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## Southern Talent

South Elementary School Students Hailey Penta and Caylee Sevigny performed a tumbling routine at the school's annual Talent Show last week. Thirteen students took part in the competition. See more photos on page 8. *Photo by Chris Paul*

## Board Discusses Schools New Social Worker Position

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School Board recently discussed the social worker position proposed in the operating budget being voted on March 11. "There was a lot of

misconception I think about what our social worker would be doing," Superintendent Dan Black said during the meeting. Black explained that "as laid out in the 2025-26 proposed budget, we will be shifting staff

around so that we can create a new School Social Worker position to share between Londonderry High School and Londonderry Middle School." "We have not yet identified the split of **continued on page 6**

## Ten Duplexes Proposed for Litchfield Road Near Mammoth

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Heritage Commission met on Jan. 23 to hear a presentation from Jeff Burd of RJB Engineering, who wanted approval for a subdivision on behalf of the 7 Litchfield Road Realty Trust.

"Back in 2017, the lot was subdivided out," explained Burd. "The property is about 12 acres. The property is near Mammoth Road and Litchfield Road and has 420 feet of frontage on Litchfield. It's L-shaped with a long sliver going behind the nearby cemetery."

Originally, the site was set to host a 55 and older development before changes to Londonderry's Zoning code made the plan infeasible. The new plan would subdivide the land for a smaller resident project.

"What we're proposing is five lots and we're going to put duplexes on each one, so basically ten units," said Burd. "It's 500 feet of road, we'd have sewer and water coming from Mammoth Road, and other services from Litchfield Road."

Members of the Heritage Commission only had one or two questions.

"Are there any stone walls on that property? I didn't see any on the plans," asked Vice-Chair Art Rugg. "If a stone wall marks a boundary, it cannot be disturbed, state statute."

According to Burd, there were "a couple" of older stone walls near the property line. It was unclear whether those walls served as property markers. He promised to mark any walls on future property maps.

"There are no historic resources that I'm aware of," said alternate David Ellis. "It has an interesting history, but there's nothing of great **continued on page 7**

## School and Town Ballots Will Have Contested Races

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The chance to run for an elected position for the Town and School positions in Londonderry ended on Friday, Jan. 31. From those sign-ups, 20-candidates have put their names in for the seats available, making for a number of contested races appearing on the March 11 ballot. The largest field this year is for Library Trustee

Richard D. Bielinski Jr.; Dan Bouchard; John Farrell; Deb Paul and Tammy Siekmann all signed up.

For the two, three-year term Budget Committee seats, Patrick El-Azem; Nicole Dery and Nick Mills are listed as candidates.

For the two-year term position as Town Moderator, current Moderator Jonathan Kipp will be running unopposed.

Jim Green has signed up as the only candidate for the Trustees of the Trust Fund three-year term seat.

Laura El-Azem will be running unopposed for the three-year term Cemetery Trustees seat.

The three-year term on the Library Trustees board has eight candidates running for the three seats available. Those candidates are: Maria Barud; Anne Fenn; **continued on page 5**

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# Siekmann Pleads Guilty to Having Child Sex Images

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Former Londonderry Budget Committee member, Timothy Siekmann, pleaded guilty on Wednesday, January 29, to 15 felony counts of possessing child sex abuse images. Siekmann, 59, of Londonderry was arrested

on July 13, 2023, and charged with 15 counts of Possession of Child Sex Abuse Images, all felonies contrary to NH RSA 649-A:3. Siekmann resigned from the Budget Committee on August 6, 2023 at the time, Budget Committee Chairman Patrick Cassidy received Siek-

mann's resignation letter and transmitted it to the Town Manager and Town Council. The New Hampshire Judicial Branch of the Superior Court was anticipating a two-day trial to take place later this month, but the guilty plea nullifies the need for jury selection

and a trial. At the time of arrest, Siekmann lived at 89 Hovey Road, his home was sold shortly after the arrest and he now resides at 2 Litchfield Road, Londonderry the former office of the New Hampshire Democrats, before the building was the headquarters of Nut-

field Publishing. According to court documents, the images Siekmann was in possession of were on his Dell laptop and contained video and photographs of children between the ages of two- and nine years old. Of the fifteen counts, there were five porno-

graphic videos of children as young as three to four years of age and ten digital photographs containing girls as young as two years old. With the guilty plea, sentencing is now scheduled for March 7. The original charges are punishable by up to 20 years in jail.

# School's General Fund Revenues Better Than Expected

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School Board received a financial update after the second quarter of the fiscal year was recently completed, during the most

recent board meeting. "This took us through the second half of our fiscal year," Business Administrator Amity Small said, noting that the quarter ended on Dec. 31. Small said, "Right

now the general fund is in good shape." "As we begin the second half of the Fiscal Year 2025, the General Fund operating budget is in good shape. The winter has been fairly mild to this point, but

snow and frigid temperatures have started," Small said. "While most expenditures can be planned, we are always cautious due to the negative impact a more severe winter could have on the budget, combined with the fact that we have aging buildings that could require unexpected maintenance."

Small explained during the meeting, that the "General Fund revenues are running well above expectation with a projected excess of \$508,707."

"Miscellaneous State Aid, including Medicaid and Special Ed reimbursements, along with additional bank interest earnings account for the majority of this surplus," Small said. "We have adjusted all known State revenues to reflect adjustments as communicated to us by State officials at the time the tax rate was set."

For expenditures, Small said that side of the general ledger "is running below the

approved budget, with a conservative estimate of \$700,000 - \$950,000." Small noted, however, that it is still early in the year, and there could be things that impact it like snow.

"Savings from staff turnover with related savings in benefit accounts are the major factors for this positive budget to the actual position, along with money allotted for health insurance for the Support Staff CBA that was not utilized," Small explained during the meeting. "However, we are running significantly over in our Out of out-of-district placement tuition line and awaiting confirmation of retirement numbers."

When it comes to the fund balance, Small said she thinks it would increase at the end of the fiscal year, at least as of now.

"Using historical data and trends, plus any known future commitments, we can conservatively project an increase to the General

Fund balance on June 30, 2025, in the range of \$900,000 - \$1,000,000," Small said. "We have already budgeted to use the first \$145,000 of the year-end fund balance to finance the Equipment Capital Reserve Funds [\$95,000] and the Machinery and Vehicles Capital Reserve [\$50,000], if approved by voters. This leaves a balance of approximately \$755,000 of projected fund balance for FY25. It is important to note that it is still early in the fiscal year, and many unforeseen circumstances could change this estimate."

Londonderry School Board Chair said he is hopeful the numbers will continue the way they are heading right now.

"Those are good numbers, let's hope the trends continue," Slater said.

The next Londonderry School Board meeting is slated to take place on Feb. 18 beginning at 7 p.m. at the High School Cafe.

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# SNHPC Breaks Down Housing Issues in Londonderry

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Master Plan Steering Committee met on Jan. 16 to hear from the Southern NH Planning Commission's GIS Analyst Zachary Swick, who wanted to review the SNHPC housing strategy for 14 communities across the Southern part of the state. With a focus on housing for the ongoing Master Plan, Swick felt going through some of SNHPC statistics would paint a clearer picture of what might be needed to create more affordable housing over the next decade.

"In 2020, there were 9,600 housing units in Londonderry," he said. "Of the percentage of total housing units, 82% were single family homes and 16% have two units or more in the building."

Going over a general land-use map of the town, he noted how single-family parcels made up "a plurality at least" of the surface area. Historically, the rate of new unit construction did

not consistently match population growth, even with a large number of building permits issued.

"If we're going to talk about affordability we need to talk about price," said Swick. "There's a big spike beginning around 2018. If you account for inflation, you still see that spike."

He reported the

median price for a home in Londonderry was up 60% since 2019, even considering inflation.

The 2023 median purchase price in Londonderry was four times the median household income. Most Londonderry renters are considered "housing burdened," meaning they spend over 30% of their

income on housing, although Londonderry had more affordable housing units compared to most surrounding municipalities. Those with entry-level salaries are less likely to be able to afford housing.

Planning Board member Art Rugg noted there had been regulations to slow or encourage housing contraction in the past and that some of the current issues were not new to Londonderry.

"There was back in '82, '83, the town tried to put a temporary moratorium. They did have a growth management ordinance with a limit of 200 houses per year," said Rugg, who added that the

ordinance was quickly thrown out in the courts. "I think it was in '88 when I was on the Board of Selectmen when we put together a growth management committee. The committee spent two years and put together this complicated mathematical formula."

He warned the Steering Committee that "taxes and growth" were consistently the two most relevant and difficult-to-address issues for the town.

It was not clear what this would mean for the Master Plan, which hoped to make progress when it came to more affordable housing.

"There's definitely

some kind of economics in play. We're not going to be solving some of the macroeconomic issues that are impacting the numbers," said Committee Chair Jeff Penta. "From the dataset, you have to be an engineer or a registered nurse to afford housing, and even that's not economically guaranteed."

"Maybe we look to history for what helped when there were housing crises before," added Committee member Marge Badois.

The Master Plan Steering Committee is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 6 p.m. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers.

## OBITUARY

### Ada Ann Wingate



Ada Ann Wingate, 76, a resident of Londonderry for 50 years, passed away unexpectedly on Jan. 12, 2025. Born in Dallas, Texas, on Oct. 27, 1948, to Dan William Henrie and Billie Loretta Berkley, Ada was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to many.

On Dec. 19, 1970, Ada married the love of her life, Joseph Leon Wingate in Dallas, Texas. Together for 54 years they built a beautiful life and raised two sons, Joseph Leon Wingate, Jr. and Jonathan Robert Wingate.

Ada graduated from Cedar Crest Baptist College in 1970 and went on to teach in the Dallas, Texas school system as well as served as a substitute teacher in the Londonderry school district.

Ada's greatest joy was her family. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren, always offering a warm smile, a kind word, and a listening ear. Her legacy of love and kindness continues through her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dan Henrie and Billie Henrie, and her brother, Bill Henrie.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph Leon Wingate, DDS; her sons, Joseph Wingate, Jr. and his wife Judea Franck of Fort Collins, CO, and Jonathan Wingate and his wife Beth Bisbing of Litchfield, NH; and her cherished grandchildren Sophia Wingate, Caleb Wingate, Blake Wingate, and Brooke Wingate. Extended members of her family include Charles E. Wingate, Jr., MD and his late wife, Vera; Robert M. Wingate and wife, Patricia; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ada will be remembered for her unwavering kindness, her deep love for her family, and the joy she brought to everyone who knew her. She will be deeply missed but forever held in our hearts.

Following cremation, memorial calling hours will be held on Sunday, Feb. 16, from 1 - 3 p.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Family and Friends are invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are encouraged to be made to an organization which supports cancer research and treatment such as the American Cancer Society, 3 Speen St. Framingham, MA 01701.

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We ask you to consider supporting us by becoming an annual donor or contributing in any way you can. Your support will help us maintain our mission of delivering robust local coverage that enhances life in our amazing, thriving community. Though the landscape is changing, we want to assure you that our dedication to delivering your hometown news remains unwavering.

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We couldn't do this without you. Together, we can make a difference.

# Letters

## Congrats!

To the editor,

Congratulations on 25 years of publishing a great and informative hometown paper. I'm sure it hasn't been easy, but Deb and Chris have stayed the course through thick and thin, ups and downs, and in doing so have given Londonderry residents a pulse of their town. I get the Times in my mailbox on Thursday evenings and the first thing I do Friday mornings with a cup of joe is get my reading of the pulse of Londonderry.

I hope and trust that the Londonderry Times will continue to grow and keep informing residents of what's going on in Londonderry for the next 25 years and beyond.

Congrats to Deb and Chris. Great work.

Anne Fenn  
Londonderry

## Running for Budget

To the editor,

My name is Patrick El-Azem. I am running for Budget Committee, and I would appreciate your vote on March 11. Who am I, and why am I running?

My family and I have lived in Londonderry for over 23 years. My career has been in technology, from startups to "big tech". I have held engineering and management roles, including profit and loss, budgeting, and staffing responsibilities. I have experience in systems, software engineering, and data engineering and analysis. I have spoken at conferences, led events, and taught classes.

I have always felt lucky to live in Londonderry. Our town is safe, clean, beautiful, and well-run. We are also in a great location. With that comes ongoing residential and commercial growth, and the need to maintain a stable, fiscally responsible posture while moving the town forward.

The Budget Committee's role is to provide a "third party" taxpayer's perspective. As a non-partisan Advisory Board, it reviews both town and school district financial and issues recommendations, and then it is up to us voters to make the final decisions.

I would like to help carry this mission forward. I am very analytical by nature, and like to dig in, ask lots of questions, and make fact-driven decisions and recommendations. I will bring expertise with software and data tools, including using modern AI tools for research and analysis.

I will bring openness and transparency to the role, including publishing the framework and data I will use for cost-benefit analysis and preparing recommendations.

I will be on The Londonderry View soon. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me at [patrick@elazem.com](mailto:patrick@elazem.com). You can also find me on LinkedIn.com. Thank you for your consideration!

Patrick El-Azem  
Londonderry

## Vote Liz Thomas for Library Trustee

To the editor,

I have the honor and privilege of serving in

my first term as a Trustee of the Leach Library. My responsibility as a trustee is taken very seriously and I work tirelessly to advocate for all our citizens. As a trustee I make sure that our library serves our whole community and stays current and responsive to our taxpayers' needs.

Trustees help form and maintain our Library's mission to serve the community. I have the vision to continue to help grow the services provided by the library. With today's rapid growth of technology, it is essential that the library taps into available new, better, and cost-effective technology whenever possible. For example, the Leach Library has recently joined a consortium of local libraries to greatly increase our available resources and programs. This endeavor has been extremely popular with our patrons.

We trustees have worked these last few years at updating our policies and procedures that govern the Leach Library to make patron experience as easy and efficient as possible. We have also strived to implement yearly budgets that are fiscally responsible and in line with trying to keep Londonderry's inflation burden in check.

My life experiences have shaped me to be a well-qualified library trustee. I have worked at a library and taught library research skills. I have my undergraduate degree and a teaching certificate, a minor in computer science, and

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# Letters

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 an MBA. I worked for a public utility as a manager on multiple projects, supervised over 100 people, and budgeted multi-million-dollar programs. I know how to budget, evaluate performance, and motivate people to be their best.

I love being of service to our community and I ask for your vote to re-elect me as a

Trustee of the Leach Library.

Liz Thomas  
 Londonderry

## New Name Yet?

To the editor,

Now that America has ended with the Election and Inauguration of the Narcissist Pathological Lying Demented Convicted Fraud Felon Criminal Un-American Dictator, has anyone thought of a New name for the once Great America? Conjoined States of the Criminal Banana Republic

lic comes to mind. But feel free to make one up yourself.

Already we have seen the parade of the worst cult followers, worst excuses for Americans put forward. Not to mention folks like Pam Blonde, who can not even state who was elected President in 2020. Also, states she is completely unaware of her Masters attempts to rig and steal the 2020 Election. Unbelievable!

Has anyone else seen Faux Fake Brainwashing Media (never to be mistaken for news) tripping all over themselves to re-gain their spot of being "State Run Media" again? Example, when the Orange Demented Clown stated about the tragic Wildfires in CA: "Happening because they are trying to protect the tiny little fish, which are in other areas by the way, called the smelt". What was that again? And you just know Faux, followed up with: The Indians want-

ed some of their River back so they could catch fish, as the reason for water shortage. Sorry folks, you can't make this stuff up in the NEW CBR.

I certainly hope they will change the curriculum in Schools to Include: How to Lie obsessively, Cheat on everything, Commit Crimes, Fraud and Treason and take credit for everything someone else has done.

For myself, I will remain President-less (yet again). Why? Well, in many states a Convicted Felon cannot Vote, then how could you expect any former American to support one as President? Never mind the fact that he had betrayed the Constitution.

People should have paid attention when I wrote extensively over the past 15 years how the republican party then had been brainwashed to such a degree, might as well of

called them terrorists. No Worries Maga followers, you have already succeeded in Destroying America! However, I do wonder if Elon Musk's recent Nazi Salute was for his Orange Dictator, or was it a signal to the White Supremist, Nazi's, your day has arrived? Judging by their responses to it, I would say so. And if you are unsure just whom to Salute, may I suggest any of the Tech Titans who were front and center at the Inauguration, as it was a Great day for them (not so much for the rest of us).

Lastly, as of this writing the Orange Felon is Pardoning all the other convicted Jan 6th Felons. I guess he does not believe in the Law, Justice System or our Constitution after all (just like I told you he did not). Section 3 of the 14th Amendment anyone?

"Hail Victory" Maga  
 Steve Homsey  
 Londonderry

## Israel Facing Ongoing Hostilities

To the editor,  
 Israel is a strategic ally in a vital region. It is the defender of Western civilization in the Middle East, and it is the cradle of the Jewish and Christian religions.

On Oct. 7, 2023 Hamas Palestinians attacked and murdered Israeli civilians. A survey found 80% of West Bank Palestinians approved of the Hamas attack. Israel will not allow the formation of a Palestinian country which could launch more murderous attacks; and on July 17, 2024 Israel's parliament voted to oppose the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

Subsequently, Israel responded to Hezbollah attacks from Lebanon and invaded southern Lebanon to create a buffer zone and safeguard communities in northern Israel.

The overthrow of the Assad regime in Syria,

which was an ally of Iran, could reduce a threat to Israel, including eliminating the supply of military equipment to Hezbollah.

Hopefully the new Syrian government will seek peace and prosperity in the Middle East.

Unfortunately, Turkey, a hostile country, is now conducting warfare against the Kurds in Syria.

It is noteworthy 75% of Americans, probably including many of our 60 million Evangelical Christians, and President Trump, believe the viability of Israel is important for U.S., national security and the preservation of Christianity in the Middle East.

Israel must be prepared for ongoing wars, because the objective of some hostile Arab countries and terrorist organizations is the annihilation of Israel, and any peace is just an interlude between wars.

Donald Moskowitz  
 Londonderry

# Ballots

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Linda E. Lampkin; Erica Laue; Beth Marrocco; Janet McLaughlin; Cris Navarro; and Liz Thomas.

Tom Dolan will be running unopposed for three-year term as Town Treasurer.

The Filling Period ended on Friday, Jan. 31, at 5 p.m.

## School District

The School Board will have three folks running for the one, three-year term seat. Those candidates are: Kevin Gray; James Grimes; and Frank Harmon.

Elizabeth Burns and Tom Croteau will be running for the one, three-year term position as School Moderator.

John Conley will run

unopposed for the three-year term position as School Treasurer.

School District Clerk has Amy Finamore running unopposed for the one, three-year term position.

The election for the candidates will be on Tuesday, March 11 at the Londonderry High School gymnasium.



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# Conservation Starts Year with New Member and a Duplex Plan

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Conservation Commission came together on Jan. 14 to introduce Elkel Bickford, its newest member, to the group.

"I live on Beacon Street with my three-year-old and thought hey, I should serve my town," said Bickford. "I'm an emergency nurse and I run around all of Londonderry, that's my thing."

Commission Chair Marge Badois gave her a job description and thanked the newest member for volunteer-

ing her time.

The Commission also heard its first presentation of the year a subdivision request for 99 Rockingham Rd. Surveyor Tom Huot of S&H Land Services and property owner Kevin Landry were at the meeting to give their presentation.

"It's basically about an 8.5-acre lot, that Kevin is looking to subdivide into a 3.9-acre lot, and about a 4.6-acre lot," said Huot. "The lot to the north has an existing gravel drive with an existing culvert under it. We going to have to redo that and maintain the crossing, so we need a

wetland permit and that's why we're here."

According to Landry, the property had been with his family since the late 1940s. He hoped to build a duplex on the northern part of the subdivision. Certified Wetland and Soil Scientist Tom Slowinski visited the site last July to confirm any wetland and drainage issues the property owner would need to consider.

"I delineated the wetlands at that time and checked the soil so I could prepare a high-intensity soil survey," Slowinski explained. "The site's wetlands are

almost entirely forested. There is a pond area just to the west of the existing house that's a bit more open. Drainage through the site comes from the north and works its way to the south and in through a culvert in Rockingham Road."

He marked existing wetland boundaries on a map for the Conservation Commission.

"One of those wetlands is awfully close to the house and driveway," noted Badois. "How do we keep the construction people out of the buffer?"

Slowinski responded

by saying that was impossible to avoid, but that they had already flagged the wetlands on the parcel to minimize any construction impact.

"We have not done any test pits anywhere along that driveway, but every week I still drive it and even with the rains, I don't sink at all so I have to believe it was done with a heavy gravelled material," said Slowinski.

As the driveway would see construction work with subdivision approval, it proved to be a central concern for Commissioners.

"I think we probably

have to show some deference to the fact that this is a preexisting driveway, so we're going to allow it to remain in the wetland buffer, despite the fact that it's a new site plan. We're just going to have to admit that is the case," said Alternate Mike Speltz. "I would recommend a comment that the plan should ensure the driveway is constructed as shown on the plan throughout its length."

The Conservation Commission is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Moose Hill Conference Room.

## Social Worker

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time between the two schools," Black said during the meeting. "We want to hire the right candidate and then determine the right case-load between the two schools to start next school year."

It was explained by Black that the high school previously had a social worker position.

"LHS did have a social worker as a position in the past that was cut about 15 years ago during declining enrollment," Black said.

Black said he wanted to present a draft of what they are looking

for, and what the position would likely do if the budget is approved by voters.

Under job goal, the draft states that the "job of the Social Worker is created to provide a pivotal link among home, school, and community families at risk."

"The Social Worker will provide both responsive services for children and their families, ultimately enabling children to better access the curriculum and all aspects of school life," the draft states. "This professional interventionist works with the school's educational

team, parents/adult caregivers, and community agencies to best orchestrate and take positive action steps for family and child. Social workers assist students with academic learning by providing strategic interventions that identify and address the social, emotional, mental health, safety, environmental, and developmental issues that may interfere with the educational process. The social worker helps students and families identify and access available opportunities and resources both within the school system and within the local community and state. The social worker helps students and families make the best use of the available opportunities and resources and brings to the educational process an understanding of the

psychosocial development of children and the influences of family and community. The social worker utilizes trauma-informed theories to support a holistic educational process targeted to improve students' academic performance."

One of the concerns raised during the previous public hearing was whether or not they would be doing individual therapy with students, but it was explained that wouldn't be the case.

School Board Vice Chair Sara Loughlin said that they have a social worker at the school where she works, and she feels it works well, saying she sees it more as a liaison for families.

The School District Deliberative Session is set to take place on Feb. 7 at 7 p.m.

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## OBITUARY

### Robert McCann Dowd



Robert McCann Dowd, 58, of Londonderry, NH, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2025, at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, MA, while his loving family sang him some of his favorite songs. He was born on Jan. 5, 1967, in Concord, MA, the MIDDLE of the five children of John Cooke Dowd, Jr. and Maria Caminos-Medina.

Robert and his siblings grew up in locations all over Massachusetts, and his favorite childhood memories are of his time spent living in Magnolia, a village in Gloucester, MA. Robert graduated from Manchester High School in Manchester, MA, and attended Montserrat College of Art in Beverly, MA.

Robert treasured his extensive collection of comic books and had an encyclopedic knowledge of all things Marvel and superheroes. Unsurprisingly, he began drawing and painting in high school and decided to make that his life's work. Over the years, he expanded his artistic talents to include graphic design, sculpture, wirecraft, theatrical set building and painting, and calligraphy. As his artistic journey progressed, Robert continuously sought out new ways to express his creativity. He learned to play the piano by ear at an early age, and playing guitar soon followed.

Robert was predeceased by his brother and lifelong best friend, John Cooke Dowd III, his mother, Maria, and his nieces, Nora and Charlotte. He is survived by his father, Edgard Medina, his siblings and their spouses, Rosemarie and John Kelly of Windham, NH, Marguerite and Christopher Monahan of Brighton, MA, and Gerald and Amanda Dowd of Chicago, IL, as well as his beloved nieces and nephews, Thomas Dowd, Meaghan and Devin Kelly, Brian Dowd, Delaine Kelly, Savannah Trudelle, Aidan Monahan, Julia Monahan, Ramona Dowd, and Truman Dowd.

In honor of Robert's artistic spirit and legacy, his family welcomes you to pay it forward by supporting local artists in your community. Whether purchasing a piece of art, attending a local gallery show, or simply spreading the word about a talented artist you admire, every action helps keep the creative flame alive. Your acts of kindness in supporting the arts will be a beautiful tribute to Robert's memory. Please share with us all the ways you have chosen to support and celebrate the arts when you join us at Robert's Celebration of Life, planned for Sunday, March 9 (details forthcoming). We look forward to hearing your stories and continuing his passion for creativity together.

# Steering Committee Hears Presentation on Types of Housing

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The January meeting of the Londonderry Master Plan Steering Committee heard from guest speaker James Vayo, the Southern NH Planning Commission's Principal Planner, on innovative ideas designed to create more affordable housing in Londonderry.

"The first thing I want to do is talk to you about housing options, especially what's referred to nationally as the 'missing middle,'" said Vayo. "These include everything from an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) over a garage, to a six-unit apartment."

The concept involved avoiding single-family homes without relying

on large, expensive apartment condos or complexes.

"Essentially society by-and-large has forgotten how to build these, at least through the existing policy structure," said Vayo. "A building like this can fit in a lot more places than would be appropriate for a large, large single courtyard, multifamily

building with 25 or 50 units. Nobody wants to live next to that when you're already in a single-family home."

One advantage to this "middle" housing was slightly higher density while still being acceptable to local voters. Vayo added that newer ADUs, or Accessory Dwelling Units, where a property has an independent, secondary living space, would perhaps be the easiest to implement. ADUs are allowed under current zoning regulations in NH, something not true in many states. Prefabricated housing was another topic of interest.

"There's a lot of confusion about what prefabricated housing is," explained Vayo.

He stated that modular units are constructed using panels, boxes, or even full units permitted by a local building code and that several local companies specialize in prefabricated housing.

He gave a visual example of a paneled house being assembled by a crane. Another option was manufactured housing, which was generally more difficult to build in many towns due to restrictive zoning laws.

Committee Jeff Penta summed up the presentation, saying that "the homes people can afford are not the homes people live in today." Several members suggested looking at some older designs currently not allowed under town zoning regulations, raising the possibility of regulatory changes.

The Steering Committee did not make an immediate decision on what form of housing Londonderry might pursue in the coming months and years once the Master Plan is complete.

"The purpose of this Committee is to get all the information, all of the facts to make informed decisions," said

Penta. "That's the purpose of these presentations. We're not here to make any decisions, we're not here to sway anybody one way or the other, it's to get the relevant information."

The Committee also gave updates on their Master Plan Website, including a photo-sharing initiative to encourage more residents to provide input on the overall process.

"We now have this setting where you can send us a photo. There's a form you upload, there's a form, and if you want to share what type of housing you want to see in Londonderry, you can fill out that form," explained Committee member Marge Badois. "There's also the survey report, it's right up here on the Master Plan website."

The Steering Committee pledged to continue adding more resources to the website.

## Duplexes

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The subdivision plans require the Planning Board's approval.

As it was their first meeting of 2025, the Heritage Commission also held its election of officers for the upcoming year. While he was not at the meeting, incumbent Chair Kryz Kenney previously indicated he was willing to serve another term, while Rugg agreed to stay on as Vice-Chair through 2025. Secretary John Mahon also agreed to continue as Secretary. Without discussion, all three were unanimously elected for another term.

Ellis also wondered

how proactive the Commission would be over the next year.

"One of the topics brought up at the previous meeting was doing annual inspections on 2 Litchfield Rd. If I remember correctly, we were going to find out how to accomplish that," he said. "I think if we're going to do an inspection of the property, it needs to be done with someone who's used to looking at buildings like Nick Codner."

Codner currently serves as the Chief Building Inspector for the Building and Zoning Enforcement Department. The Litchfield Road property has a historical easement, allowing the Heritage Commission to

inspect the property.

"Nick would have a darn good idea provided he's briefed on the easement and made familiar with that needs to be checked," said Ellis. "The easement is quite clear, we can inspect it whenever we wish with seven days' notice, and annually, we should inspect it."

Due to a previous opinion by the Town Manager, there was confusion over whether the easement only allowed a Commission member to do the inspection.

The Londonderry Heritage Commission is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, Mar. 27, at 7 p.m. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers.

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Thirteen South Elementary Students competed in the annual Talent Show last week. Winners of the show will be given the opportunity to take charge of the school by getting the jobs of Principal, Assistant Principal and Special Education Director. First place went Jack Collins, pictured at top left, for his drum solo. Second place went Charlotte Figueiredo, center, for her gymnastics routine. Ryan Feuerborn was the third place winner with a Michael Jackson dance routine. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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### LONDONDERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with RSA 32:5-c, the Londonderry School District will conduct a public hearing at their Feb. 18, 2025 scheduled meeting to discuss Article 12 a Citizen's Petition Warrant article to adopt a tax cap for the Londonderry School District.

The School Board Meeting will take place at Londonderry High School, 295 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH in the Cafe on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.



### LONDONDERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT OPEN REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for the 2025/26 school year. Visit [Londonderry.org](http://Londonderry.org) and navigate to the "Family" tab and then "Student Registration"



# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Lancers Boys' Basketball Get Third Straight with PA Win

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boy's Basketball team moved their season record up to 7-4 with victories over Central-West and Pinkerton Academy last week.

The Lancers traveled to Manchester and Derry for the final week of January and maintained the ninth spot on the Division I standings with a 48-42 victory over Central-West and a 68-59 win over the Astros.

The Astros win came

as the second half of a double-header with the girls' squad and served as a sweep in the annual Ball Family Trophy competition, with the Lady Lancers winning 56-45.

The LHS boys handed Pinkerton its seventh loss of the season while preserving the Lancers third consecutive win.

It took three quarters for the Londonderry squad to finally distance themselves from their hosts, scoring 15-points in the first two quarters and managing a 30-27 lead by halftime.

In the third quarter, the Astros took a 46-41 lead over Londonderry after outscoring LHS 19-11 coming out the half-time, the Lancers poured it on in the final period for the nine-point win.

Londonderry hit for 27-points in the fourth, while holding PA to just 13 for the victory.

LHS senior forward Mason Paquette saved most of his scoring for the second half, put up just six-points in the first half and 21 in the second for 27 total points and leading his team again.

Paquette was perfect at the foul line, hitting all eight of his free-throws and getting three, three-pointers.

Fellow senior forward Matt Luongo hit for 13-points in the game, three of which were from outside three-point range.

Senior Nate Marshall finished the game with 12-points, two of which were for three.

Senior guard Kiet Totten scored five, going two for four at the line and hitting one, three-pointer.

Three days earlier, in

Manchester, the Lancers came away with a six-point victory over the squad from Central and West High Schools.

After one, LHS trailed 10-15 and were behind 21-23 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Londonderry outscored their opponent for a 36-35 one-point lead heading into the final period.

In the fourth, Manchester was held to seven-points for the 48-42 win.

Paquette scored in every quarter, for 18-points and led the Lancers.

Luongo scored eight points and senior Blake Thompson had six on two three-pointers.

Totten finished with five and Marshall and senior Cam Madden both had four.

Londonderry will be on the road this week for



LHS senior Nate Marshall had 12-points against the Astros on Friday night.



Lancers senior forward Matt Luongo goes up for a shot against Pinkerton. Photos by Chris Paul

both of their games.

Jaguars.

On Tuesday, Feb. 4, the Lancers traveled south to Windham High School to play the 5-6

On Friday night, Feb. 7, LHS will face the Timberlane Owls (1-12) in Plaistow at 6:30 p.m.

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# Lancers Girls' Basketball Stay Perfect with Astros Win



Junior guard Brooke Eacrett went to the hoop for 13-points against PA. Photo by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Basketball team maintained its perfect record with wins over Central-West and Pinkerton Academy last week.

The 56-45 victory over the Astros, on Friday afternoon, Jan. 31, gave the LHS girls their ninth straight Division I win and sharing their undefeated season with just one other team, the Bedford Bulldogs. The 11-point loss was the Astros second of the season and put them in fourth-place in the division standings while Londonderry's 9-0 record put them in second, behind Bedford at 12-0.

It also served as the first game in a double-header with the boys' team at Pinkerton and

gave the Lancers a point toward the Ball Family Trophy.

The Lady Lancers came out of the gate extremely strong against the rival Astros, leading by 13-7 after the end of the first quarter and as much as 10-points half-way through the second, but that's where PA tightened things up.

The Astros put up 18-points in the second while LHS scored another 13, for the narrow 26-25 lead by half-time.

Early in the third-quarter, Pinkerton was able to get their first lead of the game and stay right along side LHS in scoring throughout the period. In the final period, Londonderry managed to pull away with four three-pointers and a 17-7 scoring difference over the rival team.

Junior Sammie Sulli-

van led the team with 19-points and sophomore guard Gemma Murray put up 18-points. Murray hit four three-pointers, while Sullivan got one from outside the arc.

Junior guard Brooke Eacrett had three, three-pointers, two free-throws and another basket for 13-points in the game. Seniors Reagan Anderson and Mia Giampa both had three points in the victory.

Three nights earlier, at home against Manchester Central-West, the Lancers got off to a slow start, but easily got by their opponent with a 54-20 victory.

This was the LHS squad's eighth win and served as Manchester's sixth defeat of the season.

Londonderry kept Central-West to single-digit scoring throughout

the contest.

After one, LHS led 15-7, but only managed to hit for five-points in the second to lead 20-10 at the half.

In the third, LHS righted things with a 20-4 attack, giving them a 40-14 lead going into the final period.

Sullivan and Giampa led their team with 15-points each. All of Giampa's scoring was done from beyond the arc, scoring five, three-pointers.

Murray put up 13 and Anderson scored seven, including one for three-points.

The Lancers are scheduled for two more tough tests this week with games against the Windham Jaguars (10-1) on Tuesday at home and Concord Christian (9-2) in the state capital on Friday night.

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# Lancers Gymnasts Compete in Timberlane Meet, Take Second

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Gymnastics team competed in its fifth meet of the season, finishing second against eight other teams.

The Lancers faced teams from Bishop Guertin, Campbell Bow/Concord, Pembroke/Alvirne, Bishop Brady, Interlakes/Plymouth and Derryfield on

Monday, Jan. 27.

In that event, hosted by Timberlane Regional High School, had Londonderry scoring 130.8 team points for second place.

Bishop Guertin scored 145.1 for first place, while Bow/Concord scored 126.85 and Pembroke/Alvirne scored a 103.9 for fourth.

Lancers gymnasts tallied 32.45 in Vault, with Cailee Anderson

the top LHS competitor. Morgan Ayotte scored an 8.2 and Sophie DiPasse was given an 8.15.

On the Bars, Anderson and Hannah Linscott both scored 8.35 to top the Lancers team.

On the Beam, Anderson was given a 9.0, Evelyn Gillespie had a score of 8.65 and Kathryn Strong had an 8.2.

In the Floor event, Linscott was at the top

of the scoring for Londonderry with a 9.35, second overall, Anderson was given a score of 9.0, Annabelle Hicks scored an 8.85, Gillespie had an 8.75 and Sophia Beaugard scored 8.1.

In All-Around, Anderson scored a 34.65 and Linscott tallied a score of 33.2.

The overall AA winner was Caroline Butler of Bishop Guertin who finished with a 38.05.



Kathryn Strong

# Lancer Wrestlers Compete at Bill James Invitational

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Some Londonderry High School Wrestlers reaped some notable success last week, with senior, David Pento Jr. continuing his unbeaten streak and senior Manny Perez getting his 100th career victory.

Over the weekend, the Lancers traveled across the border to Methuen High School for the first Bill James Invitational.

In that event, the Lancers took 14th-place in the 19-team field with three LHS wrestlers placing.

Pento took first-place

at the tournament, winning all of his 175-pound matches. Pento won his first three matches by tech fall, a pin, and another tech fall before facing off against Methuen High School's Vincent DeMaio in the finals. DeMaio took second in the Massachusetts All-States last year and second in New England. Pento was first in New Hampshire last year and fourth at New England. After a 0-0 first period, Pento took bottom and escaped immediately to make the score 1-0. The period ended there. DeMaio took bottom to start the third period and

escaped after a brief ride by Pento. Pento got on his offense to take DeMaio down to go up 4-1 but DeMaio was able to reverse Pento before he quickly escaped. The match ended in scramble between the two, which was called potentially dangerous and only left five-seconds on the clock at the reset. The match finished with a 5-3 Pento win.

At 157-pounds, Perez finished in third place, winning his first two matches in convincing fashion with two pins before falling 17-12 in a

scramble filled semi-finals match. Manny was able to shake off that loss to win another match by pin in the consi-semis and then beat defending Vermont state champ, Spencer Bouchard, in the third place match. Manny's final match of the day was also his 100th win as a high school wrestler.

Sophomore Caleb "Moose" Holden finished the day in fifth-place at 150 lbs. Holden wrestled tough to start the tournament winning his first two matches

before losing to the second seeded wrestler in the semi-finals and then losing again the consolation semi-finals. In the fifth-place match, Caleb pinned a very tough opponent from Nashua South, Benjamin Byrne for the second week in a row.

Sophomore Dylan Nadeau went 2-2 at 132-lbs.

Earlier in the week, on Wednesday night, Jan. 29 Londonderry hosted a duel meet with the Exeter Blue Hawks, falling 50-17 where the Lancers had wins in five weight classes.

At 132 lbs., sophomore Dylan Nadeau had a 17-9 win over James Smith.

Holden (150) got a 12-0 major decision over Aidan Shaw.

Perez (157) had a major decision over Juan Bueno with a score of 15-4.

Pento (175) overwhelmed Ryan Mikulsky with a 19-4 Technical Fall at 2:05.

Freshman Cam Russell (120) got an 11-8 Decision over Hudson Berry for the Lancers final win of the night.

The Lancers are scheduled take on Manchester Memorial and Manchester Central at Memorial on Wednesday night before heading to Connecticut for duals at New Fairfield High School. The regular season ends for the Lancers on Wednesday, Feb. 12 at home versus Pinkerton where the team will celebrate their seniors as well as incoming eighth graders.

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# Londonderry Hockey Squad Drop Two, Fall to 3-5

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School varsity Hockey squad's season has hit a bit of snag recently. The defending State Champions dropped their third and fourth consecutive losses last week and now sit at 3-5 in the Division I standings.

The Lancers team fell 2-5 against Pinkerton Academy in the teams "Stick It To Stigma" Fundraiser on Wednesday night Jan. 29, and had a 2-4 results against the Salem Blue Devils on Saturday, Feb. 1.

In the fundraiser game, where the Lancers hosted the game, the Astros went ahead 1-0 halfway through the first period, then scored again at the five-and-a-half minute mark.

In the second period,

LHS senior forward Brett McKinnon put his team on the board with a slapshot just inside the blue line, past a defender and the tender.

In the third period, Pinkerton stretched their lead to 5-1 before junior Nicholas Bishop put in Londonderry's only other goal.

The team was they was able to raise \$1,000 in the "Stick It To Stigma" fundraiser.

Both of the varsity teams came together to raise funds for the Connor's Climb Foundation and joined forces in a fight to raise awareness of Mental Health issues that can contribute to drug and alcohol abuse and can lead to suicide.

A number of organizations were present at the game and fans were encouraged to visit the tables set up at the

event and spend time to learn and support the organizations that gathered.

The organizations attending were: Connor's Climb; Jason R. Flood Memorial; DBT for you; The Upper Room; National Alliance on Mental Health; South Central Public Health Network; Community Alliance for Teen Safety (CATS); Mariposas for Morgynne, benefiting Camp Kita and Bring Change 2 Mind.

The National Anthem was performed by LHS student Rebecca Solomons.

In the team's game against the Salem Blue Devils, also on the Lancers home in Hooksett, the first goal went sophomore Gavin Karoul with the assist going to McKinnon.

McKinnon put in the



Lancer senior forward Brett McKinnon has his slapshot just inside the blue line land for a goal against PA. Photo by Chris Paul

second goal, assisted by sophomore Mike Bell.

Londonderry has three road games scheduled for this week, first on Monday, Feb. 3 they

took on the three-school DII team of Merrimack-Hollis/Brookline-Derryfield (7-3-1).

On Wednesday, Feb. 5, the Lancers were

scheduled for a re-match with the Astros (3-5-1), followed by a trip to Nashua on Saturday,

Feb. 8 to play the Bishop Guertin Cardinals (7-3).



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## Free Estate Planning Seminar

Join the Londonderry Women's Club for a Free informative Estate Planning Seminar, Presented by local attorney Daniel C. Clark. This session will cover essential topics; related to wills, trusts, and the key steps in planning for the future. Don't miss this valuable opportunity to gain expert advice and have your questions answered. You are welcome to bring a friend or

family member to this informative event on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m., at the YMCA of Greater Londonderry 206 Rockingham Rd., Londonderry. To register contact [amy.casparius@Londonderrywomensclub.org](mailto:amy.casparius@Londonderrywomensclub.org)

## Musquash Field Day

The Londonderry Conservation Commission is hosting the 35th annual Musquash Field Day on Saturday, Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. This family and pet friendly event is

an opportunity to learn about Londonderry's Musquash Conservation Area with over 1,000 acres of trails. Explore trails on sleds, skis, snowshoes or mountain bikes. Learn about local wildlife and endangered species. The campfire will be at the Landing. Enjoy a hot dog, hot off the grill and roast some marshmallows over the campfire. Cookies, cocoa and coffee will also be available. Use the Hickory Hill entrance to the Musquash. The Landing is

about a 15 minute walk in on the well marked trail. Please respect parking restrictions on Hickory Hill Road. Hickory Hill Road is off High Range Road. Use 12 Hickory Hill Road for GPS. For more information contact Marge at 603-770-4690 or [mbadois@tolboards.org](mailto:mbadois@tolboards.org)

## Green Team Speaker Series

The Green Tem is hosting a series of Free educational presentations at the Londonderry YMCA. Composting on Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m., this presentation is geared for both beginners and experienced composters. Seed Starting on March 27 at 6:30 p.m., during this workshop, attendees will learn the benefits and best practices for starting plants from seeds and cuttings. Container Gardening on April 24 6:30 p.m., attendees will learn the benefits and draw-

backs of gardening in containers, as well as important techniques for successful growing. All are welcome to attend for more information see the groups facebook page [www.facebook.com/groups/greenteamlondonderry](http://www.facebook.com/groups/greenteamlondonderry) or email Marge at [marge@margebadois.com](mailto:marge@margebadois.com)

## Sunday Family Camp

Etz Hayim Synagogue hosts this free monthly program for ages 4-6, on Sunday, Feb. 9, from 10 a.m. - Noon. The program uses a mix of music, crafts and games to introduce students to the Jewish calendar, prayer, Torah and Hebrew. The program is free, and no membership is required. This month, we will decorate a pot and then plant some parsley (to grow for Passover). It will follow with participation in the Tu B'Shevat Seder with the congregation for the second half of

our class. Please RSVP to [sarahjohnplater@aol.com](mailto:sarahjohnplater@aol.com) by 8 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 8, ensure we have enough materials for the project.

## Tu B'Shevat Seder

On Sunday, Feb. 9, from 10 a.m. to Noon, join Etz Hayim Synagogue to celebrate the "New Year of the Trees," with a fruit seder. The synagogue asks that you bring one of the "Fruits of the Seven Species" to share (wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates). There will also be decorating pots and plant parsley for Passover. All ages are welcome! RSVP to [office@etzhayim.org](mailto:office@etzhayim.org) by Wednesday, Feb. 5.

## Food Bank Collection

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### Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet to correct the checklist and register voters at the Town Clerk's Office on March 1, from 10 - 11 a.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency; Proof of citizenship (pass-

port, 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.

### The Wars for Israel

Robert Crawford will have a presentation on The Wars for Israel, 1948-1973, at Etz Hayim Synagogue on Thursday, Feb. 13, 7 - 8 p.m. Crawford is the author of Call Retreat: The Johnson Administration's Vietnam Policy 1967-

68. He received an MFA in National Security Policy Studies from George Washington University and worked for the Joint Chiefs of Staff Exercise Support Program. There is no charge, but donations are encouraged. The presentation is part of Etz Hayim Synagogue's Adult Continuing Education Program, Hot Topics and Cool Contemporary Stuff. Please visit [www.etzhayim.org/learn/adult-learning](http://www.etzhayim.org/learn/adult-learning) for a complete listing of Hot Topics. For more information, please contact: Stephen Soreff, MD, at [soreffs15@aol.com](mailto:soreffs15@aol.com) or 603-895-6120.

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# Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

## Monday, Jan. 27

**6:43 a.m.** Burglary reported and investigated by three officers at S&S Metals on Rockingham Road.

**2:27 p.m.** Welfare Check conducted on Estey Drive.

**7:20 p.m.** Motor vehicle stop and arrest made by three officers at the RMZ Truck Stop on Rockingham Road. Roger Akoury, 60, of Bedford, charged with: Driving After Revoke/Suspension for Driving Under the Influence.

## Tuesday, Jan. 28

**10:06 a.m.** Pedestrian Check conducted and arrest made by six officers at the Homeless Encampment on Perimeter Road. Richard Currier, 31, of Manchester, Arrested on a Warrant.

**11:09 a.m.** Trespassing investigated on Charleston Avenue.

**11:26 a.m.** Services rendered by two officers for a Pedestrian Check at the Homeless Encampment on Willow Street.

**12:49 p.m.** Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at Dunkin Donuts on Nashua Road.

**1:33 p.m.** Wires Down reported at Elwood Orchard on Elwood Road.

## Wednesday, Jan. 29

**12:58 a.m.** Five officers assist with making two arrests during a Disturbance at the Wallace Farm Apartments on Bridle Path. Colby Moge, 22, of Londonderry, charged with: Resist Arrest/Detention; Disorderly Conduct, and Possession of a Controlled Drug (Schedule 1-4). Thomas Heywood, 21, of Londonderry, charged with: Resist Arrest/Detention; Disorderly Conduct; and Dealing/Possession of Prescription Drugs.

**8:37 a.m.** The officers assist another Police Department with services at Homeless Encampment on Perimeter Road.

**11:13 a.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on State Street, Concord. James Trott, 33, of Manchester, charged with: Operating After Certified as a Habitual Offender; Disobeying an Officer; Reckless Operation; and Traffic Control Device Violation.

**11:15 a.m.** Arrest made after a Motor Vehicle Accident at Market Basket on Michels Way. Florence Dineen, 78, of Derry, charge with Suspended/Revoked License For Driving While Intoxicated.

**3:44 p.m.** Recovered Stolen motor vehicle investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

## Thursday, Jan. 30

**5:48 a.m.** Medical Emergency Taken/Referred to another agency from

Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**1:27 p.m.** Two officers respond to a Medical Emergency on Buckingham Drive.

**6:48 p.m.** Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses on Merlin Place.

**9:03 p.m.** Seven officers assist during an incident involving a disabled motor vehicle on Hardy Road at Faye Lane. One officer transported to hospital.

## Friday, Jan. 31

**1:27 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop and arrest made on Orchard View Drive at Nashua Road. Ricardo Rosa, 43, of Londonderry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; Open Container; Front Lights - Auto.

**4:07 a.m.** Medical Emergency transported to a hospital on Green Drive at Trego Dugan.

**8:31 a.m.** Sudden Death investigated by six officers on West Road.

**12:03 p.m.** Services rendered by three officers for a Welfare Check on

Lance Avenue.

**6:22 p.m.** Three officers render services by Domestic Disturbance on Melody Lane.

**7:21 p.m.** Five officers respond to Suspicious Activity and make an arrest at Manchester Boston Regional Airport. Diqun Robinson, 31, Queens, NY, charged with: Identity Fraud - Posing as another; and Credit Card Fraud, over \$1,501 or Two Priors.

**10:52 p.m.** Four officers render services for a Disturbance on Twin Isles Road.

## Saturday, Feb. 1

**3:17 a.m.** Services rendered during Welfare Check at Home Depot on Nashua Road.

**9:26 a.m.** Assault investigated on Nashua Road at Mammoth Road.

**10:46 a.m.** Services rendered for a Structure Fire on Woodside Drive.

**2:23 p.m.** Auto Fire, Vehicle Towed, at Griffin Road on Mammoth Road.

**5:33 p.m.** Welfare Check conducted on Old Derry

Road.

**5:51 p.m.** Services rendered by Animal Control for a Dog Bite on Berkshire Lane.

**8:40 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated by six officers on Mountain Home Road.

**9:50 p.m.** Peace restored after a Disturbance at the Stumble Inn on Rockingham Road.

## Sunday, Jan. Feb. 2

**10:10 a.m.** Three officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Capitol Hill Drive.

**10:44 a.m.** Officers conduct a Welfare Check on Pinyon Place.

**11:20 a.m.** Complaint reported at the Sleep Inn on Perkins Road results in transport to a hospital.

**4:56 p.m.** Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes reported on Mercury Drive.

**5:59 p.m.** Disturbance investigated at Renegades Pub on Nashua Road.

**6:42 p.m.** Peace restored after a Disturbance on Shasta Drive.

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ings at 9 a.m. beginning Jan. 14 and continuing through Feb. 18, story time programs for babies 0-18 months old. This introduction to story time is a great opportunity for your littlest sprouts to learn to interact with you and others in a new environment, as well as to begin to follow along with songs, dances, and finger movements. Registration is required and begins one week before each session.

## Crafternoon

Leach Library's Crafternoon is meeting on a new day starting in January. Drop in to this monthly crafting social hour on the first Friday of the month. Friday, Feb. 7 at 2 p.m., bring your own craft project and supplies, and work alongside other local crafters. The library will also provide supplies for an adult coloring activity. No registration required.

## Wiggle Worms Story Time

On Tuesday or Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. beginning Jan. 14 and continuing through Feb. 19, toddlers and their caregivers are invited to the Leach Library for story time with songs, rhymes, books, and more. This program is designed for ages 2-3, but older children are welcome to join in. Registration is required and begins one week before each session.

## Cookbook Potluck

Come to the Leach Library on Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. for a maple-themed potluck. Prepare and share a recipe from either Maple by Katie Webster or Maple Syrup Cookbook by Ken Haedrich. Please make enough for 20. The library cannot guarantee each dish's ingredients or accurate preparation. Food served at this program may contain or come into contact

with common allergens. Registration opens on Monday, Jan. 6.

## Banned Book Discussion

Come to the Leach Library to discuss Toni Morrison's novel *The Bluest Eye* on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. Morrison's novel has regularly been the target of censorship since its publication. In 2023, the American Library Association re-

ported it was the sixth most banned and challenged book in the country. Registration opens on Monday, Jan. 27. Refreshments will be served.

## LEEP

The Londonderry Early Education Program (LEEP) is now accepting applications for the inclusion program for the 2025-2026 school year. Please have your application in

by Feb. 7, to be included in the lottery. 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 Please email Denise Fosmire at dfosmire@lon-

donderry.org or Kim Speers at kspeers@londonderry.org.

## Free Meals

Heaven's Kitchen Mobile Meals is providing FREE hot meals in Londonderry every Tuesday and Thursday. They'll be serving at the Leach Library parking lot now through March 28, 2025 from 2:45 to 3:15 p.m.



## TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE

The Londonderry Town Council will hold PUBLIC HEARINGS on the following items:

Acceptance of Unanticipated Revenue 31:95-b, III(a) from Project Safe Neighborhood through the Manchester Police Department in the amount of \$30,000.

Acceptance of Unanticipated Revenue 31:95-b, III(a) from the New England High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area in the amount of \$20,000.

The public hearings will occur on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m., in the Moose Hill Council Chamber at the Londonderry Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH 03053.

Londonderry Town Council



## LONDONDERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to RSA 198:4-b,II, the Londonderry School District will conduct a public hearing at the Feb. 18, 2025 scheduled meeting to request a withdrawal from Unassigned Fund Balance to expend \$331,936.65 for the replacement of the Londonderry School District's current analog phone system, as analog service will be terminated by the contractor in 2026. The total withdrawal request from the Fund is to include new hardware, new wiring, and VOIP service.

The School Board Meeting will take place at Londonderry High School, 295 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH in the Cafe on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.



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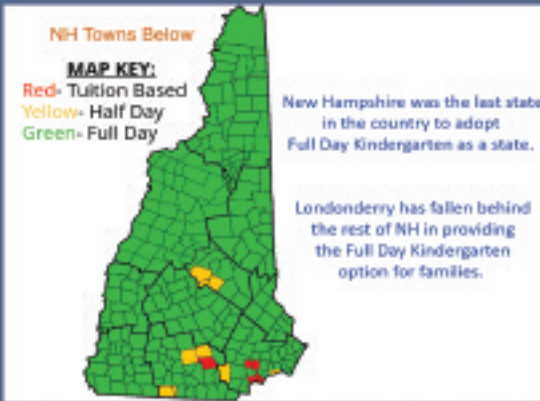
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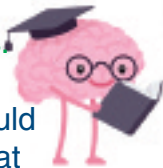


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Full Day Kindergarten would begin in **August of 2026** at Matthew Thornton, North and South Schools.

## Full Day Kindergarten

This plan adds 8 modular classrooms at our 3 elementary schools to fit in full day kindergarten by 2026-27.

We will have enough space K to 5 for the next 15 years based on lower projected enrollment.

## District Office

This plan renovates classrooms at Moose Hill into Office space.

We will save \$263K a year without a district office lease.



**60% Voter Approval Needed to Pass**

## Unofficial Estimates for 15 Year Bond

1st year Interest payment = **\$226K**.

After that a **\$759K** average yearly payment for 15 year bond at 3.46%

Average Yearly Tax Rate Impact = **\$0.12**

We estimate we would need to **add only 2 professional staff** by 2026-27 to staff full day kindergarten across the district for a cost of **\$183K**.

## What the Project Modulars & Renovations Look Like at each School



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The modular buildings will be attached to our schools with a new hallway for safety so staff and students will not need to walk outside

## The Big Picture: What's Being Proposed?

1. We're looking at a 15-year bond to fund:

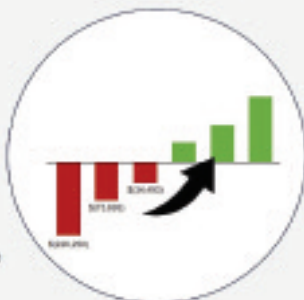
- Full-day kindergarten program
- New district office building

2. There are upfront costs (shown in red on graph):

- First year: About \$226,250
- Second year: About \$75,693
- Third year: About \$34,493

3. Yes, it costs more at first but saves significant money over time

How much?...



Over the life of the bond, we could potentially save **\$2.4M** in lower overall costs for taxpayers.

1. The Turning Point (Around Year 3-4):

We start saving money instead of spending it

### How Does This Save Us Money?

Where the savings come from:

- No more district office rent
- Fewer bus runs needed
- More money from the state

By 2041 we would save **\$1.1M** Annually.

