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## Mamma Mia!

Members of the Londonderry High School Drama Club will be taking the stage this week to present the hit musical "Mamma Mia!" at the derry Opera House. Shows will be performed starting Thursday. See details on page 5.

Photo by Chris Paul

## Voters Debate the Full-Day Kindergarten Warrant Article

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Voters in March will be asked to vote on whether or not they support moving forward with all day kindergarten in Londonderry, which will also ask voters to approve raising and appropriating \$11.1 million, which would have an estimated tax rate impact of 4

cents in year one, 14 cents in year two, and 13 cents in year three.

The School Board previously voted 4-1 to recommend the article and the Budget Committee voted 4-3 in support of the warrant article.

School Board member, Amanda Butcher, said the warrant article comes after almost five years of gathering infor-

mation and doing research related to offering all day kindergarten in Londonderry.

"Compared to the rest of the country, we're in the minority," she said, noting that they are one of the only districts in the state that doesn't offer full-day kindergarten at this point.

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## Moose Hill School Addition Article Moves to March Ballot

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

For months, there have been discussion about whether or not the town should move forward with a expansion project for Moose Hill, to address what officials describe as major issues with overcrowding in the school.

Ahead of a vote in March, voters had the chance to debate the warrant article during the Feb. 10 School District Deliberative Session.

The overcrowding

project would be \$23.1 million, and would address the overcrowding needs. Previously, the overcrowding project at Moose Hill and full-day kindergarten were part of the same warrant article, however, it was decided by the School Board to separate them to give voters to weigh in on both separately.

It would include 24,646 square feet of additions and renovations, including renovating seven learning spaces, adding 15 new learning - therapy or office spaces, adding five adult

bathrooms, compared to only having one now, renovating the main office, and making a safer school entrance along with other improvements.

Budget Committee Secretary, Maureen Hardy, who voted against recommending the warrant article, expressed concerns about the costs of the project, saying she thinks "the costs are extremely high," based on her research, she thought that the cost per square foot should

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## Proposed Amendments For Pickleball Fail at Deliberative

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Residents debated a warrant article for pickleball courts being built in town during the Feb. 10 Deliberative Session.

The warrant article is for \$490,000 to build up to 10 pickleball courts in town.

It was originally explained by the Pickleball Task Force, who was responsible for vetting options and making recommendations to the Town Council, that for six courts, estimates for the different work and for the physical courts, came in at \$360,000 to \$560,000, and for 10 courts, the estimated cost is \$490,000 to \$740,000 to

build the courts.

The Town Council previously landed on using \$250,000 from the June 30 Unassigned Fund Balance, with the rest coming from new taxes.

One resident, Richard Bielinski Jr., proposed an amendment to make the appropriation for the warrant article \$0, saying that he thinks it's "premature" because of concerns about how much engineering may need to be done and there isn't funding specified for it.

He explained that his concern is they may run into issues with the land once they start to do work there.

"The land is currently covered with trees,"

Bielinski said. He also argued that it's a "want" and not a need.

Tara Myles, said she also thinks that it's not needed, and argued other things like all day kindergarten is a priority, saying that she would likely support pickleball on a future ballot.

Brian Samolyk, the Chair of the Pickleball Task Force, argued that there are soccer fields in

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# Proposed School Budget Increased at Deliberative Session

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One of the amendments made during the Feb. 9 Londonderry School District Deliberative Session was an amendment made to the proposed operating budget warrant article. Going into the Deliberative Session, the proposed budget was a total of \$88,259,411, approximately \$154,000 less than the default budget of \$88,413,544. Superintendent, Dan Black, explained previously that one of the goals as part of the pro-

posed budget was to limit growth over last year's budget, which proposes an increase of 2.69% over the FY 24 budget.

"There were definitely some hard choices to get there," Black said.

During the Deliberative Session, School Board member, Kevin Gray, proposed increasing the budget by \$92,000, in order fund four math interventionist positions.

At the last school board meeting before the Deliberative Session, the School Board discussed including them

back into the budget for four hours a day, five days a week, with the argument being that they would be able to continue the progress they are making.

One question raised by a member of the public was whether or not there is any requirement that they need to spend the additional funding on it.

"It's a bottom line budget, \$92,000 has been added to it," School District Attorney, Gordon Graham, said, explaining that the School Board has the

ultimate authority on how to spend the funds.

The amendment was approved meaning the operating budget voters will vote on is \$88,351,411, which is about \$62,000 less than the Default Budget.

Black also explained that another aspect of the proposed budget was to make it less than the default budget, particularly because they are planning on putting the Moose Hill project on the ballot along with the Support Staff Union contract, after reaching a tentative deal with the

union.

The largest portion of the proposed budget is for personnel – approximately 81%.

With declining enrollment, a net of \$621,699 is being saved by making cuts to different positions, including cutting four full-time equivalent positions at Londonderry High School, two at Londonderry Middle School, one at the elementary school level, one IT hybrid position, and one third shift custodian position. With retirements and resignations, Black said they

don't expect any teachers will be laid off as part of the reductions.

"That 100 kid drop is what led to some of our tough staffing decisions," Black said about the staff reductions.

Out of all the increases over last year's budget, Black said 80% of the increases are from approved warrant articles, which includes \$915,000 for collective bargaining agreements, and \$445,000 for the infrastructure bond. It also includes a \$96,000 increase for the district's transportation contract.

# School Board Get Briefing On Math Interventionists

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board was briefed by Superintendent, Dan Black, about their options for potentially including math interventionists in this year's proposed operating budget during its Jan. 30 meeting.

"With our ESSER COVID funding over the last few years we built into the federal funds these positions for

"Math Interventionists," Black wrote in a memo. "We saw a drop in Math Performance in the elementary schools and middle school in that first winter of COVID so we built these positions in to be able to service students that had fallen behind grade level in a smaller group setting and being able to provide them more time to strengthen their foundational math skills at 1 to 8."

Black explained that

the Covid-19 fund run out in September, and said that the remaining funds "will fund the final version of Summer Math Academy that we can afford with those funds in our schools this summer."

"I let the Elementary and Middle School principals know early on in the budget process (October/November) that we would not be building these positions into the operating budget,"

Black wrote.

Black explained that one of the reasons is because the proposed budget includes making staffing cuts.

"We are cutting a large number of staff this year (\$621K) and we are doing it without eliminating any programs. We adjusted to enrollment and student/program needs," Black wrote. "There are still Math Interventionists in the elementary schools moving forward in the operating budget. I had a hard time justifying the cost, knowing we don't have a long-term plan figured out, and adding staff after such large cuts did not sit well. It was also a goal to get below the default budget and I did not want to make more investments to jeopardize that plan."

Another issue that he

pointed to is that the positions paid upwards of \$32 an hour, for those with a teaching license, and that they didn't receive benefits.

"All staff knew these were temporary accepting the job with those conditions because these were federally funded positions," Black wrote. "We do not have any other staff with a teaching license with this approach. We would have to create a Non-Affiliated Position if they were in the operating budget. We do not know yet if this approach would be a collective bargaining contract issue in the future. We avoided it in the past saying they were only temporary."

Black, during the meeting, said in order to have math interventionists in four buildings for four hours a day,

they would need to budget \$92,000, but noted that they would still be under the default budget by \$60,000.

He said if the School Board wanted to do so, he said his recommendation would be to look to add it into the proposed operating budget during the Deliberative Session.

"It's definitely something we could figure out and make work," Black said.

School Board Chair, Bob Slater, said he thinks it's a "good value," and he is concerned with losing progress if they don't have them next school year.

"My concern is if we drop it and we're not getting that help during next school year, will we lose some of the gain or not get to where we want," Slater said.



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# Heritage Commission Look at Plan Seven Homes on Hardy Road

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During the Jan. 25 Heritage Commission meeting one of the agenda items was in regards to an application for design review of a subdivision plan to subdivide one lot into seven residential lots at 94 Hardy Road.

Steve Keach, who was representing the applicant, explained that the parent parcel is 11.8 acres and there were "very little" wetlands on the property.

"The quality of the soils and the quality of this land is specular," Keach said.

Keach described the

property as "immediately south" of the Hovey Road intersection with "tremendous frontage on the east side of Hardy Road."

He explained that each of the proposed lots would be between 1.4 acres to 2.3 acres in size in order to stay compliant with the lot

size requirements for the town of Londonderry.

Bob Pace from Legacy Building & Development, LLC said they weren't looking to build "McMansions."

"Basically we want to build single family homes anywhere between 2,000 (to 2,400) square feet," he told the commission.

He explained that they would be typical colonial style houses, with three to four bedrooms per house. He added that they plan on having vinyl siding and that they don't plan on pre-selling them.

"Basically, your typical colonial style," Pace

said.

Pace said it isn't a "difficult sub division," to try to sell.

Ex-Officio, Jim Butler, said his main concern was the amount of use the road gets and speeding, saying that stone walls for the driveway could be a buffer between driveways and the road.

Keach noted that it would be the case.

He said they would also have stone walls for the perimeter.

"The majority of the site is completely bounded by an existing stone wall on the perimeter," Keach said.

Keach said the majority of the stone

wall would be retained except for what is needed for six driveways off of Hardy Road. He noted that about 120 feet of stone wall would need to be removed, as part of that process.

Keach stated that currently they have a disrepaired dwelling and farm house on the property and the intent is to raze the structure.

The Heritage Commission unanimously approved recommending the application for approval, with the one stipulation being that they try to reuse any of the displaced stone wall rocks in order to "line" the driveway entries.

## Full Day

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One of the biggest arguments that have been made is that students would get an additional 103 more days of learning after their first year in school, compared to the half day model.

Butcher explained that right now it's difficult for teachers to fit everything into one short day. She added that right now it's difficult for working parents in order to maneuver their schedules with a half-day model.

Budget Committee Chair, Patrick Cassidy, who is in support of the warrant article, said "I think it's the right thing for our students."

"Why not start our students ahead and help them excel, and help them succeed," he said.

He also argued that if they are going to move forward with full-day kindergarten one day, then it makes sense to do it now, since otherwise the cost will likely increase.

"If we're not going to do it now, when are we going to do it," he said.

School Board member, Tim Porter, who was the lone vote from the School Board against the full day kindergarten project said he views it as a "want."

"At this point, I believe a full day program falls in the category of a want not a need," he said, during a previous School Board meeting.

Kristine Perez, said she has heard from a lot of parents who think their kids might not be able to "tolerate" all day kindergarten, and said that she thinks they should've explored different options like having half day options as well, in order to give families a choice, something done in other districts.

Perez also said that when it comes to putting out information, in order

to educate voters, one thing people want to know is what the difference will be when it comes to curriculum between the half day kindergarten program, and the full day kindergarten program.

"I suggest you rethink your information that you're giving out," she said during the Deliberative Session.

Kelsey Goldman, however, said she is just becoming a parent and when becoming a parent "you look at that map very differently," referring to a map of the different towns that do or don't offer full-day kindergarten.

The full day kindergarten expansion would add 18,013 square feet and would include 11 new full size kindergarten classrooms, adding a cafeteria/gym, and adding an additional adult bathroom.

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# Editorial

## Presidents Day Reminds Us of Our Democracy

From an early age, many Americans begin to associate Presidents Day as nothing more than the third day of a long weekend since schools are closed to observe the holiday. Although the importance is taught in schools, it seems that so many still don't fully comprehend the meaning behind Presidents Day.

Two of America's greatest national leaders were born in the month of February, and a big part of the national holiday is to celebrate these two figures. George Washington and Abraham Lincoln are celebrated together each year in the month of February. Not just for their dates of birth, 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. Furthermore, Washington had no need to tell his fellow new Americans how strong and capable of a leader he was, his actions were the proof.

Abraham Lincoln was born into a poor family, but he fought and persevered until he became a country lawyer, and eventually Presi-

dent of the United States. He received little formal teaching, and instead educated himself and gained a command of the English language, developing a way with words that would humble speechwriters of today. 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.

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.

It is sad that this holiday in honor of these two great men has been reduced to just another day off to go shopping. This isn't to say that there is anything wrong with enjoying oneself on a national holiday, but we believe that Presidents Day deserves recognition for keeping the virtues of two great leaders alive.

We should never forget that as a Nation we must 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 the day means so much more. "We The People" Done!



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# Letters

## The Disgrace at Our Deliberative Session

To the editor,

As a resident of our Town, I am deeply ashamed by what I witnessed at our Deliberative Session. I was about to walk out in disgust until I realized that doing so would deprive me of my right to deliberate on the content of this year's Town Ballot. The Town Manager's report was not about the state of the Town but a highly bullying attempt at character assassination of one of our most dedicated residents who is respected by many. Being a moderated meeting where attendees adhere to the protocol of restricting discussion to the Articles on the Warrant, it is very unlikely that any rebuttal would have been permitted. (Fortunately, given the content and nature of the Town Manager's report, it did not rise to the level of deserving a rebuttal, although one gentleman did briefly express his disgust.)

I presume that this attack by Mr. Malaguti was his attempt at vengeance over the Superior Court ruling in December, 2023, that his sexual harassment complaint against Ms. Paul was "frivolous". Mr. Malaguti's complaint was pursued because Ms. Paul had, rightly, pointed out that placing the roles of Town Planner and Economic Development under the same person was an obvious and gross conflict of interest. (Ms. Kellie Caron has now been promoted to Assistant Town Manager & Director of Economic Development.) The role of Economic Development includes soliciting new business interest and activity in

the Town. A good thing. The role of Town Planner is to balance this against the interests of the Town residents through things like ensuring adherence to zoning and ordinances. Keeping these roles separate maintains a state of checks and balances. We do not need our Town Planner advising businesses and developers how to circumvent regulations that were put in place to protect the Town. That is exactly what Ms. Paul expressed on Feb. 6, 2023. It remains an issue today.

The sponsor of Article 21 on the Warrant was not present to comment and was not identified. "Do you favor the continuation of the town manager plan as now in force in this town?" It was certainly not motivated by the Town Manager's report but if voted negatively on March 12th, this article would require review of the Town Manager's plan and might cause a change in the direction that he is taking this Town. I strongly urge an overwhelming "NO" vote on this article. READ CAREFULLY as a "NO" vote is required for the plan to be reviewed.

Lastly and not directly related, Articles 17 through 20 and Article 22 all attempt to increase voter access to, and participation in, Town governance, boards, etc. Unfortunately, legal opinion is that, under our present Charter, these can only be advisory. Town Council could decide to ignore the vote on these articles. I hope it does not. I believe that an overwhelming "YES" vote would be very hard for Council not to act upon. Hence I urge you to vote accordingly on

March 12.

David J. Ellis  
Londonderry

## Response to Town Manager's Address

Londonderry Town Manager, Michael Malaguti, began his 'State of the Town Address' at the Town Deliberative Session by launching into an attack against residents who have asked for accountability and transparency at Town Council meetings.

Malaguti believes we are in a 'battle for the soul of our community' against a small group of individuals with an agenda. Malaguti also attacked former Town Councilor, Deb Paul, and the Londonderry Times, suggesting that she should be prohibited from speaking at public meetings because she publishes the local newspaper.

Malaguti claim was that a small group is attempting to roll the clock back a generation and return to a weaker form of government, led by the enfeeble, close the town down to development, and turn it over to a 'mob of the loudest and most disgruntled'. Please watch the video at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0KX7Ni8oc0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0KX7Ni8oc0).

In all the years I've been attending the Town and School Deliberative Sessions, I have never heard an address like this. Malaguti was unprofessional and disrespectful and made several false assertions.

Unfortunately, this is what has been going on at the Town Council over the last year. Those seeking greater accountability are treated differently. The council has adopted new rules for public comment that are arbitrarily enforced, some residents

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# High School Drama Club to Perform Mama Mia! This Week



The Londonderry High School Drama Club is presenting *Mama Mia!* at the Derry Opera House starting Thursday, Feb. 15 through Saturday, Feb. 17.

The musical, based on ABBA's hits, tells the story of a young woman's search for her birth father. This funny tale unfolds on a Greek island paradise. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago. The story-telling magic of ABBA's songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship, creating an unforgettable show. A large cast, non-stop laughs and explosive dance numbers combine to make *Mamma Mia!* a guaranteed smash hit for any theatre. A mother. A daughter. Three possible dads. And a trip down the aisle you'll never forget!

The musical is directed by Molly Goldstein with Music Direction by Danielle Loschiavo. Ian O'Connor is the Assistant Director and Noah Payeur, is the Assistant Music Director. LHS cast members include: Kelly Egan (playing Sophie Sheridan), Julia Pizzi, Maddie Tufts, Hanna Carroll, Rebecca Solomons, Reya Rivera, Alex Barnes, Jacob Birch, Mason Turek, Timothy Dolan, Devon Pacheco, Quinn Morrison and Madeline Rolfe. The shows are scheduled for 7 p.m. each day with a 1 p.m. matinee on Saturday. Tickets can be purchased at [lancerdramaclub.ludus.com](http://lancerdramaclub.ludus.com).

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# Citizens Petition Warrant Article Amended at School Deliberative

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

One of the amendments passed at the Feb. 9 School District Deliberative Session was for a citizens petition put forward by Kristine Perez.

The warrant article reads:

"Shall the residents of Londonderry, NH vote for the division of the

School District 12's Operating budget to be divided into two parts:?

Operating Budget A: for the School Administration Unit (SAU) covering all salaries and benefits of all the office staff, as well as all Principals and Vice Principals, and all operational expenses of the SAU 12.

Operating Budget B: for all other school-relat-

ed expenses. This aims to clearly differentiate administrative costs from direct student education expenses."

Perez at a previous School Board meeting said there has been a "big misinterpretation" on social media regarding the non binding warrant article, saying that it had nothing to do with putting a "wedge"

between staff and the administration.

"It has to do with transparency and letting the voters know that has been a major descriptive between administrators increases and teachers increases over the past 20 years," she said.

She explained that when cuts are proposed, oftentimes it's explained that they would have to take certain things away from students.

"That's what prompted me to do this," Perez said. She explained that if they were able to vote on two separate budgets, people would be able to make cuts to the administration budget, but not necessarily to teachers or other services for students, if they wanted to.

Tony DeFrancesco said "I think this is a bad

idea, I think this makes no sense and for that reason I would like to amend this to say 'shall the district express its support of the current method of presenting the operating budget to voters.'"

Perez and others argued they didn't think they could change the intent of a warrant article.

Moderator, Cindi Rice Conley, said it can change the intent but not the purpose.

"That is a totally, totally different verbiage and it has nothing to do with the verbiage there," Perez said.

School District Attorney, Gordon Graham, said these types of things happen all the time, where the intent of an article is changed. For example, he said someone could look to make an appropriation zero,

and since it's the same purpose, it's allowed.

School Board member, Tim Porter, who opposed the warrant article, said he thought it changed the purpose.

"I think it completely changes the purpose of the article," Porter said.

Graham said in this case, the purpose is the same even with the amendment because its asking voters about the presentation of the budget. Regardless, he said the warrant article would be advisory in nature only.

Richard Bielinski Jr. also disagreed with the decision to amend the warrant article, saying that people in town signed on to the petition, which is now changed.

"You have now changed what they have signed," he said.

## Letters

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are restricted to three to five minutes, while others are allowed 10 to 15 minutes to speak. The council has banned applause. You cannot applaud a resident asking for accountability, if you do, you will be gavelled down and called out of order. You can however applaud a town councilor who refers to a resident as a 'Clown'.

The Council also has a habit of frequently closing public comment after refusing to answer residents' questions. This gives members, such as, Farrell, Butler and Town Manager Malaguti the ability to address some, but not all questions, followed by the board not allowing residents to respond to false and misleading information levied against them.

When residents were asked if they could respond to Mr. Malaguti's accusations, they were met with a resounding NO.

I've run a local website, TownUnderground.com, covering Londonderry politics since 2006. I'm sure that I'm considered one of those, out to destroy the soul of the town by Mr Malaguti, nothing could be further from the truth. I have always believed in allowing people a voice in town government. I cannot say the same for our Town Manager or Town Council.

There is a battle in town, a battle for transparency and accountability. Sadly, this is a battle that Mr. Malaguti seems intent on fighting by any means necessary.

Glenn Douglas  
Londonderry

### State of Londonderry by the Town Manager

To the editor,  
Having just finished listening to the town's deliberative session, which started off by appreciations, which were good to hear.

Followed by a state of Londonderry report

that was full of vindictiveness.

Could the town manager not have given a report that did not include the castigating of those who might not be very happy with Londonderry becoming the next Lowell, or Lawrence? Nor the pointed rebuke of Deb Paul.

This is the very person who cost Londonderry over \$15,000 in a frivolous lawsuit. The judge was not wrong.

This town report was not a report that makes one proud of Londonderry, but rather one that once again shows the meanness that prevails in our town government, pure and simple.

How nice it would have been to hear the positive and leave out the bitterness.

It is not the way to win the hearts and soul (a word used repeatedly by the town manager) of the citizens of Londonderry.

Jane Cooper  
Londonderry

## Pickleball

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the same area of where the courts would be, and they don't have soil or other issues there.

He also said there is a demand for people who want to play, saying that they had a recent event at the high school where over 200 people were there showing interest in the sport. He also ex-

plained that within the 20 mile radius of the town, they are the only ones that don't have courts.

Councilor, Ted Combles, said there is funding included for engineering.

"You have to be able to spend the money and then do it," he said.

Deb Paul said they will have to maintain the courts once they are built, and that there are other things in town like

the tennis courts for the high school that aren't in good condition, saying they should concentrate on fixing what they have in town. She also stated that fundraising opportunities could be explored, like similar projects in town.

The amendment ultimately failed.

Another amendment came from Ann Chiampa who proposed taking out the use of fund balance from the warrant article meaning that the funding would come entirely from new taxes.

Samolyk said by using the \$250,000 it would reduce the tax burden.

The amendment failed on a 49-46 vote, meaning the original warrant article will be sent to the ballot.



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# Town's Aggregation Plan Ready for Public Hearing

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Utilities Committee had its first meeting of the year on Feb. 6, opening the meeting with an update from Stuart Ormsby and Bart Fromuth of Freedom Energy Logistics and Colonial Power Group. The pair have been working with Londonderry on establishing a Community Aggregation Program for the town.

"Are we going to ultimately enter into a contract with you directly? Or is this Plan our contract?" asked Utilities

Chair, Lynn Wiles.

"We already have a baseline consulting agreement in place," Fromuth responded. "The next contract you would enter would be with the supplier the Town Council has chosen to move forward with."

It was not clear what the contract might look like, which energy supply company might be involved, or what percentage of the supply might come from renewable energy sources, although Fromuth added there is a state requirement to have at least 15% renewables for pow-

er generation and that he works with solar companies like the Walton project in Chester.

While the variations of the Aggregation plan were before the Utilities Committee and Town Council throughout 2023, Ormsby and Fromuth announced their readiness to move forth with a public hearing.

"If we bring this before the people now, what's to stop people from opting out because Eversource is lower now, then in August opting in because Eversource is higher?" asked State Rep. Liaison, Ron

Dunn.

As there is no set date for the start of the program, the pair recommended against starting the Plan until there is a lower rate.

"We never want to start Aggregation above the utility rate," said Fromuth. "Right now, I think we're at a market bottom or near a market bottom. We'll have an idea in terms of what the next Eversource rates are going to be by either the last week of June or the second week of July, that's going to line up with our timelines."

"We sent in a final

version of the plan, and the next step after that is to work towards public hearings, we need at least two public hearings," said Ormsby. "Typically, what we try to do is keep the presentation somewhat brief but descriptive and take questions from there."

It was not immediately clear when these hearings would happen.

"We're going to propose having our first public hearing with the Town Council," said Wiles. "But we're in the middle of budget sea-

son, the Council is going to be fully engaged."

The Chair floated March 18 as a possible date for the first meeting, with a second meeting on a later Saturday.

Having previously worked in the Massachusetts towns with similar aggregation plans, the pair recommended long-term contracts.

The Utilities Committee is scheduled to meet again at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, on the first floor of the Moose Hill Council Chambers.

## Moose Hill

Continued from page 1

be lower than what they are proposing.

She also said enrollment has been down for 10 years, and there is no guarantee that it will go up "dramatically in the future."

Town Councilor, Ted Combes, who was one of the members of the Building Committee, which was tasked with vetting the costs, said they didn't think the numbers were wrong, saying they were "right in line" with building costs.

Bryan Young, a resident in town, said "ultimately it's best for all

our kids in the community," and said while his kids are all past going to Moose Hill, he would still be supporting it, in order to help support future students.

One question raised by community member, Scott Harrington, was if they have students outside the district attending kindergarten at Moose Hill, and if so, what the cost is.

Superintendent, Dan Black, said "not to my knowledge," about students coming from out of district, but he would get back to him after confirming.

Budget Committee Vice Chair, Joseph Gagnon, who went to school

in Londonderry, and at one point had classes in a portable classroom for a year and a half, said that the fact that students are in portable classrooms, or have to use hallways for learning at times, is something he views as concerning.

"This addition will handle the additional space needs that we do need," he said.

Budget Committee member, Maureen Hardy, in her lengthy statement at the Deliberative Session, also expressed concerns about cumulative tax increases due to other projects.

She said a "roughly five million dollar SAU

building is coming next and then an 107 million dollar High school project."

"We just got the bond for the five million infrastructure warrant from last year. All of these costs are additive and last for 15 to 20 years depending on the bond," Hardy said. "The low estimate of Operating cost increases for the New Moose Hill is \$349,000. This alone adds 6 cents to the tax rate to the 41 cents for the expansion with all day Kindergarten and the Infrastructure bond. This is a minimum addition to our yearly tax rate of 55.5 cents."

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# Thousands of Girl Scout Cookies Head to Londonderry Homes



Local Girl Scout leaders and volunteers gathered at Sunnycrest Farm last week to sort through nearly 960 cases of Girl Scout cookies to be distributed to 15 Girl Scout troops in Londonderry and Litchfield. Over 11,500 packages of cookies are now being delivered to hundreds residents that placed orders over the past few months. Sunnycrest allowed the scouts to have the rather large order brought to their facility to help with the distribution.

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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Young Lancer Swimmers Place Well at DI State Championship

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Swim Teams competed in the annual NHIAA Division I Swim and Dive Championship on Saturday, Feb. 10, with two student athletes finishing in the top three of the races they competed in.

As a team, both the boys' and girls' landed in the middle of the pack statewide, but had a number of good showings from some of the younger members of the squad.

Sophomore Will Erdtmann placed second in

the Boys' 100-Yard Butterfly with an excellent time of 53:69, just under a second behind the winner with a time of 52:36.

Erdtmann was also in the top three of the Boys' 200-Yard Individual Medley. He had a total time of 2:02.26 for third place in that event.

He was also the second leg of the 200-Yard Medley Relay, where the LHS team placed fifth with a time of 1:59.84. Other members of the relay team were: sophomore Kayden Raadmae, sophomore Sam Munsey, and junior Braeden Raduazzo.

The boys' team of

Munsey, Raduazzo, Erdtmann, and sophomore Theo Paccione finished sixth in the 200-Yard Freestyle Relay.

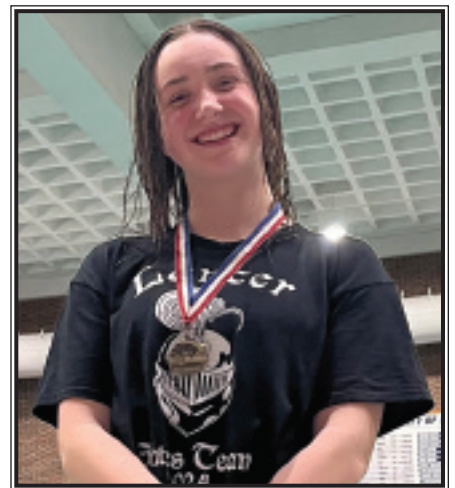
Lancer freshman, Helena Smart, had a nice finish to her first year on the team with a third place showing in the Girls' 50-Yard Freestyle. Smart had a time of 26.21, just two-seconds behind the winner and a second behind the second-place finisher.

Smart also had a third place finish in the 100-Yard Freestyle with her time of 56.41. The winner came in at 53.97.

Freshman Mia Robinson had a sixth-place finish



Will Erdtmann



Helena Smart

ish in the Girls' 200-Yard Individual Medley with her time of 2:25.76.

Robinson took seventh in the 100-Yard Butterfly with a time of 1:06.

The team of Robinson, Smart, junior Ari Fennessey, and junior Ali Von Pichl had a seventh-place finish in the 200-Yard Freestyle Relay at

1:56.53.

Bedford and Dover High School's took first and second as a team in both the Boys' and the Girls' Championship.

## Lancers Track Athletes Compete at Division State Championship

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The NHIAA Division I Indoor Track and Field Championship meet was held at Plymouth State University on Sunday, Feb. 11, and although Londonderry High School didn't have a large team competing, there were some notable Lancer performances.

Lancer sophomore,

Eres Delorey, placed second in the Girls' High Jump.

Delorey was able to clear 5'2" (a personal best) to secure the runner-up finish and add eight-points to the team total. The winner finished at 5'4".

Junior Linsey Gregoire also competed in the Girls' High Jump, clearing 4'8" and finishing in seventh.

The LHS boys' 4x800 Meter Relay team, consisting of senior Will Buckley, junior Alex Vaccaro, sophomore Jack DiBuono, and senior Aiden Oljei ran their fastest time of the season and was good enough for a fifth place finish and two-points for the team score.

The Londonderry girls' 4x800 Meter Relay team featured freshmen

Gabby DeLong, junior Sayde White, sophomore Ella DiBuono, and sophomore Drewanne Sherman also ran their fastest time of the season and got a seventh-place finish.

Sophomore Josh Twomey ran his personal best time of 2:41.36 in the boys' 1,000 Meter Run and placed seventh.

Head coach, Matt Smith, noted, "We didn't

have a big group qualify for the meet, but the ones who made it had some of their best performances of the season. By and large, it was a successful meet."

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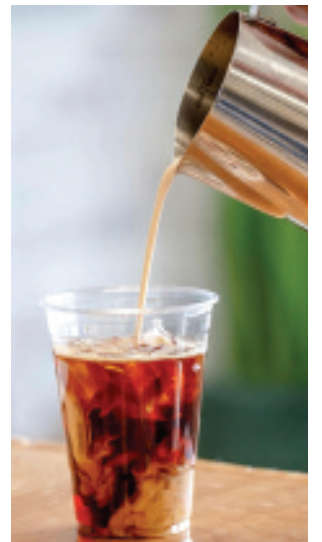
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# Lancers Boys' Basketball Add Two Wins, Drop One

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Basketball team sandwiched two wins on either side of a loss during a three-game home stand last week.

The Lancers started the week on Tuesday,

Feb. 6, with a 21-point win over the Timberlane Regional High School Owls, who were still searching for their first win of the season.

The following night, during a make-up game with the Alvirne Broncos, scoring was very illusive for the home

team and they handed the visitors a 58-52 win.

The Lancers bounced back to end the week with a 64-58 victory over the Winnacunnet Warriors.

In the Tuesday night game, LHS started slow, trailing 15-13 after one quarter, but outscored the owls 19-4 in the second to lead by 13 by the half.

The second half had Londonderry put up 34 more points with TRHS scoring 26.

Junior forward, Matt Luongo, tallied four three-pointers and a free throw to lead the team with 13-points.

Senior forward, Ryan Williams, matched Luongo's three's to put up 12-points.

Senior center, Ty Miles, finished with 10-points.

In all, there were 10 players that contributed baskets in the victory.

In the make-up game with Alvirne, on Wednesday night, both teams came out of the gate very slow.

The first basket was

put in by the Broncos, on technical free throws, at the five-minute mark and Londonderry wasn't able to score until 2:29 in the first quarter.

The Lancers trailed 14-5 by the end of one, but rallied in the second to even the score at 21-21 by halftime.

LHS fell behind again in the third and was never able to fully recover, falling 58-52.

Junior shooter, Mason Paquette, put up

four three-pointers late in the game to lead the team with 16-points. Miles added 12-points and Williams had ten.

Two nights later, against the Warriors, LHS led the entire game to win 64-58 and notch their sixth victory of the season.

Londonderry had a 21-18 lead after the first period and nursed a 34-33 lead by halftime.

In the third, LHS continued to outscore the visitors and led by three

heading into the final period.

The home squad widened their lead in the fourth for the 64-58 win.

Miles led the team with 20-points, Paquette finished with 19 and Luongo had 12-points.

The team is scheduled for two road games this week starting on Tuesday against Windham (9-5), followed by a game at Spaulding High School on Friday night against the 5-9 Red Raiders.



Senior center, Ty Miles battles under the basket against the Alvirne Broncos. Photo by Chris Paul

## Lancer Wrestlers Beat Titans in Season's Final Dual Meet

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Wrestling team had a good outcome in its final Dual Meet of the Winter season. The squad beat the Nashua North Titans 45-30 to finish the regular season on a high note before hosting the NHIAA Division I State Championship this weekend.

In the team's victory at Nashua North High School on Wednesday,

Feb. 7, Dual Meet, Londonderry had wins in eight of the 13 weight-classes for the much-needed 15-point victory.

The Lancers first win came at 120 lbs., when Dylan Nadeau pinned Caleb Smith at 4:41 in the bout.

At 132 lbs., Caleb Holden gave LHS a 2-0 decision win over Hayden Durocher.

Moqsid Rahmani, 138 lbs., added to the Lancer total with a Fall win over Tavyon Moore

at 2:18.

Manny Perez, 150 lbs., pinned Fernando Pages Naranjo at 5:32 for six points, and Finn Millis quickly notched another six with his pin at 157 lbs., over Kevan Morton at 0:13 in the match.

David Pento Jr. continued his winning streak with a fall win over Ruben DeJesus at 2:55 in the 175 lb. weight.


Patrick O'Connor (190 lbs.) also added to his pin count with a win over Chris Vasquez at 1:23.

The final victory of the night came by way of forfeit to Dakota Shaffer in the 285 lb. class.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, Londonderry will host the Division I State Championship starting at 9 a.m. with championship rounds finishing in the later part of the day.

The Lancers have two wrestlers going for consecutive wins.

Pento Jr. and O'Connor both won Division I titles last year. Pento was at 152 lbs. last year and O'Connor won at 170 lbs.



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# Lancer Girls Get Victories Over the Warriors & Bears

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Basketball team continued its march as one of the top three teams in the division with two wins last week, boosting their season record up to 12-2.

The Lancers had games on either side of the state to finish the week, winning 68-28 at the seacoast on Friday night, followed by a 64-36 victory near the Vermont border.

On Feb. 9, LHS handed the Winnacunnet

Warriors their twelfth consecutive loss, in Hampton, behind three strong quarters of scoring.

The Lancers held WHS to just 10 points in the first half to lead 39-10 at the break.

In the third, Londonderry added 25-points to their total and the Warriors managed 10. The bench brought in for the fourth quarter to finish up with the 42-point victory.

Sophomore forward, Sammy Sullivan, led the Lancers in scoring with 19-points in three quar-

ters. The total included four from three-point land.

Sophomore guard, Brooke Eacrett, also played in three quarters, tallying 12-points.

Junior Mia Giampa had 10-points and junior Reagan Anderson tallied eight.

The following day at Hanover High School, the Lancers beat up on the Bears 64-32 behind a 32-point, career-high,

scoring display by Sullivan.

The sophomore put in five, three-pointers, seven baskets, and three foul shots over four quarters.

Eacrett added 13-points, freshman Gemma Murray had seven, and Giampa put up six in the 28-point victory.

The Lancers will face two tougher teams this week at home and away.

They are scheduled

to play Windham (9-5) at home on Tuesday, Feb. 13, then they will travel

to Goffstown on Friday, Feb. 16, to face the 11-3 Grizzlies.

## Athlete of the Week

Week of Feb. 5

**Emma Stowel**  
**Freshman, Cheer**



Emma has a tremendous amount of responsibility in the cheer team's routine. She has worked hard to gain confidence and be able to perform at a high level, and in doing so, helped LHS take first at Cheer Madness.

**Josh Twomey**  
**Sophomore, Track**



Josh qualified for and competed in the boys 1000m run at the 2024 NHIAA Division 1 Indoor T&F Championship. His time of 2:41.36 earned him seventh place and was the fastest time by a sophomore in all of Division 1 this season.

*Student athletes supplied by LHS Athletic Department*

## OBITUARY

### Donald Wesley Flood

Donald Wesley Flood, 94, Londonderry, NH passed away unexpectedly surrounded by family on Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024 at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, NH. Don was born Dec. 9, 1929 in Framingham, MA. He was the son of the late Raymond and Vera (Campbell) Flood, and was predeceased by his brother, Richard. He was raised and educated in Framingham, MA and graduated from Framingham High School in 1949.

Don and his late wife Natalie (King) resided in Wakefield, MA for 30 years, where they raised their four children. After the passing of his beloved wife Natalie of 34 wonderful years, Don met and married Ann (Fortunato). They moved to Florida after his retirement, which was always his lifelong dream. They were able to see the world traveling to Austria, Hawaii, Alaska and numerous states visiting their many family and friends.

Don and Ann shared 24 happy years of life together before she passed away. At that time, Don relocated to NH to be closer to family and resided at Birch Heights in Derry, NH where he was very active in their community. For the last three years he resided with this daughter in Londonderry until his untimely passing.

Don served for eight years in the Army National Guard of MA. He worked as an ironworker for 25 years and was a proud member of the Local 7 union. Don enjoyed golfing, fishing and especially time with his family. He was a master painter and wall paperer and could fix anything. He was a faithful member of Tower Hill Church in Auburn, NH.

Don is survived by his four children and their spouses, Paul (Mae) Flood, John (June) Flood, Susan (Steven) Picardi, and Dawn Boufford, his 12 grandchildren: Michelle, Jonathan, Jarrod, Jason, Amanda, Jonelle, Michael, Eric, Laura, Matthew, Danielle and Caitlin and was 'big' Grandpa to his 19 great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind his four stepdaughters Maria, Sandra, Debra, and Brenda and their families who referred to him as 'Grandpa Boston'.

Don was a faithful man of God, read his bible, and prayed for his family by name every day. His life touched so many and he will truly be missed by his family, friends, and all those who had the pleasure of being part of his life.

Visitation will be 4 - 5:15 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 15, at Tower Hill Church, 45 Myles Dr., Auburn, NH with a funeral service immediately following at 5:30 p.m. A private burial will be held at Lakeside Cemetery in Wakefield, MA. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Tower Hill Church Missions Fund, 45 Myles Dr., Auburn, NH. The Peabody Funeral is assisting the family. To sign the guestbook, please visit [www.peabody-funeralhome.com](http://www.peabody-funeralhome.com).

## OBITUARY

### Captain Donald Hoyt Cox, Jr.



Captain Donald Hoyt Cox, Jr., of Londonderry, NH, passed away on Jan. 24, 2024, after battling pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his wife, Harriet Read Cox; daughter, Rachel R.W.W. Cox, of Brookline, MA; stepson, Erik K. Robb, of Northwood, NH; sister, Betsey S. Cox-Buteau, of Hollis, NH; and brothers, Stephen W. Cox, of Windham, NH, and Andrew W. Cox, of Englewood, FL.

Don grew up in Topsfield, MA, and graduated from Masconomet Regional High School as part of the class of '69. His aviation journey began at 14 when he started flight training with the Junior Civil Air Patrol at Beverly Airport. He earned his solo pilot's license at 16, setting the stage for his future as an airline pilot.

Following his graduation from Northeastern University in Boston, MA, with a B.S. in Aviation and an A.A. in Meteorology, Don went on to teach flying at Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford, MA. There, he gained renown for his exceptional instruction; every student he mentored successfully passed their licensing exam on the first attempt.

In the following years, he met and married the love of his life, Harriet Read, and together they relocated to upstate NY where he began flying for Empire Airlines. Amidst the industry's consolidations, he transitioned through various airlines, including Piedmont, US Airways, and American Airlines. Notable career highlights include flying as Captain on the Boeing 757 and 767 on the Boston to Frankfurt, Germany route, and retiring on the Airbus A320.

Don took pride in his membership with the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) and strongly believed in the vital role of unions in enhancing working conditions and safety. During his tenure at Empire Airlines, he became a union representative and actively participated in the merger negotiations with Piedmont Airlines on behalf of his fellow Empire pilots.

In retirement, Don maintained friendships with his retired airline buddies and enjoyed meeting up with them for breakfast every few weeks to connect on flying and personal matters. Additionally, he was a member of the Quiet Birdmen and valued the camaraderie and friendships he made through his Hangar.

In addition to flying "the big planes", he enjoyed building and flying model airplanes and was a member and past president of the Flying Tigers Model Airplane Club of Londonderry, NH. He enjoyed spending many weekends at the club, frequently observing fellow members demolishing months of meticulous model building efforts in mere seconds.

In addition to his passion for aviation, Don found joy in music, having played guitar and trombone during his youth and maintaining a lifelong love for classic rock and oldies. Alongside Harriet, he explored numerous common interests, including their shared love for travel, which led them to visit various national parks, several European countries, and Egypt together. They both cherished nature and animals, and shared many beloved pets together.

Don has flown west, leaving behind cherished memories and a void that will be deeply felt by all who knew him.

No flowers please. If you would like to do something to honor his memory, please consider a donation to the charity of your choice.



## TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Londonderry Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2024 at 7 P.M. in Moose Hill Council Chambers to consider the following:

#### Public Hearing

**CASE NO. 02/21/2024-1** Request for a variance from LZO section 4.2.1.3. C.2 to allow an encroachment of six (6) feet in to the fifteen (15) foot side set back. The parcel is located at 14 Raintree Drive in the Agricultural-Residential (AR-1) zoning district. Tax Map 8, Lot 3-47. Ashley & Stephen Mayo (Owners & Applicants).

**CASE NO. 02/21/2024-2** Request for a variance from LZO section 8.2.A.2 to re-establish an existing non-confirming use of a small machine parts and service use, after discontinuance for one (1) year. The parcel is located at 347 Rockingham Rd in the Residential (R-III) zoning district. Tax Map 17, Lot 17. Thibeault Corporation of NE, (owner), & Vinnie Iacozzi, (applicant).

**CASE NO. 02/21/2024-3** Request for a variance from LZO section 8.2.A.4 to rebuild a parts and service use after damage exceeding seventy-five (75) percent of its replacement value. The parcel is located at 347 Rockingham Rd in the Residential (R-III) zoning district. Tax Map 17, Lot 17. Thibeault Corporation of NE, (owner), & Vinnie Iacozzi, (applicant).

**CASE NO. 02/21/2024-4** Request for a variance from LZO section 4.1.2 to allow a contractor yard, parts and service distribution operation in the R-III zoning district. The parcel is located at 347 Rockingham Rd in the Residential (R-III) zoning district. Tax Map 17, Lot 17. Thibeault Corporation of NE, (owner), & Vinnie Iacozzi, (applicant).

**CASE NO. 02/21/2024-5** Request for a variance from LZO section 4.2.1.3.C.1 to allow an encroachment of six (6) feet into the forty (40) foot front setback. The parcel is located at 14 Grenier Field Road in the Agricultural-Residential (AR-1) zoning district. Tax Map 15, Lot 248. Joseph & Alissa Hoggard (Owners & Applicant)



# Londonderry Alpine Ski Team Holds Annual All Day Race

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Alpine Ski Team hosted their annual "All Day Race" on Thursday, Feb 8, 2024 at Sunapee Mountain.

The day of racing also included tailgating, cookouts, a ceremony to honor the senior members of the team, and an awards ceremony at the end of the race.

**Slalom Race:** Senior captain, Laurel Guthrie, had a total race time of 47.38 and earned 88 NHIAA points, finishing 14th overall; junior Maddie Tufts had a time of 54.75, earning 77-points, and finished 39th; junior Nora Maher had a time of 55.94, earned 75-points, and finished 41st; senior, Audrey Charette had a time of 57.92, earned 73-points, and finished 44th.

**Slalom Race:** Sophomore Caden Guthrie had a race time of 44.67 and earned 96-points to finish fifth overall; freshman Hayden West had a time of 49.71, earned 80-points, and finished 23rd; senior captain, Jacob Vogel, had a time of 50.95, earned 76-points, and finished 29th; senior Connor Koza had a time of 56.68, earned 73-points, and finished 38th.

In the Girls' Giant

In the Boys' Giant

In the Girls' Slalom



Senior members of the Londonderry High School Alpine Ski Team pose during the All-Day Race. Courtesy photo

**Race:** Laurel Guthrie points to finish in 13th had a total race time of overall; Maddie Tufts 75.23 and earned 88- had a time of 90.13,

earned 82-points, and finished 26th; Nora Maher had a time of 94.33, earned 80-points, and finished 28th; Ava Amaro had a time of 95.91, earned 78-points, and finished 32nd.

Overall, the girls finished fourth of the nine teams that raced with 68 racers participated.

**In the Boys' Slalom Race:** Caden Guthrie had a time of 67.55, earned 96-points, and finished fifth overall; Mason Turek had a time of 101.67, earned 75-points, and finished 38th; freshman Jackson Croteau had a time of 102.20, earned 74-points, and finished 39th; freshman Andrew Ayers had a time of 109.60 and earned 73-points to finish 40th overall.

The boys finished sixth of the nine teams with 60 racers participating.

The Girls' NHIAA State Championship took place at Gunstock Mountain on Monday, Feb. 12th and the Boys' State Championship was held at Crotched Mountain on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

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## OBITUARY

**Peter Edward Misiasek Sr.**



Peter Edward Misiasek Sr. age 83, passed away peacefully on Feb. 8, 2024 surrounded by his loving family. He was born on Oct. 19, 1940 to Edward and Doris Misiasek in Derry, NH.

Throughout his life, Big Pete was known for his kindness, wisdom, and unwavering dedication to his family and community. Pete lived a full and rich life, leaving behind a legacy of love and compassion. He was a devoted husband to Janice Sawyer Misiasek for 32 years. Pete was a cherished father to his 5 children from his first marriage with Lillian: Susan (Tom) Garside, Robin (Chuck) Sargent, Jill (Robby) Gault, Judy (Bill) Langfitt, and Peter Jr (Sue) Misiasek as well as a dedicated stepfather to Jeff (Tammy) Pearce. He was a proud grandfather to 14 beautiful grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. He is survived by 2 sisters, Pauline Elliott, Jean Meyers and one brother, David Misiasek. His warmth and guidance touched the lives of all who knew him.

Professionally, Pete enjoyed a successful career in the family business Derry Paving & Construction and Birchwood Ski Area in NH. He then went on to start Asphalt Pavement Maintenance in South Carolina. He approached his work with integrity and a strong work ethic, earning the respect and admiration of colleagues and clients alike.

In his "retirement years" you could find Pete finely manicuring the fairways at TideWater Country Club. His hobbies included working in the yard, cleaning the pool, grilling out, making meal requests (Janice is a great cook!) and playing Cribbage daily "skunking" Janice! He enjoyed watching his grandchildren's sporting events near and far. He was an avid sports enthusiast who never wavered from his "hometown" New England favorites.... except for that "one" time with the Atlanta Braves. Most recently he was a Wordle master and enjoyed sitting on his porch reading novels. Pete's presence will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. Although he is no longer with us, his memory will live on in our hearts forever.

The family will greet friends from 11 - 12:30 p.m., on Monday, Feb. 19, at Lee Funeral Home, located at 11840 SC-90, Little River, SC 29566 followed by a Celebration of Life at 12:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

May Peter Rabbit, Dad, Grampy, Papa rest in peace, knowing that he was dearly loved and will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, The American Heart Association or The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

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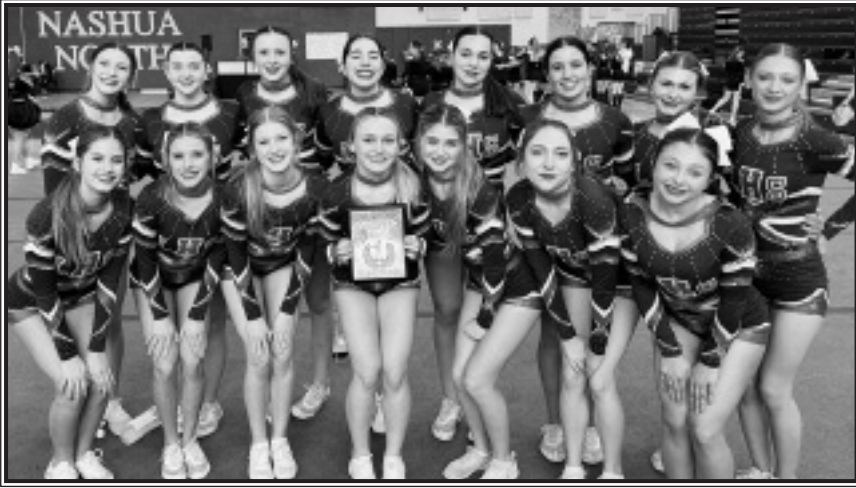
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## Cheer Champs

The Londonderry High School Cheerleading team had their first competition of the Winter season on Saturday, Feb. 10, and came away with their first win. The Lancers took first place at the "Cheer Madness" competition held at Nashua North High School. Londonderry with 90-points, Concord was second with 88, and Nashua South took third with 81. The team's next competition is Saturday, Feb. 17, at Pinkerton Academy for the Astro Blast, then the squad moves to Prelims and State Finals.

*Courtesy photo*



## State Champions

Londonderry Middle School Girls' Basketball "M" team was victorious in their game against Mountain View for the State Championship game on Saturday, Feb. 10. The girls won 25-16 in a hard fought battle. The team displays their trophy, from left, Quinn Porter, Angelina Volpe, Julia Pallotta, Ava Loughlin, Cara Dinovo, Penny Burton, Megan Saranich, Kaylee Metivier, Marin Woods, Hailey Ward, Morgan Modini, Gia Moran, Stella Cruz, front row: Tess Goding, and Lyla McGrath.

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# AROUND TOWN

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### Musquash Field Day

The Londonderry Conservation Commission will hold their 34th annual Musquash Field Day on Saturday, Feb 17 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Learn about Londonderry's Conservation Area and the local wildlife, explore trails on sleds, skis, snowshoes or mountain bikes. Enjoy hot

dogs, cookies, cocoa, and coffee around the fire pit at The Landing. Come to the Hickory Hill Rd., Entrance to the Musquash Conservation Area Off High Range Rd. (GPS 12 Hickory Hill Rd.) Please respect parking restrictions on Hickory Hill Road. Dress warm (traction gear if it's icy and snowshoes if snow) For more information contact

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### Local Author Book Signing

Londonderry High School senior and local author, Michaela Horan, is releasing the second book of her fantasy series "Rolling Hills" and will be hosting a book

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## Londonderry Police Log

### Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

**Monday - Feb. 5**  
**7:09 a.m.** Services rendered for an Auto Theft on Bridle Path at Wallace Farm Apartments.  
**10:03 a.m.** Five officers respond to an Abandoned 911 call made at Londonderry Town Hall on Mammoth Road.  
**10:42 a.m.** Three officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Home Depot.  
**3:29 p.m.** Arrest(s) made for Juvenile Offenses on Litchfield Road.  
**4:29 p.m.** Domestic Disturbance on Capitol Hill Drive leads to an arrest made by three officers. Richard Willey, 56, of Londonderry, charged with: Two counts of Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury); Criminal Mischief; and Domestic Violence (Obstructing Report of Crime/Injury).  
**Tuesday - Feb. 6**  
**2:31 a.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activi-

ty at McDonalds, on Nashua Road.  
**2:40 a.m.** Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Convenience Plus Londonderry, on Rockingham Road.  
**9:25 a.m.** Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at the NH Liquor Store, on Michels Way.  
**1:30 p.m.** Three officers render services for a Domestic Disturbance on Calla Road.  
**1:52 p.m.** Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at Demanco HLC Logistics, on Commons Drive.  
**3:09 p.m.** Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at Liberty Utilities, on Buttrick Road.  
**3:51 p.m.** Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at I-Vape, on Nashua Road.  
**5:40 p.m.** Three officers render services for a Disturbance at the Macgregor Cut apartments, on Stonehenge Road.

**Wednesday - Feb. 7**  
**12:06 a.m.** Services Rendered by Animal Control for a Dog Bite reported on Mammoth Road.  
**12:34 a.m.** Runaway Juvenile on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments investigated by four officers.  
**10:40 a.m.** Three officers render services for a Structure Fire on Mammoth Road.  
**11:27 a.m.** Auto Theft investigated at Penske Truck Rental on Jack's Bridge Road.  
**4:50 p.m.** Disturbance investigated by three officers at the Macgregor Cut apartments, on Stonehenge Road  
**Thursday - Feb. 8**  
**6:59 a.m.** Trespassing reported on Fieldstone Drive.  
**7:45 a.m.** Services rendered for Drug Offenses reported at the RMZ Truck Stop on Rockingham Road.  
**9:41 a.m.** Assisted the  
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signing on Saturday, Feb. 17, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Bookery in Manchester, 844 Elm Street, in Manchester. Horan's first book had success, getting up to #6 on the Amazon bestsellers list on the weekend of its release. This second book "Rolling Hills and the Sword of Alvora," has mystery, magic, romance, and even a little poison, which Morgan is sure that readers will love. Horan will also be reading passages from the book during her appearance.

### Blues Revue Band

Dr. Harp's Blues Revue Band will play at the American Legion Post 27 on Feb. 17, from 7 - 10 p.m.

### Drop-In Tech Help

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## Police Log

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Londonderry Fire Department with services on Boyd Road.

**12:58 p.m.** Disturbance investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**5:01 p.m.** Suspicious Activity on Planeview Drive investigated by four officers.

**5:40 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Accident leads to an arrest made on Rockingham Road, at Route 93. Tiffany Long, 38, of Manchester, charged with:

### Duplo Budding Builders

On Thursday, Feb. 15 at 10 a.m., at the Leach Library. Participants will create using larger Duplo blocks. This program is designed for younger Lego enthusiasts ages 0-5. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Feb. 8. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

### Building Buddies

On Thursday, Feb. 15 at 4:30 p.m. come to the Leach Library for a Lego program designed for ages 6 and up. Each month, there will be a fun theme and time to create using the library's Legos. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Feb. 8. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

### Tinker Time

Come to the Leach Library on Saturday, Feb. 17 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. 10. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

### Pokémon Trading Card Game Swap & Play

Come to the Leach Library on Saturday, Feb. 17 from 2 - 3:30 p.m. to swap and trade their collection. Tables will be set up for those who are looking to play a game or two. This program is intended

for ages 8-18. Registration is required and begins on Saturday, Feb. 10. To register, please visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

### "Library After Dark" Movie Night

On Friday, Feb. 23 at 6 p.m., an after-hours movie night in the Leach Library's main reading room. Meet Charlie Bucket and the mysterious candy mogul in this sweet 1971 family favorite (rated G). Pizza and refreshments will be served while supplies last, and raffle prizes will be provided. Registration is required and begins on Friday, Feb. 16. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

### Children's Book Bingo

Come to the Leach Library on Monday, Feb. 26 at 4:30 p.m., for Children's Book BINGO. Each participant will have a chance to win books of their choosing, and the whole family is welcome to play along. Registration is required and begins Tuesday, Feb. 20. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

### Laser Tag for Teens

On Tuesday, Feb. 27 from 2 - 3 p.m., teens and tweens are invited to a Laser Tag experience in the Leach Library Meeting Room. Groups of teens will play against each other while moving through a series of obstacles. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, Feb. 20. To register, visit the

library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

### Block by Block

On Wednesday, Feb. 28 from 4 - 5 p.m., students in grades 4-8 will be able to explore in a variety of coding exercises and programs including using screen-free coding robots, independent online coding, and other guided activities at the Leach Library. An assortment of art supplies and building materials will also be available for creative expression open to all participants. This program is open to participants age 9-14. Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, Feb. 21. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

### Books and Board Games

On Thursday, Feb. 29 from 2 - 3 p.m., teens and tweens are invited to a play an assortment of classic and new board games in the Leach Library Meeting Room. Winners will have first choice in choosing a book to keep. All participants will receive at least one book. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Feb. 22. To register, please visit the library's online calendar or call the library at (603) 432-1132.

### PJ Story Time

Families are invited to come to the Leach Library in their favorite pajamas on Thursday, Feb. 29 at 6:30 p.m. to hear bedtime stories and sing a favorite lullaby. Don't forget a cozy blan-

ket and stuffed animal to snuggle! Registration is not required for this program.

### Historical Fiction Book Discussion

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, March 14 at 11:30 a.m. for a historical fiction book discussion at the Leach Library! We will be discussing Sarah Penner's novel, "The Lost Apothecary." You can pick up a copy of the book from the library. Registration opens on Thursday, Feb. 8 and is limited to 15 participants. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the library's main desk.

### LEEP

Londonderry Early Education Program is now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year! The program is provided by the Londonderry School District for three-year old preschoolers and meets from 8:25 - 10:55 a.m., either 2 or 4 days per week and the program for pre-kindergarten students meet from noon - 2:30 p.m., either 3 or 4 days per week. Tuition rates are: Preschool: \$150 per month for a 2 day per week program and \$200 a month for a 4 day per week program. Pre-kindergarten: \$180 per month for a 3 day per week program and \$200 a month for a 4 day per week program. Applications are available online on the Moose Hill School website.

We also have our LEEP Handbook available online on the Moose Hill School website if you'd like additional information on the program. For more information, contact Denise Fosmire at 437-5855 ext. 7223 or email Denise Fosmire at dfosmire@londonderry.org or Kim Speers at kspeers@londonderry.org.

### Child Find

Londonderry School District Announces Free community child find program for all residents ages two 1/2 yrs (2.5) through five yrs., 11 months (5.11) of age who are suspected of have developmental concerns child find will be held at: Moose Hill School 150 Pillsbury Rd., Londonderry.

### Cookbook Potluck: Everything Chocolate

Come to the Leach Library on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 11:30 a.m. for a chocolate-themed potluck. Prepare and share a recipe from either "Everything Chocolate" by America's Test Kitchen or "Chocolate is Forever" by Maida Heatter. The library cannot guarantee each dish's ingredients or accurate preparation. Food served at this program may contain or come into contact with common allergens. Registration is limited to 15 participants and begins on Wednesday, Jan. 10. Please visit the library's main desk to reserve a recipe and check out a cookbook.

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