who will be looking to break 1,000 career rebounds this week at home against the Portsmouth Clippers.

The Clippers (8-5) were scheduled to play in Londonderry on Tuesday, Feb. 11, followed by the Lancers traveling to Manchester on Friday, Feb. 14, to play the Trinity Pioneers (4-10).

The team will also play an out-of-conference game on Saturday afternoon at Farmington High School. Farmington has a 12-4 record and are in sixth-place in the Division IV standings.



Sophomore Gemma Murray goes up for two at a recent game. Photos by Chris Paul

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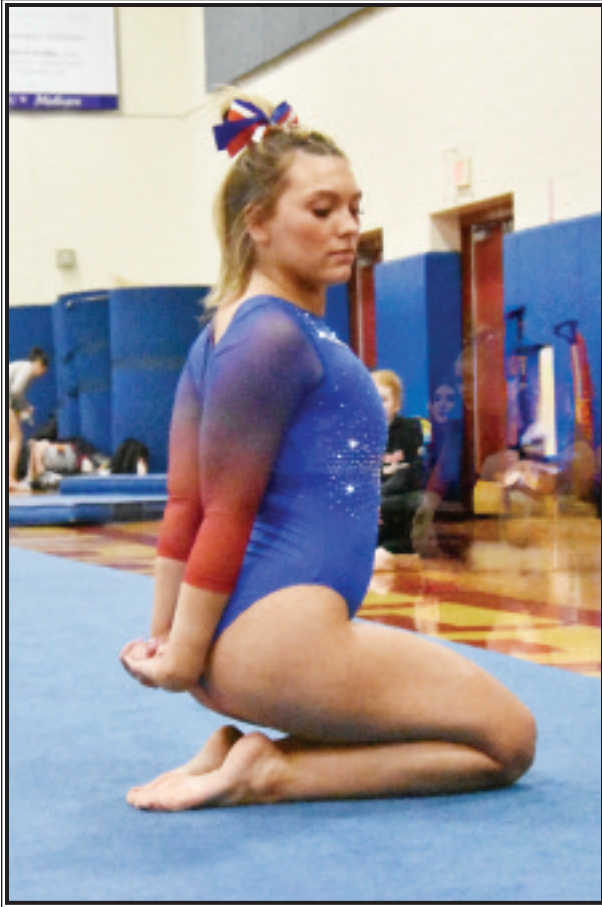
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# Lancers Gymnastics Host Final Meet, Honor Seniors



Sophia Beauregard

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Gymnastics team hosted the team's final regular season meet before competing in the NHIAA State Championships this week.

The meet also served as the team's Senior Night, with members honoring their two seniors, Faith Carrier and Sophia Beauregard.

The meet featured the Lancers competing against teams from Pinkerton Academy, Nashua South, Manchester Central, Campbell, Manchester Memorial, Bishop Guertin, Nashua North, Alvirne and Plymouth.

Overall, Londonderry placed second with a team score of 125.85. The Astros were the first-place winners with

139.8-points, Nashua South finished in third-place with 105.2 points and Campbell came in at fourth with 52.8-points.

The Lancers squad came into the event somewhat banged up with injuries during the two-month season, but Cailee Anderson came out on top in Vault, scoring a 9.0. Anderson had a third-place finish on the Beam, scoring an 8.5, with the winning score being 8.8.

In All-Around Anderson scored a 31.45 for third place. Pinkerton's Rebecca King took first at 35.1 and Astros Abigail Lee took second with her 34.2.

Senior Beauregard



Sophia Beauregard

had a 29.7 in All-Around, she had a 7.7 in Vault, a 6.8 on Bars, a 7.5 on Beam and scored 7.3 on Floor.

The team's other senior, Faith Carrier, contributed on Beam with a score of 7.9.

The Lancer team will end their season at A2 Gym and Cheer in Salem for the State Championships being held on Saturday, Feb. 15. The time hadn't been determined as of press time.

## Londonderry Competes at Indoor Track & Field Championship

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The 2025 Indoor Track and Field season ended this month, leading into the NHIAA Division I Championship Meet held on Saturday, Feb. 8, Plymouth State University.

The Londonderry High School Boys' and Girls' teams competed at the event with the males fifth-place overall and the females finishing in the eleventh spot.

LHS Boys' Medalists In the 55m Dash, senior Griffin Massahos ran the track at 6.64, fourth

best time in LHS history for a fifth-place finish.

Junior Josh Twomey finished in second in the 600-Meter Run with a time of 1:25.60, less than a second behind the winner at 1:25.28.

In the 1,500-Meter Run, junior Carson Fitzgerald had a time of 4:20.49 for sixth-place.

In the 4x800-Meter Relay, the LHS team of Patrick Ramsey, Alex Vaccaro, Cash Robles and Jack DiBuonno finished in fourth-place with a time of 8:35.53.

High Jumper, senior Chase Burris place sixth

in his event with a jump of 5' 6".

In the Long Jump Burris took first-place with his jump of 21' 9.75". Senior Luc Gaudet had a third-place finish with a jump of 20' 10.25".

LHS Girls' Medalists The team of senior Sayde White; freshman Anna Laufersweiler; junior Gabby DeLong; and Drewanne Sherman were fifth in the 4x800-Meter Relay with a time of 10:27.02.

In the High Jump, junior Eres DeLorey came in at second-place with her jump of 5' 2".

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# Londonderry Boys' Basketball Get Two-Game Split

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Basketball team suffered a tough loss followed by another close victory to finish last week at 8-5 with five games left in the regular season.

After coming off a very nice 68-59 win over Pinkerton Academy to end the month of January on a high note, the Lancers traveled to neighboring Windham where they were hoping to carry over their three-game winning streak into February by defeating the 5-6 Jaguars.

Unfortunately for the Londonderry squad, despite keeping the game

close throughout three of the four quarters, the team suffered its fifth loss of the season falling 47-58 on Tuesday night, Feb. 4.

Consistant scorer, senior forward, Mason Paquette, once again was the Lancers top basket maker, finishing the game by scoring 20-points.

Senior guard Cam Madden had 10-points in the loss and fellow senior guard Kiet Totten along with Matt Luongo finished with four-points.

Senior forward Blake Thompson had three-points, while Alex Villa, Jameson Seaman and Nate Marshall all had two-point.

Three days later, on

Friday night, Feb. 7, the Lancers traveled to Plaistow, where they were able to capture their eighth victory of the year with a 57-55 win over the Timberlane Regional High School Owls.

This was another dramatic, last second win at the buzzer for the LHS squad. This was the Lancers fourth game of the season that finished inside of two-points.

The Owls game came down to the final seconds of the fourth-quarter.

Londonderry was behind by seven-points with three minutes left on the clock and was able to come back at the buzzer. With no time left, Luongo stole the

ball passed it to Paquette who put in the lay-up as time expired.

Paquette had 19-points in the game, putting his high school career total at 1,116-points.

Thompson and Madden finished with eight-points and Seaman and Luongo put up six-points for the Lancers.

Totten and Marshall both had five-points.

The Lancers are scheduled for two games this week. The first is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Portsmouth High School against the 11-2 Clippers.

On Friday night, LHS will be at home, facing the 9-4 Trinity Pioneers at 6:30 p.m.



Senior guard Kiet Totten goes up for two-points during a recent game. Photo by Chris Paul

# Londonderry Hockey Squad Wins One, Loses Two

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The defending Division I champion Londonderry High School Hockey squad dropped two more close games and had one victory as the regular season heads into its final phase.

With just five games left to their regular season the Lancers sit at 4-7 after starting the week with a 3-2 win over Mer-

rimsack-Hollis-Brookline Derryfield (MHBD), then losing 5-6 in a re-match with the Pinkerton Academy Astros and falling 1-2 against the Bishop Guertin Cardinals last week.

In the Monday night victory over MHBD, goal scorers were: junior Nicholas Bishop; senior Brett McKinnon; and junior Brendan Fitzgerald, who had the game-winner with a penalty shot.

Assists went to: McKinnon and sophomore

Mike Bell.

In the re-match against the Astros, on Wednesday, Feb. 5, came much closer to a win with their rivals after falling 2-5 one week earlier, but fell one goal shy.

The five goals were scored by: McKinnon, who had three for the

hat trick; junior Tucker Reynolds; and senior Tucker Rushton.

Five players had assists in the game: Fitzgerald had two; senior Liam Knight had three; sophomore Gavin Karoul helped with one; sophomore Ethan Leon had one; and senior Tyler Rushton had one.

In the 2-1 loss to the Cardinals on Saturday, Feb. 8, on the road, Bishop was the only Lancer to score in the game. Fitzgerald helped with the assist.

The Lancers have just one game scheduled

for this week. On Wednesday, Feb. 12, the team is traveling to Manchester to take on the combined three-school squad of Central-Memorial-West.

Manchester has a season record of 5-5-1.

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# Londonderry Wrestling Team Win Five of Six Dual Meets

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Heading into the final week of the season, the Londonderry High School Wrestling team had their best week of the year, winning two matches in New Hampshire then traveling to Connecticut, where they added three more.

The Lancers week started on Wednesday, Feb. 2, in Manchester,

where they were able to come away with wins over teams from Manchester Memorial and Manchester Central High Schools.

Against Memorial, Londonderry finished with a 52-24 victory and nine match wins.

The team's first win came at 120 lbs., with Cam Roussell getting a forfeit win.

In total, there were six victories coming by

way of forfeit. Dylan Nadeau (132), Brendan Egan (165), David Pento Jr. (175), Lachlan Buttle (190) and Anthony Cipolletta (106) all won by forfeit.

Other winners were: Ayden Murray (126) won by Fall at 2:15; Caleb Holden (150) with a 16-0 Tech Fall at 6:00; and Manny Perez (157) had a 23-3 Tech Fall.

Against the Little Green of Manchester Central, LHS came away with a 48-30 victory with eight match wins.

The second Manchester team gave up five matches to forfeit.

Other wins went to: Caleb Holden (150) Fall at 0:30; Brendan Egan (165) Fall at 1:45; and David Pento (175) with a Fall at 1:20.

The team packed up and traveled to Connecticut on Saturday, Feb. 8 to compete in the annual New Fairfield Duals, where they wrestled four New England teams and came away with three victories.



Lancers sophomore wrestler Caleb Holden, 150 lbs., had a number of wins last week as the team prepares for the State Championships.



Senior David Pento Jr. looks to capture another title at the State Championship this month.

Londonderry had a 61-15 win over Nonnewaug High School, a 43-30 victory over the host New Fairfield and a 60-21 win over Guilford High School.

Against Nonnewaug, Londonderry had wins in 11 of 14 matches.

In the Dual with New Fairfield, the Lancers

had weight-class wins in eight matches.

In the 39-point victory over Guilford, Londonderry had ten wins, with four coming by way of forfeit.

The team's only loss of the week came at the hands of the powerhouse from West Springfield, where LHS fell 63-

16 The Lancers were only able to come away with three match wins.

The team will be facing Pinkerton Academy for their final Division I dual meet of the season before preparing for the State Championships and the Meet of Champions.



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## Tinker Time

Come to the Leach Library on Saturday, Feb. 15 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 recommended and begins on Saturday, Feb. 8. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call.

## Democrats Meeting

The next meeting of the Londonderry Democrats is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 27 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 Face-

book or email [pskud@gmail.com](mailto:pskud@gmail.com) for more details."

## Meet the Library Trustee Candidates

On Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m., members of the public are invited to meet the 2025 Leach Library Trustee Candidates in the Leach Library Meeting Room. Candidates will introduce themselves and participate in an open Q&A session.

## Duplo Budding Builders

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 10 a.m. Participants will create using larger Duplo blocks. This program is designed for younger Lego enthusiasts ages 0-5. Registration is required.

## Building Buddies

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 4:30 p.m. for a Lego program designed for ages 6 and up. Each month, children will have time to create either individually or in groups using the library's Legos. Registration is required.

## Mini Escape Rooms

The Leach 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, Feb. 21 from 3 - 4 p.m. This program is intended for participants aged 12-18. Reg-

istration is required.

## Sunday Family Camp

Etz Hayim Synagogue hosts a free monthly program for ages 4-6. This Month's Theme is Tu B'Shevat, on Sunday, Feb. 16, from 10 a.m. - Noon, decorate a pot and then plant some parsley (to grow for Passover). The group will then participate in the Tu B'Shevat Seder with the congregation for the second half of our class. Please RSVP to [sarahjohnplater@aol.com](mailto:sarahjohnplater@aol.com) by Friday, February 14, to ensure enough materials for the project. The program is free, and no membership is required.

## Tu B'Shevat Seder

On Sunday, Feb. 16, from 10 a.m. - Noon. Join the Etz Hayim Synagogue to celebrate the "New Year of the Trees." Please bring one of the "Fruits of the Seven Species" to share (wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, and dates). All ages are welcome! RSVP to [office@etzhayim.org](mailto:office@etzhayim.org) by Friday, Feb. 14.

## The Wars for Israel

On Thursday, Feb. 20, from 7 - 8 p.m., the Etz Hayim Synagogue pres-

ents The Wars for Israel, 1948-1973, by Robert Crawford. Sadly, the existence of Israel is a controversial subject for some people. It is helpful to know the facts about Israel's history. The Wars for Israel, 1948-1973 looks at three wars—the 1948 War for Independence, the 1967 Six-Day War, and the 1973 Yom Kippur War—that shaped the Israel we know today. Robert Crawford is the author of Call Retreat: The Johnson Administration's Vietnam Policy 1967-68. He has published two books of poetry, The Empty Chair (2011, Richard Wilbur Award) and Too Much Explanation Can Ruin a Man (2005). He received an MFA in National Security Policy Studies from George Washington University and worked for the Joint Chiefs of Staff Exercise Support Program. There is no charge, but donations are encouraged. The presentation is part of Etz Hayim Synagogue's Adult Continuing Education Program, Hot Topics and Cool Contemporary Stuff. Visit [www.etzhayim.org/learn/adult-learning](http://www.etzhayim.org/learn/adult-learning) for a complete listing of Hot Topics.

For more information, please contact: Stephen

Soreff, MD, at [soreffs15@aol.com](mailto:soreffs15@aol.com) or 603-895-6120.

## Winter Festival

Join the Leach Library for a week-long celebration filled with fun, creativity, and community from Feb. 24 to March 1. There will be a variety of exciting activities for all ages-kids, teens, and adults. Every participant who attends a program during the Winter Festival will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a plush penguin. The winner will be announced on Monday, March 3, so don't miss out on the fun.

## Penguin Craft

Crafters of all ages are invited to stop by the Leach Library Meeting Room 10 - 11 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 24 or 2 - 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 8 to put together a playful penguin-themed ornament. This program is intended for participants of any age. Registration opens one week before each session.

## Growing Up Wild

Preschoolers and their caregivers are invited to the Leach Library on Monday, Feb. 24 at 4 p.m. for a brand-new monthly nature

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exploration program. This program is designed for ages 3 -7, but older children are welcome to join in. Registration is required.

### Coding Club and Maker Lab

Unleash your imagination during the Coding Club and Maker Lab at the Leach Library! Stop by Study Room B after school on Tuesday, Feb. 25 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 collaborations. Young inventors will be able to explore coding with simple coding programs and test out their programs with Hummingbird Bit or Makey Makey devices. Artists will have a variety of mediums available to use from paint to markers. Aspiring creators will have an assortment of materials to help bring their dreams into reality from a collection of building sets to a stop motion camera or music keyboard. This program is intended for participants aged 8-18. Registration is required.

Reindeer Games  
Teens and tweens are invited to participate in a variety of games and activities in the Leach Library Meeting Room from 11 a.m. - noon, on Feb. 26. Games will include reindeer ring toss, snowman bowling, a mini escape room puzzle, and an indoor snowball showdown. This program is intended for participants aged 8-18. Registration is required.

### Let's Make Something Together

Children ages 6 and older are invited to the Leach Library on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 4:30 p.m. for a new monthly program, Let's Make Something Together. Each month, make something fun that can be taken home at the end. This month, let's make play snow together! Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, Feb. 19. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

### Banned Book Discussion

Join Leach Library staff at the Londonderry Senior Center (535 Mammoth Rd) to discuss Toni Morrison's novel The Bluest Eye on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 10:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Pick up a copy of the book from the library. Morrison's novel has regularly been the target of censorship since its publication. In 2023, the American Library Association reported it was the sixth most banned and challenged book in the country. Registration is required and opened on Monday, Jan. 27. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

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### Blizzard Bash

Teens and tweens are invited to the Leach Library Meeting Room from 2 -3 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 27 for a winter-themed party. Participants will enjoy a hot cocoa bar, festive snacks, and a fun indoor snowman building contest! Dress-up in your favorite winter-themed outfits or come just as you are! This program is intended for participants aged 12-18. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Feb. 20. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

### Children's Snow Ball Party

Children are invited to the Leach Library on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 4:30 p.m. for a Children's Snow Ball Party. Play a few games, decorate snowman cookies, and have a light snack. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Feb. 20. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

### Movie Night

On Friday, Feb. 28 at 6 p.m., the Leach Library will host an after-hours movie night in the Main Reading Room! Watch as Manny the woolly mammoth, Sid the sloth, and Diego the saber-tooth tiger embark on an icy trek to return a baby to his father during this 2002 box office hit film (rated PG). Refreshments will be served while supplies last, and raffle prizes will be provided. Registration is required and begins on Friday, Feb. 21. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

### All Ages Craft

You're never too old to play with sand and make some beautiful art! Come to the Leach Library on Saturday, March 1 at 11 a.m. to make a sand art creation. Registration is required and begins on Saturday, Feb. 22. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

### Dr. Seuss Craft

Children are invited to the Leach Library on Monday, March 3 at 4:30 p.m. to work on a Dr. Seuss-inspired craft. All supplies will be provided, and library staff will be on hand to offer assistance. Registration is required

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# Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

## Monday, Feb. 3

**8:42 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Accident on Gordon Dr leads to an arrest made by three officers. Shawn Ogara, Shawn, 48, of Londonderry, charged with Driving After Revoke/Suspension.

**8:49 a.m.** Services rendered Wires Down on Kitty Hawk Landing near Grenier Field Road.

**11:15 a.m.** Sexual Offender Registration investigated at the Park & Ride - North on Symmes Drive.

**12:19 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made by three officers on King Phillip Drive. James Thom, 40, of Londonderry, charged on Bench Warrants.

**8:08 p.m.** Four officers respond to a report of a Disturbance at Renegades Pub on Nashua Road.

## Tuesday, Feb. 4

**5:04 a.m.** Four officers render services for a Traffic Hazard on Hovey Road.

**6:36 a.m.** Missing Person reported on Wilshire Drive.

**7:17 a.m.** Services Rendered by three officers for an Auto Theft reported on Oak Drive.

**1:45 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated by five officers on Charlestown Avenue.

**6:19 p.m.** Four officers Investigated a Disturbance at Heritage Truck & Automotive Inc. on Rockingham Road.

## Wednesday, Feb. 5

**8:40 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop at the Bank of America on Mammoth Road leads to an arrest. Jahkee Jahjay Derek Smith, 43, of Derry, charged with: Operating a

vehicle without a Valid License - License Required; and Speeding 21-24 mph over a Limit of 55 or Less.

**11:18 a.m.** Four officers respond to a Suicide Attempt/Threat on King George Drive, at Jacobs, and transport to a hospital.

**1:20 p.m.** Suicide Attempt/Threat on Rockingham Road taken to family/guardian/other.

**2:13 p.m.** Services rendered during a Disturbance on Charleston Avenue.

**4:02 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Charleston Avenue. Kevin Derepentigny, 41, of Londonderry, charged with: Domestic Violence (Simple Assault, Bodily Injury or Physical Contact); and Criminal Trespass.

**6:24 p.m.** Five officers

involved in a Pedestrian Check and arrest at Manchester Boston Regional Airport. Ashley Ordmandy, 38, of Loudon, Arrested on Warrants.

**6:31 p.m.** Services rendered for a Disturbance on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

## Thursday, Feb. 6

**11:15 a.m.** Three officers respond to Suspicious Activity on Rockingham Road, between Page and Mammoth Road.

**10:07 p.m.** Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

## Friday, Feb. 7

**10:49 a.m.** Services rendered for Identity Theft on South Parish Drive.

**1:03 p.m.** Peace Restored by three officers after an Assault was reported on Pinyon Place.

**4:53 p.m.** Welfare Check conducted on Bartley

Hill Road.

**6:41 p.m.** Welfare Check conducted at Homegoods, on Michels Way.

## Saturday, Feb. 8

**12:35 a.m.** Four officers render services during Juvenile Offenses on Hardy Road.

**1:09 a.m.** Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest made at Woodhenge Circle on Rockingham Road. Brooklynn Gabriele Gahn, 25, of Manchester, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and Lane Control.

**1:24 a.m.** Motor vehicle stop and arrest made on Nashua Road, at Mammoth Road. Daniel Cook, 34, of Malden, Mass., charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Speeding 11-15 mph Over a Limit of 55 or Less, and Resisting Arrest/Detention.

**2:24 p.m.** Peace Restored after a Domestic Disturbance on Pleasant Drive.

**4:34 p.m.** Three officers render services during a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**11:39 p.m.** Welfare Check conducted by three officers on Morway Drive.

## Sunday, Jan. Feb. 9

**2:13 p.m.** Three officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department and make an arrest on Wilson Road. Jay Schmidt, 46, of Manchester, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and having an Open Container.

**9:12 a.m.** Welfare Check conducted on Cimmaron Circle.

**10:02 a.m.** Welfare Check conducted on Arrowhead Road.

**12:27 p.m.** Three officers restore peace during Neighborhood Disputes on Winding Pond Road.

**8:12 p.m.** Disturbance investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

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and begins on Monday, Feb. 24. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

## Garden Strong

Join Master Gardener Doris Buco for a UNH Extension presentation at Leach Library on Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. to learn ways to be garden strong! Are you a gardener who spends so much time digging, weeding, watering, and hauling mulch that you are sore and tired at the end of the day? Learn some simple and important techniques for reducing stress on your body so you can garden without pain or injury. Participants will also be introduced to some adaptive tools that will make gardening easier for anyone. This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Leach Library. Registration is required and opens on Wednesday, March 5. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or

call (603) 432-1132.

## Literary Fiction Book Discussion

Come to the Leach Library on Wednesday, March 19 at 2:30 p.m. to discuss Tess Gunty's novel *The Rabbit Hutch*. Refreshments will be served. This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Leach Library. Registration is required and begins on Monday, Feb. 10. Copies of the book will be available to check out from the library. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

## True Crime Book Discussion

Come to the library on Thursday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Michelle McNamara's award-winning true crime book, *I'll Be Gone in the Dark*. Refreshments will be served. This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Leach Library. Registration is required and begins on Monday, Feb. 17. Copies of the book will be available to check out from the

library. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

## Memoir Book Discussion

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, April 3 at 11 a.m. to discuss Trevor Noah's memoir *Born a Crime*. Refreshments will be served. This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Leach Library. Registration is required and begins on Monday, March 3. Copies of the book will be available to check out from the library. Register online or by calling the library at (603) 432-1132.

## Bands

On Feb. 20 from 7 - 10 p.m., come to American Legion Post Post 27 and hear five local bands. For more information go to the groups website [www.alpost27.com](http://www.alpost27.com) or call us at 603-437-6613.

## Jeff Mrozek

On Feb. 22 from 2 - 4 p.m., come to American Legion Post Post 27 and see Jeff Mrozek perform.

For more information go to the groups website [www.alpost27.com](http://www.alpost27.com) or call us at 603-437-6613.

## Memorial Bricks

American Legion Post 27 is offering community members the opportunity to create a lasting tribute with personalized bricks that will be installed in the Post's backyard this spring. Each brick allows up to three lines of text with 15 characters per line, making it a meaningful way to honor a veteran, loved one, organization, or group. Pricing: 1 Brick: \$125, 2 Bricks: \$225, 3 Bricks: \$300, Each Additional Brick: \$100. Photos of the pavilion, bricks, and the new backyard layout, along with the order form, are attached. For more information, email [salpost27@gmail.com](mailto:salpost27@gmail.com).

## Free Estate Planning Seminar

Join the Londonderry Women's Club for a Free informative Estate Planning Seminar, Presented by local attorney Daniel C. Clark. This session will cover essential topics;

related to wills, trusts, and the key steps in planning for the future. Don't miss this valuable opportunity to gain expert advice and have your questions answered. You are welcome to bring a friend or family member to this informative event on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m., at the YMCA of Greater Londonderry 206 Rockingham Rd., Londonderry. To register contact [amy.casparius@Londonderrywomensclub.org](mailto:amy.casparius@Londonderrywomensclub.org)

## Musquash Field Day

The Londonderry Conservation Commission is hosting the 35th annual Musquash Field Day on Saturday, Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. This family and pet friendly event is an opportunity to learn about Londonderry's Musquash Conservation Area with over 1,000 acres of trails. Explore trails on sleds, skis, snowshoes or mountain bikes. Learn about local wildlife and endangered species. The campfire will be at the Landing. Enjoy a hot dog, hot off the grill and roast some marshmallows over the

campfire. Cookies, cocoa and coffee will also be available. Use the Hickory Hill entrance to the Musquash. The Landing is about a 15 minute walk in on the well marked trail. Please respect parking restrictions on Hickory Hill Road. Hickory Hill Road is off High Range Road. Use 12 Hickory Hill Road for GPS. For more information contact Marge at 603-770-4690 or [mbadois@tollboards.org](mailto:mbadois@tollboards.org)

## Little Sprouts Baby Lapsit

Coe to the Leach Library on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. beginning Jan. 14 and continuing through Feb. 18, story time programs for babies 0-18 months old. 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.

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