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Field Day Snack

The annual Musquash Field Day took place on Saturday, with visitors hiking out to the Landing where they were treated to hot dogs, marshmallows, and cookies. Pictured, Aiyana Ramon enjoys roasting a marshmallow.

Photo by Chris Paul

School Board Approve Bid For Door Locks Project

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Feb. 13 School Board meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards to bids received for the district's door lock project.

Business Administrator, Lisa McKenney, explained that in 2022, they received funding for some security projects,

and paid for access controls on doors, and door sounders, and some of the door lock project, but didn't have enough funds to do the full project so they moved forward with a warrant article.

"The Londonderry School District was granted funds from the NH Department of Education's Security for Education (SAFE) Grant which included funding from the Public School Infrastructure Fund, as well as federal funding from the Covid-19 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)," McKenney wrote in a memo. "Londonderry's total allocation was \$560,200 which included funding for additional access control on perimeter walls, and help with PFAS remediation in parts of town that aren't part of the consent decree."

Originally the plan was to look for \$10 million in grant funding, to allocate \$2 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding, and expect to get about \$13 million from Saint-Gobain for the work done in the consent decree area. The other funding would come from a loan through the PFAS remediation loan fund through the state, in order to be able to cover the rest of the cost of the grant funding.

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Water Warrant Article Gets \$2M Removed at Deliberative Session

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A water infrastructure warrant article was amended during the Feb. 10 Town Deliberative Session.

It was explained previously by Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, that Saint-Gobain has certain obligations to replace the water infrastructure within the consent decree area, however, the town is proposing to do a water main all the way down High Range Road, which would form the foundation for a larger water public system in

town, and help with PFAS remediation in parts of town that aren't part of the consent decree.

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The other funding would come from a loan through the PFAS remediation loan fund through the state, in order to be able to cover the rest

of the cost of the grant funding.

"It is looking like we are going to come up roughly \$2 million short in that application for \$10 million in grant funding," Magauti previously told the Town Council.

At the previous Town Council meeting, Malaguti explained that based on weekly communication with the Department of Environmental Services and based on their recommendation, it was decided to change the warrant article to allow up

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Article 17 Looking To Elect Planning Board Draws Debate

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A citizen petition warrant article, which will ask voters to change the Planning Board from an appointed body to an elected one, was debated during the Feb. 10 Town Deliberative Session.

The warrant article heading into the Deliberative Session read:

"Shall the Town vote to amend the Londonderry Municipal Code Title V - Administrative Code Chapter III Section I. A. to include the Planning Board as elected positions? This would move the Planning Board from being appointed by the Londonderry Town Council to being elected by the citizens of Londonderry."

Deb Paul, who submitted the citizen petition warrant article, said since the Planning Board is arguably the second most powerful board in town, she thought that it should be an elected body, with liaisons from the Town Council.

"I thought this board should be elected," Paul said, noting that right now, if people aren't happy with what is happening with the appointees made by the Town Council, there isn't much a resident can do. Ultimately by going with an elected body, she feels that it would give residents more

power over who is on the board.

"That was the mindset behind this," Paul said.

Town Legal Counsel, Megan Carrier, explained that if it passes in its current form, it would create an inconsistency between the Town Administrative Code, and the Town Charter, since the Town Charter stipulates that its an appointment.

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Two Candidates Look To Fill Three-Year Town Council Seat

There will be two names on this year's local election ballot for the one seat available on the Town Council.

Incumbent, Jim Butler, and resident, Shawn Faber, hope to win the three-year seat appearing on the Town's March 12 ballot.

We asked the candidates to answer two questions in order to give residents a chance to form an opinion on who they should cast their vote for.

Question 1: There have been concerns over the past few years about property tax increases. What can you do, as one Councilor, to help lower taxes?

Question 2: Why are you the best choice for voters?

**Jim Butler
Incumbent**

Question 1: The question of property taxes is a legitimate one. Before opining on how to help lower taxes, I feel it necessary to share factual information about where the town's current taxes stand.

Of 238 communities in 2023, the Granite State (ranked highest to lowest) shows Londonderry ranked #174 (1). Meaning there are 173 cities and towns that pay more in taxes than us. Some of these communities are smaller than Londonderry in population, while others are equal to or larger than us.

Comparatively speaking, the Town of Londonderry pays less in tax dollars than 73% of communities in the State of New Hampshire.

Regarding how to continue lowering property taxes, we should use appropriate development (commercial, industrial, and residential) to our advantage based on the town's development requirements and parameters when and where we can. There is a balance to strike. I believe that here in Londonderry, the voters have achieved that balance. When done responsibly, development achieves relief to the taxpayer and catapults us into a stable future for our children and grandchildren.

References: www.revenue.nh.gov

Question 2: As a senior citizen and someone who has lived in this community for shy of 40 years, I actively represent a unique yet rapidly growing senior population on the Town Council. With almost 1,000 senior domiciles and a population of approximately 8,000-9,000 senior citizens, it is critically important to have this representation. Outside of this fact, my wife and I have raised three sons in Londonderry, who all remain taxpayers to this day. Two of my sons have children themselves, with my oldest having five and my youngest having two. Make no mistake: I have a very real stake in the future of our town! Our oldest grandchild is 15, with our youngest being less than three days old as of this writing. Congratulations, Bo and Amanda, on the birth of your son!

It's important to consider that there is no substitute for experience. Institutional and

historical knowledge plays a crucial role in navigating town government. Outside of the knowledge acquired through serving as a Councilor since 2012, my professional life has helped forge a sound understanding of building and development, which allows me to sit in rooms with developers and understand their language to make educated decisions by way of asking earnest questions with a foundation of experience to fall back on.

I respectfully ask for your support at the March 12 elections for Town Councilor.

Shawn Faber

Question 1: As a councilor, I believe there are several approaches to addressing property

tax increases. Firstly, I would advocate for a thorough review of the town's budget to identify areas where spending can be reduced or reallocated. This could involve working with town departments to identify inefficiencies and prioritize essential services. Collaborating with local businesses and residents to find innovative solutions to reduce costs and increase efficiency in delivering town services would also be a priority. Finally, I would work to ensure that any new developments or projects in the town are undertaken in a financially responsible manner, considering the long-term impact on tax rates.

Question 2: I am the best choice for voters

because of my deep commitment to our community and my proven track record of leadership and collaboration throughout my life. I have developed a comprehensive understanding of the town's needs and challenges. My professional experience as a private executive equips me with the skills necessary to make sound fiscal decisions that benefit our town. I am dedicated to transparency, accountability, and open communication with residents, and I will work tirelessly to represent the interests of all members of our community. I am passionate about creating a sustainable and thriving future for our town, and I am confident in my ability to bring about positive change as a councilor.

Warrant

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ed body and not an elected one. With that being said, Carrier said that the warrant article would be a non binding warrant article.

Planning Board member, Tony DeFrancesco, said he was concerned that people like himself who don't "want to be a politician," but still want to volunteer may not want to go forward with running for office in order to serve in a volunteer capacity.

He also noted that there is often a hard time finding people to fill vacancies on boards

and commissions and he wasn't sure if having an elected body would help or hurt getting more candidates.

"I don't see this as fixing any problems and actually, I see this as possibly creating a larger problem," DeFrancesco said.

An amendment was proposed to make it so it would state that the warrant article is advisory only, which was approved.

Paul said four years ago she put forward a citizen petition warrant article to have term limits for appointments to town commissions and board, which received

over 1,400 votes, but since it was advisory only she feels there wasn't anything done.

"The Town Council would not even discuss it," Paul said.

She stated that she was concerned that by making it specifically an advisory warrant article, it might once again not be discussed even if a number of voters support it.

Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, said there is a way to switch to an elected board versus an appointed one.

"It would be to amend or revise the Town Charter," he said when asked.



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Town Treasurer Warrant Article Sent To March Ballot

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A warrant article, which will ask voters to approve or reject changing the Town Treasurer position from an elected position to an appointed position, was discussed during the Feb. 10 Town Deliberative Session.

Those who support

the change, including current Town Treasurer, Kathy Wagner, and Finance Director, Justin Campo, argued that the town has a large amount of funds that come through the town, and there is a risk that someone with no experience could be elected.

Voters last year rejected the change when

it was on the ballot.

"That was my bad for not showing up and defending my position on this," Wagner said at a previous meeting, explaining that she feels she didn't campaign enough in support of the warrant article last year.

Resident, Dan Bouchard, said he voted

against it last year, and while he was persuaded to support the warrant article this year after hearing the rationale for it, he doesn't know how he will vote now, after hearing the address to the town this year.

"I was all in favor of this, but I'm not sure which way I'm going to go after hearing our report from our Town Manager," Bouchard said.

Town Council Chair, John Farrell, said the main difference between this year and last year is that they went to the State and found out that they could do a formal background check for a Town Treasurer if it's an

appointed position, but wouldn't be able to do so for an elected position.

Wagner noted during the Deliberative Session that while she supports going with an appointed position, she does think it should be a resident of town who is appointed and not a town employee.

Campo during the Deliberative Session said that 13 out of the 15 largest communities in the state, have an appointed Treasurer, and out of the 15, Salem and Londonderry are the only two communities who don't.

Resident, Jonathan

Esposito, also noted during the Deliberative Session that the measure was defeated last year, and there haven't been any issues that have come up with the current system they have in place.

The Town Council previously voted 4-1 in support of the warrant article with Town Councilor, Ron Dunn, voting against recommending it, and the Budget Committee voted 4-3 not to recommend it with Chair, Patrick Cassidy, Committee member, Kate Burbidge, and Vice Chair, Joseph Gagnon, voting in support of the warrant article.

School

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meter doors, classroom door locks, and door hold open sounders for all schools in the District."

Originally when they went out to bid, McKenney explained that they only received two bids, and were concerned with the large differences in pricing, and also the possibility that they wouldn't be able to get the work done in time, so they put it out for bid again.

In the second round of bids, they received three bids and decided to go with One Source Security for a total of \$563,032.

"The SAFE grant has \$377,076 of funds available to finance this project," McKenney wrote. "The balance of \$185,956 will be funded from the Security Article approved at the March 2023 voting session."

McKenney explained that the project will "provide a global lockdown solution for all of

our schools. It will tie into our emergency alert buttons to provide enhanced security and safety for our students and staff."

McKenney said they will still have approximately \$100,000 left from the Security Warrant Article, and it will be decided on how to spend the rest as things progress.

The School Board approved the bid request.

Also during the meeting, the School Board received an update regarding the district's strategic plan.

"Our current Strategic Plan for the School District sunsets at the end of this School Year," Superintendent, Dan Black, said. "As a school system we intend to produce an updated five-year plan from 2024-29 that articulates the major work of our school system for our students and the community by next fall."

Black said the plan is for the administration to work with staff "to map

out potential priorities in the updated Strategic Plan over the spring of this school year. That brainstorming will lead to more detailed work over the summer."

In addition, Black said they hope to use some board meetings during the spring and summer to "gather community feedback and input on potential priorities and also gauge the School Board's priorities as well."

"Looking at the calendar we would propose capturing community feedback at least at the April 16 2024 and May 21 2024 School Board meetings," Black wrote.

In July, during the board meeting Black said the district "could have a draft of the upcoming priorities that could be included in the 2024-2029 Strategic Plan for comment and feedback."

He said they plan on having the updated Strategic Plan by October, in order for the School Board to review it.



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Editorial

Prepare for the Election

The March 12 election is almost here and it all starts with respect, let's all try to respect each other's views and opinions.

We'd love to see the high turnout that we saw for the recent Presidential Primary be repeated on March 12. It would be amazing if the people who gripe all year and state they are struggling to pay their tax bill or are no happy with the job the incumbent is doing, making their views known.

It is nice to see a lot of people have stepped up to run. It's healthy to have contested races, no one should run unopposed even if they are doing an amazing job.

Make sure to do your research, it's very important to understand what you're being asked to vote on, with the warrant articles and the candidates. Don't panic, you still have time to get the answer you need to make an informed vote.

Take your time when making your decisions on all the warrant articles, and candidates running. It is important not to just blindly vote because someone told you to. Both sides will push for what they want, but you need to vote for what you think is the right choice. Take the time to read all about the articles, talk to a lot of different people to get different points of views, and make an informed decision that works for you and your wallet. Gather up as much information as you can and use your own mind to decide how you will vote.

The right to vote carries with it the

responsibility of understanding the issues. We need to be asking questions such as; Can we afford it? Is it a want or a need? Is it something we can postpone? Have we looked at all the options?

How about a union contract and loans, seeing if it covers one year or three, the costs should be clear. Find out the cost for each year, you won't be asked to vote on it in future years, but the cost goes into your tax bill automatically.

So, be polite and afford a basic level of respect for your fellow citizen, but you shouldn't afford beyond basic respect to those who aren't working on ideals you believe to be important.

Respect is one of mankind's most noble sentiments. The highest levels of respect are always earned, never given. This is true of self-respect as well as respect for others. Before granting the highest level of self-respect or respect for others, make sure the person is worthy of the honor.

We let ourselves and our neighbors down when we ignore the election, only to find ourselves taxed out of our homes and represented by people who embarrass or upset us. The mirror is a great place to look for an answer as to why taxes are so high.

In a state with just about the best opportunity for residents to self-govern, we see turnouts at local elections hovering around 10%.

Please, make no excuse this year.

For your own good and the good of the community, go to the polls March 12.

Letters

Vote Nancy Hendricks

To the editor,
Nancy Hendricks has my vote for the Leach Library, Board of Trustees. I support Mrs. Hendricks because she has served the town for years and she has our best interests at heart.

Mrs. Hendricks has served on the Londonderry School Board from 2011 to 2020, and then came back to fill in the vacant spot from 2021 to 2022. She has volunteered at Moose Hill School and at LHS with the Friends of Music; she has also served on the Londonderry School District's C3 Committee. Currently, she is the community manager for Connect55+ Bedford and she has lived in Londonderry with her husband and son for almost 20 years.

Mrs. Hendricks knows that books are vital to the enrichment of people's lives, from little ones learning to read, to seniors wanting a place to read the latest novel! Nancy Hendricks has my vote!

Respectfully,
Amy Cohen
Londonderry

Running for Council

To the editor,
As a candidate for the Londonderry Town Council, I am committed to being a public servant who listens to the needs and concerns of our community. Throughout my campaign, I have emphasized the importance of responsible spending and keeping our town affordable for all residents. However, I believe that effective leadership also requires

active listening and genuine engagement with the people of Londonderry.

That is why I was excited to announce the launch of "Community Conversations" sessions, where I got the opportunity to host open forums to hear directly from residents about their priorities and vision for the future of our town. We covered great topics like the Lion's Hall, Housing, Pickleball & the High Range Road water project. I am dedicated to understanding the diverse perspectives within our community and incorporating them into my approach to governance.

In addition to these sessions, I will continue to host "Coffee with Shawn" gatherings every Saturday at Dunkin' Donuts on 1 Mohawk Drive from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. These informal meetings provide an opportunity for residents to share their thoughts in a relaxed setting, and I encourage everyone to join me for a free coffee and a conversation about the issues that matter most to you.

I firmly believe that the foundation of effective leadership lies in actively listening to the concerns and aspirations of the people we serve. By fostering open dialogue and meaningful collaboration, we can work together to build a stronger, more inclusive community for all Londonderry residents. For more opportunities to reach out, or to see what else I'm involved with go to www.facebook.com/FaberForLondonderry.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to engaging

with you in the coming weeks as we strive to make Londonderry an even better place to call home.

Sincerely,
Shawn Faber
Candidate for
Londonderry
Town Council

Removing "God" Bill

To the editor,
Amid the demonstrated lawlessness and chaos in today's modern society, attacks on religion continue to proliferate. Just last week, a constitutional amendment (CACR 21) was proposed in the N.H. legislature to remove all references to "God" in the various oaths of office. The bill was proposed to the EDA Committee (Executive Departments and Administration) for consideration and public hearing. Fortunately I was able to contribute (along with my colleagues) to the defeat of this bill (13-1) and therefore it was determined to be Inexpedient to Legislate (ITL).

It is my belief that we could use more "God" references seeking guidance from a higher power. Not less. It is clear that our forefathers (and mothers) believed that too. Research shows that "religious" adults are more engaged with family, more likely to volunteer in their communities, and are happier overall. Let us strive to demonstrate grace in our willingness to serve each other in the name of whatever god we choose.

Tom Dolan
State Representative
Londonderry

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Fire Department Hold Promotion Ceremony, Thanks Residents



By CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Fire Department held a Recognition Ceremony recently where they officially promoted a number of members of the department by swearing in firefighters and honoring citizens for their help in the community.

Town Officials taking the stage were led into the ceremony by bagpipes, played by Police Captain, Patrick Cheetham.

Speakers featured: Deputy Chief, Philip LeBlanc; Town Council Chair, John Farrell; Fire Chief, Bo Butler; Chris Schofield, President of the Professional Firefighters of Londonderry Local 3160; and Town Manager, Mike Malaguti.

The Oaths were administered by Town Clerk, Sherry Farrell.

Residents, Katherine O'Brien, Erica Lussier, Patrick Hills, Tim

Porter, Steph Gervais, Abby Jones, Lyndi McKinnon, Kate Sloper, and Charlie Wilton, were all recognized for their help within the community.

Promotions of the Command Staff featured: Fire Chief, Bo Butler; Battalion Chief, Bruce Hallowell; Assistant Chief, Fred Heinrich; Battalion Chief, Jeff Anderson; Deputy Chief, Philip LeBlanc; Battalion Chief, Jon Camire; and Dr. Marc Grossman

Lieutenant promotions were given to: Kevin Barnett; Matt Barsaleau; Ben Blake; Mike Buco; Steve Cotton; Chris Lamy; Tony Maccarone; and Brian Schofield.

New Firefighters were also sworn in, including: Derek Ball; Pete Censabella; Kevin Dembkoski; William Jerome; William Lopata; Courtney Morris; Val Shubina; and Matt Wood.

Telecommunications Officers Cynthia Laquerre and Beth Loomis were also sworn in during the event.

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Running For Supervisor of the Checklist

To the editor,
My name is Maureen Hardy and as I finish my term on the Budget Committee, I am writing today to ask for your vote as Supervisor of the Checklist in the March 12, Town Election.

My goal is to work collaboratively with our current Supervisors of the Checklist to keep our voters' checklist up to date. I have experience with Microsoft Excel spreadsheets, Adobe PDFs and Microsoft Word and with my background, I know that I can easily master the NH ElectionNet system.

In addition, as a constituent of Londonderry was able to obtain a list of voters from the USPS change of address system that showed voters who had moved out of Londonderry between October 2018 and October 2022. There were 1083 names on the list. As I began working with the Supervisors of the Checklist during the latter half of 2023, all but one of these names have been removed with the exception of one person who still remains in town.

There are proactive steps that can be taken

to keep our Voters list clean as documented in the NH Election Procedure Manual. I want to be an effective member of the Supervisors of the Checklist team by taking these steps and working for YOU the voters and taxpayers.

Maureen Hardy
Londonderry

Vote Cheryl Isaak

To the editor,
I am writing to ask for your vote for Cheryl Isaak for Library Board of Trustees. Cheryl has been my neighbor and dear friend for over 30 years. In that time, she has proven to be caring and trustworthy. Cheryl is intelligent, not just well educated, but wise. She is an avid supporter of the Leach Library and its services via donations of both funds and of materials. She uses the library for books and programs frequently.

Cheryl will be thrifty with your tax dollars while never taking her eyes off the mission of the Leach Library which is "to provide materials, information and services for community residents of all ages to meet their personal, educational and recreational needs". She supports the library offerings of museum passes, art displays of local artists, puzzles, movies, music

and the "library of thin-gs" (which even includes snowshoes!) She supports the hard-working and knowledgeable staff of Leach Library that are available to help all in search of that elusive book or other resource.

On March 12, please cast your vote for Leach Library Trustee for Cheryl Isaak.

Respectfully,
Monica Turcotte
Londonderry

Running for Library Board of Trustees

To the Editor:

I am writing to formally introduce myself as a candidate for a seat on the Leach Library Board of Trustees. My name is Nancy Hendricks, and I have been a resident of Londonderry for nearly two decades. During this time, the Leach Library has played an integral role in our family's life, becoming one of the first institutions we engaged with upon our arrival.

Our initial connection with the library stemmed from my son's enrollment in kindergarten, leading us to participate in various summer reading programs and fostering a habit of borrowing numerous books over the years. As a former member of the Londonderry School Board, I have cultivated

my deep-seated passion for education, with a specific focus on the pivotal role that libraries play in promoting literacy and knowledge within our community.

The Leach Library stands as a beacon of literacy and knowledge, offering invaluable services and opportunities that promote lifelong learning for individuals of all ages. Recognizing the outstanding contributions of the library staff and the remarkable services provided, I am committed to collaborating with the Board of Trustees and library staff to maintain and enhance existing services, while also identifying avenues for the introduction of new initiatives.

One particular area I am eager to explore is the provision of services tailored to our growing population of Senior Citizens. By diversifying our offerings, we can ensure that the Leach Library remains a vibrant resource for all members of our community.

If elected, I pledge to work collaboratively with the Board of Trustees and the library staff, prioritizing the evolving needs of our community while adhering to fiscally responsible practices. I am confident that, together, we can sustain the library's essential role as a cornerstone of education and knowl-

edge within Londonderry.

Thank you for considering my candidacy and I respectfully request your support on Tuesday, March 12.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Hendricks
Candidate for the Leach Library Board of Trustees
Londonderry

Running for Re-election

To the editor,
It's with great enthusiasm that I share this announcement with you all. As some of you may know, I've had the honor of serving on our local school board for the past term. Together, we've accomplished incredible things for our schools and community. From supporting innovative educational programs to advocating for resources benefiting all our students, it's been a journey filled with growth and meaningful impact.

I am thrilled to announce that I am running for re-election to the school board! For nearly two decades, I have devoted my career to education as both a school administrator and teacher. I firmly believe that this extensive experience provides me with invaluable insight when it comes to making decisions that affect our children and

our school community. As a member of this esteemed board, I've witnessed firsthand the positive changes we've been able to enact when we come together as a community. And I firmly believe that there is still much more we can achieve together.

Here are a few things that I strongly stand for:
Academic Excellence: Ensuring every student has the opportunity to thrive academically.

Equity and Inclusion: Creating an inclusive learning environment where every student feels valued and supported.

Community Engagement: Listening to your feedback and ideas to shape our educational system.

Investing in the Future: Prioritizing resources to provide our students with the tools they need for success.

Your support has been invaluable in our past accomplishments, and I am grateful for the opportunity to hopefully serve our community again. As we embark on this journey together once again, I humbly ask for your continued support and your vote on March 12, 2024.

Let's continue making a difference in the lives of our students and the future of our community!

Sincerely,
Sara Loughlin
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Citizen Petition Article Looks To Give Community More Public Input

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Town Deliberative Session, voters in attendance had the chance to debate citizen petition warrant articles, addressing public input, meetings being recorded, and when meetings take place.

One of the warrant articles will ask voters to approve a change to the Municipal Code, requiring that all boards and commissions have public comment at the beginning and at the end of meetings.

Deb Paul, who brought forward the three warrant articles, said she thinks people should have the chance

to give input, not only in the beginning of meetings, but also at the end after things have been discussed during the meeting.

"After something has been discussed, they should be able to have an opportunity to give some input into the discussion," she said.

An example she gave was a Town Council meeting regarding the Lions Hall, in which a community member wanted to volunteer their time to help, but didn't have an opportunity at the end of the meeting to bring it up.

"That is why I wanted to put this out here," Paul said.

Town Attorney, Meg-

an Carrier, said all of the warrant articles brought forward by Paul, would have a conflict with the Town Charter, meaning they would be advisory only, and would have to go through the Town Charter amendment process in order to be changed.

Resident, Jonathan Esposito, said that even if the warrant article is non binding, he thinks that committee chairs should entertain the idea of having more public comment.

"Public comment has been a very contentious issue in the community at times, my tone has exceeded its propriety and scope at public comment and I

certainly apologize for that," he said.

He noted there have been times when members of the Town Council have closed public comment and then have made comments, including about members of the community, in what he described as "having the final word."

Another warrant article would require all official town meetings to be recorded.

"We still have plenty of meetings that go on that aren't recorded," Paul said.

She said for example, the Traffic Safety Committee, which meets at 5:30 p.m. isn't recorded, and she thinks it would be good for people to be

able to watch what is discussed during the meetings, including members of the Planning Board.

Asked about the logistics of being able to record multiple meetings at once, Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, said there are some considerations, but explained that he told his staff "We need to get to the point where we're recording most, if not all, boards and committee meetings."

"I think the community should know, we're already moving in this direction," Malaguti said.

Another citizen petition warrant article would ask voters to

support an amendment to the Municipal Code, making it so meetings are "at a time the best for the general population"

Paul explained that the idea is to allow more people to be able to attend the meetings, noting that there are some meetings taking place, that are during the day, or at inconvenient time.

When asked, she said she thinks 6 or 7 p.m. would be a more appropriate time for meetings.

All three warrant articles were amended to state that they are advisory only, meaning that if approved by voters it wouldn't have a binding effect.

Water

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to \$2.95 million to be raised from taxes, in case more than the \$2 million originally thought, is needed.

It was explained previously that if approved and \$2.95 million needs to be raised, the first year's annual principal and interest would be \$215,000.

The loan would be 1% interest during construction and 3.5% after, and would be a 20 year loan, which was previously agreed on by the Town Council.

With concerns of the

large price tag, since the total warrant article needs to be on the ballot, an amendment was proposed by Town Council Vice Chair, Chad Franz, to take out the ARPA funds from the warrant article.

Finance Director, Justin Campo, said since the ARPA funds have already been accepted they found out that they could not include it on the warrant article, even though the plan is to use the funds for that purpose.

With the reduction, it means the warrant article will be a total of \$23.75 million.

Malaguti noted that if the warrant article doesn't pass they'd also be able to use the ARPA funds for something else.

Town Council Chair, John Farrell, said they are ultimately looking to get "\$20 million for \$3 million."

One concern raised during the Deliberative Session was the risk that Saint-Gobain doesn't agree to be part of the project, meaning the

town wouldn't have the necessary funds to move forward.

Malaguti explained that the warrant article is written to allow for other third party sources for funding, but the hope is that Saint-Gobain would go forward.

He also noted that the project is scalable, meaning if they do run into issues with things like funding, as an example, adjustments could be made.

Kristine Perez said she was in favor of it, but there are questions from people who want to know what the next phase is.

"People want to know what's next," she said.

Deb Paul said she wasn't originally in support of the warrant article, mostly due to it not having multiple phases in place, or least that

have been disclosed publicly. She stated that she would be able to support it if there were certain stipulations in place. For example, she would urge the town, if it's approved, to do a town wide survey to see who would hook up to water lines. She added that they should look at getting a grant through the GroundWater Drinking Fund.

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Conservation Commission Welcomes Residents to Musquash



Members of the Conservation Commission welcomed the community to the annual Musquash Field Day with hot cider, coco, hot dogs, cookies, and marshmallows at the “Landing” again this year. Warmer temper-

tures at this years event made for an easier hike to the Landing, where Commission members were happy to share information about the large area held by the town in conservation.

Photos by Chris Paul

Proposed Amendment For Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund Fails At Deliberative

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

A warrant article for the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund, drew a proposed amendment during the Feb. 10 Town Deliberative Session.

The warrant article will ask voters to vote on whether or not the town should raise and appropriate \$100,000 to be placed in the Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve fund,

with \$50,000 coming from the end of the year Unassigned Fund Balance, and the rest coming from property taxes.

Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, explained that the plan is to use the funds to help lower the payments for fire trucks that they have already ordered but wouldn't be getting for 36-42 months.

The Town Council and Budget Committee both recommended that

the warrant be approved.

Budget Committee member, Jason Goldman, looked to have a total of \$90,000 come from the unassigned fund balance, meaning only \$10,000 would come from new property taxes, instead of \$50,000.

His explanation was that he views the fire trucks as “a critical need for our town,” and

said that they have the funds to use.

Town Councilor, Ted Combes, said without the amendment, the warrant article if approved would cost someone who owns a \$500,000 valued house about \$4, without using any fund balance, and if they were to use additional fund balance it would cost \$1.

Goldman said he thought people had the right to debate using more fund balance saying its “your money,”

reviewing to voters in attendance.

“At the end of the day you already paid this,” Goldman said.

Tony DeFrancesco questioned why someone from the Budget Committee would look for a last minute change, saying that it's already been discussed for months, and argued changes could've been proposed previously.

Jonathan Esposito said the whole purpose of the Deliberative Session is for the communi-

ty to have the right to examine warrant articles and to propose changes.

“That is literally why we're here,” he said.

Goldman said he supported the warrant article either way, but wanted to have a discussion about using additional fund balance to pay for it.

The amendment ultimately failed, meaning the original warrant article will be on the ballot.

Voting day for both the Town and the School District is set to take place on March 12.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Two Lancer Wrestlers Crowned Division I State Champs

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Wrestling team hosted the NHIAA Division I State Championships on Saturday, Feb. 17, and two Lancers came away with first place victories for the second straight year.

Londonderry junior, David Pento Jr., cruised through his four bouts in the 175-pound weight class on Saturday to take first-place for the second consecutive year.

Senior Lancer, Patrick O'Connor, also came away with his second straight State Championship, but his finals win came with some final second heroics.

O'Connor had three wins to get him to the finals, but in that match the senior needed to muster up some last-second heroics to force an 8-6 overtime win in the championship match.

Leading up to the finals, O'Connor had fall victories in his first two matches and received a 7-0 decision victory in the semi-finals over

Gavin McConnell of Bedford.

In the finals, O'Connor trailed in his match against Spencer Sierra of Timberlane until the final seconds of the third period, where he was awarded a stalling point, followed by control points to sent the match into an overtime period, where O'Connor was quickly awarded control for the win and the celebration.

All of Pento's wins came by way of falls, two of them were 18-0 technical falls and others were pins. His championship bout, the second of his 18-0 victories, was against Tucker Watson of Bedford High School, where the championship win never seemed to be in doubt.

LHS junior, Manny Perez, also placed in the top-two of the state championships winning all of his matches leading up to the finals, where he fell 7-4 to Seth Haste, and came away with a second place medal. Perez had a close match win in the semi-finals, beating Dylan Suliveras of Windham in



David Pento Jr. won his second DI championship with an 18-0 technical fall over Tucker Watson of Bedford High School.



Senior Patrick O'Connor won his second DI State Championship in overtime over Spencer Sierra of Timberlane. Photos by Chris Paul

a 5-3 decision.

Lucas DeLeon finished with a final match win to get fifth-place at states, pinning Biswas Darji, of Concord for his fourth victory of the day.

Finn Millis also made it to the fifth-place bout, but lost 11-3 to Sam St. Onge for a six-place finish.

As a team, the

Lancers took seventh place at the tournament with 114-point, the Salem Blue Devils were the winners, at 234-points, Timberlane

Regional was a distant second at 207 and the Bedford Bulldogs took third with 183-points.

Londonderry's top finishers will head to the

State Meet of Champions at Bedford High School on Saturday, Feb. 24, to face the best wrestlers in the states three divisions.

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Lancer Gymnasts Get Highest Score of Season at States

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Gymnastics team finished the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association's State Championship with its highest score of the season, but were

edged out of the top spots by some extremely tough competition.

The team's highest individual finish on Saturday, Feb. 10, was fifth-place, on the Beam, and the team score wound up at 136.45, putting the Lancers at fifth overall, ten points behind the

winners, Pinkerton Academy, at 146.6.

The Salem Blue Devils finished in second place, at 141.4, and the Bishop Guertin Cardinals took third-place with a score of 141.125.

Junior Lancer, Faith Carrier, had the highest placement for her team,

scoring a 9.25 on the Beam and finished the year with a spot on the podium at fifth. Senior Lilly Haggett, junior Emma Nadeau, and senior Amanda Robinson also had strong performances in that event.

On Vault, junior Sophia Beaugard had a score of 9.05, good enough for 14th, Haggett placed 16th with a 9.0, freshman Gabby Nadeau tied for 18th with an 8.975, and sophomore Alex Pena placed 19th with an 8.95.

On the Bars, Londonderry's highest finisher was sophomore Cailee Anderson, who placed 25th with a score of 7.9. The team also had solid routines from Pena and Robinson in that event.

On the Floor, Beaugard was once again LHS's highest finisher and tied for 13th with a score of 9.3. Pena tied for 17th with her score

of 9.25.

In All Around, Pena placed 17th with a 34.150 and Anderson placed 23rd with a 32.65.

Head coach, Heather Tuden, was happy with how the team stepped up despite injuries and illnesses, saying, "Every year I say this, every year, 'All I can ask for is to do our best at states' and once again we did that, by beating our best regular season score by two-points!"

Tuden added, "Sadly, the week prior to the meet, we had multiple girls come down with the stomach flu and two girls were unable to even travel to the meet. My two seniors, Amanda Robinson and Lilly Haggett, preformed beautifully!"

She had praise for her seniors, "Amanda worked hard all season to get new skills on bars and beam, which she hit all of those kills on her

events. Her drive and dedication during practices and at meets will truly be missed next year. Lilly Haggett, who came back this year after a season ending back injury, was better than I had seen her the first two years she was on the team. Her devotion, skills and leadership on and off the mat will be a large hole we will need to fill next year." "Emelyn Hayes was our third senior and sadly was unable to compete at states. She was part of the team her freshman year and was able to make it back to the team senior year. Emelyn always has a smile on her face and was someone the girls could always talk to on the team."

She wished her seniors well, saying, "Lilly, Amanda, and Emelyn we will all miss you and wish you luck in the next chapter in your lives."



Londonderry High School junior gymnast, Faith Carrier, scored a 9.25 on the Beam at the State Championship recently, putting her at fifth place in the state to winning a medal. Photo by Chris Paul



LMS Team Makes Strides The Londonderry Middle School Wrestling Team took part in the NHWAY State Dual Meet Team Championship, earlier this month, where they were able to finish in second place against teams throughout the entire Granite State. *Courtesy photo*



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Boys' Basketball Squad Get Two Road Wins, Reach .500

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Basketball team notched two more victories last week, to get its record up to 8-8 as they head into the final two games of the regular season.

The wins came during games at Windham and Spaulding High School's where the Lancers beat the Jaguars 68-64 and blew out the Red Raiders 66-49.

In the game at WHS, Londonderry got behind early, but came

back the strong quarters for the team's second straight victory and seventh of the season.

The Lancers trailed 14-20 after the first, but outscored the Jags 21-10 in the second for a 35-30 lead at halftime.

In the second half, LHS widened their lead by two, with a 16-14 difference in the third quarter and held on for the four-point win.

Junior guard, Mason Paquette, had his biggest game of the season, scoring 20-points through the first two periods and adding



Junior Mason Paquette scored 31-points against WHS.

11 in the second half for 31-points.

Senior center, Ty Miles, scored 16-points and junior forward, Matt Luongo, finished with 10-points. Senior forward, Ryan Williams, added seven-points to the Londonderry effort.

Three nights later, during the team's trip to Rochester, the Lancers were able to hit the .500 mark for the second time this season, beating the Red Raiders, of Spaulding High School by 17-points.

The Lancers outscored their host in every quarter, leading

20-7 after one, 34-19 by the half, and leading 50-34 heading into the final period.

The eventual 66-49 win helped to boost the team's hopes at the post season.

Paquette once again sat at the top of the LHS score book, scoring in every quarter and finishing with 18-points. He was perfect from the foul line, getting all five shots he was given, and had one, three-pointer.

Ryan Williams contributed 15-points in the effort, also scoring in every period.

Miles had 12-points

in the game, junior guard, Kiet Totten, scored nine-points, and senior forward, Matt Doyle, added seven-points.

The Lancers are scheduled to finish the regular season with two games against Manchester teams.

On Tuesday, they played at Central High School against the 6-10 Little Green.

On Friday night, they celebrate their six seniors in their final home game of the season, against the Memorial Crusaders (6-10).

Girls' Basketball Cruises 14-2 with Two More Victories

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Basketball team boosted their season record up last week by winning two contests at home and on the road and now head into the final two games of the regular season at 14-2.

Win number 13 came on their home court, on Tuesday night, Feb. 13, against their southern neighbors from Windham High School. The Lady Lancers handed the Jaguars their sixth

loss by way of a 46-33 outcome.

Londonderry led 15-10 by the end of the first quarter, but had the lead cut to two by the half.

Leading 25-23 to start the second half, the Lancers held the Jags to single digits in scoring for the final two periods.

Londonderry's had 21-points in the second half, while Windham tallied just 10.

In the fourth quarter, the Jaguars were sent to the line eight times, with

just one being put up on the board, for their only basket of the quarter.

Sophomore forward, Sammy Sullivan, racked up 19-points to lead in the scoring that evening.

Sophomore guard, Brooke Eacrett, scored nine-points, junior guard, Kate Sloper, tallied eight, freshman guard, Gemma Murray, had six, and junior guard, Mia Giampa, scored six.

Three nights later at

Goffstown High School, the LHS girls' handed the Grizzlies their fourth loss of the season, beating them by 20-points and winning 54-34.

The Lancers led 28-12 by halftime and had a 44-23 lead heading into the final quarter.

Much of Goffstown's scoring came from senior, Maggie Sasso, who scored 20 of the 34 points.

On the Lancers side of the court, Sullivan

and Eacrett had all but 11-points being put up on the board.

Sullivan led again with 24-points, while Eacrett scored 19-points.

Heading into the final week of the regular season, the Lancers are looking to solidify their number three seed in the state championships,

holding a one-game lead over Portsmouth.

On Tuesday, they played Manchester Central-West (3-13) in the team's Senior Night game.

On Friday night, they are scheduled to take on the Manchester Memorial Crusaders (5-12) for the final game of the regular season.

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The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 7 P.M. in Moose Hill Council Chambers, Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH to consider the following:

Public hearing on an application for formal review of a site plan for a 96-unit multi-family residential development and associated site improvements in the Multi-family Residential (R-III) District. 35 Gilcreast Rd., Tax Map 7, Lot 118, Gilcreast Realty Holdings LLC (Owner/Applicant).

Public hearing on an application for formal review of a site plan and conditional use permit to construct a 175,000 square foot high cube warehouse with 34,725 square feet of wetland impact and 139,776 square feet of wetland buffer impact. 60 Pettengill Rd. (Map 14 Lot 49-2), Zoned Gateway Business District, Pepperidge Holdings, LLC, (owner) and Lansing Melbourne Group (LMG), (applicant).

Public hearing on waiver requests to sections 3.14 Traffic Impact Analysis and 4.13 Permits of the Londonderry Site Plan regulations for a conditionally approved 12,000 square foot medical building and a 3,000 square foot bank and associated site improvements in the Mixed-Use Commercial (MUC) zoning district and Conservation Overlay District. 175 Rockingham Rd., Map 15, Lot 60-2, 71 Perkins Rd., Map 15 Lot 51, 171 Rockingham Rd., Map 15 Lot 59. Jean Gagnon (owner), Bill Greiner (applicant).

Lancers Hockey Squad Get Win, Fall to Division Leader

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Hockey team is heading into the final week of the regular season with a 13-3 record and the third spot in the division standings.

The Lancers did what they needed to improve their position in the upcoming play-offs, by beating Bishop Brady-MV-Concord Christian to get their 13th win and hold the

number three spot in the division standings.

But over the weekend, Londonderry fell to the top team in the division for the second time this season.

On Wednesday night, Feb. 14, LHS hosted the winless Bishop Brady-MV-Concord Christian squad and handed them their 15th consecutive loss.

Junior forward, Brett McKinnon, had another three-goal night, sophomore Nicholas Bishop

added a goal, and senior Jayden Hamilton also put one into the back of the net for the 5-2 victory.

On Saturday night, Feb. 17, the Crimson Tide put an end to the Lancers four-game winning streak, beating them 3-5. Concord has accounted for two of Londonderry's three losses this season and will hold the number one seed going into the post-season playoffs.

Concord is at 13-1-1 with their only loss going to Hanover. Windham has the number two spot in the upcoming playoffs with their 13-2-1 record.

Londonderry is scheduled to two face teams with losing records in the final week of the regular season.

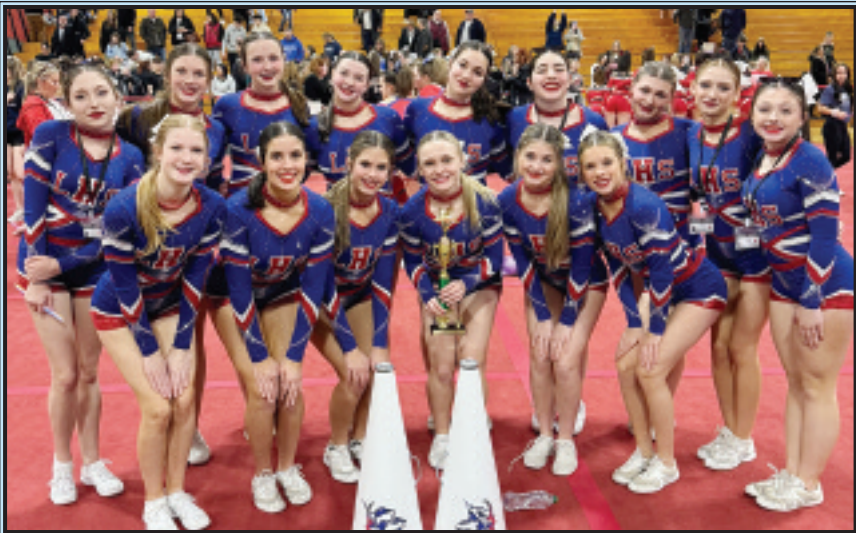
On Wednesday, Feb.

21, they will face Nashua South-Pelham (2-13), in the team's senior night

game.

On Saturday, Feb. 24, LHS will be on the road

against Manchester-Central-West-Memorial (7-8).



Astro Blasters

The Londonderry Varsity Cheerleading Team competed in the annual Astro Blast, hosted by Pinkerton Academy over the weekend where they finished in second-place in the competition. The Salem Blue Devils took first and Nashua South came in at third. The team is now getting ready for the State Preliminaries, taking place on March 3. The top five team from that will move on to State Competition on March 7, at Pinkerton.

Courtesy photo

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. Don is also survived by his nephew Bobby Petten and his wife Sherry, and his sister-in-law Joyce Petten, all of Texarkana, TX. 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 were held on Thursday, Feb. 15, at Tower Hill Church, with a funeral service immediately following. 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 03032. The Peabody Funeral Home is assisting the family. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.



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The Londonderry Republican Committee will be meeting on first Thursday, every month, at Londonderry Baptist Church, 368 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH. For more information: Londonderry-GOP.org, facebook.com/LondonderryGOP, or contact us at lrc@londonderry-gop.org.

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made maple pecans and maple candy for sale. Of course, there'll be Free Samples of delicious ice cream w/ maple syrup drizzled on top for everyone.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet to correct the checklist and register voters on: March 2, from 9 - 10 a.m. Note: March 2 is the LAST day to register BEFORE the election. Same-day registration will be available at the Polls. Polls are open 6 a.m. - 8 pm. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency; Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers); Proof of age; Photo ID. Applicants for registration who possess

proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, domicile and citizenship.

Easter Egg Hunt

3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Beacon Church and the YMCA of Londonderry will be held on Saturday, March 23, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Gilbert H. Hood Middle School, 5 Hood Rd., Derry. 10,000 Easter Eggs, a Petting Zoo, a Donut Truck, Crafts, Party Palace Characters...and more. This is a FREE event.

Drop-In Tech Help

Curious about reserving library materials online from home? Want to learn how to access library databases and digital collections? Looking to get started with Libby and Hoopla? Need help navigating a new device? The Leach Library reference staff has you covered! We are here to provide one-on-one assistance tailored to your technology-related needs. No appointment is necessary. Stop in any Thursday between 10 a.m. and noon. For more information or to make an appointment for another time, please call the library at (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 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 **continued on page 15**

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Feb. 12
2:23 a.m. Four officers assisted NH State Police with services on Route 93 at Nashua Road.
7:41 a.m. Welfare Check conducted on Hickory Hill Drive.

11:45 a.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Eglin Boulevard.

12:45 p.m. Medical Emergency reported at Manchester Boston Regional Airport

2:09 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Nashua Road at Awesome CCG.

2:21 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Holstein Avenue.

2:39 p.m. Warning Issued during a Welfare Check on Litchfield Road.

8:33 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on Windsor Boulevard.

Tuesday - Feb. 13
9:43 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated

at Lefebvre's Auto Repair on Rockingham Road.

10:42 a.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses at the Londonderry High School.

11:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to a Citation being issued on Nashua Road at Horizon Drive. Abraham Angustia, 42, of Lowell, MA, charged with: Operating a Vehicle without a Valid License.

1:26 p.m. Disturbance investigated by three officers on Reed Street.

4:47 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Tucker Mill Road in New Boston. John Leblanc, 50, of New Boston, charged with: Forgery of a Government Instrument, (Check, Etc.); and Theft By Unauthorized Taking of Over \$1,501.

5:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop on Nashua Road leads to an Arrest made by four officers. Kimberley Nichols, 59, of Derry,

charged with: Drive After Revoke/Suspension; and Bench Warrants.

Wednesday - Feb. 14
8:45 a.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance on Hidden Meadow.

10:17 a.m. Three officers conduct a Welfare Check on Arrowhead Drive.

10:55 a.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated by three officers on Michels Way.

2:05 p.m. Shooting Complaint investigated on Mammoth Road at Rockingham Road

5:59 p.m. Officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department on Pinyon Place with transport to a hospital.

Thursday - Feb. 15
9:53 a.m. Services rendered for a Complaint on Crackling Log Lane.

10:03 a.m. Services rendered at Golden Nozzle Car Wash on Nashua
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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 blanket and stuffed animal to snuggle! Registration is not required for this program.

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.

Be Kind - Do Good

The Sonshine Soup Kitchen located at 6 Crystal Ave., Derry, is seeking Volunteers age 18+ for help preparing and serving drive-through meals: Monday -Thursday, 3 - 6 p.m. For more information or if you have questions call 603.437.2833.

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 Apothe-

cary." 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 Fos-

mire at dfosmire@londonderry.org or Kim Speers at kspeers@londonderry.org.

Meet Your Neighbors

The Londonderry Women's Club brings diverse women together; creating an environment that nurtures friendships while encouraging community involvement through volunteerism. If you would like more information about the Londonderry Women's Club or are thinking about joining a group that gives back to the community, check us out on Facebook, visit our web-

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Police Log

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Road for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud.

11:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Check by three officers, on Memorial Drive, results in Warning Issued.

3:16 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated at the Londonderry Middle School.

7:39 p.m. Seven officers respond to Suspicious Activity at Manchester Boston Regional Airport and Transport subject to a Hospital.

8:09 p.m. Warrant Served and arrest made on Parker Street, Lawrence, MA. Barbiejean Deforest, 44, of Lawrence, MA, charged with Theft By Unauthorized Taking of under \$1,000.

8:52 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop on Nashua Road, at Winding Pond Road, leads to an Arrest made by three officers. Matthew Famiglietti, 32, of Londonderry, charged with: Suspension of Vehicle Registration; Bench Warrants, and Driving After Revoke/Suspension.

Friday - Feb. 16

10:29 a.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at the Rite-Aid on Nashua Road.

1:42 p.m. Trespassing reported on Symmes Drive.

5:59 p.m. Disturbance

investigated by two officers at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

6:37 p.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

6:55 p.m. Juvenile Offenses investigated on Mammoth Road.

8:30 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Rebecca Drive.

10:57 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by six officers at the 7-Eleven on Nashua Road.

11:58 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Holstein Avenue.

Saturday - Feb. 17

5:17 a.m. Four officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Tranquil Drive.

4:16 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated by three officers on Symmes Drive.

4:24 p.m. Services Rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport, on Airport Road.

6:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Complaint received from Mammoth Road at Shasta Drive leads to an arrest made by three officers. Ban Pich, 44, of Londonderry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and Lane Control.

8:29 p.m. Trespassing arrest made on Winding Pond Road by four officers. Caitlyn Rauseo, 27, of Manchester, charged with Criminal Trespass.

11:28 p.m. Pedestrian Check conducted by two officers on South Road, near Londonderry South School.

Sunday - Feb. 18

12:03 p.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood

Disputes on Alexander Road.

2:04 p.m. Services rendered for a Domestic Disturbance on Copperfield Lane.

2:28 p.m. Services Rendered for a Shooting Complaint on Auburn Road.

4:03 p.m. Three officers investigate Suspicious Activity on Footpath Way.

OBITUARY

Janet C. DeCarolis



Janet C. DeCarolis, 79, formerly of Londonderry, NH died Tuesday Feb. 13, 2024 at the Hillsborough County Nursing Home in Goffstown, NH. She was born in Poughkeepsie, NY on Jan. 1, 1945, a daughter of the late George MacLaren and Edna Mae (Spencer) MacLaren. Janet had resided in Londonderry for more than 40 years.

Janet was a graduate of New England Sanitarium and Nursing Hospital in 1965. She practiced as a Registered Nurse for several years before raising her four children. She was a devout member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, enjoyed walking the family dog, and was a champion wild blueberry picker. Her culinary skills were enjoyed by her rather large family and her homemade Manicotti was requested often. She was a skilled letter writer and generous giver of gifts from the heart.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Philip DeCarolis of Londonderry, two sons, David DeCarolis and his wife Kim of Litchfield, NH, and Christopher DeCarolis and his wife Rachel of Salem, NH, one daughter, CarolAnn Braun and her husband Steven of Calabasas, CA, six grandchildren, Kendra, Hope, Logan, Beckett, Norah, and Lark, one brother, Ronald MacLaren and his wife Donna of Londonderry, one sister, Barbara Searles and her husband Craig of Moultonborough, NH, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son, Eric DeCarolis in 2011.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Monday Feb. 19, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A memorial service followed in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers a donation made in Janet's name would be greatly appreciated at your local ASPCA.

OBITUARY

Gary Bruce Behrens



Gary Bruce Behrens, 78, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Friday, Feb. 9, 2024, at the Elliot Hospital in Manchester, NH. He was born on July 28, 1945, in Malden, MA, a son of the late Max and Lorraine (Croteau) Behrens.

Gary was a beloved and proud husband, father, papa, great-papa, brother, and friend. He was a beautiful person who had the deepest love for his family. He was loving, encouraging, and supportive and it was his greatest joy being with his family and seeing them happy.

Gary graduated from Malden High School and following that, he served his country by enlisting in the US Navy. He had a lifelong passion for aviation and trains and held positions at several companies including Piedmont Airlines, American Airlines, Delta Airlines, and Amtrak.

Gary was a huge sports fan and loved a good debate about teams, especially his beloved New York Yankees. He never missed an opportunity to discuss baseball with his family of (mostly) Red Sox fans. He proudly wore his Yankees hat all over New England.

Gary had a deep love for animals, particularly black bears and labs. He developed a strong bond with his son's dog, Bear, and even wrote a poem for him. Gary also strongly believed in the spirit of the natural world. He had a very strong interest in, and appreciation for, Native American History. He had an especially deep respect for the Sioux and enjoyed spending time visiting reservations.

Gary made an impression on all who knew him with his charisma and talent for conversation. He quickly made friends wherever he went. He loved being the center of attention and entertaining others with his antics, especially at Poor Boy's Diner (his home away from home) and with his three cherished great-granddaughters. In line with his character, Gary lived his life in his own unique way and apologized to no one for it.

Gary leaves a legacy of countless memories, stories, incidents, and experiences that will live on forever in those who love him.

Gary is survived by his loving wife Georgette "Gigi" Behrens of Londonderry, NH; two sons, Phillip M. Behrens and his wife Rachel of Athol, MA, and Dennis M. Behrens of Nashua, NH; daughter, Karen J. McCarthy and her husband Barry of Manchester, NH; two sisters, Susan Webster of Londonderry, NH, and Diane Behrens of Hudson, NH; six grandchildren including Jennifer Behrens, and Justin (Janet), Jenna (Chuck), and Jordan (Allison) McCarthy; and three great-granddaughters Waverley and Wakeley Wise, and McKinley McCarthy.

Gary was predeceased by his granddaughter, Kimberly Behrens; and grandson, Nicholas Behrens.

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