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## Winter Graduation

The Londonderry High School Adult Education program celebrated its 2025 January Commencement on Monday, Jan. 6, with 29 diploma's being handed out to those participating in the program. See more on page 5.

Photo by Chris Paul

## Town Council Begin Search For the Next Town Manager

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council faced questions during its Jan. 6 meeting, regarding the open Town Manager position. With the departure of former Town Manager Mike Malaguti, Recreation Director Art Psaledas was appointed Acting Town Manager for up to 120 days. Going into the meeting, it was unclear what the Town Council was doing to find a replacement.

Resident Richard Bielinski said he doesn't know why people in Town keep calling him and asking him what is going on with the position.

"Where is the search heading? Have you advertised it now? What is being done," he asked.

Bielinski also raised concerns about a Dec. 27 non-public meeting, which according to the minutes, the Town Council met with U.S. Marshall Bill Hart, who formerly served as Police Chief, and at one time Acting Town Manager for the town of Londonderry, about the open position.

"Where did that come about?" Bielinski said.

He explained that people in Town are wondering about the position, and how people can apply.

"Why hasn't it been

advertised?" Bielinski said.

Kristine Perez, said she wrote a letter to members of the Town Council following a phone call she had with four out of five of them, about the position not being posted, questioning why the process wasn't expedited to find their next Town Manager.

Former Town Councilor Jim Butler, who has spoken out at a number of meetings since his son's, Bo Butler's, resignation as Fire Chief in October, argued that the meeting with Hart shouldn't have been scheduled until there

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## Auburn Road PUD Concept May Add Over 1,300 Homes

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The first January meeting of the Londonderry Planning Board saw its members engage in a non-binding discussion aimed at the analysis of a Planned Use Development to be located at 109 Auburn Road. Representing the Governors Hill Corporation, Nashua Attorney Morgan Hollis and Project Engineer Brian Pratt were at the meeting to give a presentation on the PUD.

"The purpose of a PUD ordinance is to allow a property owner to approach their own

development largely independent of land use regulations," explained Hollis. "I think Londonderry is really at the forefront of this advanced land use planning and always has been. We now know the only way to obtain more affordable housing in to have proper zoning allowing that type of housing."

Their development would include a mixed-use design with 1,360 residential units, around 28,000 square feet of commercial space, and other site improvements like private ways, open space, and parks, all on

a single 241-acre tract. Currently, the property is home to the Brook Hollow Sand-Gravel Corporation, which has a mining operation which Hollis claimed was slowing down.

"It is a very large product, no doubt about it," said Hollis. "I'm happy to call this a con-

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## Residents, Officials Express Concerns Over 91A Requests

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Jan. 6 Town Council meeting, the issue of 91A requests was brought up by a member of the Town Council along with members of the community, during

the public input portion of the meeting.

Town Councilor John Farrell said he asked the IT Department and the Town Manager to pull the 91A requests for the month of September, which he reviewed.

"After going through

them and reviewing all of them a number of them come from out of state and that requires... a lot of information and a lot of work," Farrell said.

Farrell added that recently I've heard we're

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# School Board Approves Tentative Agreement With LAAHP

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the Jan. 7 School Board meeting, one of the agenda items was in regards the proposed contract for the Londonderry Association of Allied Health Professionals (LAAHP), and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$189,307 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost items attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid, at current staffing levels, in the prior fiscal year? The agreement calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits over those paid in the prior fiscal year.”

With a tentative agreement reached, the School Board was required to give its approval in order for it to be put on the ballot, which would then be voted on in March.

The warrant article states: “Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collec-

tive bargaining agreement reached between the Londonderry School District and the Londonderry Association of Allied Health Professionals (LAAHP), and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$189,307 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost items attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid, at current staffing levels, in the prior fiscal year? The agreement calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits over those paid in the prior fiscal year.”

As part of the agreement, Superintendent

Dan Black, explained that they worked on increasing sick leave.

We increased the sick leave for members of this bargaining unit,” Black said.

He also noted that they defined the work year more clearly as part of the agreement.

Black said that the biggest change they had as part of the agreement was in terms of salary. He explained they found that the first four years, for members of the bargaining unit, was lower salaries than the rest of the area.

School Board Chair Bob Slater explained that there is a shortage across the state for the

positions part of the bargaining unity, and said that the data they had is that they are “significantly lower,” compared to other districts.

If the agreement is approved by voters, Slater said he thinks they will be in a better position.

“I feel as though we’ll be really competitive now,” Slater said.

The School Board unanimously approved the tentative agreement, which will now go to the voters.

“The next step is the voters,” Black said

Also during the meeting the School Board had a number of personnel items.

It included the retirement of Londonderry

High School Teacher Janel McCabe, along with the retirement of Londonderry High School Teacher Daniel Wood.

The School Board also approved the resignation of Londonderry Middle School custodian Bo Landry, and the resignation of District Office support staff Jessica Wentworth.

## Town Manager

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was a job posting.

“Guys say what you want, it was a job interview,” Butler said, arguing that the process should be the same for everyone.

Following the meeting, the Town released a statement, regarding the search for its next Town Manager.

“At their meeting on Jan. 6, 2025, the Londonderry Town Council announced that the recruitment process for the Town Manager position will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025. The posting and job description can be found on the Town’s website at [londonderrynh.gov/town-manager-posting](http://londonderrynh.gov/town-manager-posting). The application

deadline is Friday, Feb. 7, 2025,” the statement read.

It was explained that the “Town Manager for Londonderry is responsible for the administrative and financial affairs of the Town, overseeing the day-to-day operations by managing all Town departments with a workforce of more than 200 employees, and implementing policies established by a five-member Town Council.”

“Londonderry’s character is diverse, combining residential, commercial, industrial, and recreational activities,” the statement read in part. “The Town maintains its quality of life by supporting an excellent school system, preserving thousands of acres of open space, and encouraging land use practices to promote a healthy suburban lifestyle. Londonderry is proud that its departments, including Police, Fire and Public Works, are regarded as some of the best in the state. The Town seeks an effective leader with a proven record of innovative, professional management experience to build upon a tradition of excellence.”

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## OBITUARY

**Carol Robinson**



Carol Robinson of Londonderry, NH, passed away on Jan. 7, 2025, at the age of 84 while bravely battling Ovarian Cancer. She was born on July 18, 1940, in Saint Albans, VT.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Ed Robinson, and two brothers, Larry and his wife Betty Bombardier and Geno Bombardier, three daughters and their spouses, Debbie and Bruce Gagnon, Lynda Ponti, Karla and Anthony Palmer, six grandchildren and their spouses, John and Christina Gagnon, Josh and Caitlin Gagnon, Samantha and Joey Bibeau, Alison Palmer and Kevin Stierer, Nicole Palmer and Kaitlyn Ponti as well as three great-grandchildren, Jolene and Jake Gagnon and Julia Gagnon.

Carol’s family and close friends were her sole focus. She worried over all of them to the end. She enjoyed watching her grandchildren and great-grandchildren growing up and helping them with whatever they needed. She loved to golf and managed the women’s league in Englewood, FL. She also enjoyed playing cards with friends and family. Those who knew her knew she was competitive and liked to win, which is how she lived her whole life, even as she fought to beat cancer in her final days.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, Jan. 14 in St. Jude Parish, 435 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Burial followed in the NH State Veteran’s Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Hwy., Boscawen, NH.



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## PUD Plan

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cept plan, but I've been doing this over 40 years and this is the most detailed concept I've ever seen presented."

Auburn Road served as the site's main point of access, along with at least two other secondary roads, connecting the relatively rural PUD location to the rest of Londonderry. Part of the property extends into Auburn, but that section would not formally be part of the PUD. Environmental concerns were

also taken into account, focusing on surrounding wetlands.

"We really want to fit in with a topography, protect the wetlands," said Pratt.

He outlined a variety of buildings ranging from single-family homes, a clubhouse, a "downtown," parking areas, and townhouses, along with three- and four-story apartments. More focus was given to denser housing. Governors Hill already has approval to extend nearby water and sewer lines to the PUD. Approval for

natural gas and electricity remained pending, although Pratt did not foresee much trouble in those areas.

"We really wanted to limit the number of surface parking lots, we didn't want to create a sea of pavement," said Pratt. "We want make sure this is bikeable, as well as walkable."

With that in mind, the PUD included extensive shared-use paths and walking trails. Any later approval will need a full traffic study.

"I do want to stress is that the sewer lines will

extend from this development and into the Auburn development," added Director of Engineering and Environmental Services John Trotter. "Auburn would need to negotiate an intermunicipal agreement with Londonderry."

He emphasized such a coordination would need to happen between the towns, not with Governors Hill.

"I do have some concerns about this project truly meeting the requirements of our PUD ordinance in Londonderry," added Assistant Town Manager Kellie Caron. "Specifically, in the regulations one of the points criteria as part of this review calls for infrastructure capacity in the affected PUD regarding public services

and public safety."

She was not the only official worried that Londonderry's road system might struggle to deal with such a large development, especially when it came to coordinating with emergency services.

"I see a fairly large development just about as far away as it can get from any public safety services," said Planning Chair Jake Butler. "I would want to hear quite a bit from our friends at the police department and fire department."

He also wanted to consult with the town attorney to ensure the PUD complied with local regulations.

"It's separated from the activity centers of Londonderry; it's all out

there by itself," Vice-Chair Arthur Rugg noted. "I can't support this as a PUD because it lacks the commercial part and it lacks the industrial part."

Other Board members also asked to see more businesses in the PUD to reinforce the "mixed-use" factor, saying there was too much housing and too few businesses. They also worried there was no nearby grocery store.

As the initial presentation was nonbinding, no action was taken by the Planning Board.

If the project moves forward, it will be the third PUD Londonderry has approved.

The Woodmont Commons project was the first to take advantage of the ordinance.

## 91A Requests

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classifying things as 91As that we used to just be able to provide the information," asking if they had made any policy change, regarding the requests for information.

It was explained by Farrell that he thinks they need to give clear guidance to staff about how requests for information should be handled, saying that 95% or more of the information in Town Hall "is public information."

"If someone asks for it, let's try to find a way to streamline it and just give it to them," Farrell said.

It was agreed to have staff look at a process to get information to people easier.

Resident Richard Bielinski said he agreed with Farrell's assessment.

"I don't often agree

with him but I will agree with him on that because I called up to get some information," he said, explaining that he didn't do it as a 91A request, but was told that all of the requests for information would be answered through a 91A request.

"I said that's foolishness," Bielinski said.

Planning Board Chair Jake Butler also spoke during public input, about his recent experience regarding getting information from the Town.

"I do have to say, I was relatively surprised, I had asked for some information and then a few weeks later I got a very formal email about a 91A request when I never really requested anything, I just emailed and asked for information," Butler said.

Butler said it doesn't bother him either way,

but said "I think if it's easier for the Town to throw stuff through a process that everything goes through a 91A whether its somebody asking for a simple email or a million pieces of documentation if that's what's going to be easiest for the Town staff with the resources that they have in order to organize it and be able to get back to it totally fine."

Butler added, he was surprised with the fact that he was told he may be charged for the information, saying he was requesting it as the Planning Board Chair.

"This was in conversation," he said, explaining that he had spoken to Assistant Town Manager Kellie Caron, who told him he may be charged for it.

Farrell said it was one of the things that was brought to his attention regarding the topic.



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# Editorial

## King's Dream Today

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is renowned for his historic "I Have a Dream" speech, delivered 60 years ago on Aug. 28, 1963. The third Monday in January is designated to honor his life, achievements, and this moment that forever changed the landscape of the United States.

Following the historic March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, King stood before a sea of people at the Lincoln Memorial. He rose to the occasion, departing from his prepared speech to deliver a passionate message - words that became a pivotal and signature moment of the civil rights movement.

King utilized his spirit and exceptional speaking skills to encourage United States citizens to transform their perspectives on race. While progress has been made since then, regrettably, his dream has not yet been fully realized.

King set forth the forces for change, and as long as more people believe in this change, the dream of equality and acceptance can still be achieved. Unlike many influencers today, King was not eager to be the center of attention. The spotlight made him uncomfortable, yet he did whatever was necessary to propel the movement forward.

He made every effort to keep the focus on his message rather than himself. Drawing from his background as a preacher, this humility allowed him to understand that a lesson should possess more substance than style. Nonetheless, King had a remarkable style, whether intentional or not.

His message was powerful yet simple, rooted in the American ideal of equality, opportunity, and justice for all. He fought peacefully for acceptance among all people, regardless of their economic status, ensuring that all Americans have the opportunity to pursue the American Dream.

Sadly, King's message still falls on deaf ears. However, if he were alive today, King would not abandon his vision for America.

He would intensify his efforts to combat violence and hatred through peaceful demonstrations, recognizing that fighting fire with fire only leads to disaster, an example we should strive to follow.

In today's heated political climate, King's dream faces obstacles, just as it did on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial that historic day. Yet, much like the spirit that defined Martin Luther King Jr., it will endure and overcome the challenges of our times.

Though his life was tragically cut short, King's dream for America continues to live on through those of us who believe in what is right. Now, more than ever, we must follow King's lead, be examples of goodness, never give up, and work toward one day seeing his dream fully realized.

Here are a few quotes from that inspirational speech; "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed - we hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."

"We will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream."

# 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.

For some reason once and a while I don't get the Times for my weekly read, I'm either away or it's somehow lost. Those weeks swear I get withdrawal symptoms and my coffee tastes flat. An unwell-

comed interruption to my Friday mornings.

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.  
Bob Pitre  
Londonderry

### Thank You Leach Library Staff

To the editor,

I am writing to express much gratitude to the Library staff in particular Erin Matlin, Library Director who has done a magnificent job (must acknowledge none of us are perfect, but learn from our mis-

takes as is the case with Erin) in bringing Leach Library into the modern world. In particular joining the Consortium. My friend who is homebound and a voracious reader has so benefited from this program.

So I would dispute any negativity that is swirling around Erin. And I would implore the town officials and the trustees of the Library to support and stand up for the Library Staff.

This is particularly important in these times, when the body politic is attempting to curtail the knowledge available to the citizens of Londonderry and all Americans.

Knowledge of all brings liberty.  
Jane Cooper  
Londonderry

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## Filing Period for Open Elected Positions Starts on Jan. 22

The "Notice of Open Elected Positions in the Town of Londonderry" was recently made available for the Town Election that will take place on Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

The 11 elected positions are listed below.

Town Council: Two, three-year term seats.

Budget Committee: Two, three-year term seats.

Town Moderator: One, two-year term position.

Trustees of the Trust Fund: One, three-year term seat.

Cemetery Trustees: One, three-year term seat.

Library Trustees:

Three, three-year term seats are available.

Town Treasurer: One Three-Year Term position is available.

The Filing Period for these positions begins on Wednesday, Jan. 22, until Friday, Jan. 31, at 5 p.m.

Residents wishing to sign up for any of these position should go to the Town Clerk's office to complete the necessary forms during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).

Applicants must be residents of Londonderry.

Questions should be directed to Sherry Farrell, the Town Clerk, at (603) 432-1100 x199 or

[sfarrell@londonderry-nh.gov](mailto:sfarrell@londonderry-nh.gov).

### School District

The School District announced four positions being available.

School Board: One, three-year term seat.

School Moderator: one, three-year term position.

School Treasurer: One, three-year term spot.

School District Clerk: One, three-year term position.

Those interested should contact Kerri Stanley, the School District Clerk at 603-860-9369 or email [kstanley@londonderry.org](mailto:kstanley@londonderry.org)



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# High School Adult Education Program Graduates Neary 30



The 2025 January Commencement of the Londonderry Adult Education took place last week on Monday, Jan. 6, with 29 diploma being handed out to those participating in the program. One of those diploma was presented to the family of Lillian-na Cawthron who was involved in the program, but tragically lost her life in a car crash on Route 93 over the summer.

During the Graduation Exercises, graduates Ciera (Raye) Coyne sang the National Anthem and Samantha McInnis performed a Billie Eilish song. Also speaking at the event was Jenna Pruneau, who

read a poem she had written.

Director of Adult Education, Crystal Rich acted as the emcee throughout the evening and handed out the diploma.

One of the graduates, Alexavier Nave-do, will be entering the U.S. Army, and was presented a gift by the Blue Star Lancers.

Four graduates were presented with Scholarships. McGinnis and Elizabeth Green received AEG Scholarships, while Pruneau and Jason Ladd were presented with Perseverance Scholarships.

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# Town Council Discusses Building Moratorium Again

ALEX MALM  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the Jan. 6 Town Council meeting, one of the topics discussed was in regards to building, and particularly a building moratorium.

"As a dillon rule state, we the council, the planning board, we are limited by the state laws and regulations," Town Councilor John Farrell said during the meeting.

Farrell explained that they need to be able to have more tools, noting that the State doesn't allow many.

"Growth management, impact fees, building moratoriums, development programs, they are all antiquated at the state level, and they all need to be updated. We don't have the proper tools to manage the growth that's going on today in our community because those tools come from the state," Farrell said.

It was explained by Farrell that there have been over 800 bills submitted in the State legislature this year to address various needs but said "there's only one that I know of that I'm aware of that has anything to do with growth management and Ron's working on it. What are the other 799 for?"

Farrell said that they need to tell their elected officials that they need tools for growth management programs.

"State law doesn't allow for building moratoriums; they're very, very limited. We need the legislature to update those laws and regulations to help us," Farrell explained.

He also explained during the meeting that the liaison for the Planning Board should be expressing those concerns to the Board.

In addition to the Master Plan, Farrell said there is also a need to update regulations in Town.

"We still need to update our regulations," he said.

It was agreed by the Town Council to have the Planning Board liaison express those concerns.

During public input Kristine Perez, a state representative, said she is at almost every meeting, and Doug Thomas, another state representative, is at a number of meetings.

"We all announced to you when our bills had to be in," Perez said, explaining that no one in the Town approached her about building from the Town.

Farrell said he has been speaking to Town Councilor Ron Dunn.

"We're taking advantage of the person who sits on the board with us," Dunn said.

Planning Board Chair Jake Butler said he asked for the Town Council to weigh in on some things like building and infrastructure. He said he brought up having an emergency moratorium, and it was reviewed with the Town Attorney and the Planning Board.

From there, however, Butler said the attorney was no longer authorized to do more work on it.

"Your Planning Board has tried," Butler said.

Butler said he wanted it to be known that it was attempted to be looked at.

Farrell explained that temporary moratoriums have a very limited scope, it's temporary, and has a very complicated legal process.

"An emergency moratorium is not what's needed, what's needed is a proper piece of legislation that gives communities the ability to be flexible and we do not have that today," Farrell said.

Former councilor Deb Paul, who had brought the subject up while she was on the board, also questioned

Farrell, saying that this should have been brought up years ago. She asked why, if Far-

rell saw the problem back in 2016, why he's just starting to do something now.

## OBITUARY

### Douglas Antero Soares



Douglas Antero Soares, 67, died Jan. 8, 2025. His love for his four boys and his wife was the driving force of his life.

Doug earned the Eagle Scout award as a youth and showed the same drive and determination throughout his life. He worked his way through culinary school at Johnson and Wales University by cooking in local restaurants but soon changed his focus to hotel management. He began his career at the Radisson in Pennsylvania and then moved to Burlington, Vermont where he met the love of his life, Mary Jane Wing. They married and moved to Massachusetts and then to Florida where he was lured away from the Radisson to the Marriott Corporation.

Doug opened several hotels for Marriott holding various positions in sales and regional management. The family moved from Florida to Georgia, back to Florida then to Rhode Island and then finally to NH. Shortly before his retirement Doug worked from home where he assumed the responsibility for preparing meals to the delight of his entire family, especially his wife! The neighborhood they lived in were also treated to his culinary skills, as they often hosted card nights which seemed to be catered by a five star restaurant under Doug's expertise. Even in their retirement, when he prepared dinner just for Mary, there would be a sprig of parsley, or a radish rosette to add to the presentation.

His goal was to retire at 60, and at 60 he retired and settled into the 'Soares Last Resort' in Sanbornville. Doug always wanted to live on the water and spent years searching for the perfect spot. When he finally found a home on the beautiful Lovell Lake he spent three years transforming it into a sanctuary for his wife and children and grandchildren. Doug had a few precious years to explore the joys of retirement. He became restless pretty quickly and took a job as an usher for the Fisher Cats Baseball team and later as a barista at a local Londonderry coffee shop. Then he learned the pleasure of working for free! When he moved to Sanbornville, he jumped into the Lions Club volunteering his time as the membership chair. He brought many ideas to the club, starting the annual 'Shred Event' which offered free shredding of sensitive documents, and initiating what has become the annual tree bonfire.

Under his role of membership chair the club gained more than 15 new members. In 2024 Doug was presented with the Granite State Fellow Award for exceptional service to NH Citizens by the NH Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation. Doug also volunteered at the Wakefield Food Pantry, picking up food and stocking the shelves. He served on the committee celebrating the 250th anniversary of Wakefield and recently joined the board of the Greater Wakefield Resource Center.

His four sons were Doug's pride and joy. He was their scout leader in the woods and their coach on the baseball field. He loved playing with and challenging the boys, especially when it came to food. When they were young, he introduced the boys to the world of World Championship Wrestling and the family room often became the wrestling ring. Later, his tutelage moved into the kitchen where one or the other of the boys could be seen helping with a meal. Doug was a marvelous teacher and mentor and his boys stand as a testament to his success.

Doug was predeceased by his parents Antero and Agnes Soares and sister, Diane, his nephews Baxter and Charlie, and niece Evelyn. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Mary Wing Soares and his four sons, Michael (Katherine), Christopher (Tristen), Anthony (Annelise) and Thomas (Julie) and his beloved grandchildren who made being a 'Poobah' the best, Hayley, Thomas, Liam and Emmaline.

There will be a wake on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 2 - 4 p.m., at the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Catholic prayers will be offered at 2:45 p.m. He will be buried in Rutland, VT at a later date.

## OBITUARY

### Mary Glenna Zirpola



Mary Glenna Zirpola, 75, of Londonderry, NH passed away peacefully Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025. Mary was born Jan. 27, 1949 in Lawrence, MA, a daughter of the late Malcolm MacLean and Mary (Kivell) Duci. She was a longtime resident of Derry prior to relocating to Londonderry.

Mary worked for the US Postal Service for many years. One of her favorite hobbies was reading and watching Jeopardy. She was also a fanatic for the Minnesota Vikings football team. Any chance she got to wear purple, she would; even her hair and nails. Her one great love in her life was her family. She enjoyed following her grandchildren's sporting events and being an active part of their lives. So many memories of Mary with her children and grandchildren.

Members of the family include her daughter Maureen Scarfo of Londonderry; four grandchildren, Nicholas, Sophia, Olivia and Scott; and one great grandson, AJ. Mary was one of 10 children. She has five brothers, Malcolm, Brian, James (Chris), Shawn and Mark McLean; and two sisters, Sharon (John) Lough and Maureen MacLean. Mary was predeceased by her beloved husband William Zirpola, a daughter Sharon Zirpola-Dyson, her late brothers Michael and Grant. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and her son-in-law Gregory Scarfo.

Following cremation, calling hours were held on Thursday, Jan. 9 in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium. A memorial service followed in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Brookhaven Hospice of NH, 2 Bedford Farms Dr., Unit 105, Bedford, NH 03110.



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# Steering Committee Goes Over Age-Related Strategies for Master Plan

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Master Plan Steering Committee met on Dec. 19 to discuss their upcoming strategies for 2025, including issues among the town's older residents.

"With civic engagement and planning, 65 and older respondents feel that local governance has not adequately addressed their concerns," said Southern NH Planning Commission Executive Director Sylvia von Aulock, noting housing was seen as an especially pressing issue. "Three distinct concerns were identified. First, was the need

for housing with accessibility features, such as age-friendly or universal design. Second, respondents highlighted the need for additional community services to better support seniors, and lastly, unlikely their younger counterparts, the 65-plus group expressed a preference for stricter zoning regulations."

Aging in place was also cited as a central concern in the first Master Plan survey.

"The elements that rose to the top were in-home services, assistance in getting places, and making connections to family and friends," added von Aulock.

John Wilson of the Senior Resources Committee specifically requested the results from the 65-and-older section of the survey to analyze. Transportation and affordable housing were seen as central issues in making it easier to age in place.

"I see a growth problem," said Wilson. "We ought to really think about building the infrastructure we need to handle it, mainly roads."

"On the housing needs for older adults, the AARP just released the results of their survey," said Committee member Marge Badois. "There were similar concerns, with people who

are planning to move and a lot of the reason why they're moving is financial.

She promised to forward the results of the AARP survey to the rest of the Steering Committee.

However, housing was seen as a universal issue, as Committee Chair Jeff Penta also wanted to examine options that could lower housing prices for younger residents as well.

"I'd like to get a grasp at what the community is saying for the housing needs of younger adults," he said.

Several members noted that the survey seemed to indicate dif-

ferent opinions on how to bring about affordable housing, as many younger residents indicated there was too much focus on communities earmarked for residents 55 or older at the expense of other options.

There was a discussion of breaking up outreach efforts to focus on different demographic groups at a future public Zoom session. The SNHPC Executive Director agreed with the importance of getting feedback from different age groups but reminded Committee members they did not have unlimited funding.

"Outreach can com-

pletely eat up a budget," warned von Aulock. "We won't hold the Zoom session until we have another meeting where we can really look at what's going to happen and develop an agenda for that specific Zoom session and how we plan on managing that."

Everyone agreed the online meeting needed a contingency in place in case 100 or more residents showed up.

"We want to tease out what people actually want for housing," said von Aulock. "We can do polls, people can vote on their preferred type of housing, we can do that kind of thing at the session."

# Debate Continues Over How to Encourage More Affordable Housing

PAUL CONYERS  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Master Plan Steering Committee continued to see the issue of housing and zoning as the most essential issues for the upcoming Master Plan. Southern NH Planning Commission Executive Director Sylvia von Aulock hoped the already-approved Housing Opportunity Planning (HOP) Grant would help lay out a path for greater affordability.

"What Londonderry has gotten funding for is to do a zoning assessment. The idea is to see where the roadblocks are for housing," she said. "We're going to at least start looking at the zoning regulations and do an assessment, and

then we'll probably do some interviews with specific officials like the Planning Board, maybe a subcommittee of the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, engineers, town staff, that's kind of where we're starting to go toward.

Committee members expressed skepticism over the effectiveness of zoning reform, questioning whether it was possible to encourage truly affordable housing at a municipal level when the market seemed expensive across South New Hampshire and Massachusetts. According to von Aulock, town residents provided a "wide range of responses" when asked what the town should do when it came to changing zoning

regulations.

"It's hard because most of the people who live in Londonderry own their own homes. They're not looking for affordable housing because they're already living in homes," said Committee member Martha Smith. "The problem is, we can afford our homes, but we bought our homes and paid down our mortgages, we're golden. But new people coming in are looking at houses at \$700,000 or \$800,000, it's ridiculous."

Committee member Marge Badois added that the demand for housing was high, which contributed to the affordability issue, while member Jake Butler suggested limiting the size of at least some newer

homes to create an "entry-level" option.

"I would like to see someone propose not just a smaller home on a smaller lot, but to truly limit the size of a home," he said. "I don't see a two-bedroom home going for \$700,000. Who's going to pay \$700,000 for a two-bedroom home? Though again, you never know."

His suggestion would also limit the size of two-bedroom homes.

Another step in the Master Plan process included what residents

wanted Londonderry to look like as it grows.

"We'll interview local farmers to see how the town can support them and to identify their needs. Do they have, for example, housing for their workers? Do they have housing for the family that owns the farm? How are they able to make it?" said von Aulock. "Another idea we had was to invite residents and business owners to send photos showcases the types of housings they want to see and architectural ele-

ments they want future builders to embrace."

Maintaining Londonderry's "rural character" in the face of population growth has repeatedly been cited as a priority for the town.

We're maintaining the agricultural element of Londonderry, said Chair Jeff Penta, who called for more public sessions on the issue.

The next meeting of the Master Plan Steering Committee is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 16, at 6 p.m. in the Moose Hill Conference Room.



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# Saturday's Snow Brings Elementary School Winter Concerts



The three Londonderry Elementary School performed their Winter Concerts on Saturday, Jan. 11, despite the hassle of some snow throughout the day. All three performances took place in the gym at the Middle School. Pictured, the North School String Orchestra, Chorus and Band at the 9 a.m. show. *Photos by Chris Paul*



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# LONDONDERRY SPORTS

## Lancers Boys' Basketball Tally Two More Victories

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After starting the season at 2-2, the Londonderry High School Boys' Basketball team was able to boost their record over the .500 mark with tough wins on their home court last week.

The Lancers started the week facing the 1-3 Spaulding High School contingent on Tuesday night, Jan. 7, where the home squad secured their third victory with a 59-52 victory over the Red Raiders.

Three days later, despite an 11-point lead at halftime, the Lancers second victory of the week came down to a final-seconds play of the



Cam Madden

game, with LHS getting by the Salem Blue Devils 60-59.

In the Friday night, Jan. 10 game against Salem High School, Londonderry outscored Salem 12-9 in the first

quarter, then 19-11 in the second for what seemed to be a comfortable 31-20 lead heading into the second half.

Coming out of the break, the Blue Devils stormed back 22-11 to finish the third quarter at and even 42-42.

In the final period, Londonderry managed to outscore Salem 18-17 for the slim win.

The final play of the game, with just over one second left on the clock, was a three-point attempt that went in as time expired. After a lengthy post-buzzer conference between officials, it was determined that the Salem shooter had his foot over the three-point line leading to the home court cele-

bration.

Senior forward Mason Paquette led the team with 13-points.

Fellow senior forward Matt Luongo finished with ten points, including two, three-pointers.

Senior guards Cam Madden and Kiet Totten both put up eight-points in the victory.

Senior forward Blake Thompson drained two, three-pointers and senior guard Jameson Seaman finished with five-points.

In the game against Spaulding, earlier in the week, wasn't nearly as tight, despite Londonderry having two low-scoring quarters.

The Red Raiders took **continued on page 12**



Senior Mason Paquette 45-points in the Lancers two games last week. Photos by Chris Paul

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# Lancers Hockey Moves to 2-1 With Win Over Blackbirds

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Hockey squad played

its third game of the season over the weekend, getting their second victory with a 4-2 win over the Keene Blackbirds.

The come-from-behind victory came after the Lancers fell behind 2-0 with just over 13-minutes left in the game. Londonderry was able to dig deep and score four unanswered goals in the final period for the win.

The defending state champs came into the game with a four-goal victory to start the season and 1-0 loss to start 2025.

The win over Keene put Londonderry at 2-1 and left the Blackbirds with a 2-2 record.

In the Saturday, Jan. 11 game in Keene, Keene took a one-goal lead early in the second period, with less than a minute off the clock.

The LHS scoring didn't take place until after Blackbirds went ahead 2-0, at 13:19 in the third

period.

Londonderry's Tyler Rushton put his team on the board at 12:30 in the third with an unassisted goal to cut Keene's lead in half, at 2-1.

Two minutes later, Owen Casimiro tied the game at two a piece, with the assist coming

from Dane Mac-Davis.

Senior forward Brett McKinnon took the lead with a goal assisted by Gavin Karoul at 4:30 left in the game.

McKinnon also got the insurance goal in the open net with just over a minute left in the contest.

The Lancers are scheduled to play just one road game again this week.

On Saturday, Jan. 18, the Londonderry squad will head to the JFK Coliseum in Manchester to take on the Trinity High School Pioneers (3-1) at 4:10 p.m.



Owen Casimiro scored the game-tying goal against the Keene Blackbirds. Photo by Chris Paul

# Lancers Wrestlers Get Win

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Wrestling team has had a tough time with Duel Meets this season and last week was no exception, winning just one of their four contests.

On Wednesday night, Jan. 8, the team traveled to Concord High School where they faced the always-challenging Crimson Tide where they came away with just four wins in the 14-match battle to finish at 56-24.

At 113-pounds, junior Lennox DeLeon registered a win by fall to put LHS on the board.

Following that victory, freshman Cam Roussel pinned his 120 lbs. Concord opponent for the second Lancers win of the evening.

After four losses, sophomore Caleb Holden won by fall at 150 lbs.

Then final Lancers win

went to David Pento Jr. at 175-pounds.

On Saturday, Jan. 11, the Lancers traveled north again, this time to Bow High School, where they competed in the annual Bow Quad Meet.

The Londonderry team's only victory last week came by way of a 41-36 win over ConVal Regional High School.

The Lancers were able to come away with seven wins in their battle with ConVal.

Anthony Cipolletta won by forfeit at 106 lbs.

Roussel had a pin at 126-pounds.

At 132-pounds, sophomore Dylan Nadeau notched a forfeit.

Holden had a fall victory in the 150-pound weight.

Senior Manny Perez and junior Brendan Egan both tallied forfeit wins.

Pento continued his winning streak with a 17-2 Technical Fall at 175-

pounds.

In the 28-39 loss to Souhegan High School, LHS tallied five individual victories.

At 120, Roussel pinned his opponent.

Perez got the team's second win at 150-pounds with 17-2 Tech Fall.

Brendan Egan registered a pin at 165-pounds.

Pento put up another 17-2 technical fall, and the final win went to DeLeon, with a pin at 106-pounds.

In the meet against the Quad's host, Bow High School, Londonderry was able to win six matches but fell 48-36.

Wins came from: Anthony Cipolletta (113 lbs) - forfeit; Roussel (120 lbs.) Fall at 1:56; Holden (150) Fall at 4:47; Perez (157) Fall at 1:47; Egan (165) Fall at 1:10; and Pento (175) with a Fall at 1:40.

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# Lancer Girls' Basketball Hand Blue Devils First Defeat

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls Basketball squad traveled to Salem High School for the team's one and only game last week and were able to come away with a solid 65-43 victory over the previously undefeated Lady Blue Devils.

Heading into the game, on Friday night, Jan. 10, Londonderry knew they'd have their work cut out for them. LHS had three consecutive wins to start the season, while Salem was hoping for their

sixth consecutive victory.

The Londonderry girls found themselves digging out of a five-point deficit after the first period but quickly righted the ship and outscored their opponents 54-27 in the next three quarters.

Sophomore guard Gemma Murray had 11 points in the second quarter to help her team rally to a 28-25 lead by halftime.

Going into the final period, LHS was holding onto a 41-37 lead, but then busted out 24 points to Salem's six in

the fourth for the 22-point victory.

Murray and junior guard/forward Sammy Sullivan led the team in scoring with 22-points each.

Murray had two three-pointers along with nine other baskets, getting one free-throw at the line.

Sullivan put up one three-pointer, had eight baskets and went three-for-four at the foul line.

Sullivan is currently about 50-points shy of reaching 1,000 career points.

Junior guard Brooke Eacrett finished with

12-points, including two, three-pointers.

Senior guard Mia Giampa had five points and junior guard/forward Brooke Wilson drained one, three-pointer.

The Lady Lancers were scheduled to travel to Nashua South High School on Tuesday night where they faced the 4-2 Purple Panthers.

On Friday night, Jan. 17, the Londonderry girls will host a game against the Broncos from neighboring Alvirne High School. The Broncos are currently at 4-3 this season.



Sophomore guard Gemma Murray had 22-points in the lone Lancers game last week.

# LHS Track Teams Finish High at Plymouth State Meet

CHRIS PAUL  
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Indoor Track and Field teams had some good results at the annual New Hampshire Winter Track League Meet at Plymouth State University on Saturday, Jan. 11.

The Lancers Boys team was able to take first place over 13 teams with a score of 63 over Bedford High School with 59 and Coe-Brown at third with 48-points.

The LHS Girls team took second place, also with a score of 63-points. Bedford took first with a

95 and Exeter claimed third-place at 50-points.

## Boys Results

In the 3,000-meter, junior Josh Twomey took first with a time of 9:18.84; junior Carson Fitzgerald was second at 9:32.45; and senior Alex Vaccaro was fifth at 10:27.07.

In the 55-meter senior Griffin Massahos had a time of 6.83 for first place.

In the 300-meter Massahos finished third at 38.55.

In the 1,500-meter, Fitzgerald had a time of 4:26.62 for third; Twomey took fourth at 4:28.24;

and junior Jack DiBuono was fifth at 4:28.36.

In the 4 x 400-meter the Londonderry team of Ryan Clegg, Finn McDonald, Jayden Skitch and Vaccaro finished at 3:58.13 for sixth.

In the 4 x 200-meter the team of Lucas Palma, Massahos, Luc Gaudet, Trenton Powers came in second at 1:38.81.

In the Long Jump, senior Luc Gaudet finished fourth at 20'3.5".

In Shot Put senior Matt O'Neil finished

sixth at 36'11.5".

In the High Jump sophomore Devin Van-Avery reached 5'9" for sixth-place.

## Girls Results

In 3,000-meter Londonderry captured all three top spots. Senior Sayde White was first at 11:54.18; freshman Stella Dutton took second with 12:17.94 and freshman Anna Laufersweiler was third at 12:19.86.

In the 1,000 meter, sophomore Gabriella DeLong was third at 3:24.29 and junior Drewanne Sherman took

fourth at 3:25.42.

In the 1,500-meter, freshman Aylin Hand was sixth at 5:48.86.

In the 4 x 400-meter, the Londonderry team of Gabriella DeLong, Ella DiBuono, Drewanne Sherma and Sayde White took third-place at 4:43.60.

In the 4 x 200-meter the team of Kyra Courtemanche, Eres DeLorey, Shaneda Jackson and Emma Nadeau were fourth at 1:59.63.

In the High Jump, first place went to junior Eres DeLorey at 5'1", and senior Linsey Gregoire finished at 4'11" for second.

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# Eversource Tells Customers to Use Energy Efficiency/Assistance Programs

With colder weather now in New Hampshire amidst continuing volatility in the energy market, Eversource Default Service Rate electric customers can expect to pay a 14% lower supply price compared to their current rate. The energy company yesterday filed a new electric supply rate with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (PUC) that, if approved, would take effect from February 1 through July 31, 2025. Eversource does not generate electricity and is required to purchase power on behalf of customers who take the Default Service Rate, and those costs are passed on with no markup or profit to the company.

"A lower price for energy is certainly good

news for customers, and we're pleased that we were able to secure a lower supply rate with power generators," said Eversource Executive Vice President of Customer Experience and Energy Strategy Penni Conner. "This change will not apply to customers enrolled with a community power program or alternative supplier, but we want to remind all our customers that we still have payment assistance programs and cost-effective energy efficiency resources available to help them manage their bills and energy use."

If approved by the PUC, the Default Service Rate for residential customers in New Hampshire would change from the current 10.4 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) to 8.9 cents per kWh.

Combined with other slight adjustments on the delivery side of the bill expected to also take effect on February 1, Eversource customers signed up for Default Service and using an average of 600 kWh per month will see an overall decrease of approximately \$9, or 6%, on their total bill compared to their current bill. The supply rate changes twice a year - February 1 and August 1.

This change only affects customers receiving energy supply through Eversource's Energy Service Rate and not those who receive their energy supply through a community power program or an alternative supplier. The energy company encourages all customers to compare the

Energy Service Rate with other available rates to choose the option that works best for them. Customers can learn more about supplier options and what to consider before switching on the Department of Energy's website <<https://www.energy.nh.gov/consumers/choosing-energy-supplier>> .

Help is available for customers who need it Eversource encourages customers to enroll in one of the company's payment plans or assistance programs if they need help with their energy bill.

The New Start Program can help income-eligible customers reduce or eliminate their outstanding balance in as little as 12 months when they make on-time monthly payments and Eversource will make up

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## LHS Boys

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a 16-11 to start the first, but LHS bounced back 23-9 in the second for a 34-25 Lancer lead at the half.

The nine-point lead dropped to six-points in the third and LHS secured the win outscoring Spaulding 15-14 in the final quarter for the seven-point victory.

Paquette accounted for over half of his team's points in the game with 32. Paquette

was a perfect 8-8 at the foul line, had four, three-pointers with six inside the arc.

Luongo and junior guard Casey Marsh both tallied nine-points.

Senior forward Nathan Marshall finished with six-points.

Londonderry started this week with a home game against Nashua South (42) on Tuesday night, followed by a Friday night game against neighboring Alvirne High School, on Friday night, at 6:30 p.m.



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## Green Team Speaker Series

The Green Team is hosting a series of Free educational presentations at the Londonderry YMCA. Starting with Herb Gardening on Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m., this presentation is for those at any level of gardening who are interested in incorporating herbs into a new or established space or in containers. 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 drawbacks 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)

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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: Jan. 21, from 6 - 7:30 p.m., and March 1, from 10 - 11 a.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency; Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, nat-

uralization 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.

## Londonderry Democrats Meeting

The next meeting of the Londonderry Democrats is scheduled for Wednesday Jan. 23 at 6:15 p.m., in the Leach Library downstairs meeting room. Local Democrats and Democratic-leaning Independents and Undeclareds are urged and welcome to attend. Please email [pskud@comcast.net](mailto:pskud@comcast.net) or reach out to Londonderry NH Democrats on

Facebook or Twitter for more details.

## 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.

## Little Sprouts Baby Lapsit

Coe to the Leach Library on Tuesday mornings 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 oth-

ers 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.

## 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.

## Baker Street Escapes

Leach Library's Mini escape room program is held once a month in Study Room A for teens.

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**Find inspiration from the original consulting detective, Sherlock Holmes, and unlock the mystery. Join the next mystery on Friday, Jan. 17 from 3 - 4 p.m. This program is intended for participants age 12-18. Registration begins on Friday, Jan. 10.**

### Duplo Budding Builders

This group will be meeting on Thursday, Jan. 23 at 10 a.m., at the Leach Library. Participants will create using larger Duplo blocks. This program is designed for younger Lego enthusiasts ages 0-5. Registration is required and

begins on Thursday, Jan. 16.

### Building Buddies

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, Jan. 23 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. 16.

### Fantasy Book Discussion

Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Travis Baldree's popular novel Legends & Lattes. Refreshments will be served. This program is intended for adults ages 18 and up. Registration begins on Dec. 19.

### Growing Up Wild

Preschoolers and their caregivers are invited to the Leach Library on Monday, Jan. 27 at 4 p.m. for a brand-new monthly nature exploration program. This program is designed for ages 3 -7, but older children are welcomed to join in. This month's topic is bears. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

### Literary Fiction Book Discussion

Come to the Leach Library on Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 2:30 p.m. to discuss Annie Hartnett's novel Unlikely Animals. Refreshments will be

continued on page 15

# Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

## Monday, Jan. 6

**9:13 a.m.** Welfare Check on Old Derry Road results in transportation to a hospital.

**9:55 a.m.** Four Officers investigate a Domestic Disturbance on Rockingham Road.

**11:15 a.m.** Suspicious Activity at TD Bank, on Nashua Road, leads to two arrests made by seven officers. Antwun Whitney, 37, of Concord, charged with Forgery of a Government Instrument (Check, Etc.). Rasheed Malik Reed, 32, of Lithonia, GA, charged with Receiving Stolen Property (\$0-\$1,000).

**12 p.m.** Subject taken into Protective Custody after a Domestic Disturbance on Rockingham Road.

**12:02 p.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Orange Street. Stephen Liwan, 24, of Manchester, charged with: Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury); Criminal Threatening - Conduct.

**6:16 p.m.** Services rendered by three officers for a Disturbance at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**8:05 p.m.** Missing Person reported on Jay Drive.

8:18 p.m. Services rendered for Criminal Threatening on Wimbledon Drive.

**8:27 p.m.** Four officers investigate a report of a Missing Person on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

## Tuesday, Jan. 7

**12:33 p.m.** Four officers assist Manchester Police with services on Fieldstone Drive.

**1:32 p.m.** Suspicious Activity reported on Boyd Road.

**2:30 p.m.** Services rendered for a Welfare Check on South Road.

**3:39 p.m.** Motor Vehicle Accident on Adams Road, at Cross Road,

leads to an arrest. Eric Crandall, 35, of Londonderry, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

**6:01 p.m.** A Disturbance at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport results in transportation to a hospital.

**6:29 p.m.** Services rendered for a Disturbance at I-Vape on Nashua Road.

## Wednesday, Jan. 8

**12:28 a.m.** Arrest made by six officers after a Motor Vehicle Stop at the Derry town line, on Nashua Road. Jessica Ganley, 44, of Fremont, charged on two Bench Warrants.

**5:50 a.m.** Warrant served and arrest made on Tseneto Road. Ryan Stowell, 40, of Derry, charged with Reckless Conduct - Deadly Weapon.

**4:08 p.m.** Four officers investigate Criminal Mischief on Charleston Avenue.

**5:38 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated by seven officers on Beacon Street.

## Thursday, Jan. 9

**2:46 a.m.** Four officers investigate Suspicious Activity on Bockes Road.

**10:30 a.m.** Four officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with services at Trimmer's Landscaping on Aviation Park Drive.

**10:44 p.m.** Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Auto Auction of New England, Inc. on Action Boulevard.

**11:11 p.m.** Pedestrian Check conducted on Peabody Row.

## Friday, Jan. 10

**2:14 a.m.** Motor Vehicle stop on Rockingham Road, at 7-Eleven leads to an arrest made by three officers. Craig Conti, 38, of Manchester, charged on Bench War-

rants.

**2:26 a.m.** Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

**2:57 a.m.** Welfare Check conducted on Bockes Road.

**1:39 p.m.** Welfare Check conducted on Oakridge Drive.

**3:45 p.m.** Welfare Check conduct by four officers on Gary Drive.

**4:28 p.m.** Services rendered for a Brush Fire on Michels Way, at Main

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served. This program is intended for adults ages 18 and up. Registration began on Dec. 30.

### Coding Club and Maker Lab

Stop by Leach Library's Study Room B after school on Tuesday, Jan. 28 from 3 - 5 p.m. to explore, craft, and create. During this two-hour block, participants will be able to work independently or in small groups on projects and collaborations. This program is intended for participants aged 8-18. Registration is required and begins on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

### Stuffy Sleepover

Come to the Leach Library on Friday, Jan. 31 at 4 p.m., for an extra special Stuffy Sleepover. Children will enjoy a couple of stories then have the chance to introduce a favorite stuffed animal friend. Stuffedies will then be tucked in for a fun night at the library. Be sure to bring a stuffed animal that children can sleep without as pick-up will not be until the following day. Registration is required and begins on Friday, Jan. 24.

### Adult Craft Candle Sushi

Adults are invited to make their own sushi candles out of colored beeswax sheets on Thursday,

Street.

**4:51 p.m.** Weapons Offenses investigated at Bauchman's Towing, on Enterprise Drive.

## Saturday, Jan. 11

**12:58 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop at Acropolis Avenue, on Nashua Road, leads to an arrest. Alexander Gaughran, 24, of Raymond, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and Yellow/Solid Line Violation.

**12:59 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Stop on Hampton Drive, at Town Fair Tire, leads to an arrest. Adam Cunningham, 26, of Raymond, charged with Dri-

ving Under the Influence - Impairment.

**3:05 a.m.** Peace restored during a Disturbance on Elwood Road. Unit Number: 15 Officer: Officer Cameron Holdsworth Unit Number: 16 Officer: Officer Frank Civitello

**8:57 a.m. to 2:47 p.m.** Multiple vehicles issued citations for Impeding Snow Removal throughout town.

**9:54 a.m.** Services rendered for Bicycle Safety Violations on West Road.

## Sunday, Jan. 12

**1:35 a.m.** Motor Vehicle Check at 7-Eleven Food Mart on Nashua Road leads to an arrest made

by four officers. Thomas Olson, 48, of Londonderry, charged with: Operation After Certified as a Habitual Offender; Disobeying an Officer; Transporting Drugs in a Motor Vehicle; Controlled Drug (Controlled Premises Where Drugs Kept); Driving After Revoke/Suspension (DUI); Uninspected Vehicle; seven counts of Possession of a Controlled Drug (Schedule 1-4); three counts of Dealing/Possession of Prescription Drugs.

**12:03 p.m.** Four officers investigate a Sudden Death on High Range Road.

the family Shabbat service. All are welcome. Please RSVP at office-@etzhayim.org. Etz Hayim Synagogue is located at 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry, NH. See more information at www.etzhayim.org.

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### 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 3:45 - 4:15 p.m.

### Drop-In Tech Help

Curious about reserving library materials online from home? Want to learn how to access library databases and digital collections? Looking to get started with Libby and Hoopla? Need help navigating a new device? The Leach Library provides one-on-one assistance tailored to technology-related needs. No appointment is necessary. Stop in any Thursday between 10 a.m. - noon.

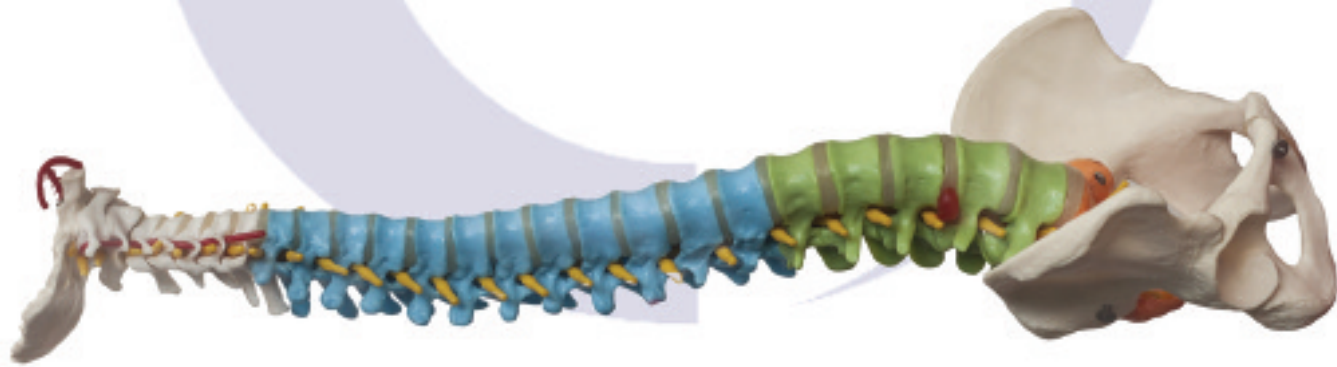
### Overeaters Anonymous

Is food a problem for you? Do you eat when you are not hungry? Is your weight affecting the way you live your life? Overeaters Anonymous, no dues, no fees, no weigh-ins no diets. Meetings are on Tuesday's from 9 - 10 a.m., at St. Elizabeth Seton Church 190 Meetinghouse Rd., Bedford, use the rear doors for access to the meeting room in the church basement. Contact Pat At 603-289-8476 Or Jane At 603-674-6540 With Any Questions (Not Affiliated With Any Private Or Public Organization)



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