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Town and Leach Library staff have set up an annex at the Police Department's Community Room during the recent closing of the library as they work to correct water and mold issues. Photo by Chris Paul

Town Pulls Together as Library Moves to Temporary Home

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Leach Library will temporarily relocate its public services to the Londonderry Police Department (LPD) Community Room beginning Monday, Feb. 2, after a burst radiator pipe and the discovery of mold forced the sudden closure of the library building last week. Despite the shutdown, town officials emphasized that the library remains open and will continue serving residents without

interruption.

Library staff arrived the morning of Jan. 27 to find extensive flooding caused by a ground-level pipe that had ruptured over the weekend. The incident occurred alongside an ongoing maintenance concern involving a persistent leak near the main vestibule. Initial testing revealed mold spores in several areas of the building, prompting Deputy Health Officer Brad Anderson to issue an emer-

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Town Warrant Being Posed at Town Deliberative, Feb. 7

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

With the Town Deliberative Session taking place on Saturday morning, Feb. 7, the Londonderry Times has listed what is being presented.

ARTICLE 2 - Charter Amendment: Remove Outdated 1990s Language: This will delete old Charter sections that only applied when the Charter was first adopted in 1996-97.

ARTICLE 3 - Charter Amendment: Reorganize and Renumber: Reorders the Charter to make it easier to read, without changing any rules.

Meant to improve clarity and usability for residents and officials.

ARTICLE 4 - \$3.38M Bond for Morrison Meeting House Renovation: Borrows money to renovate the historic Morrison Meeting House. Looks to preserve a town landmark; requires a 60% supermajority.

ARTICLE 5 - Provide FullTime Benefits to the Town Clerk: Gives the elected Town Clerk full-time employee benefits.

ARTICLE 6 - FY 2027 Operating Budget (\$56.8M): Sets the town's annual operating budget for police, fire, DPW, recreation, administration, and

all other town services.

ARTICLE 7 - \$2.5M for School District Office (From Fund Balance): Will be used to build a new School District office next to Town Hall using existing reserves. No tax impact; intends to consolidate district operations.

ARTICLE 8 - \$200,000 for Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund. Funds repairs and maintenance for town buildings. Meant to prevent emergency repairs later.

ARTICLE 9 - \$650,000 for Roadway Maintenance. Funds road repairs and paving.

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School District Warrant Being Presented on Friday, Feb. 6

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry voters will be presented 15 Warrant Articles to be debated at the School's Deliberative Session on Friday night, Feb. 6, that will then move to the ballot for a vote on March 10, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. at LHS Gym.

A brief discription of those articles is given in the information that follows.

Article 2 - Operating Budget: Voters choose one of two budget options.

Option A asks for \$94,960,409 (School Board Budget) with a

Tax impact of about \$9.73 per \$1,000 of a homes assessed value.

Option B is \$95,234,013 (Default Budget)

If the School Board budget fails, the default budget takes effect.

Article 3 - FullDay Kindergarten: Implements fullday kindergarten in all three elementary schools starting in 2026-27.

Financial impact:

- Budget decreases by \$208,000

- Revenue increases by \$548,226

- Tax reduction: About 12 cents

YES: Fullday kindergarten begins next school year. NO: Kinder-

garten remains halfday.

Article 4 - Custodians Union Contract (AFSCME Local 1801): Approves a new contract for custodians, including raises and benefit adjustments.

- FY 2026-27: \$191,060 (tax impact: \$0.02)

- Future years have smaller increases.

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Staff Concerns Presented to Library Trustees at Special Meeting

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Leach Library Board of Trustees met on Jan. 21 to address a series of complaints from library staff, several of whom have publicly criticized the Board's conduct in recent months.

"The grievances are actually set by personnel policy," explained Chair Liz Thomas. "An employee who has a complaint may take this complaint to the immediate supervisor."

Assistant Director Donna Plante formally filed a grievance outlining what she described

as retaliatory actions taken by the Board over the past year.

"I am writing to submit a formal grievance for recent retaliatory actions taken by the Leach Library Board of Trustees against me and other members of the library staff," Plante said, reading from a letter she originally submitted to then-Director Erin Matlin. "Over time, a clear pattern emerged in which my feedback, particularly when it identified policy violations, procedural errors, or other Board missteps, appeared to frustrate several Board members."

Plante alleged that the Board responded to staff concerns by adopting what she called an "unpolished revision to the personnel policy," including a change that removed the Assistant Director's ability to attend Trustee meetings as a compensated staff member unless specifically invited by the Chair. She also pointed to changes in the employee compensation program, including adjustments affecting part-time employees who had recently become eligible for benefits such as tuition reimbursement.

She asked the Trustees to take responsibility for what she described as a breakdown in trust.

"I asked for a written apology to the library staff from the Board of Trustees, taking accountability for the Board's retaliatory behavior and documenting an action plan with a timeline that details how the Board intends to rebuild trust and a collaborative working relationship with the staff," Plante said.

She also criticized the Board for declining an opportunity to hold an emergency meeting to restore funding for

the parttime children's librarian position.

"This is purposefully keeping the staff understaffed," she said.

Plante's full list of requests included restoring staff fringe benefits, improving communication, respecting administrative staff time, making progress on hiring a new Library Director, requiring all Trustee requests to be submitted in writing, and ending what she described as retaliation following last October's staff "vote of no confidence" in the Board.

Thomas pushed back, saying Plante was "add-

ing stuff" not included in the original grievance.

"It's not the complaint you prepared for us," Thomas said.

Beyond that, Trustees offered no immediate response during the public session. Thomas said the Board would review the grievance and address all "valid" complaints, a phrasing that drew criticism from several members of the public in attendance.

"What we're going to do is look at the complaint, and we're going to consider the provisions," Thomas said. "That's where we're going to start."

Water Leak Forces Sudden Library Closure, Trustees Race to Reopen

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Leach Library Board of Trustees held a special meeting on Jan. 28 in the Police Department Community Room to address the sudden closure of the library following a water leak and mold discovery.

"The building has been shut down by the building inspector. We've had mold in there, we had a flood when a pipe broke yesterday, and that's when everything hit the fan," said Chair Liz Thomas. "How can

we maintain the staff, and how can we keep business going as much as possible?"

Several scheduled events were relocated, while others were canceled outright. Assistant Library Director Donna Plante presented a plan to create an impromptu "temporary minilibrary" to ensure residents could still access limited services.

"We're suggesting it be for the same hours that we are currently open in the main library building," Plante said.

"The other thing I'm asking you to consider tonight is going cashless so we don't need to carry money to that temporary location or keep it secure. In order to do that, we would need to suspend fines and fees."

The temporary setup would offer public computer access, notary services, tax form distribution, a display of new books, and other essential resources.

Plante also outlined a list of tasks to keep staff working during the closure.

"We essentially would want to restore circulation services at the temporary location, allowing people to check out their holds," she said. "We would be able to do accounts payable offsite; we would be able to do all of our promotional work offsite. The town's been really great in getting different programming moved to different locations if we can accommodate it, and we have the opportunity to do other offsite programming and reach people we haven't reached before."

Trustees agreed that public outreach would be critical. Information about alternative services will be posted outside the closed building and online. Leach Library cards will continue to be honored at all GMILCS Consortium libraries.

The extent of the mold damage remained unclear. Early indications suggested that carpeting, parts of the ventilation system, and possibly some furniture may need to be cleaned or replaced.

"Was there a building inspector's report?" asked Trustee Moira Ryan. She was told that documentation was still being collected. "Did they give any timelines, timeframes, or costs for any of that?"

Plante said Servpro and another adjuster were expected to make a final determination soon. Board Treasurer Jan McLaughlin added that she remained in contact with at least one building contractor.

"Things are getting taken down by the adjusters," McLaughlin said.

Town Manager Shaun

Mulholland confirmed that preliminary work had already begun and warned that the remediation would likely be costly.

"At some point, this is going to cost more than you folks have, we all know that. You're going to need money from the town, and we're already starting to figure out how to do that," he said. "This could take a while, which is why the temporary library plan that Donna and her team put together sounds pretty good to me."

Mulholland urged a stepbystep approach.

"We need to cover all of the issues, everything from public communication to dealing with staff and safety, with personnel and books," he said. "We've got to get this done, got to get this building back in operation."

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Musquash Field Day Plans Bloom With Valentine Theme

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Conservation Commission met on Jan. 27 to continue planning for the 2026 Musquash Field Day, an annual event that draws families, hikers, and outdoor enthusiasts to one of the town's most popular conservation areas.

Chair Marge Badois shared early details for this year's theme.

"It's February 14, I'm going with the Valentine's theme, and we'll have an activity for kids where we'll take pinecones, roll them with peanut butter, cover them with birdseed, and hang them on a tree. It's a Valentine to Mother Nature," Badois said. "I've contacted some Scout troops who are thinking about participating."

The Commission hopes to bring back several groups that have participated in past Field Days. Badois noted she reached out to the New England Mountain Bike Association, which has historically played a role in trail maintenance and education at Musquash. While she

had not yet received a response, she expressed optimism that the group would return, given its ongoing involvement in Londonderry's trail network.

The Commission then turned to its stalled request for proposals for a professional forester. Despite multiple outreach attempts, the Commission received only one response, from an applicant in Ohio.

"We've had one application, and it's somebody from Ohio. I'm not sure how that's going to work. I don't know what to do," Badois said. "I was disappointed that we didn't get any response."

Members discussed ways to broaden the search.

"Is there a reason why we can't go directly to foresters? Can we do that?" asked Alternate Mike Speltz. "The New Hampshire Society of American Foresters has a website, and maybe we could get the listing on there."

The Commission had already posted the RFP on the town website, contacted the NH Municipal Association, and



reached out to state officials. With no qualified regional applicants, members agreed to extend the deadline and expand their outreach strategy.

The meeting also included an informal review of a subdivision proposal on Stonehenge Road. Documents indicated a plan to divide the property into two

duplex lots.

"It says they want to subdivide the lot into two duplex lots," noted Vice-Chair Gene Harrington.

The Commission examined whether the proposed development could impact nearby wetlands. While the plans included detention ponds, the lots appeared to fall below the halfacre threshold that would trigger a local wetland buffer requirement.

"These both appear to fall under the halfacre limit. That means there's no wetland buffer associated with them, and they stay out of the wetland proper," Speltz

said. He added that the project would still need to comply with state stormwater regulations. "If we have no other objections, we can say as a comment to the property owner that the drainage structure inspections seem to require submission to DES."

It remained unclear whether the property owner had submitted a drainage report to the Department of Environmental Services or to Londonderry's Department of Public Works. Without a formal presentation, the Commission opted not to issue any recommendations at this time.

OBITUARY

Kelly Daniel Moore



Kelly Daniel Moore, 61, of Mount Holly, NC, died Tuesday Jan. 27, 2026, at his home. He was born on Sept. 20, 1964 in Orange, CA, a son of Deane Moore and Margaret LeBlanc Moore. Kelly proudly served his country in the US Army and worked for many years as a mechanic for

American Airlines. A longtime resident of Londonderry, Kelly enjoyed playing golf with his brothers, cheering on the New England Patriots, and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his son, Christopher Moore and wife Kaylyn of Londonderry, NH; his daughter, Meghan Moore of Londonderry, NH; two grandchildren, Aaron and Andrew Moore, two brothers, Keith Moore of Garden Grove, CA and Kenneth Moore of Pepperell, MA; two sisters, Kathleen Hayward and Kristine Thompson, both of Bandon, OR; mother of his children, Susan (Drake) Moore, as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family. He was predeceased by his mother Margaret Moore, one brother, Kevin Moore, and one sister, Karen Joseph.

A Calling hour was held on Tuesday, Feb. 3, in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., in St. Mark's Parish, One South Rd., Londonderry, NH. Burial will follow in the Holy Cross Cemetery, Gilcreast Road, Londonderry, NH.

OBITUARY

Lorenzo V. "Al" Giguere Jr.



Lorenzo V. "Al" Giguere Jr., 94, of Windham, NH passed away on Jan. 30, 2026 at the Warde Health Center in Windham following a period of declining health. Al was born in Laconia, NH, Dec. 9, 1931, a son of the late Lorenzo V. Giguere Sr. and Theresa (Martineau)

Giguere. He had resided in the Londonderry area for 40 years, formerly living in Bristol and Hartford, CT.

Al served in the Army as a corporal. He was a dedicated family man who loved spending time with his family and who opened his home to many over the years. He had a tough childhood, and vowed to make sure that his family would not go through what he had. He succeeded spectacularly. He worked for the postal service before spending many years as a builder, specializing in exterior sidings. He built his company, Giguere and Sons, which later included all four of his sons. Later, he moved to New Hampshire and opened Countryside Florist, a family based flower shop.

During his life, he enjoyed family time, travel, golf, puzzles, cheering on the New England sports teams - especially the Red Sox. He was a man of Faith, attending St Mark's Church in Londonderry, teaching religious education there for over 20 years. He was also a Knight of Columbus. He had a strong energy and an excellent sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife of one day shy of 73 years, Phyllis (Doran) Giguere of Windham, NH, three children, Michelle Peabody and her husband David of Summerfield, FL, David Giguere and his wife Jill of Bristol, CT, James Giguere and his wife Karlene of Derry, NH, and daughter-in-law Barbara Giguere of Manchester, NH, 10 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren, and one brother, Brian Giguere and his wife Maureen of E. Hartford, CT. He was predeceased by three children, Katherine Pond, Stephen Giguere, and Joseph Giguere, as well as his brother, Edward "Ted" Giguere.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, Feb. 5, from 4 - 6 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Home and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday at 10:30 a.m., at St. Matthew's Parish, 2 Searles Rd., Windham with cremation to follow. The family would like to thank the Warde Senior Living staff for the outstanding care they provided.

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Editorial

As Elections Begin, Respect Must Lead the Way

As we head into another election season, I find myself coming back to the same core truths I was raised on: be respectful, question everything, and fight for what you believe in. Loyalty, honor, integrity, and your word; that's all any of us truly have. I try every day to live by those values. Some days I succeed. Some days I wonder why I bother.

Because let's be honest: it's getting harder to watch the liars, the haters, and the greedy climb their ladders while good people step back, stay quiet, or simply give up. It wears on you. It makes you question the point of fighting for what's right when the loudest voices seem to be the ones tearing others down. But this isn't about money or power. It's about the greater good in mankind and whether we still believe in it.

That brings me to respect. We throw that word around, but do we really understand it? Respect isn't blind agreement. It isn't silence. It isn't pretending someone is right when they're not. Respect is recognizing the basic worth of another human being, even when you disagree with them, and expecting the same in return.

Respect also means listening. Not to respond, not to attack, but to understand. We won't agree on every issue. We shouldn't. Democracy depends on disagreement. But

we owe each other the space to speak without being shouted down or smeared. We owe each other the decency of hearing one another out.

And here's the part people forget: respect is not onesizefitsall. Everyone deserves a baseline level of courtesy. But deeper respect, the kind that carries weight, is earned. A person who is honest, consistent, and willing to stand up for what's right deserves more respect than someone who lies, manipulates, or tears others apart for sport. That's just common sense.

As voters, we need to remember that. We need to stop rewarding bad behavior. Stop giving our time, our attention, and our trust to people who haven't earned it. Stop letting the loudest voices drown out the honest ones. Respect yourself enough to expect better, from your leaders, your neighbors, and yes, from yourself.

Elections aren't just about ballots. They're about who we choose to be as a community. Do we lift up the people who work hard, tell the truth, and show up for others? Or do we hand the reins to those who thrive on division?

I know what side I'm on. I hope you do too.

Because respect, real respect, is one of the most noble things we have left. And it's worth fighting for.

Letters

Library Update

To the editor,
While I serve on the Leach Library Board of Trustees, I write this letter as an individual.

Last week, during the cold snap, a pipe froze in the adult section of the Leach Library

I would like to thank the Londonderry Police who discovered the leak and the Londonderry Fire Department who shut off the water. There was a lot of water!

I would like to thank the Town and Library employees who stepped up and helped during the past week. I would like to personally thank the following:

- Town Manager, Shaun Mulholland
- The Leach Library Administrative staff including Donna Plante, Megan Donovan, and Jenn Frankiwich.

- The Leach Library Board of Trustees, who held an emergency session and have worked behind the scenes to support our library staff.

- Police Chief, Kim Berard, who agreed to allow the use of the Police Department Community Room and the members of the Department who have their trainings in another location.

- The Library Staff who donned masks and helped pack up books and materials

- The DPW Department head, Dave Wholly and his staff who, creatively moved books and other materials (I hope someone took pictures!)

- Hannaford's Supermarket who donated water and soda

- Londonderry Home

Depot who donated book boxes

- The Town Hall Staff who made room for Library Staff and have supported efforts

- The Town Councilors and Budget Committee members

- Library Patrons who were unable to use the library last week

- And the many others who have helped this transition.

The Leach Library Building is temporarily closed due to the water damage and mold issues in the building. Fortunately, as members of the GMILCS Consortium, people who have a Leach Library Card can use the many libraries in surrounding towns.

As of Monday, Feb. 2, a satellite Library will be open for business. A variety of library books and services will be available in the Police Community Room. Administrative work will continue in meeting rooms made available in Town Hall.

We are all working to solve these building problems and protect our staff and Library Patrons. Please check the Leach Library Website for hours and details about services and programs still available.

The Londonderry Community pulls together when there is a need. Thank you for supporting us during this time!

Please support this unusual temporary library solution of a Library in the Police Community Room. Support fixing the issues that have plagued the library building since the addition was built in the late 1990's. Thank You!

If you have never been to our library, come take a look. It is a special place! Library Cards are free to Londonderry residents.

Jan McLaughlin
Leach Library
Trustee
Londonderry

Congrats to Those Stepping Up

To the editor,

Thank you to all the citizens that have stepped up and have filed as candidates for various positions in this upcoming March election.

Londonderry is a very special community to live in, and we are fortunate to have so many volunteers that step up to help the town when they see the need. The list of new candidates for these positions is wonderful to see. In the coming weeks, voters will get to learn more about the candidates that they will be voting for on March 10, 2026. Please inform yourselves about the positions they are running for and ask them questions you may have. Our community is growing and we need people that are looking to help make the tough choices that are in the best interest of the citizens of Londonderry, not politicians. Londonderry deserves elected officials who listen and include everyone when making decisions for all the citizens of Londonderry.

Having lived here for over 46 years, I have seen many changes—some good and some I would consider not so good. I have seen this community divided by

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Letters

Continued from page 4 various issues like the power plant, exit 4A and politicians who are driven for the wrong reasons and have their own personal agenda. Doing what is best for Londonderry should not come with a personal agenda. As I have learned in the past year be ready for the personal attacks on social media. However, those are the minority. A minority that believes they can influence the voters. What I can tell you from what I have experienced is that there is much more positive out there. When you have people coming up to you and saying thank you for doing the right thing, thank you for speaking up and supporting our Town Manager and employees that serve our community that positive feedback far outweighs the negative.

We have so many issues that we as a community need to work on such as growth, contaminated wells, traffic congestion and failed intersections. Let us all vote March 10, 2026, for the candidates that will have the best interest of Londonderry.

Dan Bouchard
Town Councillor
Londonderry

Re-Running for School Board

To the editor,

I am thrilled to share that I've submitted my candidacy for another three-year term on the Londonderry School Board.

These past three years as School Board Chairman have been incredibly rewarding. The dedication of the School Board and administration has driven significant advancements in Londonderry's education system, reflecting the hard work of our exceptional teachers, administrators, and support staff. To achieve our educational goals, we must maintain this momentum.

Here are some key accomplishments I am proud of and grateful to everyone who contributed to this progress:

Key Achievements:
- Returned \$2.1 million to taxpayers to help lower the tax rate. Introduced a new district-wide purchasing policy, enabling a balanced budget for 2026 and proposing a budget for 2027 that is \$295k below the default.

- Collaborated with the Superintendent for more frequent updates on educational performance and attendance.

- Engaged a third-party evaluation of our Special Education Program, resulting in a solid improvement plan.

- Successfully negotiated contracts for Teachers, Allied Health, and Custodians for the

next three years.

- Hired a K-5 Curriculum Coordinator to unify our elementary schools around shared goals, significantly enhancing our education system.

- Developed a District Facilities Master Plan to ensure responsible planning and spending, supporting the infrastructure bond to upgrade boilers in various schools.

- Established a Fields Study Committee to assess and plan for athletic field needs, mirroring the thoughtful approach used for facility improvements.

- Recruited a new Business Administrator and HR Director.

- Conducted regular school visits for feedback from educators and staff to guide district improvements.

- Acted as a liaison between the School Board and the community, attending various Town Council and PTA meetings.

- Revitalized the Communications Committee to enhance communication between the district, parents, and the community.

- Updated the district's Right-to-Know policy to boost transparency and access to information.

- Strengthened collaboration with the Town, establishing a joint working group to plan the rebuilding of the district office and

improve parking.

- Enhanced school security measures and implemented district-wide ALICE training for staff and students.

- Partnered with a grant writer, securing four grants totaling over \$400,000 in the past year.

- Collaborated with state and local representatives on various funding efforts while opposing detrimental legislation.

- Launched the Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO) program with the Londonderry Fire Department, which has successfully expanded ELO/CTE programs across the district. This includes transitioning the high school structure and appointing a full-time Administrative Director of ELO/CTE, positioning Londonderry High School as a state leader.

I kindly request your support for another three-year term as we strive to make Londonderry the top school dis-

trict in New Hampshire, both academically and fiscally.

Sincerely,
Bob Slater
Londonderry

Reelect Tim Porter for School Board

To the editor,

I have filed to run for reelection for my seat on the Londonderry School Board on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. As a Board member, I have worked diligently to ensure that I am keeping the best interests of our taxpayers and our children in mind as we make extremely impactful financial and policy decisions for the Londonderry School District. Working as a School Board member requires the ability to work well collaboratively with the other Board members and the district administration in order to be productive and I believe I have shown the ability to do so throughout my first term.

Together over the past three years, we

have tackled numerous issues to try and make long-term changes for the betterment of the district both culturally and financially. We completely revamped the district's purchasing policy which had previously allowed for essentially unchecked spending of almost six figures at a time without competitive bidding or approval. Now, because of the work of the School Board making changes, we have fostered an environment of competition and accountability with expenditures that has saved and will save our taxpayers countless sums of money. We also have ensured that we have a welcoming approach to the town allowing for much more open feedback from the voters both during meetings as well as making ourselves available on a personal basis whenever an individual or group has concerns. As a Board, we do not always unanimously agree on

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Senior Resources Committee Plans Expanded Outreach for Boston Post Cane

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Senior Resources Committee met on Jan. 6 to begin planning for the new year, with a major focus on improving outreach for the Boston Post Cane - the town's longstanding tradition of honoring its oldest living resident. Committee Chair Sherry Farrell said she hopes to strengthen the process after feeling that last year's efforts did not reach as many residents as intended.

"I've struggled with this," Farrell said. "I initiated the application process and reviewed the

submissions, and we did our best to find the oldest person. But I didn't feel I did enough to get the word out. My biggest fear was that someone older was out there and we didn't know."

The most recent recipient, 100 year old Cecile Fortin, received the Cane in 2025. Farrell said the recognition is meaningful not only to the recipient but to the community, and she wants to ensure the process is as thorough and inclusive as possible.

"With more people involved, we're going to do more outreach and find out who that oldest

person is," she said. "We really want to bring awareness to it. It's such an important tradition - over 100 years old - and a real celebration for the town. We can do more with it."

Because the pool of eligible residents is naturally small, Police Department Liaison Patrick Cheatham suggested creating a working file of potential candidates to streamline the process in future years.

"If there's a working file, it gives us a place to start," Cheatham said. "When the Cane becomes available, we can announce it and say we're looking for the

next holder, with a list of eight to ten people already identified. It could be a two-year process of collecting names."

Committee members agreed that a shared, ongoing list would help prevent missed opportunities and ensure the Cane is awarded accurately and consistently. The Committee voted to take collective responsibility for researching and identifying eligible residents.

The group also reviewed updates to the Jim Greene Senior Service Award, a newer recognition program created to honor residents who demonstrate excep-

tional service to the community. Farrell said the committee made minor adjustments to the criteria to make the award clearer and more accessible.

"We've made a few changes," she said. "We all agreed that it was basic, it covered everything, and it wasn't too wordy."

Nominations for the Jim Greene Award will be accepted annually from Jan. 1 to April 30. The award will recognize "acts of service" to the town, and the Committee plans to finalize the remaining details at its February meeting.

Following the suc-

cess of last October's Senior Expo - one of the committee's most popular events - members also began early planning for the 2026 Expo. While discussions are still preliminary, the committee is considering holding the event in either September or October at Londonderry High School.

"All of the students were wonderful last time," Farrell said. "I'm looking forward to this one."

The next Senior Resources Committee meeting is set for Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 6 p.m. in the Sunnycrest Conference Room.

Letters

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all issues but we do uphold respect for one another and work towards compromise at all times.

With regard to my professional background and areas of expertise, I am a certified financial planner, an owner of financial and tax practices, and I have spent 24 years helping manage the life savings of families and implementing and organizing retirement plans for small businesses. These qualifications make me an appropriate selection for an individual who is responsible for helping

manage the tens of millions of tax dollars that our town contributes to our school system each year.

I have been proud to represent the town in which I was raised and in which I am raising my three children. I am a product of the Londonderry School District and it has been extremely gratifying to be a part of providing the best possible education to our children while ensuring that we make the most financially prudent decisions possible. I would very much appreciate your vote and support in reelecting me to my position on the School Board in

March. Thank you all.

Sincerely,
Tim Porter
Londonderry

Running for Council

To the editor,

My name is Kristine Perez, and I am seeking election to serve Londonderry as a Town Councilor. In June, I will celebrate my 18th year living in this community.

I am a retired registered nurse having spent the majority of my career working in cardiac intensive care and recovery room. My experience in health care has shaped my commitment to serving others.

I am married and have two children as

well as 3 grandchildren who live just 9 miles away, I am grateful for the close proximity to my family and life is good.

I am currently serving my second term as a State Representative for the town of Londonderry. I was encouraged by Londonderry parents to run for office and then advocated for both them, children, and for the broader interest of town residents. My dedication is reflected in the six bills I'm currently sponsoring at the State House, all of which are directly related to Londonderry and were requested by residents.

I have decided to run for Town Council because I believe the residents need a strong voice representing them. Over the years I have read warrant articles requesting specific changes, reviewed surveys

from the Town Master plans and actively participated in both town council and school board meetings. I have worked with the school board on issues directly impacting Londonderry and have voted for initiatives at the State House that will benefit our town. My goal is to continue this work but to do so at the local level where my voice can be 1 of 5 on the Council rather than 1 among 400 in the State Legislature.

While I am disappointed by some of the developments at the Town Council since last March, I am hopeful that we can come together and move forward in a more positive direction for all residents of Londonderry.

Please know that I have no personal, political, or financial agenda in seeking this office. I ask to be your voice on

the Town Council.

Please join me and all Councilor candidates at the Town Council Forum, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Feb. 10, at the Town Hall as well as the Candidate Meet and Greet, Feb. 14, 2026, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., at the Town Hall.

I respectfully ask for your vote and allow me to be your voice.

Kristine Perez
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Londonderry

Welcoming ICE

To the editor,

It was good to hear that Londonderry is cooperating with the Federal Government in law enforcement matters. I would hope that all NH cities and agencies would do the same.

The leftists who are protesting ICE are protecting child molesters, rapists, murderers, MS-

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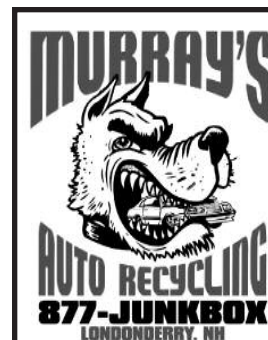
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Steering Committee Looks at March Deadline as Master Plan Nears Completion

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Master Plan Steering Committee continued what Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) representative Suzanne Nienaber described as an “aggressive schedule” during its Jan. 15 meeting, as members worked through the final stages of the town’s 2026 Master Plan.

“We took things from outline form to pros, laid out chapters, we’re visualizing the content, and we’re really excited to have a productive discussion,” said Nienaber, who reviewed the updated project timeline. “We really are in the home

stretch.”

A public comment period is scheduled to run from the end of January through the end of February, giving residents a month to review the draft and offer feedback. The final public hearing and adoption of the Master Plan by the Planning Board is tentatively set for Wednesday, Mar. 4, marking the culmination of nearly two years of work.

Committee member Marge Badois questioned the pace of the final push.

“Why do we have this timeline? How’d we get to having this big push at the end?” she asked.

Committee member Jeff Penta explained that

the Master Plan process began in mid2024, meaning the committee has been working for roughly 18 months.

“It has always been our intention to have this wrapped up by March,” said Penta. “This group was reminded of that timeline in the fall.”

He emphasized that the Planning Board - which appointed the Steering Committee - has been clear about its expectations.

“The Planning Board appointed all of us; we are providing a report to the Planning Board,” Penta said. “The Master Plan does kind of include what the Planning Board has requested from us, like asking

‘What is the vision for the town?’ This is not an implementation document; this is just the Master Plan to get to implementation.”

Nienaber stressed the importance of gathering “diverse perspectives” from both the Steering Committee and the public as the plan enters its final phase.

“Reflecting on the nature of a master plan, it really is a community’s vision for the future,” she said. “You all here are stewarding a process and stewarding the content to ensure it’s capturing and accurately reflecting that vision.”

Both Nienaber and SNHPC representative

Cam Prolman described the March completion date as an “achievable goal,” noting the extensive groundwork already completed.

“We had a number of different inputs: we had the community surveys, we had a number of different workshops, we had data analysis that was conducted by the staff of SNHPC pulling from lots of different federal and state resources plus probably some town data,” said Nienaber. “We also drew a lot from the discussions with this committee.”

As the public comment period approaches, the Steering Committee discussed ways to keep residents informed

and engaged. Members emphasized that while the Master Plan outlines the town’s longterm vision, the real work begins with implementation.

“Each chapter has strategies. Those strategies are ones that are going to be grounded in the implementation work that will be spearheaded in the Planning Board,” said Penta.

Nienaber agreed, underscoring the need for transparency and outreach.

“Anything we can do to support that outreach is crucial to be as transparent as possible and let folks know that now is the time to read the draft document and weigh in,” she said.

School

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Meeting if Article 4 Fails: Allows the district to hold a special meeting to reconsider the custodians’ contract only if Article 4 fails.

Article 6 - School Lunch & Federal Grants: Allows the district to accept federal funds for:

- School lunch program: \$1,717,000
- Federal projects: \$1,564,000
- Total: \$3,281,000

These programs are self-funded.

Article 7 - School Dis-

trict Office Build/ Lease Agreement: Authorizes a joint project with the Town to build new School District offices on Town land.

- \$2.5 million from the Town (repaid by the District over 10 years)
- \$1.4 million from School District fund balance

• No new taxes
Contingent on Town approval.

Article 8 - Buildings & Grounds Capital Reserve Fund: Adds \$670,000 to the fund used for repairs, maintenance, and improvements to school

buildings and grounds.

- Up to \$150,000 from fund balance
- Remainder from taxes

Tax impact: About \$0.07

Article 9 - Technology Network Infrastructure Fund: Adds \$125,000 to the tech infrastructure reserve fund (routers, switches, wiring, WiFi, etc.). Tax impact: About \$0.02

Article 10 - Equipment Capital Reserve Fund: Adds up to

\$100,000 for equipment such as classroom furniture, tools, and maintenance equipment.

Funding: All from fund balance - no taxes.

Article 11 - Vehicle & Machinery Capital Reserve Fund: Adds up to \$37,350 for district vehicles and machinery.

Funding: All from fund balance, no taxes.

Article 12 - Employee Benefits Capital Reserve Fund: Creates a new reserve fund for employ-

ee benefit costs (insurance changes, severance, etc.). Adds \$10,000 from fund balance. Tax impact: None.

Article 13 - Acceptance of Donations: Allows the School Board to accept private donations indefinitely (until rescinded). Tax impact: None.

Article 14 - Citizens Petition: Local Control of School Budgets: Asks voters whether they support keeping school

budget decisions local rather than under a statewide spending cap. Tax impact: None.

Article 15 - Citizens Petition: Education Freedom Account Oversight: Asks legislators to:

- Require financial and performance reporting for the EFA (voucher) program
- Limit eligibility to families with financial need

Tax impact: None.

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Library

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agency public health order closing the facility to all occupancy.

“The building contains mold conditions injurious to public health,” the order states. Reopening will require full remediation by qualified professionals and written authorization from the Town. No timeline has been established for when the building may safely reopen.

Beginning Feb. 2, the library will operate a publicly accessible satellite location in the LPD Community Room dur-

ing normal library hours. Patrons will be able to:

- Pick up holds and check out materials
- Use public computers and limited printing services
- Browse new arrivals, read magazines, and enjoy community activities
- Access children’s crafts and programs
- Attend library programming at alternate town and school locations

Phones will be offline temporarily, but staff can be reached at reference@londonderrynh.gov. Online services remain available 24/7, and Leach Library cardhold-

ers continue to enjoy borrowing privileges at all GMLCS libraries.

Internal communications show a rapid, coordinated response across multiple departments to ensure the temporary library space is fully operational by Monday morning.

Acting Library Director Donna Plante, who assumes the role Feb. 2, is serving as project manager for all aspects of the remediation and remote operations. All decisions related to the transition are flowing through her office.

Both Town Hall IT and LPD IT teams are relo-

cating essential equipment - including circulation computers, public workstations, printers, and Wi-Fi hotspots - to the police station. Access codes and key fobs are being issued to library staff, and connectivity planning meetings are scheduled for Monday.

The Department of Public Works has been tasked with:

- Relocating bins and fixtures needed for circulation
- Setting up workstations around the perimeter of the LPD Community Room
- Adjusting heating schedules in Town Hall

to support shared programming spaces

Town Manager Shaun Mulholland and Administrative Support Coordinator Kirsten Hildonen are coordinating construction management quotes for the building repair, arranging occupancy reviews with the Fire Department, relocating existing bookings in the LPD Community Room, and securing election stations for the temporary lobby setup.

The Police Department is assisting with signage, lobby coordination, and staff training to ensure smooth shared use of the building.

Residents with health-related questions about the mold issue are being directed to Christine Wholley in the Building Department at 603-432-1100 ext. 115. Staff has been instructed not to speculate about the extent of the mold or the timeline for reopening until further testing is complete.

Town officials emphasized that while the building is closed, the library itself is not.

“Your Leach Library remains open,” a recent press release states. “We are committed to continuing services for Londonderry residents.”

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ARTICLE 10 - \$300,000 for Fire Vehicle Capital Reserve. Saves for future fire truck replacements.

ARTICLE 11 - \$800,000 for Fire Equipment Capital Reserve. Funds gear, tools, and safety equipment.

ARTICLE 12 - \$350,000 for IT Capital Reserve: Funds technology upgrades for town depart-

ments. Supports cybersecurity, software, and hardware needs.

ARTICLE 13 - \$25,000 for Recreation Capital Reserve: Funds improvements to recreation facilities. Supports fields, courts, and community spaces.

ARTICLE 14 - \$75,000 for Pillsbury Cemetery Expansion: Intended to save for future cemetery expansion to ensure space for future burials.

ARTICLE 15 - \$32,500

for Cable Equipment (PEG Fees): Funds cable studio equipment using franchise fees. Supports local government and school broadcasts.

ARTICLE 16 - Add FullTime Fire Executive Assistant: Adds administrative support to the Fire Department to help manage scheduling, records, and operations.

ARTICLE 17 - Add FullTime Fire Training Officer: Adds a dedicated training officer.

ARTICLE 18 - Add Part-Time HR Assistant: Provides administrative support to Human Resources. YES means: Adds a part-time position. NO means: HR continues with current staffing.

ARTICLE 19 - Add Part-Time HR Specialist: Adds a specialist for investigations and compliance.

ARTICLE 20 - Create Senior Center Revolving Fund: Lets the Senior Center keep revenue from programs to reinvest in services.

ARTICLE 21 - Create Transportation Capital Reserve (\$500,000): Creates a fund for road, intersection, and safety improvements. Meant to

support longterm traffic and infrastructure planning.

ARTICLE 22 - Add \$5 Motor Vehicle Fee for Transportation Projects. Adds a \$5 fee to registrations to fund local transportation improvements. Meant to add to revenue for sidewalks, bike paths, and road upgrades.

ARTICLE 23 - Expand Use of Water Project Funds: Allows leftover High Range Road water project money to be used in nearby neighborhoods.

Article 24 - Create Water System Capital Reserve Fund: Creates a new fund and deposits \$500,000 from fund balance.

Article 25 - Add

\$400,000 to Water Special Assessment District. Adds funding to support water line extensions.

CITIZEN PETITIONS

Article 26 - Morrison House/Lions Hall Capital Reserve Fund. Creates a \$950,000 fund for the historic building. Funding:

- \$475,000 from taxes
- \$475,000 from fund balance.

Article 27 - Restore Municipal Revenue Sharing: Asks the state to restore revenue sharing and avoid shifting costs to towns.

Article 28 - Support for an ERPO (“Red Flag”) Law: Asks legislators to support an Emergency Risk Protection Order law.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Blast Astros, But Fall to Fourth with Second Loss

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls Basketball team suffered its second loss of the season to start last week, but then snapped back with a strong victory over the rival Pinkerton Academy squad to head into the final stretch of the season at 8-2.

The 52-59 loss to Concord Christian put the team at fourth in the Division I standings.

In the very-much one-sided victory over the Astros, on Friday night, Jan. 30, the Lady Lancers played the second game of a double-header, where they took control early and maintained a significant lead throughout the game to win 53-31.

The Astros were able

to get the first basket of that game, seconds into the contest, but that would be their only lead.

Londonderry shut down their visitor's offense after that initial score and led 19-3 by the end of the first quarter.

The story was similar heading into the half, where Londonderry outshot their opponents 16-7 for a 35-10 lead.

Needless to say, starters saw very little time in the second half, allowing the Lady Astros to close the gap slightly, but the result was still a 22-point margin.

One troubling sight at the game was two of the starters limping off the courts with ankle injuries.

Both junior Gemma Murray and senior Sammie Sullivan were attended to

during the game and sat out much of the second half.

Despite the injuries Murray and Sullivan led the team in scoring, each getting 13-points. Both girls had five baskets and a triple in the game.

Senior Brooke Eacrett finished with 11-points, playing in all four quarters and getting two, three-pointers to start the first period.

Freshman Mia Buco looked strong, getting three from outside the arc and finished with nine-points.

Sophomore Allison DiNovo scored five-points on a basket and a triple in the four quarter.

Three nights earlier, at home against the Kingsmen, a bad second quarter was the differ-

ence maker, as the Lancers fell by seven-points to the undefeated Christian Academy squad.

The academy girls led 16-13 after one and then held Londonderry to just six-points in the second quarter to take a 31-19 lead heading to the half.

The Lancers were able to outscore the Kingsmen in the second half but were never able to fully recover from the 12-points they gave up in the first half.

Sullivan had 17-points in the game, while Eacrett and Murray both finished with 12-points. Senior Brooke Wilson scored six in the loss.

The Lancers will travel to Windham (7-4) and Portsmouth (8-3) this week where they hope to improve their record to 10-2.



Lancers senior Sammie Sullivan makes her way through traffic Friday. Photo by Chris Paul



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Londonderry Boys' Fall to PA in Annual Doubleheader

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

It was a tale of two games at Londonderry High School on Friday night, January 30, as the longstanding rivalry between the Londonderry Lancers and the Pinkerton Academy Astros took center stage at the LHS gymnasium.

In a high-energy doubleheader, that drew fans from the two schools, the final outcome was a split, with the Lancer girls protecting their home court and the Astros boys showcasing why they are a top-tier contender in Division I.

The Lancer boys opened the night against Pinkerton, who's currently ranked third in Division I, displayed a strong offensive performance to out-dual the Lancers with an 85-63 win.

The Astros' ball movement and perimeter shooting were the difference-makers in the contest.

Despite the Lancers ability to hang tough in the first quarter, Pinkerton's depth proved to be too much throughout the next two.

The visiting Astros were able to pull away in the second quarter,

led by senior leadership and a fast-break offense didn't take its foot off the gas until the end of the game.

The Lancers trailed 12-16 after one quarter and were then out-scored 32-11 in the second to fall behind 48-23 by the halftime break.

Londonderry gave up just one-point in the third, but in the fourth the Lancers saw Pinkerton drain six three-pointers to their three, but managed to have a 28-24 final period advantage.

Junior forward Nathan Mbuyi led the Lancers with 16-points,

including one three-pointer.

Last week's hero, junior Ben Sakellar scored 14-points including two triples and was a perfect 4-4 at the foul line.

Senior Evan Vago and freshman Jake Santososso were held to just six-points.

With the loss, the Lancers fell to 5-7 and are looking to have just one game again this week.

The team is scheduled to host the Manchester Central Little Green (3-8) on Thursday, Jan. 5, starting at 7 p.m.



Junior forward Nathan Mbuyi scored 16-points against the Astros. Photo by Chris Paul

Lancers Edge Blue Hawks, Hold Strong in Mass. Invite

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School wrestling team continued their impressive January campaign this past week, securing a hard-fought dual meet victory on the road

against Exeter before traveling to Methuen, Mass., to test their mettle against some of the region's elite programs.

In the team's dual victory, on Wednesday, Jan. 28, the Lancers traveled to Exeter High School, where Londonderry

came away with a 47-31 win over the Blue Hawks.

Despite a few forfeits on both sides, Lancer starters dominated the mat at this meet.

The middleweight classes proved to be the Lancers engine room.

Ayden Murray (138 lbs) and Colin Egan (144 lbs) both secured critical pins to build an early lead. Junior Caleb Holden (150 lbs) followed suit with a surgical performance, pinning Exeter's Ryan Grandmason in just 58 seconds.

In the lighter weights, Cam Roussel displayed technical superiority at 120 lbs, racking up points for an 18-2 Technical Fall. The victory was capped off by Joseph Rose at 215 lbs, who outworked Matthew Sturtevant to secure a fall at the 3:36 mark, ensuring the Lancer victory.

Over the weekend the Lancers got a Top-10 Finish at the Bill James

Invitational.

Londonderry took their talents across state lines on Saturday for the Bill James Invitational in Methuen, Mass.

There was a massive 17-team field at the event, featuring several New England powerhouses, and Londonderry was able to finish in eighth place, notably tying with Vermont's legendary wrestling program, Mt. Anthony Union.

Top LHS finishers were: Junior Caleb Holden (150 lbs): led the team with a spectacular run to the finals, taking second place.

Sophomore Cam Roussel (120 lbs) battled back through the

consolation bracket to finish third with a 4-1 record.

Freshman Gabriel Perez (132 lbs) earned fourth place in a deep bracket.

Sophomore Lennox DeLeon (113 lbs) and freshman Colin Egan (144 lbs) both fought through tough sessions to finish fifth place.

Freshman Sawyer Chaffee (165 lbs) rounded out the scorers with a sixth place finish.

The Lancers return home this Wednesday for a dual meet against both Manchester Central and Manchester Memorial. The evening will serve as a special celebration for the Class of 2026.

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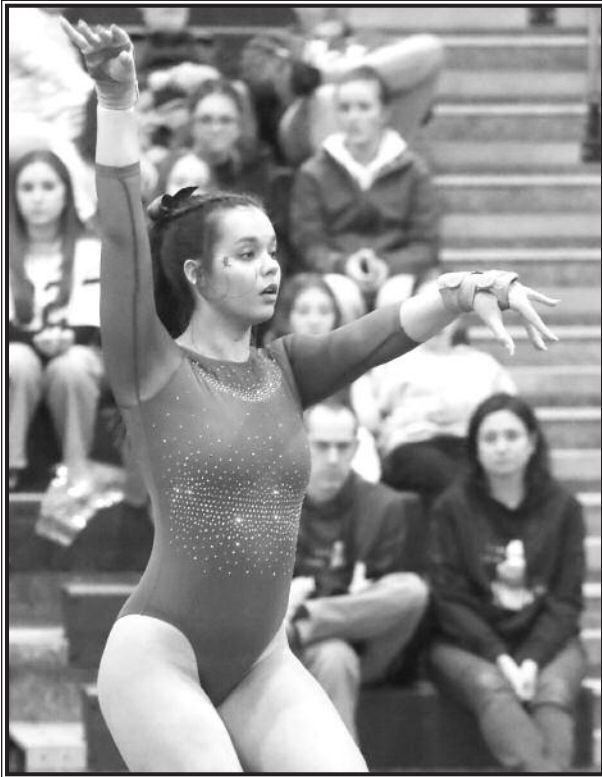
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Gymnasts Win on Senior Night, Pena Breaks Record



Lexi Pena broke the LHS record on Floor at the team's Senior Night Meet on Monday.

Photos by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Gymnastics team held its final home meet of the season, taking first in the six-team event and seeing senior Lexi Pena break the school record on Floor.

The meet took place on Monday night, Feb. 2, with Exeter, Dover, Campbell, Alvirne and Spaulding High School competing and ended with some emotional goodbyes being delivered to seniors Cailee Anderson, Annabelle Hicks, Lexi Pena and Emily Rich.

Overall the Lancers team had some exceptional results, winning the event with a score of

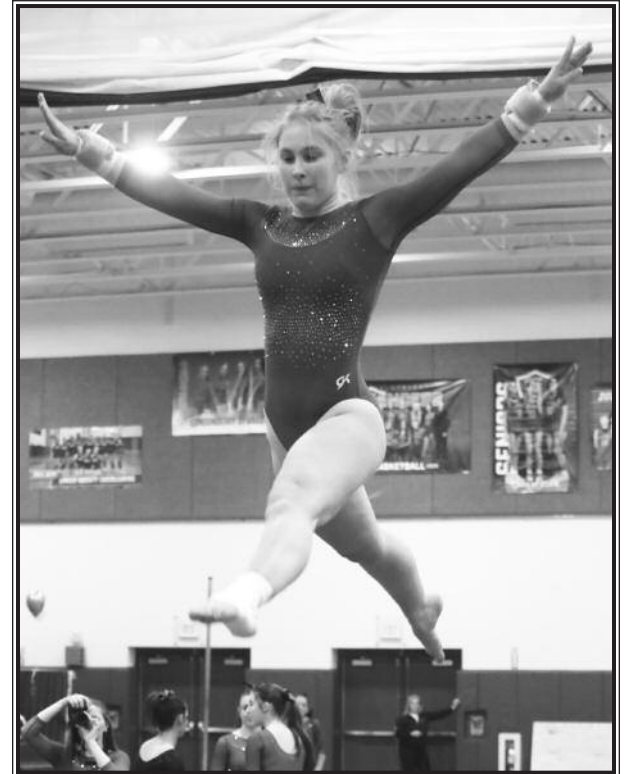
136.9. The Blue Hawks took second place with 128.45 and Campbell placed third with a score of 123.6.

In the Lancers first routine, Anderson captured first on the Vault with a 9.3, in a tie with Skyla Houle of Campbell. Leanna Carroll of Alvirne placed third with an 8.9. Sophomore Sophia DePasse had an 8.8, Rich scored 8.7 and Hicks had an 8.65.

On Bars, Anderson placed second with an 8.75 and LHS sophomore Hannah Linscott scored an 8.7 to tie for third place. Freshman Kayla Gonsalves had a 7.7 and Pena finished with a 6.6.

In the beam event two Lancers placed in the top three. Anderson had another first-place finish with a score of 8.6 and Linscott took second with an 8.5. Pena scored 7.8 and freshman Mia Bicheiri had a score of 7.6.

On the Floor, final event of the evening for LHS, Pena had an exceptional routine and finished with a 9.5, which



Cailee Anderson on Beam where she scored 8.6.

turned out to be a 9.4, edging out Finley Mason of Exeter who scored a 35.25 and Skyla Houle of Campbell with a 34.4. Pena had a 32.3 to place fifth in All Around. Other notables were Linscott with a 9.25 and junior Gabby Nadeau scoring a 9.15.

Anderson finished her night taking first in All Around with a score of 35.95, edging out Finley Mason of Exeter who scored a 35.25 and Skyla Houle of Campbell with a 34.4. Pena had a 32.3 to place fifth in All Around. The team is scheduled to take its talents to the NHIAA State Championship where they will compete on Saturday, Feb. 14, at A2 Gym and Cheer in Salem.

Lancers Hockey Get Split in Two Games

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After a rather mediocre start to the winter season, the Londonderry High School Hockey team put together an impressive five wins in January, but then ended the month with a close 2-3 loss to the Exeter Blue Hawks.

The Lancers began their week on Wednesday night, Jan. 28, with a home game against the Bow Falcons, where LHS was able to come away with their third consecutive victory.

The win brought the team's season record to 5-4-2, putting the right in

the middle of the Division I pack as the head into the final stretch before the playoffs.

Scoring started with junior Luca Verani, who added to his season total, the assist went to sophomore Austin Callahan.

Callahan also had a goal in the game with junior Gavin Sweeney and freshman Brady Bell getting the assists,

Junior Gavin Karoul had the team's final goal, assisted by fellow-junior Ethan Leon.

Over the weekend, on Saturday, Jan. 31, the Lancers couldn't keep pace with the scoring of the tough Blue Hawk and

suffered their fifth loss of the season, the team's first one-goal defeat.

Goals went to senior Brendan Fitzgerald and Sweeney.

Assists were tallied by Verani, senior Nicholas Bishop, senior Mason Nadeau and senior Taran Bower.

The team is scheduled to play Hanover (5-5) on Wednesday, Feb. 4 at home, followed by a road game against Windham High School (6-4). The game against the Jaguars will be on Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Icenter in Salem and is scheduled to start at 7:10 p.m.

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de Aragua gangsters. They are protecting monsters. Certainly we don't want these people as our "neighbors". To put these people in our neighborhood is evil.

The purpose of the protests against ICE is to divert attention away from the massive welfare fraud that has taken place in Minnesota, California, etc. where billions of taxpayer dollars has been stolen and given to illegal aliens (and some politicians), some of which has been funneled to terrorist groups in other countries. Its not just ICE,

they also don't want to cooperate with the IRS and other agencies in order to completely cover up this massive fraud. The taxes on American citizens will have to be raised to pay for this. Remember under Obama, ICE deported millions of illegals and no one had a problem with it then.

These protests are very well organized, and financed by China, Russia, Iran, etc. They are led by highly paid professional agitators. The protestors are playing into the hands of our enemies.

To the patriotic men and women of ICE: Welcome To New Hamp-

shire.
Robert Mottolo
Londonderry

N.H. Stands With ICE

To the editor,
In response to Jane Cooper's weekly complaint letters about our town and the great state of New Hampshire, the issue has nothing to do with money. There's a reason you don't hear about problems with ICE in New Hampshire or in other lawabiding states. Here, we believe in following the law and respecting both state and federal agencies. We expect all levels of law enforcement to work together to keep our

communities safe.

What happened in Minnesota is tragic - any loss of life is heartbreaking - but it could have been avoided had the situation been handled with the same respect

for the law that we uphold in New Hampshire. All federal and state laws must be followed; you don't get to pick and choose which ones you prefer. If following the rule of law is such an

issue, perhaps it's time to return to the Socialist Republic of Massachusetts. I'm sure they would be glad to have you back.

Julian Hansen
Londonderry

State Gives Guidance on Vehicle Inspection Program Status

The New Hampshire Department of Justice and Department of Safety provided an update on the state's vehicle inspection program following a federal court order issued on Jan. 27.

The federal court has ordered a continuation of the state vehicle inspection program. The State intends to appeal this court order.

In the interim, due to the public's reasonable expectation that the program was ending on January 31, the Department of Safety is extending the deadline to obtain a state inspection to April 10, for any vehicle with an inspection that expires

prior to March 2026.

A request to extend a contract to continue operation of the program is anticipated to be considered by the Executive Council in the near future.

Further guidance will be provided as this situation continues to develop.

Under state law passed last year, New Hampshire's required vehicle inspection program was scheduled to end on January 31, 2026. However, before that change took effect, a federal court ordered the State to keep the inspection program in place for now. As a result, the vehicle inspection pro-

gram will continue after January 31, 2026.

The State disagrees with the court's preliminary injunction, plans to appeal the court's decision, and will seek to pause the ruling while the appeal is underway. In addition, future legislative action or court developments could change the status of the inspection program.

We understand that these changes may be confusing or frustrating for New Hampshire drivers. If there are any updates, the State will share new guidance at www.dmv.nh.gov and will work to provide additional flexibility where appropriate.



Annual FREE Speaker Series
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Thursday, February 12th
6:30 pm at the Londonderry YMCA

Planting patches of flowers, wildflowers, grasses, shrubs, and flowering trees, especially with native plants, can encourage and support natural pollinators and enhance backyard landscapes. Recommendations will be presented on creating a pollinator habitat in your yard.

GreenTeam603@gmail.com
to register or ask questions

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Candidate Meet + Greet

Any candidates who will be on the March 10 ballot will be at a "Candidate Meet + Greet" event! Hosted at the Moose Hill Conference Room in Town Hall on Feb. 14 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. This is a great opportunity to meet voters in person and discuss your approach to Londonderry issues. If you would like to attend this event as a candidate, please contact me at patrick@elazem.com.

Veterans Assistance

American Legion Post 27, 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry, will host representatives from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs on Saturday, March 14, from 9

a.m. noon, to provide direct assistance to veterans in the community. During the event, VA representatives will be available to: Sign veterans up for VA benefits and services; Help resolve existing VA-related issues; Answer questions about eligibility, healthcare, and benefits; and Provide guidance on navigating the VA system. This event is open to all veterans, not just members of the American Legion. Veterans who need to sign up with the VA are asked to bring a copy of their DD-214. Veterans, family members, and caregivers are encouraged to attend and take advantage of this opportunity for one-on-one support. For more information, veterans may contact

American Legion Post 27 directly via mail@alpost27.com or stop by during the event.

Chocolate Fest

Christian Fellowship Baptist Church, 5 Rockingham Rd., Londonderry, is having a "Chocolate Taste Fest" on Feb. 14 at noon. This is sponsored by "Sisters by Grace" & is open to all women & girls. This is a participatory gathering, so bring a brown bag lunch to eat before we indulge. Bring your favorite, or new, chocolate treat to share. Come & learn a little of the history & benefits of chocolate & enjoy some new/different chocolate yummys.

Easter Basket Drive

The Hudson Lions

Club will be holding an Easter Basket Drive on Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Dollar Tree, 68 Derry Rd., Hudson from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Teens are often overlooked and the Hudson Lions are looking for items for teens in our community to fill Easter Baskets for the Hudson Community Food Pantry. Items needed are hair & accessories such as brushes, scrunchies & clips. Self-care items as ChapStick, nail polish, deodorant. School and art supplies, notebooks, pens, colored pencils. Card games, novelty socks. Gift cards for Dollar Store, Dairy Queen, MacDonalds. Monetary donations are also accepted.

Free Gardening for Pollinators Session

The Green Team of Londonderry will host its second free monthly gardening lecture on Feb. 12, and this month's topic is Gardening for Pollinators. Attendees will learn how planting patches of flowers, wildflowers, grasses, shrubs, and flowering trees - especially native varieties - can create healthy, attractive pollina-

tor habitats. The session will offer practical recommendations for designing a pollinator friendly yard that benefits both wildlife and the beauty of your landscape. The presentation will be led by Jane Raymond, a UNH Cooperative Extension Master Gardener. The class will take place at the Londonderry YMCA at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 12. Registration is encouraged and can be completed by emailing GreenTeam603@gmail.com. These sessions are open to all residents and are a great opportunity to learn, connect, and grow your gardening skills.

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet to correct the checklist and register voters at the Town Clerk's Office on: Feb. 28, from 10 - 11 a.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency; Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers); Proof of age; and Photo ID. Applicants for registration must provide proof of age, identity, citizenship and domicile. Qualified applicants

who do not possess proof of domicile or who do not bring proof with them may register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications. Applicants without sufficient proofs will be unable to register to vote at that time.

Public Engagement Events

Residents of Londonderry are encouraged to participate in a series of upcoming public engagement events designed to foster community input and transparency in local governance. The Town Council Candidates Forum, facilitated by Heather McGrail of the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 10 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers. Questions will be gathered in advance. All candidates for Town Council are encouraged to participate. Current Council members who are not running are welcome to attend, though their presence is not central to the event. These sessions offer residents a chance to ask questions, share feed-

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday, Jan. 26

10:46 a.m. Four-officers investigate a Sudden Death on Birchwood Drive.

12:34 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on at the Bedford Police Department. James Bautista, 21, of Bedford, charged with: Two counts of Felonious Sexual Assault, Penetration of Victim 13-15 years-old; and two counts of Sexual Assault - Sexual Contact.

4:13 p.m. Three-officers respond to Neighborhood Disputes on Wilshire Drive.

5:40 p.m. Welfare Check conducted on Hemlock Street.

6:41 p.m. Three-officers render services for Juvenile Offenses on Crackling Log Lane.

Tuesday, Jan. 27

5:31 a.m. Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport requires transportation to a hospital.

8:14 a.m. Criminal Mischief investigated on Oakridge Drive.

11:44 a.m. Welfare Check conducted on Stonehenge Road.

12:40 p.m. Five-officers restore peace during a Welfare Check on Elijah Hill Road.

5:16 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief at Twins Smoke Shop, on Perkins Road.

6:06 p.m. Four-officers respond to a Sudden Death on Winding Pond Road. Taken/Referred to another agency.

Wednesday, Jan. 28

2:07 a.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance

at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

9:37 a.m. Trespassing reported at Bauchman's Towing on Enterprise Drive.

10:03 a.m. Five-officers respond to a Suicide Attempt/Threat on Charlestown Avenue. Subject transported to a hospital.

10:34 a.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud reported on Nashua Road.

11:36 a.m. Peace restored during a Disturbance at Market Basket on Michels Way.

Thursday, Jan. 29

1:59 a.m. Four-officers conduct a Welfare Check at the Nouria on Rockingham Road, resulting in transportation to a hospital.

12:25 p.m. Services ren-

dered for trespassing at Bauchman's Towing on Enterprise Drive.

2:08 p.m. Officers respond to Neighborhood Disputes on Sanborn Road.

2:14 p.m. Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport transported to a hospital.

3:39 p.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Jay Drive.

4:59 p.m. Welfare Check conducted on Nashua Road, near Shaw's.

Friday, Jan. 30

12:32 a.m. Four-officers conduct a Welfare Check at the Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.

1:18 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at the 7-Eleven Food Mart on Nashua Road.

11:22 a.m. Services rendered for Unlawful Activities on Winthrop Road.

1:12 p.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Off-

enses at Londonderry High School.

2:23 p.m. Four-officers conduct a Welfare Check on High Range Road.

4:16 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Stark Avenue in Dover. Justin Holland, 35, of Dover, charged with Theft By Unauthorized Taking (two prior convictions).

Saturday, Jan. 31

12:39 a.m. Disturbance on Darrow Way leads to arrest(s) made by three officers.

9:04 a.m. Complaint on Darrow Way leads to an arrest made by six officers. Keith Wheeler, 48, of Londonderry, charged with: Breach of Bail; and Stalking (Domestic Violence; Order).

10 a.m. Peace restored by four officers after a Disturbance on Litchfield Road.

10:36 a.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance on Constance Drive.

12:34 p.m. Three-officers conduct a Welfare Check on Stokes Road.

11:34 p.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Adams Road, at Deer Crossing Circle.

Sunday, Feb. 1

1:03 a.m. Services rendered for a Suicide Attempt/Threat on Marks Court.

10:33 a.m. Three-officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with services at Londonderry North School.

2:44 p.m. Domestic Disturbance on Woodcrest Drive leads to an arrest made by five officers. Kristen Anne McInnes Connors, 47, of Londonderry, charged with: Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Bodily Injury or Physical Contact; and Criminal Mischief).

3:28 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Mayflower Drive.

Around Town

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back, and engage directly with town officials and candidates. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday Family Camp

ETZ Hayim Synagogue Sunday Family Camp will be Sunday, Feb. 8, from 10 a.m. - Noon for ages 4-6. February's class will focus on Purim in preparation for the holiday in March. Children will learn about the Purim story (using an age-appropriate text) and how to celebrate this fun holiday. RSVP to sarahjohnplater@aol.com by Feb. 6 to ensure we have enough materials.

Patriots Watch

Each Sunday afternoon come to the American Legion Post 27 to watch the Patriots play and eat some great free food cooked by our members! (Feel free to bring something to be cooked.)

Family Pizza Shabbat

ETZ Hayim Synagogue will hold Family Pizza Shabbat on Friday, Feb. 6,

at 5:30 p.m. A free pizza dinner will be followed by an intergenerational service for everyone. There will be kids' activities while adults enjoy a sermon with Rabbi Jonathan Biatch. Bring a nosh for the potluck oneg. Come to share in the mitzvah of L'Dor V'Dor, transmitting Jewish heritage and values across generations. RSVP by Feb. 5 to office@etzhayim.org.

LEEP

Are you considering preschool for your child? If your child turned 3 by Sept. 1 and is a Londonderry resident, consider enrolling your child in the Londonderry Early Education Program (LEEP) preschool program. Programs for three-year old preschoolers meet from 8:25 - 10:55 a.m., either 2 or 4 days per week and the program for prekindergarten students meet from noon - 2:30 p.m., either 3 or 4 days per week. Applications are available online on the Moose Hill School website. LEEP Handbook will be 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. Please email Denise Fosmire at dfosmire@londonderry.org or Kim Speers at kspeers@londonderry.org.

Memorial Bricks

American Legion Post 27 is offering community members the opportunity to create a lasting tribute with personalized bricks that will be installed in the Post's backyard this spring. Each brick allows up to three lines of text with 15 characters per line, making it a meaningful way to honor a veteran, loved one, organization, or group. First brick is \$140 each additional brick after is \$100. Photos of the pavilion, bricks, and the new backyard layout, along with the order form, are attached. For more information, email salpost27@gmail.com.

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