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Londonderry High School junior, Grace Nutter donated several inches of her hair during the annual Day of Giving on Friday morning, Jan. 5. Her mom, Marianne, and dad, Scott, were there to help with the cutting, along with her friend Caiden Malek. Photo by Chris Paul

High School Continues Its Day of Giving Event

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

Staff, students, and families of Londonderry High School continued its tradition of cutting their hair for wig donations to those suffering with cancer on Friday morning, Jan. 5.

About 45 volunteers marched into the high school's gymnasium to donate their hair in an annual event that has been going on

since 2007.

LHS English teacher, Steve Juster, orchestrated the "Lancer Lengths - Day of Giving" event with the help of his team of volunteer students.

Juster began the event by saying that "Lancer Nation" has been running a hair donation campaign for 19-years and over 2,500 donors have taken to the floor of the gym to take part in it.

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Planning Board Member Looks to Manage Misinformation

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Planning Board discussed a number of proposed changes to its rules and procedures during the Jan. 3 meeting.

There were a number of proposals put fourth by board member, Jake Butler, with one of them being to designate someone to combat what he called misinformation on social media and another was to limit public comment.

"There is consistent misinformation going around about what is happening in the town of Londonderry and what

the Planning Board is doing," Butler stated. He added that someone they choose could address issues as they comes up on social media, "instead of letting it go unanswered."

Alternate member, Tony DeFrancesco, said he thinks it makes sense to have consistent messaging, but whoever is designated to do it would have to monitor between 20 to 30 social media sites on a weekly basis.

"It's a lot of work and it has to be someone who has the time to do it," he said.

Assistant Town Manager, Kellie Caron, said it

would also have to be accurate.

Butler said he constantly sees misinformation posted.

"Every single week there's something that is just factually wrong that's getting posted," he said.

During the proposed change discussion, member, Ann Chiampa, said, "I have no idea what you're talking about, myself"

Butler responded, "I don't know what rock you're living under, but you should get out of it"

Caron explained that the Planning Department staff wouldn't have

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Dual Enrollment at LHS Allows College Kick Start

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board received a briefing on the high school data during its Dec. 19 meeting.

Curriculum Coordinator, Kim Lindley-Soucy, explained that one of the things the district has is a Dual Enrollment program with Southern New Hampshire University, where some staff at the high school are adjunct professors allowing students to "kickstart their college journey while still in high school through SNHU in the high school courses."

She explained that the program is \$100 for a three credit course and an additional \$25 is added for labs. It was also noted that the credits earned as part of the program are generally able to be applied to the college the student attends.

Curriculum Coordinator, Sean Flynn, said like the SNHU program, they also have a Manchester Community College Early College program, which allows students to earn credits while in high school, and can either be used when attending MCC, or can generally be applied to a

different school.

Unlike the SNHU program, a state grant allows students to enroll in up to two courses per year free of charge.

Lindley-Soucy said they have seen an increase each year in the number of students opting to be part of either of the programs,

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School Board Hear Proposed Budget for IT Department

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The School District IT department presented its proposed budget for FY 25 to the School Board and Budget Committee during a recent budget workshop meeting.

"This year our proposed IT operating budget is 1.125 million dollars," IT Director, Brandon Weinert, said, noting that their proposed budget represents about 1.25% of the district's total proposed operating budget.

The default budget for the IT department, if approved, would be \$1,177,100.

One of the items presented by the department is an ideal replacement cycle for different devices, which is projected to cost an estimated \$474,100.

"This is a breakdown of what an ideal replacement cycle would look like for us and its annual replacement cost," Weinert said, explaining that they came up with it based on their own experiences and talking to other districts.

For example, at the elementary school level they are proposing to replace 285 Chromebooks every year, with an estimated cost of \$68,400. The Chrome-

books would be on a four year cycle.

"Last year we had over 90 of our four year old Chromebooks fail and this year we've had about 30 already," Weinert said.

Weinert noted that the costs would be approximate costs and they wouldn't know for sure until they go out for bid.

IT Manager, Joshua Perks, said one of the things they have done in the past few years is increase the number of digital learning specialists in the district, to help promote "best practices with digital technology" among other things.

He said with the advancement in the technology the district has, it's important for staff and students to know how to best utilize it, and they have been developing digital skill benchmarks for both students and staff.

The department is also putting forward a Information Technology Infrastructure article once again for \$125,000.

"The article addresses the needs of the district's infrastructure requirements, now and in the future, and puts in place a reasonable replacement cycle," a description of the warrant article read in the bud-

et book. "There is an increasing demand for a number of devices to be in use at once and available bandwidth. Online State testing, SATs, and Distance Learning and now remote learning are putting a strain on the current infrastructure. There is also a greater demand for more mobile devices. Keeping up with newer technologies, available in security, wiring, wireless, switching infrastructures, and managing tools, will help the District meet the demands of these programs and address higher traffic areas."

Weinert said the point of the warrant article is

so they can avoid a one time significantly larger ask down the road.

"We've had this fund since 2019 and the use of these funds is to purchase equipment and services related to the district's networking," Weinert said.

The department also pointed to some areas where they have been able to save on different costs, including through the E-Rate federal program, which allows districts to save on qualifying purchases based on their free and reduced lunch rates.

Weinert said last year they were able to save \$78,000 on network infrastructure equipment.

Planning

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the resources to take it on.

"I just want to be clear that staff would not be involved in the social media aspect of this," she said. She also stated that she doesn't think they need to respond to every comment.

Chair, Art Rugg, said he thinks it would be a more of a town-wide issue, and the town may

have to hire another individual.

Caron also noted that they are considering creating a separate Facebook page for planning and economic development, to post more information.

Not all agreed with the idea of a social media monitor, and it was ultimately dropped.

Butler also originally made recommendations for a public comment section, but Caron said that based on the recent

advice given to them by their legal counsel to only have public comment during public hearings she recommended not moving forward with it, which the board agreed with.

Butler said he wanted to make it clear that they would still have public comment for any public hearings on the agenda.

"I can not stress enough that we have public comment at our public hearings on what

is being presented," Butler said.

Another recommendation was to add a consent agenda for various routine items that they could vote on all at once.

Caron suggested that they have language in the policy to allow a board member to ask for an item to be removed from the consent agenda and voted on as a stand alone item.

The board also discussed the possibility of having a time limit for meetings.

Caron said the ZBA has an end time, but if they are nearing the end time and they got through the previous application, they are then able to vote on whether or not they want to continue past the time limit.

Town Council Liaison, Ted Combes, who

raised the question of having a time limit, said that it's costing applicants more money for engineers and other professionals by having meetings dragged on.

Others stated that they rarely have meetings that go too late,

except for a recent meeting that went into the early morning.

Planning Board member, Jeff Penta, said there have been times when they have gotten off track which adds time to their meetings, which they can work on.

OBITUARY

James "Mickey" Innies Jr.



James "Mickey" Innies Jr., 86, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Wednesday Jan. 3, 2024, in the Community Hospice House in Merrimack, NH. He was born on Sept. 6, 1937 in Manchester, NH, a son of the late James and Jenny (Walega) Innies. He had been a resident of Londonderry for the past 86 years.

Mickey loved hunting, fishing, playing blackjack, and going to yard sales with his lady friend Patty Hills.

He is survived by his daughter, Corene Silva and her husband William J Silva III of Londonderry, NH; his two grandsons, David, and Alexander Holguin; and two great-grandsons, Ryan, and Andrew Holguin. Mickey was predeceased by his loving wife Irene (Metras) Innies; son, Daniel James Innies; and granddaughter Emily Irene Cyr.

Following cremation there are no services at this time. Peabody Funeral Homes & Crematorium is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Make a Wish Foundation in memory of his granddaughter Emily.

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Buildings and Grounds Department Present Proposed Budget

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

Londonderry School District Facilities Director, Alan Miller, was in front of the School Board and Budget Committee on Dec. 19 to present the proposed operating budget for the department.

"The B&G FY 25 budget request is for \$2,796,469," Miller said,

noting that it's an increase of \$28,864 over the current year's budget.

One of the major increases that Miller pointed to as part of the proposed budget is for trash disposal costs.

"Another major increase would be the trash disposal costs at \$175,000," he said.

Other increases in-

clude a 10% rate increase for Ever-source, and a 3.4% rate increase for Pennichuck Water.

Miller also noted that the oil purchase for the Middle School and South School, which are non contracted and are based on market prices, went up as well.

Overall, Miller noted that a large amount of

the proposed budget, approximately 38% or \$1,050,050, is for utilities, including electricity, natural gas, propane, fuel oil, water, and sewer.

One of the highlights of the proposed budget includes funding for field study in order to evaluate the district's current fields.

"This budget proposes a field study to evaluate our current fields," Miller told the School Board. "This will identify underlying issues and analysis of existing soil conditions. The district will also look at the possibility of turf field viability costs. A full report will be presented to the board with field findings once a vendor has been

determined."

Miller said the main point of the field study is to identify any safety issues and potential field improvements.

Another budget request Miller pointed to is for fire alarm system upgrades, specifically at South School and Londonderry Middle School, which is included in the Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve request.

It was noted that all of the schools are "fully covered and compliant with NFPA codes," and the upgrades would be to upgrade the systems to "addressable detection and new main panel displays."

The fire alarm replacement for South

School is expected to cost \$117,000, and the replacement at Londonderry Middle School is expected to cost \$97,000.

Some of the projects that have been completed or are ongoing from the past year, includes the new girl's softball fields at Londonderry Middle School, which were completed in the fall of 2023, and a new portable classroom at North School, completed in the Fall of 2023.

HVAC upgrades are "in development" and work is expected to take place in the summer, and the district is applying for additional SAFE Grant funds, to augment additional security needs.

Signage Variance Approved For Nahua Road Gas Station

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

One of the agenda items during the Dec. 20 Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting was in regards to a variance request to allow an electronic changeable messaging sign for the property located at 37 Nashua Road, which is located in the C-1 zoning district, and is owned by The Southland Corporation.

Justin Sousa, the applicant from Sousa Signs, LLC, explained that currently the 7-Eleven has a static manual sign to display the gas prices, and typically it is changed once a day.

"We are proposing a new modern digital style unit," he told the board.

He explained that it would display numbers, but can't animate, or display words on it.

"It's simply a digital price sign," Sousa said.

Sousa told the board

that it would be controlled from inside the store wirelessly, and it would not be for any marketing purposes other than displaying the gas prices for that particular day. He added that there are other signs in the district with the same intent.

He explained that it would be helpful and safer for employees so they don't have to go on ladders to change the prices or for them to change the prices during inclement weather

"Approving the request will help to mitigate public confusion if the prices on the sign do not match the prices on the pump," Sousa said.

He said being able to change the prices instantly also helps them to be competitive with the other gas stations in the area, who already have the electronic messaging signs.

"Businesses like this

have received approvals for similar requests," Sousa said, explaining that they feel it would be an unnecessary hardship if they don't get approval from the ZBA.

Sousa also noted that the digital sign would be a slightly smaller footprint than for the current sign they have now, for the manual sign.

One question asked was how often the price changes.

Sousa said that generally they only change it once a day, which is when the daily posted rate is posted, and at the most they change it twice.

No one spoke for or against the applicant during the meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the variance request for the sign.

The next ZBA meeting is slated to take place on Jan. 17 at 7 p.m.



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Editorial

King's Dream Today

January 15th is set aside to honor the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a man known for his historic "I Have a Dream" speech made 61 years ago in August. It was a moment that would forever change the United States of America.

After the historic march on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, King stood before a sea of 250,000 people gathered below the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. He rose to the occasion, departing from his prepared speech to deliver a more passionate message, words that would become the most pivotal and signature moment of the civil rights movement.

King used his spirit and exceptional speaking skills to prompt United States citizens to begin transforming their views on race. Though there have been strides made since, sadly his dream is not yet fully realized.

Still, it was King who set in motion the forces for change. So long as there are more of us who believe in this change, this dream for equality and acceptance can still be realized.

Unlike a lot of the influencers of today's political climate, King did not necessarily want to be the center of attention. In fact, the spotlight made him quite uncomfortable, but he did whatever was needed to propel the movement.

King made every effort to let his message be the focus, not himself. Having a background as a preacher gave him humility, helping him

understand that a lesson should have more substance than style.

King's message was powerful, and yet it was simple. It was rooted in the American ideal: equality, opportunity, justice for all, and for America to realize that in all things we are truly created equal. He fought, peacefully, for acceptance among all people and among all economic levels, and for all Americans to have the chance to pursue the American Dream.

Sadly, King's message still falls on some deaf ears over half a century later. Still, if he were alive today, King would not abandon his vision for America. He would double his efforts to counter the violence and hatred through more peaceful demonstrations, knowing that fighting fire with fire would only end in disaster. This is an example we should strive to live by.

Nearly six decades later, in today's heated and delicate political climate, King's dream faces obstacles just as it did on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial that historic day. But, much like the spirit Martin Luther King Jr. had, it will overcome and endure whatever the times have to throw in its way, it must.

Though his life was tragically cut short, King's dream for America lives on through those of us who believe in what is right. To those who keep this dream alive, this is a time more than ever to follow King's lead and be an example for good, to never give up, and to work towards an America that will one day see this dream fully realized.

Letters

Judge Rules

To the editor,

What do the charges say about the Town of Londonderry? We have some mean, mean folk that even brought these charges as the Judge previously said. "This was a frivolous lawsuit." Indeed it was and it cost us taxpayers a good sum of cash.

To support Deb Paul is necessary to help us to stay informed.

Which brings me to Brian Crowley's letter, which encourages us to vote for Trump.

Upon first reading, I was a bit confused, as many things mentioned sounded like the result of Biden-economics.

To vote for Trump is to vote in a man who has already declared being a dictator on day 1.

If only for one day, and that's is too much. Trump has declared revenge on those who he sees as his enemies? Trump says that Jan. 6th was a patriotic act.

Since when is the action taken that day to prevent a peaceful exchange of power patriotic?

I did not see any attempt to write documents that would support the over throw of this government. 1776 patriots had written a Declaration of Independence. Thought was given to that over throw.

No such document preceded the insurrection on Jan. 6th. Who stacked the Supreme Court with Judges that are willing to throw out long standing law (Roe vs. Wade) and if the Magas bring more court cases such as gay marriage, LGBTQ rights, it seems obvious that many liberties enjoyed by a majority of us stand

a good chance to be overthrown.

Who is going to pardon the rioters-of Jan. 6th, Trump is, and there goes the rule of law.

So my hopes are that our better Angels will rise and vote for democracy, as this is what is at stake.

Jane Cooper
Londonderry

Alliance of Braver Angels

To the editor,

In today's tumultuous world, are we losing the ability to disagree respectfully? Is this decline in civility a threat to the very fabric of our democracy? The NH Alliance of Braver Angels invites you to a lively online discussion where we'll explore:

- Is a lack of civility really a growing danger? How does it impact political discourse, community bonds, and even our ability to solve problems?

- Finding common ground amid the divide: What practical steps can we take, as individuals and citizens, to rebuild bridges and engage in respectful disagreement?

- Braver conversations, stronger democracy: Can fostering civility strengthen our democratic institutions and lead to a more united America?

This interactive forum is your chance to share your thoughts, hear diverse perspectives, and learn from others who believe in bridging the political divide. Come with an open mind, a willing heart, and a desire to be part of the solution.

Together, let's explore the path towards a more civil and thriving democracy.

The Braver Angels

NH Alliance is holding a forum (on Zoom) regarding the loss of civility in society. This will be on Wednesday, Jan. 10 from 7:30 until 9 p.m.

Please join us for a lively but civil and courteous conversation about this very important subject. You can use the following link to register: <https://braverangels-org.zoom.us/j/88361754786?pwd=xEKZby2prOZwshp6GtTJw1UuQtB-VU.1>

Or you can contact the NH Alliance at: nh-alliance@braverangels.org and tell them you would like to register for the "loss of civility" forum.

Also, please visit braverangels.org for more information on the wide variety of ways that Braver Angels is working to bridge the political divide in our country.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Brian K. MacDonald
Londonderry

Write In Ballot?

To the editor,

I read Paul Skudlarek's letter dated Jan. 4, 2024 encouraging NH voters to write-in Joe Biden because "he is an honorable man" and we should "give him the credit he deserves". I found that interesting because this is the same man who did not even bother to register to be on our State's 2024 primary ballot. How is this not a big slap in the face to voters in the great state of NH? If he does not even care if he gets our votes, what makes us think he would care about our State's needs if reelected? Many candidates on both sides of

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Suitcase Project Collects Over 800 Donations from Residents



Londonderry High School student and current Miss. Stratham Outstanding Teen, Megan Plaza, had lots of visitors at the high school on Saturday morning, Jan. 6. Plaza was collecting gently used suitcases and duffel bags for NH's fostered youths for her "Suitcase Project" and her effort brought in just under 825 items. Her hope is to supply every youth in the NH foster care system with a suitcase or duffel bag, enabling them to carry their belongings from place to place in a way that provides a greater sense of self-esteem, dignity, and belonging. Plaza was allowed to store the overwhelming amount of bags at the former Lions Hall while she looks to secure a UHaul storage locker. US Congressman Chris Pappas also made an appearance to drop off a donation. *Photos by Chris Paul*

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School Board Approve Updates To High School Program of Studies

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The School Board approved updates to the Program of Studies for the high school during its Dec. 19 meeting.

"We are pleased to present the proposed changes to the LHS Program of Studies effective for the 2024-25 school year," the high school administration wrote in a memo to the School Board.

High School Principal, Rick Barnes, said they have over 250 course offerings of all levels, "That are student driven as part of our master schedule," and they try to fulfill as many

course requests as possible.

One of the new courses is in the Family and Consumer Science department.

"This course teaches the learner about basic and more advanced baking skills. Topics will include quick breads, yeast breads, scones, desserts, cakes, decorating techniques, pastries," the memo read.

It was explained that the topics will be covered through "group discussions, teacher demonstrations, lectures, guest speakers, project-based learning, and laboratory experience."

The prerequisite is Introduction to Foods.

Another course in the department is a name change from "Foods 2" to "Foods Around the World."

It was explained that the rationale is that "the new title better reflects the types of food students are producing."

"The new title also is a clearer indication that students have two choices after taking Introduction to Foods," the memo read.

Another course added to the Program of Studies is in Woodworking Interactive, which is part of the Technology Education department.

"This course is designed for students who are interested in

sharing their knowledge with students who benefit from assistance to succeed. The course focuses on Learn by Doing methods," the description read. "Activities and projects will include the basic woodworking skills in managing a project activity from beginning to end. The course will allow students the opportunity to work with a partner to create projects or learn a woodworking skill. Topics will include the safe use and care of common hand and power tools, woodworking plans, assembly and finishing techniques, and wood products. This course is designed to

provide the opportunity to share educational experiences with learners from diverse backgrounds with special needs."

The prerequisite is prior approval of instruction and special education teacher.

Another course added is in the Music department, which will be called "Guitar/Piano Ensemble."

"Guitar/Piano Ensemble is a semester-long class aimed to provide a collaborative experience for students who have a very basic working knowledge of either guitar or piano," the description read. "Music arrangements will

include rock, pop, reggae, hip-hop, rhythm & blues, electronic dance music, and other contemporary styles."

It was explained that the course is open to students who successfully complete the Basic Guitar course or Piano Fundamental course at the high school and/or are "familiar with either music notation, guitar tablature, or chord symbols."

The prerequisite is taking either high school guitar, a piano fundamental course, concert/marching band, jazz intro lab, jazz ensemble, or "pre-observation meeting with the music instructor."

Kick Start

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and expect that to be the case again this year. She added that currently 277 students are enrolled in one of the courses, 211 are taking at least two, 43 are taking at least three, and three students are taking four

courses this year.

"Dual enrollment classes offer several benefits to students, making them a valuable option for many," the presentation to the School Board read. "We have seen a steady increase in the number of students accessing this opportunity to earn college credit

while in HS."

Another program pointed to is the "Apply NH", a state program, which helps high school seniors navigate the college admission process and encourages students to apply to at least one school by Nov. 1.

"This initiative is provided to our students through the hard work of our director of school counseling and the counseling department," Flynn said.

A total of 121 stu-

dents participated this year, up from 95 last year, and 53 the year before that.

It was also noted during the meeting that the district continues to encourage students, when appropriate, to take advancement placement courses, and this year, through a grant, are able to allow all students taking the courses to take the AP exam for free this May.

The next School Board meeting is slated for Jan. 30 at 7 p.m.

OBITUARY

Kathleen Kirsten (Foley) Holmes



Kathleen Kirsten (Foley) Holmes, of Derry, NH, beloved wife of Rick Holmes, mother of David Holmes, and youngest daughter of Judith (McDonald) Foley and the late William J. Foley, of Londonderry. Kathy was born in Central Falls, RI, on July 25, 1966. She passed away on Dec. 27, 2023, following a brief illness, at Boston Medical Center.

As a child, Kathleen moved with her family, from Cumberland, RI to Salem, MA, to Murrillsville, PA, to Rye, NH, before the family finally settled in Londonderry. She attended Londonderry's South Elementary School and the town's Junior High School before graduating from Londonderry High School in 1985. Kathleen later took a number of courses at NH Technical Institute. For the last 14 years, she worked at the Market Basket supermarket in Londonderry.

Kathy loved her Boston sports teams, classic rock and country music, Clint Eastwood movies, and animals. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Kathleen's name to the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire.

Kathleen was predeceased by her brother Kurt Foley of Warwick, RI, and leaves her siblings, Tony Foley (wife Heather Horton) of Manchester, NH; Erin Foley (husband Robert Mocharnuk) of Los Angeles, CA; and Michael Foley (wife Kathryn Dale) of Paxton, MA. She is also survived by eight nieces and four nephews: Rachel Foley, Hanna Foley, Kyle Horton, Lily Mocharnuk, Joseph Mocharnuk, Emma Foley, Hattie Foley, Ophelia Foley, Nathan Holmes, Jon Holmes, Donna Holmes, and Timothy Hines.

A celebration of Kathy's life will take place at the chapel at Brookside Congregational Church, 2013 Elm Street, Manchester, at 11 a.m., on Jan. 20, 2024.

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Letters

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the aisle have spent a lot of time in NH leading up to the primary. I'm pretty certain Joe was not one of them. I would encourage NH voters to cast their ballot for anyone other than Joe to give him the credit he actually deserves!

Otto Meier
Londonderry

My Two Cents

To the editor,
First let me state; those who know me, know I have had nothing but condemnation for the former Republican Party and have at times called for its eradication. I had witnessed it de-evolve into a party of nothing more than Lies, Conspiracy theories, Hypocrisy and Rigging and Stealing Elections, over the past decade. Who would have guessed It would be the Lying, Criminal, Fraud, Tax evading, Rapist, Un-American, Treasonous, deranged Lunatic, Dictator wannabe Orange Traitor to accomplish this? Those remaining in the party are now considered by the Maga Cult as Rino's. What we are now left with is the GOP Cult menace to America. Evidenced by the complete utter Clown Freak show GOP House of Representatives. Having the distinction of being the worst performing Congress in History! Who also has the distinction of never letting a good conspiracy theory pass by, rather on it like a dog on a bone.

This brings me to the

Candidates. Only one stands out, having both the Knowledge and Courage to speak out against the Orange Traitor to America. The others are just cult following puppets, who have all promised to pardon Diaper Don for all his crimes. If you have not guessed already, this would be Chris Christie.

Now to the Litany of Propaganda I read in last week's paper.

- Energy Independence: Prior to 2020 it was a LIE. President Biden has our Domestic Oil production now topping 13 Million barrels, 2 million more than in the previous Administration. FACT!

- Tax Cut: Safe to say NO companies moved back. Would be correct to say: US companies reported the largest Corporate share buyback programs in US History with the Tax Cuts!

- Unemployment and Job Growth: Sorry, but President Biden holds these titles for Lowest Unemployment and Highest Job Growth! We will not even get into the "off the Charts" GDP numbers.

- Stock market: Sorry again, it was 30,000 at end of 2020 and now at 37,500, as of this writing.

Americans Must NEVER make the mistake again of Voting for someone like the Lying Con Artist Criminal Orange Traitor. Granted it is strange, with 91 Felony charges, you cannot pass a security check to work in an Airport, Bank or pass a Cori clearance. Doubtful you would even be able to work at Wal-Mart. However, one can still run for President? Give

me a break!

Would like to give a shout out to Colorado and Maine for being States that believe in the Constitution. Also, happy to hear MA, VT and NY are currently in process of removing him from their ballots. Unfortunately, NH does NOT believe in the Constitution.

Real American Patriots showed up in force in 2020 to save our precious Democratic Republic from becoming a Fascist Dictatorship and must do so again in 2024. Please don't betray your country because you want .50 cents Less for a gallon of gas!

Steve Homsey
Londonderry

Reply to Skudlarek

To the editor,

First, I want to compliment you on the cogent thinking and writing exemplified in your letter. At 91, you are clearly a senior member of the 'Sharp and over 80 club'. At 87, I am merely a junior member. However, after watching Joe Biden's frequent falls going up the steps to Air Force One, falls on the stage before and after presentations, getting lost after making public statements, reading of staggering instructions out loud (eg. "pause here for") during Tele-prompter public statements, getting lost and needing help from the 'Easter bunny' at the White House children's party, and numerous other incidents, we both know he would not qualify for membership in our club.

When the press refers to Joe Biden's age

problem, they are really using the word as a euphemism for the observed dementia symptoms. We both know 80 is way too young for an 'age' problem.

Second, I would also like to expand a bit on a few other points you made.

Neither President Obama, nor President Trump experienced the inflation flair up Joe Biden has overseen.

When Joe Biden became President, he inherited an inflation rate below 2%. It is true that after three years his inflation is starting to calm down now, but most working Americans feel economically worse off under this President because incomes have trailed the cumulative cost of living effects of that flair up.

Neither President Obama, nor President Trump experienced the unprecedented explosion of illegal immigration on our border that we continue to suffer under President Biden.

This did not just come out of thin air, but comes directly from policies President Biden implemented and policies of previous President's he countermanded. At the same time, he publicly promised the world free health care and other rewards for crossing the Rio Grande River.

The pain is yet to be

felt in full from the millions of undocumented illegals now within our border.

In your letter you referred to your positive experience with the VA. The VA is about to be inundated by the undocumented illegal flood. They have been granted access to VA services that were supposed to be reserved for our veterans. I expect your future experiences will not be the same as the past.

The same crowding out is being experienced across the Nation. Funding intended for the indigent and the homeless is being diverted away from US citizens to satisfy the needs of illegals.

Finally, Mr. Skudlarek, it is true that although you and I may have different perspectives on various issues, one thing is, above all else, also true. You and I are motivated by our love of country and our desire for the welfare of this country. I am not convinced that this is the same motivation of our President or of those that advise him.

Seymour N. Lotsoff
(Father of Maureen Hardy of Londonderry)

Maureen Hardy
Londonderry

Democracy Will Crumble Under Trump

To the editor,

Three years ago, a violent mob, incited by

then-President Trump and his allies in Congress, attacked the US Capitol to try and stop the peaceful transfer of power for the first time in American history.

Now, three years and four indictments later, Trump is running for president again in a desperate attempt to avoid accountability. If he is re-elected, his plans for a second term include weaponizing the Department of Justice to persecute and retaliate against his political opponents; giving license to political violence by pardoning his own crimes and the crimes of his supporters, including those committed on Jan. 6, and even using the military against Americans exercising their first amendment rights. And to make sure his plan succeeds, he'll purge the federal government of and punish anyone who doesn't agree with him until there's no one left to say no.

This is not the America I know. Too much is at stake for voters to allow Trump to take back power. Trump and those who enabled him must answer for their attempts to overturn the 2020 election and for the violence that followed - in the court of law and at the ballot box.

Sincerely,
Cheri Locke
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Juniors Hailey Chagnon and Abby Bailey cut Abby Austen's hair.



Members of the Lancer Dancers perform during Friday's event.



Junior, Grace Nutter has her hair cut by mom, Marianne, and dad Scott.



Art Psaledas presents the "Art Psaledas Award" to Ann MacLean

Giving

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Kicking off the event, Kelsey Sweet sang the Madonna song "Angel," followed by Rachel

Hutchinson singing the national anthem.

Hutchinson was then joined by Isobel Pitts to sing the school's fight song.

Juster gave a brief

history of the event, saying the first year of the event was covered by "Good Morning America," later, Pantene featured the school in a documentary. He added

"Seventeen" magazine called LHS a school you might want to transfer to and one of the events was recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Before getting started with stories of why some of the volunteers chose to donate, retired assistant principal, Art Psaledas, was introduced to present the "Art Psaledas Award" to LHS teacher, Ann MacLean, for her work establishing physical education interactive courses for those physically impaired and for coaching the Unified teams for many years.

Vice President and Chief Nurse for Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Emma Dann, spoke at the event and expressed her appreciation for the efforts of the "Angels" generosity.

Leading into the donation stories, the "Lancer Dancers" gave a

touching performance.

A number of stories were shared about the hair donators, starting with Abbey Austen, who has donated in third, fifth, ninth grade and now as a junior at LHS.

Before the annual "3, 2, 1" hair cutting, Grace Nutter was called to the floor as the student who would call for the simultaneous hair cutting. Nutter was joined by her parents, where it was announced that both grandmothers had been going through cancer treatments, with one of them recently passing away.

The event ended with all 45 donors having their hair cut by family and friends.



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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lady Lancers Move to 5-0 With Win Over Blackbirds

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Basketball team remained undefeated last week with a strong 62-38 victory over the

Blackbirds of Keene High School.

The Lancers had just one Division I game last week, given the Tuesday night after New Year's Day off.

The team returned to

the court to defend its spotless record for their first game of the new year against another undefeated squad.

Both LHS and KHS were boasting 4-0 records coming into the contest and Londonderry had very little trouble notching another win against their visitors on Friday night, Jan. 5, at home.

The Lancers outscored the Blackbirds in all four quarters of the game, starting in the first with a 19-11 lead, then limiting Keene to just one foul shot in the second period to lead 30-12 by halftime.

In the third, KHS was able to score 16-points, but Londonderry tallied 20, to accrue a 50-28 advantage.

In the fourth, LHS scored 12 to Keene's 10-points for the lopsided victory and the Lancers fifth-straight win.

The Lancers defense dominated on both ends of the court, forcing a number of turnovers and grabbing a number of rebounds, especially in the second quarter.

Sophomore forward, Samantha Sullivan, had

another outstanding game, scoring 26-points to lead her team in baskets. Sullivan had three, three-pointers, eight baskets, and one free throw.

Freshman guard, Gemma Murray, came away with 16-points in the contest, getting two, three-pointers in the second quarter.

Sophomore guard, Brooke Eacrett put up 12-points, with one from outside the arc.

The Lancers will try to remain undefeated on the road next week, with two more games. On Tuesday night, Jan. 9, they were scheduled to play at Dover High School and on Friday, Jan. 12, they will take on the Blue Devils at Salem High School. At 6:30 p.m.

Both of next week's opponents started the week with 4-1 records.



Londonderry sophomore forward, Samantha Sullivan, scored 26-points on Friday night, leading her team in the 62-38 win over the Blackbirds.



Lancers freshman guard, Gemma Murray, finished with 16-points in the game against Keene, getting two, three-pointers in the second quarter.

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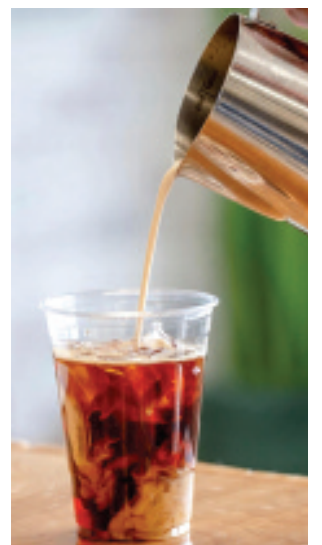
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Lancer Boys' Basketball Fall to Bulldogs, Beat Blackbirds

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Basketball team were able to brush off a difficult home defeat to begin the new year with a strong win to end the week on a high note.

In the team's game against the Bedford Bulldogs on Tuesday night, Jan. 2, at home, Londonderry suffered a one-

sided 85-38 loss to their opponents, allowing Bedford to add another victory to their undefeated season.

The Lancers were never really in this game, trailing, 21-9, at the end of the first period and seeing BHS go up 49-19 by halftime. In the third, LHS added 12, but were only able to come up with eight points in the fourth.

Needless-to-say the Bulldogs dominated both sides of the court.

Three nights later, during a road game in Keene, Londonderry was able to put the tough loss behind them and outlast the Blackbirds 50-45, for the team's second win of the season.

Keene came into the game with a better record, at 3-2, and the game remained tight for the first three quarters, but in the fourth, Londonderry outscored their opponents 20-15 for the five-point victory.

Both teams had 10-points by the end of the first quarter and Londonderry went ahead 21-16 by the half.

In the third period, Keene held Londonderry to just nine points while scoring 14 of their own and tying the game at 30-30 by the final period where the Lancers came through.

Senior forward, Ty Miles, topped the Lancers in scoring with 16-points, getting four-points in each quarter.

Fellow senior, Crosby Nolan, had 10-points in the win, two of which came by three-pointers.

Junior forward, Mason Paquette, tallied nine-points, while senior Ryan Williams had seven and junior James Totten finished with six-points.

The now 4-2 Lancers were scheduled to start a five-game home stand, starting on Tuesday, Jan. 9, against Dover High School (3-2) followed by a game on Friday night, Jan. 12, against the Salem Blue Devils (4-1) starting at 7 p.m.



Junior forward Matt Luongo



LHS senior guard Crosby Nolan

Londonderry Hockey Remains Undefeated with Overtime Win

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Ice Hockey squad took to the ice for the first time in 2024 and were able to maintain their perfect season record with their fourth consecutive victory.

The win came on Saturday night, Jan. 6, on the Lancers home ice, the Tri-Town Ice Arena, in Hooksett.

It took an overtime period to decide this game, after finishing in regulation at 3-3, senior Owen Carey gave the Lancers a game-winning goal in the extra frame.

Londonderry's regu-

lation goals were scored by sophomore Brendan Fitzgerald, Carey, with his first of two, and senior Mike Maloney landed the third.

The Londonderry team will have two games this week, both at Tri-Town.

The first is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 10, starting at 8:10 p.m., against cross-town rivals Pinkerton Academy (4-1), where the Astros are slated as the home team.

On Saturday afternoon, Jan. 13, the team will host Nashua North-Souhegan (1-2) at 4:40 p.m.

Coming up in the fol-

lowing week, on Saturday, Jan. 20, the Lancers will travel to the Windham Jaguars home rink for a very special "Whiteout for Warriors" game. In that game, players from both teams will be wearing customized jerseys honoring a veteran of their choice. The funds raised during the game will support "Building Dreams for Marines," a group that was established to assist service members who have mobility challenges by making modifications to their homes or vehicles.

The WHS squad currently stands at 3-2 this season.



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Lancer Wrestlers Defeat Purple Panthers in Dual Meet

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Wrestling team traveled to Nashua South High School last week where they were able to come away with a much-needed dual meet victory.

The Lancers wrestlers dropped just three matches against the Purple Panthers in the Wednesday, Jan. 3 dual meet.

Londonderry victories were taken in seven

weight classes.

At 113 lbs., Nikki Stylianos narrowly defeated Robert Signor in a 4-3 Decision.

Moqsid Rahmani was given a forfeit victory at 138 lbs.

In the 150 lb. weight, Manny Perez tallied an 8-5 win over Robert Perez.

Jonathan Millis (157 lbs.) pinned his opponent, Diego Dominguez, at 1:59.

The team finished the evening with three more fall victories.

Junior David Pento Jr. (175 lbs.) remained undefeated this season with a pin over Tyler Keegan at 1:05.

Chase Prado (190 lbs.) beat Kayden Doubleday with a Fall at 1:27.

At 215 lbs., Patrick O'Connor pinned Landon Levesque at 3:22.

Following that meet, on Saturday, Jan. 6, at the 2024 Bruce Rich Invitational in Chelmsford Mass., Londonderry took 14th place in the 20-team field.

Placing for Londonderry were: Patrick O'Connor (190) went 4-0

and finished in first place; David Pento Jr. (175 lbs.), went 3-1 and took second; Manny Perez (150), finished 3-2 for fifth; and Finn Millis (157) went 3-3 for a sixth place finish.

Pento suffered his first loss of the season when he had to injury default out of his finals match against the defending New England champion and Junior National Champion, Nathan Blanchette of Central Catholic, Mass. Pento scored first in the match with a first period takedown. Blanchette was awarded a point on

a locking hands call and eventually escaped to end the first period tied at 2-2. David chose bottom in the second period, but as a result of injury protocols, Blanchette was eventually able to choose bottom himself and scored a reversal to end the period at 4-2, at which point in time, Pento had to default the match by rule (3 total injury times taken).

Patrick O'Connor came into the tournament as the number one seed and ended it in first. All four of O'Connor's matches ended in

pins, including his finals match against the number two seeded Jose Bethel of Chelmsford, Mass.

Perez and Millis had hard fought days and their final matches of the day could not be wrestled because it would have resulted in a 7th match for one of the participants.

The Lancers will face Exeter at home on Wednesday night, Jan. 10, and then head to Hollis-Brookline High School on Saturday, Jan. 13, to face Hollis-Brookline, Bedford, and Goffstown.

Athlete of the Week

Week of Jan. 1



Brooke Eacrett
Sophomore, Girls
Basketball

Brooke is having a break out season. She has been crucial in our team defense and is one of the best on ball defenders in the league. She has been putting big points up on the board as well and is someone this team holds very valuable.



Jayden Howard
Freshmen, Boys Swim
Team

Jayden is working very hard and improving each week. He just started swimming in the spring.

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TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Londonderry Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024 at 7 P.M. in Moose Hill Council Chambers to consider the following:

Public Hearing

CASE NO. 01/17/2024-1: Request for a special exception from LZO section 5.12 to allow a home occupation for home office with company vehicles on site. The parcel is located at 56 South Road in the Agricultural-Residential (AR-1) zoning district. Tax Map 4, Lot 3-2. Mark & Mari-Ann Thibodeau (Owners & Applicants).

CASE NO. 01/17/2024-2: Request for a special exception from LZO section 5.12 to allow a home occupation for esthetician services. The parcel is located at 6 Autumn Lane in the Agricultural-Residential (AR-1) zoning district. Tax Map 13, Lot 71-23. Ashley & Kevin Swenson (Owners & Applicants).

CASE NO. 01/17/2024-3: Request for a variance from LZO section 4.2.1.3.C.1 to allow an encroachment of nine feet in to the forty foot right of way setback. The parcel is located at 8 Walton Circle in the Agricultural-Residential (AR-1) zoning district. Tax Map 18, Lot 15-3. Isaac Abotsi & Lauren McAdam (Owners) and Douglas Standbridge (Applicant).

OBITUARY

Lena D. Burke



Lena D. Burke, 76, of Spring Hill, FL, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024, at Concord Hospital in Concord, NH after a valiant battle with pancreatic cancer. She was born on Aug. 22, 1947, in Boston, MA, a daughter of the late Redmond F. and Lena M. (Miller) Minucci. She had been a snowbird to FL for the past 20 years while spending summers between Webster and Londonderry, NH and Parsonsfield, ME.

Lena spent much of her childhood in South Boston, MA; with a few relocations around the US while her father was in the Coast Guard. She raised her family in Salem, NH when they moved to Arlington Pond in 1976. There you would see her out on the lake fishing, rowing around in her rubber boat or canoe, tending to her beautiful rose bushes and lilacs, or painting ceramics when she ran her ceramics business out of the garage. She was also an avid candlepin bowler and enjoyed her weekly ladies league.

Lena loved playing cards, Yahtzee, backgammon, and was an avid gamer – she had all the gaming systems and tons of games that she played with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved going to the fairs and beaches of NH & FL for long walks and collecting seashells and sand dollars. And she couldn't pass a flea market or yard sale without stopping to search for more games to add to her collection. She enjoyed her trips back and forth to FL and up to ME and Canada driving her RV back in the day. But Lena found the most joy spending time with her family and will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, mother-in-law, "Nana" and great grandmother.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, William J. Burke, Sr. of Spring Hill, FL; her son, William J. Burke, Jr. of Parsonsfield, ME; two daughters, Lena D. Benesty and her husband James of Londonderry, NH, and Catherine E. Burke-Michaud and her husband James of Webster, NH; six grandchildren, Tianna, Alyssa, Ian, James, William, and Angelina; three great grandchildren, Meredith, Kenneth, and Addison; her brother, Wayne F. Minucci of Plymouth, MA; two sisters, Mary (Mason) Tylus of Kingston, NH, and Carol "Diane" McCaig of FL; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by two brothers, Redmond W. "Ray" Minucci of South Boston, MA and Ronald L. Minucci of Hudson, FL.

Following cremation, the family will be planning a Celebration of Life for May 18, 2024. Details with time and location will be forthcoming.



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Notice of Open Elected Positions for Londonderry School District Town Election Tuesday, March 12, 2024

School Board 2 Positions Three Year Term

Filing Period: Begins Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024, and ends on Friday, Feb. 2, 2024

For questions or to sign up to run for the School Board, please contact:

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I will also be available at the School District Office, 6A Kitty Hawk Landing, Suite 101, Londonderry, NH, 03053 on Friday, Feb. 2, 2024, from 3 - 5 p.m.

Annual Troop 521 Tree Burn Takes Place at Mack's



Boy Scout Troop 521 gathered Christmas Tree donations throughout the day on Saturday, Jan. 6 for the annual tree burn behind the Mack's Apples Farm Stand. Snow was falling at a fast rate by the time the massive pile of trees was set ablaze with a number of residents enjoying the sight of the annual event.

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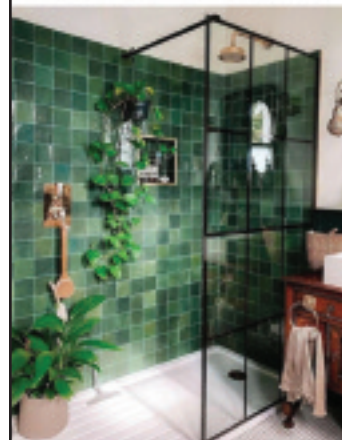
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Karaoke

On Jan. 12, American Legion Post 27 will host Karaoke with DJ Sharon from 7:30 - 11 p.m., at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry. Non-members interested in joining Post 27 are welcome to attend as well.

Legion Meeting

On Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m., American Legion Post 27 will hold their Monthly General Meeting at 6 Sargent Rd., Londonderry. All members are welcome to attend.

Food Drive

The American Legion Post 27 Auxiliary is sponsoring the End 68 Hours of Hunger Food Drive from Jan. 8 through Jan 29 to support children of the Londonderry School District. Food items can be

dropped off at the Post located at 6 Sargent Rd. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please Venmo @danielle-peckham-2. For more information please email mail@alpost27.com.

Child Find

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

White Elephant Bingo

Join the Londonderry Women's Club for an evening of joy and excitement at the White Elephant Bingo on Wednesday,

Jan. 17, hosted at the Marion Gerrish Community Center in Derry. The bingo festivities kick off at 7 p.m. It is encouraged to bring a creatively wrapped gift that will serve as the prize for winning BINGO. To ensure your spot for this event, reserve your seat by reaching out at info@londonderrywomen-sclub.org. Feel free to contact for any additional information.

LEEP

Londonderry Early Education Program is now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year! The program is provided by the Londonderry School District. The Program for three-year old preschoolers meet from 8:25 - 10:55 a.m., either 2 or 4 days per week and the program for pre-kindergarten students meet from

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ESL Conversation Group

Leach Library is partnering with the Nashua Adult Learning Center to offer a free ESL Conversation Group at the Leach library on Wednesday afternoons from Jan. 10 - Feb. 21, from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. The group is free and open to adults ages 18 and older. Participants will receive free storybooks provided by New Hampshire Humanities. Advance registration is required, please contact M.T. Huard at the Nashua Adult Learning Center, (603) 716-7017, mhuard@nashuaalc.org. Participants will be asked to take a brief initial assessment before the first session.

Coffee and Blues

A Coffee House & Blues will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20, from 7 - 10 p.m. at the Orchard Christian Church in Londonderry.

Wiggle Worms Story Time

On Tuesday or Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. from Jan. 9 through Feb. 14, 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.

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Intro to Paper Quilling

On Saturday, Jan. 13 at noon, join Gariné Arakelian for an introductory workshop on paper quilling at the Leach Library. Adults and teens (ages 13 and up) are invited to

make their very own paper quilled heart greeting card. Registration is limited to 20 participants and opens on Saturday, Jan. 6. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Tinker Time

Come to the Leach Library on Jan. 20 at 10 a.m. for Tinker Time. A variety of toys and games from the Library of Things will be provided for children to try. Registration is recommended and begins on Saturday, Jan. 13. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Duplo Budding Builders

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 10 a.m. for a meeting of Duplo Budding Builders. Participants will create using larger Duplo blocks. This program is designed for younger Lego enthusiasts ages 0-5. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Jan. 11. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday, Jan. 1

10:27 a.m. Welfare conducted on Hall Road results in an arrest. Ricky Daugherty, 69, of Manchester, charged with an Arrest Warrant.

1:48 p.m. Services rendered on Norwich Place for a Welfare Check at the Whispering Pines Trailer Park Laundry-mat.

5:57 p.m. Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest made by four officers on Perkins Road at Bridle Path. Mary Ray, 54, of Londonderry, charged with Operating a Vehicle After Certified as a Habitual Offender.

7:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Check at the LAFA Complex on Nelson Road leads to an arrest.

Tuesday, Jan. 2

3:58 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made at the Rockingham County Jail, Brentwood. David Gile, 39, of Londonderry, charged with: Loitering or Prowling; Criminal Trespass; and Burglary - Night/Home/Weapon.

9:51 a.m. Motor vehicle stop and arrest made on Rockingham Road at the Manchester the town line. Brett Charlebois, 31, of Merrimack, charged with Driving After

Revoke/Suspension - License Suspension.

10:40 a.m. Peace restored after a Disturbance at the MacGregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.

11:49 a.m. Criminal Threatening investigated at the Londonderry Flea Market on Avery Road.

1:27 p.m. Assisted citizen with services at the MacGregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.

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2:28 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Reed Street.

3:09 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Noyes Road.

3:23 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services at the MacGregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.

3:58 p.m. Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest made on Industrial Drive at Altium Packaging. Joseph Chaloux, 38, of Manchester, charged with:

Felon In Possession of a Dangerous Weapon; Driving After Revoke/Suspension; Suspension of Vehicle Registration; Manufacturing, Selling Official Inspection/Registration Sticker; Misuse of Plates; and driving an Unregistered Vehicle.

Wednesday, Jan. 3

8:13 a.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at Convenient MD Urgent Care on Nashua Road.

9:20 a.m. Dog Bite investigated on Boulder Drive by Animal Control.

11:11 a.m. Criminal Threatening investigated at PPG Auto Glass on Tinker Avenue.

12:13 p.m. Services rendered by three officers for Suspicious Activity at Market Basket on Michels Way.

1:53 p.m. Comfort Dog Training at Crossroads Mall on Nashua Road.

1:57 p.m. Medical Emergency on Morrison Drive results in a being vehicle towed.

3:43 p.m. Motor vehicle stop leads to an arrest made by four officers on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

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Around Town

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Library on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 4:30 p.m. for a Lego program designed for ages 6 and up. Each month, there will be a fun theme and time to create using the library's Legos. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Jan. 11. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Snow Ball Party

Come to the Leach Library on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 4:30 p.m. for a Snow Ball, a fun winter-themed party for children. We'll read a story, play a game, make a snowman craft, and finish up with a light snack. Registration is required and begins Wednesday, Jan. 17. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1127.

Go Native! Native Plants in Landscapes

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, Jan. 25 at 6:30 p.m. to learn what native plants are and

why they are important to add to your landscapes with UNH Extension Master Gardener Jane Raymond! Attendees will learn where to buy natives and how to use them successfully in their new and existing gardens. This program series is sponsored by the Green Team of Londonderry. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, Jan. 18. To register, visit the library's online event calendar or call (603) 432-1132. Two more events in this gardening series are scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 8 and Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Cookbook Potluck: Everything Chocolate

Come to the Leach Library on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 11:30 a.m. for a chocolate-themed potluck. Prepare and share a recipe from either "Everything Chocolate" by America's Test Kitchen or "Chocolate is Forever" by Maida Heatter. The library cannot guarantee each dish's ingredients or accurate preparation. Food served at this program may contain or come into contact

with common allergens. Registration is limited to 15 participants and begins on Wednesday, Jan. 10. Please visit the library's main desk to reserve a recipe and check out a cookbook.

Block by Block Coding Club and Maker Lab

On Wednesday, Jan. 31 from 4 - 5 p.m., students in grades 4-8 will be able to explore in a variety of coding exercises and programs including using screen-free coding robots, independent online coding, and other guided activities at the Leach Library. An assortment of art supplies and building materials will also be available for creative expression open to all participants. This program is open to participants age 9-14. Registration is required and begins on Wednesday, Jan. 24. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132.

Romance Book Discussion

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss

"The Bromance Book Club" by Lyssa Kay Adams. Chocolate will be served. Registration opens on Thursday, Jan. 11 and is limited to 15 participants. To register, visit the library's online calendar or call (603) 432-1132. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the library's main desk.

Republican Meeting

On Thursday, Feb. 2, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., the Londonderry Republican Committee (LRC) will meet at the Long Blue Cat Brewery, 298 Rockingham Rd, Londonderry. Members, friends, and affiliates are welcome. They will be discussing upcoming Town and School Board elections. Come and join like minded citizens for a discussion and enjoy a drink in a friendly atmosphere. For more information: <https://Londonderry-GOP.org>, www.facebook.com/LondonderryGOP, or contact Chair Jonathan Esposito at lrc@londonderry-gop.org

Annual Tree Burn

Londonderry Boys

Scout Troop 521 will be conducting their annual community Christmas tree burn on Jan. 6 at Moose Hill Orchard behind the Farm Stand on Mammoth Rd. Residents may drop off trees

starting at 8 a.m. and until the actual burn which is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Donations for the troop will be accepted and refreshments will be available.

OBITUARY

William Miles Tate



William Miles Tate, 76, of Hudson, NH passed away on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024 surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Jan. 30, 1947 in Nashua, son of the late Wesley William and Catherine (Ruiter) Tate. Bill was also predeceased by a son; Timothy Scott Tate, and his step father, Sanford King.

Bill was the beloved husband of Coleen (Coffey) Tate of Manchester, NH where they resided.

He was an Army Veteran who served his country in Vietnam and was honorably discharged from the service in 1967.

Bill put his heart and soul into his business, Tate Brother's Paving Co.

He and his brother, Dick, started Tate Brothers 55 years ago with very minimal means.

Through his hard work and determination, Bill gained success. He was well respected in the business community. He was honest and fair in all his work. Those who had the pleasure of working with him knew that Bill would be there for them. His work nickname was "the fearless leader", and he truly was. He had a way seeing potential in someone and made sure to help them rise and be successful.

Bill was not only a "fearless leader" at work. He was passionate about many issues in society. He was a confident public speaker and often shared his beliefs with others. He was not argumentative, but stood his ground, and shared what he believed was right.

Bill had a great sense of humor. He loved to kid people. He passed out nicknames like they were candy, and was always teasing and joking. He was an eternal optimist. He dealt with any challenge that arose, and moved on. He would frequently say, "everything will be all right".

When Bill was not working, he and Coleen enjoyed traveling the backroads of the NH and VT. They shared weekend getaways and overnight stays in historic inns. Bill shared his knowledge and love with his 2 sons and daughter. He enjoyed time with all of the grandchildren.

His hobbies included vintage cars, auto racing, car auctions and making his rounds in town.

Bill was a great supporter of churches and made contributions over the years to the Victory Baptist Church of Londonderry, First United Methodist Church of Manchester, and the Salvation of Army. He often said, "money is only as good as what it can do for others." He was an incredibly generous man who helped many people.

Besides his wife Coleen, Bill's devoted family includes a brother; Richard "Dick" Tate of Hudson, a daughter; Paula Suzanne Tate and her significant other Ronald Trudeau of Nashua NH, a son; Wesley Tate of Londonderry, NH, a son; Kyle Tate and his significant other Alysa Geddes of Hudson, NH.

His loved grandchildren; Ashley Hubbell of Londonderry NH, Daryl Wayne Hubbell of Malibu, CA, Joshua Tate and his fiancée Ally Burke of Manchester NH, Jessica Rose Tate and her fiancée Nick Pariseault of Londonderry, NH, Emma Nault-Tate of Londonderry, NH, Paisley Tate and Jayla Tate.

Great Grandchildren; Cole Hubbell and Coby Hubbell of Londonderry, NH, Bill's stepchildren; Lisa Wiggins of Manchester NH and Kenneth Lyle Tarbox Jr of Londonderry NH, as well as several grandchildren and great grandchildren on Coleen's side of the family, and many nieces, nephews, and friends. Also extended family including the King's.

Following cremation and a private service for the family, A Celebration of Life for family and friends will be held at the White Birch Catering & Banquet Hall, 222 Central Street, in Hudson on Jan. 20 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations be made in Bill's loving memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org.

Police Log

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Beatriz Rodriguez, 25, of Boston, MA, charged with Driving After Revoked/Suspension - Subsequent.

3:49 p.m. Assisted another Police Department with services on Auburn Road.

3:59 p.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Olde Country Village Road.

5:21 p.m. Suspicious Activity investigated by five officers at the NH Liquor Store on Michels Way.

Thursday, Jan. 4

7:16 a.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

10:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Check leads to an arrest made at the LAFA Complex on Nelson Road.

12:33 p.m. Services rendered for Identity Theft on Midridge Circle.

7:55 p.m. Sudden Death investigated by four officers on Pine Street.

8:22 p.m. Services rendered

to Keep the Peace on Raven Terrace.

Friday, Jan. 5

7:40 a.m. Domestic Disturbance investigated on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

9:35 a.m. Services rendered for Juvenile Offenses at Londonderry High School.

9:57 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services at Londonderry Middle School.

1:11 p.m. Welfare conducted on Pinyon Place.

4:43 p.m. Assisted Londonderry Fire Department with services on Commerce Avenue at Industrial Drive.

7:29 p.m. Complaint investigated at Shaw's on Orchard View Drive.

8:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident results in an arrest and vehicle being towed on Route 28 at Route 93. David Stiasny,

58, of Auburn, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

10:36 p.m. Four officers

respond to an Overdose on Wimbledon Drive. Transported to a Hospital.

Saturday, Jan. 6

12:05 a.m. Criminal Misconduct investigated at the Stumble Inn on Rockingham Road.

12:10 a.m. Motor vehicle accident on Nashua Road at Gilcreast Road leads to an arrest made by four officers. Andrew Macinnis, 43, of Londonderry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and Traffic Control Device Violation.

1 a.m. Three officers investigated a Domestic Disturbance on Bartley Hill Road.

10:01 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated on Constitution Drive.

11:26 a.m. Complaint at the Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road investigated by three officers.

4:08 p.m. Motor vehicle stop on Pettengill Road at Harvey Road leads to an arrest made and vehicle towed. Jesus Toro Diaz,

27, of Bedford, charged with; Operating a Vehicle Without a Valid License - License Required.

4:33 p.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

6:30 p.m. Peace restored during a Domestic Disturbance on Winding Pond Road.

Sunday, Jan. 7

9:35 a.m. Criminal Misconduct investigated on Noyes Road.

9:57 a.m. Sudden Death investigated by five officers on Reed Street.

7:19 p.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

8:21 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud on Wentworth Avenue.

11 p.m. Suspicious Activity reported on Symmes Drive.

11:25 p.m. Services rendered at Park & Ride North on Symmes Drive for Suspicious Activity.



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