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Graduates at the Adult Ed Graduation file out after receiving their diplomas last week at Londonderry High School. Photo by Chris Paul

2024 Adult Ed Program at LHS Graduates 24

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On Monday evening, Jan. 8, the Adult Education program at Londonderry High held its Winter Commencement, delivering 21 diplomas to the graduates attending the event out of the 24 that were listed.

A large crowd of students, friends, family, teachers, and staff members gathered in the high school gymnasium for the ceremony.

The program holds two ceremonies each year, one in the Spring and the other during the Winter. In each ceremony, some of the gradu-

ates also passed the HiSet, which is the NH High School Equivalency Test, a test that has replaced the GED (General Educational Development).

The director of the Adult Education program, Crystal Rich, welcomed the crowd and introduced the attendees to the class of graduates, and also introduced the speakers throughout the evening.

Frank Edelblut, the Commissioner of the NH Department of Education, was the first guest to speak. He served a short anecdote and life lesson to the gradu-

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\$88 Million Operating Budget Recommend by School Board

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

On a 5-0 vote, the School Board voted to send the proposed FY 25 budget to the Deliberative Session, and recommended for voters to approve it, during the Jan. 11 budget hearing.

The proposed budget, which is a total of \$88,259,411, is approximately \$154,000 less than the default budget of \$88,413,544.

"It's 154,000 larger than the [proposed operating] budget," Superintendent, Dan Black, said about the proposed budget.

Black stated that one of the goals as part of the proposed budget was to limit growth over last year's budget, which proposes an increase of 2.69% over the FY 24 budget.

"There were definitely some hard choices to get there," Black said.

Another goal was to make sure the proposed budget was less than the default budget, particularly because they are planning on putting the Moose Hill project on the ballot along with the Support Staff Union contract, after reaching a tentative deal with the union.

"That's a big ask of the community," Black said previously about the proposed Moose Hill project.

The largest portion of the proposed budget is for personnel – approximately 81%.

With declining enrollment, a net of \$621,699 is being saved by making cuts to different positions, including cutting four full-time equivalent positions at Londonderry High School, two at Londonderry Middle School, one at the elementary school level, one IT hybrid position, and one third shift custodian.

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Town Council Recommends Over \$45M Operating Budget

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Town Council set a final budget amount for the FY 25 budget warrant article heading into the Deliberative session during its Jan. 12 public hearing.

The town's proposed budget, if approved, by voters would be \$40,073,249, with an additional \$5,786,347 for the Sewer Enterprise Fund budget, which is offset by revenue for a total of \$45,859,596.

Excluding the Sewer Enterprise Fund, the proposed operating budget is about \$2.5 mil-

lion more than the FY 24 budget.

If voters approve the budget \$23,653,283 will need to be raised by taxpayers, which will have an estimated tax impact of \$3.696 per thousand.

Some of the biggest increases pointed to during the initial budget presentation includes a contract increase with Waste Management for \$459,049, which is a 5% increase.

Another major increase is to health insurance premiums, which will cost about \$1.4 million, along with other increases to insurances like dental, property

insurance, and unemployment.

Other major increases include \$280,925 for the NH Retirement System, \$210,216 for operational contracts, and \$978,187 for personnel costs as part of contracts with unions.

Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, during the

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Council Give Favorable Recommendation For Water Warrant Article

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LONDONDERRY TIMES

A water infrastructure warrant article was one of the most debated warrant articles during the Jan. 12 Town Council public hearing.

It was explained by Town Manager, Mike Malaguti, previously that Saint-Gobain has certain obligations to replace the water infrastructure within the consent decree area, however, the town is proposing to do a water main all the way down High Range Road, which would form the foundation for a larger water public system in town, and help with PFAS remediation in parts of town that aren't part of the consent decree.

Malaguti said the plan is to seek \$10 million in grant funding, to allocate \$2 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding, and expect

to get about \$13 million from Saint-Gobain for the work done in the consent decree area.

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

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

Malaguti said there have been changes to the article as they have moved through the process based on weekly communication with the Department of Environmental Services. Based on their recommendations the warrant article would allow up to \$2.95 million to be raised from taxes, in case more than the \$2 million originally thought is needed.

He also noted that the entire \$25.95 million price tag for the entire project needs to be put on the warrant even though they would be raising a maximum of \$2.95 million from property taxes. Malaguti said that they wouldn't be taking out the full amount if they don't need it.

If approved and \$2.95 million needs to be raised the first year's annual principal and interest would be \$215,000.

Town Councilor, Ron Dunn, said if approved the loan would be 1% interest during construction and 3.5% after, and would be a 20 year loan, which was previously agreed on by the Town Council.

Resident, Ray Breslin, who has been an advocate of the community for years seeking clean water, said his concern is what hap-

pens if Saint Gorbain doesn't ultimately agree to it, noting they don't have anything in writing.

Dunn said he thinks there will be plenty of incentive for Saint-Gobain to move forward with the project.

"If this passes I believe Saint-Gobain will come forward," Dunn said.

Former Town Councilor, Deb Paul, who said she has been a big advocate for water in town for many years, said her main concerns are the fact that there isn't a concrete plan long term for water in town.

"I don't see a plan A, I don't see a plan B, I don't see a plan overall,"

she said.

She also suggested that the town utilizes the help of community members who are willing to seek out funding sources through various ways such as grants.

State Rep. and Londonderry resident, Kristine Perez, said she is concerned those who already have water may see it as a way of paying to help others and with high water rates, she's afraid it may be voted down.

"You need to market this hard, hard, hard, to the people who already get water," she said.

Resident, Martha Smith, also said that she thinks that they need to have a backup plan and

is afraid that voters may be afraid of the \$25.75 million total price tag, even though the town wouldn't be responsible for the full amount.

"I think we need an overall plan B," she said.

The Town Council voted unanimously to recommend the warrant article.

"I will be out there for the next two months educating everybody," Dunn said.

Town Council Chair, John Farrell, also noted that the NH Department of Environmental Services have also agreed to send staff to Londonderry to give a presentation on the project before the March vote.

School Budget

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todian position. With retirements and resignations, Black said they don't expect any teachers will be laid off as part of the reductions.

"That 100 kid drop is what led to some of our tough staffing decisions," Black said about the staff reductions.

Out of all the increases over last year's budget, Black said 80% of the increases are from ap-

proved warrant articles, which includes \$915,000 for collective bargaining agreements, and \$445,000 for the infrastructure bond. It also includes a \$96,000 increase for the district's transportation contract.

Black also pointed to "strategic investments" including \$200,000 for a new Elementary Literacy Program, \$30,000 for increased CTE tuition,

\$38,000 for electronic textbooks for advanced classes at Londonderry High School, and \$58,000 for a field study.

Budget Committee Chair, Patrick Cassidy, said he was happy with the "lean" proposed budget.

"It's great work," he said.

The School District's Deliberative Session is slated to take place on Feb. 9 with voting taking place on March 12.

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Town Council Decide Against Lions Hall Warrant Article

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The future of the building at 256 Mammoth Rd., commonly known as Lions Hall, has been a point of debate for the past several months, and while something long term may be done there one day, this year, a warrant article

won't be on the ballot.

"If you want to do it, we'll do it, if you don't want to do it, we won't do it," Town Council Chair, John Farrell, said, explaining that they needed to make a decision regarding sending the warrant article to Deliberative Session or not.

"It doesn't have to go to the ballot," Farrell said.

Previously, the Town Council decided to consider a warrant article to begin making renovations to the building to at least make it accessible and usable, for up to \$500,000.

After doing more research, Farrell said

the project could cost up to \$850,000, but not with ADA compliance.

Town Councilor, Ron Dunn, said he wanted to see quotes to see if they have enough money to do something.

Director of Public Works, Dave Wholley, explained that he got quotes for some things saying it would cost approximately \$609,000 for electric upgrades, to fix the floor and HVAC system, and some other improvements.

He said they will also need to insulate it, which would cost more money, and expect that they will have additional costs, for things like fire sprinklers, which could be north of \$100,000 for

the sprinklers and site work.

With the proposal to just get it back in shape there would be no kitchen, office space, and there would be nothing done to the second floor.

Budget Committee Chair, Patrick Cassidy, during a previous meeting said he thinks that they should have a clear path forward if they were going to be proposing to spend \$500,000 for making repairs, saying he thinks that at that point they are committing themselves to spend more.

Resident, Ray Breslin, pointed out that the sentiment from the public has generally been

that they want to keep it for something and since they have spent time and money on it, they should send it to a warrant article this year.

Resident, Dan Bouchard, said he thinks waiting another year will just increase the cost of the potential project.

Farrell noted that there may be some American Rescue Plan Act funds they could potentially use, if some projects don't pan out, or potentially have some left over funds at the end of the year.

The Town Council ultimately voted to not send the warrant article to Deliberative Session, meaning it won't be on the ballot this year.

Town Budget

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original budget hearing in November, stated that one piece of good news with the budget is a savings of \$733,466, for the reduction of debt services, due to a bond being paid off.

Finance Director, Justin Campo, noted that the final proposed budget is less than they originally thought back in November due to making adjustments for the number of open positions. He added that at the time they had 20 open positions and now have 13, while also calculating everyone's final calculations for insurances.

"I based it on our current staffing levels," Campo said.

It was also noted previously that the proposed budget is less than the Default budget.

"As in prior years there's a difference in the town manager's proposed operating budget and the default budget," Malaguti said.

total of \$27,042,033," Campo said.

In total, the Town Council ultimately recommended \$26,792,033, worth of warrant articles during the meeting. The projected tax rate is \$4.189, if all those warrant articles are approved.

OBITUARY

Lyman E. (Lee) Mudge



Lyman E. (Lee) Mudge, 83, of Londonderry, NH, passed away on Wednesday Nov. 22, 2023, at CMC in Manchester, NH. Lee was born on Oct. 17, 1940, in Swampscott, MA, and is the son of the late Wallace and Margaret (Eaton) Mudge.

Lee proudly served in the US Navy on the USS ROY O. Hale (DE/DER-336). He was the goalie on two Lynn English High School state championship hockey teams (1956 & 1957). He is survived by one daughter, Wendy Farren and her husband Robert of Medford, MA; and three sons, Robert Blizzard Jr. and his wife Brenda of Londonderry, NH, Michael Mudge and his wife Jennifer of Spokane, WA, and Charles Blizzard and his wife Janet of Nashua, NH; ten grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, as well as his sister Debbie Conroy of Swampscott, MA, along with several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his wife Jean (Ash) Mudge, and brother Robert Mudge. He will forever be missed and always remembered for his wonderful love of family, his longtime support of youth sports, and his passion for NASCAR Racing.



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Editorial

For the Record, Defense of Public Comment

There is a disturbing trend at the Public Meetings of the Town Council, in which elected officials have repeatedly opted to take time after the closure of public comment, to make inaccurate statements about citizens or events in town. This is a repeated pattern of behavior, in which Council members are allowed to make statements, free from public rebuttal or examination, in an attempt to control the narrative surrounding town issues.

At the most recent public meeting of the Town Council on Friday, Jan. 12, the Council Chairman made vague, non-specific complaints regarding what he felt were "inaccuracies" in a "local publication." Notably, Chairman, John Farrell, appeared to use this time to deride former Town Councilor, Debra Paul, as well, as opposed to limiting his remarks to the content of the paper. This does not seem to be in line with the Council's suggested rules of order, and Chairman Farrell's own previous statements, in which it was stated, that attack on individuals were not encouraged. Most notably, Farrell did not seem eager to apologize for wasting thousands of taxpayer dollars fighting Mrs. Paul over the release of documents related to Town Manager, Mike Malaguti's, frivolous actions against Mrs. Paul. Despite Chairman Farrell's claims that certain articles were one-sided, the majority of the story he referenced was comprised of court documents, highlighting a nearly nine-month wait through the courts, where in the end, a judge ruled that the town needed to hand over the document and also pay all attorney fees associated with it.

Farrell also made an incorrect assertion that in his opinion, the only reason Deb Paul chose to pursue remedy thru the courts was so she could print the sexual harassment letter in the newspaper. Thankfully, the judge did not agree, clearly placing the onus for frivolous behavior on the Town Manager.

Contrary to Farrell's assertion, the letter was NOT published in this paper, though there were links published on the website to the letter for readers to verify its content. The story that was written at the time focused on the judge's decision.

The Chairman also made references to an investigation that the town conducted into these matters, but falsely claimed that Mrs. Paul was privy to the fact that an investigation was ongoing at the time; she was not. Chairman Farrell refused to elaborate further.

In our opinion, Farrell has used his gavel, repeatedly, as a shield to hide behind while he pontificates on his version of the truth.

If the town felt that articles in the paper were inaccurate, they could have taken the opportunity we provide to request a correction to be run. It is noteworthy that this paper has not received any requests regarding the story being referenced.

It is clear; that as long as Mr. Farrell is sitting in the Chairman's seat, he will continue to try and "control the narrative," without allowing folks in opposition a chance to respond.

For us, as long as we continue to publish the Londonderry Times, we will continue to give folks a voice in the "letters to the editor" section.

Letters

Thank You

To the editor,

I would like to thank everyone who came to the suitcase drive on Jan. 6! I am incredibly grateful. I listened to many stories, witnessed generosity, heard words of encouragement, found joy in this project, and felt the community's love. I feel proud of all that was accomplished, thankful for those who donated, and am glad we helped NH fostered youth!

A special thanks to the LHS Girl's Basketball Team for raising \$250 in donations, WZID and WOKQ for support and publicity, Congressman Chris Pappas for participating in this year's drive, Senator Hassan for her thoughtful letter as she was unable to attend, and LPD for assisting with loading and transporting suitcases to their temporary location where they will be cleaned and sorted.

Thank you, to the following businesses for their donations of gift cards for the raffles: Benson's Lumber & Hardware, Kneaded Solutions, Hannaford Supermarket, Marino Health & Wellness, Spa Medique, Renee Gaudette at Iridessa Salon & Boutique, Hello Hair Co, Amphora, Java on Broadway, Crystal Ashman, Janie's Uncommon Cafe, Lucciano's, Great American Subs, and Coffeeberries.

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Misinformation and Disinformation

To the editor,

This is not an easy

letter to write, as my opinion on this subject is very mixed. Jake Butler was right to raise the concern about misinformation and I'm glad it was discussed. However, I strongly believe it would be wrong for any single individual, who was a Town employee or a member of any of the various Town boards, to respond to such information unless their response had first been deliberated by the appropriate Town body. No matter how honest or well-intentioned such an individual might be, we should not allow a single person to determine any response that would be issued on behalf of the Town.

Nonetheless, the problem exists. Firstly, I believe it has two forms. Misinformation, where the source of the statement has probably misinterpreted the situation and a suitable clarification should be provided. The more insidious, and one that has unfortunately developed from the wider political discourse (if one can even term it discourse), is disinformation. This is where the source knows full well that what they are saying is incorrect and misleading but have spread it about anyway in order to bolster some weak or invalid argument. In those cases, it is high time we started calling these people out for what they are – liars!

Then we come to the issue of how and where any clarifying statements should be made. I am vehemently opposed to using any social media as a communication mechanism for Town statements. In order to view anything posted to soc-

ial media, you must first create an account and, in so doing, give away your private information for that company to abuse and misuse. Social media are the source of most of this junk and most of the so-called "information" posted to them is untrustworthy and incorrect. Unfortunately many people believe it as "gospel". If the Town is to issue corrective or clarifying statements, those should be made either on the Town website or published in the local newspaper.

David Ellis
Londonderry

What Misinformation?

To the editor

Thank you to the Londonderry Times for continuing to publish what's going on in our town and including all opinions, despite frivolous lawsuits against the publishers.

Apparently, our Planning Board wishes to "correct" or limit our free speech (see p.1 article 1/11/24 "Planning Board Member Looks to Manage Misinformation"). I was appalled to read that one of our Planning Board Members wants to start "correcting" "misinformation" or "disinformation" that he sees online. I am not sure what Planning Board Member Jake Butler's goal is, but he should review a brief video of an exchange between Speaker of the House Mike Johnson and DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas from 7/26/23. After Mayorkas defines "mis" and "dis" information as false or inaccurate information, Speaker Johnson asks: "Who determines what is (false

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Tree Burn

Tom Estey of Estey's Country Store and Lumber Yard recently invited residents to dispose of their Christmas Trees in what has become an annual tradition. This was the third consecutive year Estey has conducted the Christmas Tree and Wreath Burn near the entrance to his business along Route 102. A number of residents stopped by that evening, even one couple that brought their pet goats.

Photos by Chris Paul

State Presidetial Primary & Local Election Information

The New Hampshire State Presidential Primary will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 23, in the Londonderry High School Gymnasium. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Coming up in local elections, the town and school will have elected positions available.

Town Council: One, three-year term seat.

Budget Committee: Two, three-year term seats.

Budget Committee: One, one-year term seat.

Town Clerk: One, three-year term position.

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

Cemetery Trustee: One, three-year term seat.

Supervisor of the Checklist: One, six-year term position.

Library Trustee: Two, three-year term seats.

School District School Board: Two, three-year term seats.

three-year term seats.

The filing period is from Wednesday, Jan. 24 until Friday, Feb. 2 at 5 p.m.

To sign up for any Town position, go to the Town Clerks office and complete the necessary forms between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The School District's Deliberative Session will take place on Friday evening, Feb. 9, starting

at 7 p.m.

The Town Deliberative Session will take place the following morning, starting at 9 a.m. on Feb. 10.

Both sessions will take place at the Londonderry High School cafeteria. Warrant Articles and Elected position will be voted on at that time.

Elections for both school and town are



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Letters

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or) inaccurate information? The reason the framers of our Constitution did not create an exception for "false" information from the First Amendment is because they didn't trust the government to determine what it is."

I agree with Speaker Johnson, that I do not trust the government at

the national or local level to determine what is false or inaccurate information. Allow the public to do that on their own. And allow them time to speak and voice opinions. If there are facts, such as the date is wrong, or someone was misquoted, a "correction" would be appropriate, but opinions should never be labeled misinformation or disinformation. I would

not support spending any town money on this type of venture. Instead, do what Amy Finamore (former School Board President) did - write Op/Ed pieces to spread your version of the truth.

The Town of Londonderry has recently spent the citizens' money engaged in at least one frivolous lawsuit, I would be very leery of our town boards wasting more of our money attempting to monitor and correct our free speech. This may sound benign initially, but can become Orwellian and dystopian very quickly.

Riki Kveraga
Londonderry

Joe Biden's Presidency

To the editor,

In a letter in the Londonderry Times last week, a gentleman asserted Joe Biden's accomplishments since assuming

office. He believes as does Biden that survey polls are wrong on Biden's current low approval rating of 39%. Fact is multiple polls and even liberal networks acknowledge Biden's low approval rating; the lowest of any president in the modern era. For context, Trump's rating during his 2020 reelection campaign was 45% and Obama's was 43%. Further, 29% of Americans feel Biden has the country headed in the right direction versus 37% during Trump's commensurate period. Neither candidate's poll numbers are flattering, but polls don't lie. The gentleman further stated Biden has inflation under control and job creation rising. Let's examine this. During COVID, the Federal Open Market Committee reduced interest rates in

early 2022 to the banking sector to affect cheap loan money to businesses, home mortgages and other financial incentives to stimulate a recessionary economy. Result; rampant expansion of the money supply with "too much money chasing too few goods" (definition of inflation) resulting in 9.1% inflation. To combat the high inflation, the Fed began increasing the interest rate to the banking sector to affect higher loan costs taking money out of the economy bringing down inflation to 3.3% currently. Economists believe the Fed will cut rates 2 to 3 times in 2024 further bringing down inflation to the Fed's 2% target that will in turn ultimately start the inflation cycle again. Fact is it's "solely" the FOMC, not Biden reducing and controlling inflation. Biden's executive orders where he alone ordered the infusion of millions if not billions of dollars into the economy with his social welfare programs to buy votes, green energy projects that will never eliminate oil/gas, infrastructure projects and other programs (much going to his political supporters) only injects money into the economy complicating Fed efforts to reduce the money supply. The gentleman further stated that "unemployment is at an amazing 3.7% and job creation has been steadily rising since Biden took office". Fact is Biden's economy added back 14 million of the 22 million jobs lost during

the pandemic and those 14M were claw backs from the 22M lost jobs. Due to the Bureau of Labor Statistics methodology of computing employment/unemployment, baby boomer retirements, people exiting the labor force and downward employment trends, 439,000 were added to the employment number when they were actually not in the work force thereby elevating employment and reducing the unemployment rate to 3.7%. The 3.7% rate is actually 0.6% higher than December 2022. I agree with the gentleman that the VA system is well-run, especially the Manchester facility, as I'm a vet using the Manchester VA system. But unbelievably, Biden has ordered an already overwhelmed VA to serve illegal immigrants using your tax dollars and taking appointment times away from those who served. Absolutely despicable. Finally, he states that Biden is an "honorable man". With documents and first-hand testimony validating Biden's corruption, words escape me to gentlemanly disagree.

Bob Pitre
Londonderry

Electing Wrong Leaders

To the editor,

Anyone who is voting in 2024 should consider sitting down with a cup of coffee and listening to this talk given by Brian Klaas (Brian Klaas at Science and Cocktails) entitled "Why do we get the wrong leaders?" I found it on YouTube. You can

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OBITUARY

Anthony Salvatore Jennings



Anthony Salvatore Jennings, 30, died unexpectedly on Friday, Jan. 12, 2024, at his home in Londonderry, NH. He was born in San Diego, CA on Oct. 28, 1993, son of Warren and Lisa (Salipante) Jennings. Anthony graduated from Londonderry High School, Class of 2012, and then continued his education at UNH earning a degree in Chemistry. He was employed at DEKA Research and Development for the past six years. Anthony loved the New England Revolution and playing Power Soccer for Northeast Passage. He dreamed of being a contestant on Jeopardy, enjoyed attending concerts with Tim, and was happiest just spending time with Tim and Eesha.

In addition to his parents of Londonderry, Anthony is survived by his brother and best friend, Tim and friend, Eesha; his grandmothers, Marie Salipante and Rose Jennings; as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins; and was predeceased by his grandfather, Salvatore Salipante.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at the Peabody Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, Jan. 17 St. Jude Parish. Anthony will be laid to rest next to Papa in a private burial in the Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, MA.

In lieu of flowers, if you wish to make a contribution in Anthony's name, these two charities were very special to him: Make-A-Wish NH, 814 Elm St., Suite 300, Manchester, NH 03101-2230, or Northeast Passage Power Soccer program, 121 Technology Dr., Suite 161, Durham, NH 03824. To send a condolence please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARY

Charles N. Finley

Charles N. Finley, 83, of Londonderry, NH died Sunday Jan. 7, 2024 at the Hanover Hill Healthcare Center, Manchester, NH. Charles was born in Concord, VT on Feb. 29, 1940, a son of the late John Finley and Ruth (Kenney) Wilson. He had resided in Londonderry since 1975.

Following cremation, burial will take place in Vermont in the spring.

The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry is assisting the family with arrangements.

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also go to www.science-andcocktails.org and find it there.

Brian Klaas is an Associate Professor of Global Politics at University College London and an expert on democracy, authoritarianism, US Politics, Western foreign policy, political violence and elections. He has authored numerous books and has an incredible list of accomplishments.

The question he asks is; Does power corrupt, or are corruptible people drawn to power? What is the "Dark Triad", and are there more psychopaths in politics and business than the general population? Why do we keep being drawn to people who clearly are unfit for leadership? Why do we give power to awful people?

"When you think

about it, we are selecting people who want power. We should ask, what skill sets do they have? Why do they want this position? Can this person evade tough questions? The people who evade tough questions survive, the people who answer honestly and show their flaws get destroyed." Brian Klaas

Do we want an honest person in government, a person with integrity, and empathy? If so, then why choose the person constantly evading the tough questions, who can not show empathy, or admit to a mistake?

"We are selecting, over and over and over again things that are not tied to leadership but tied to being slippery, self-serving and tied to being narcissistic and being powerful for the sake of power." Brian Klaas

I was drawn to this talk because I really did-

n't understand how we as a society constantly elect people for leadership roles who are corrupt and dishonest. Now I know.

I urge everyone to take the time to listen to this before voting. We don't want to make a mistake that will haunt us for the rest of our lives, and be a detriment to the lives of our children. We need to understand the psychology of how we make decisions and how people and society at large sway those decisions.

Marcia Feldmann
Londonderry

Write In Biden

To the editor,
Joe Biden has earned and deserves our Write-In vote for Democratic presidential nominee on Jan. 23.

A dispute between the DNC and the NHDP over NH's first-in-the-

nation primary status brought us to a point in which Joe Biden's name will not appear on the primary ballot.

President Biden and the DNC had committed to reward South Carolina, and its more diverse and representative base of voters, with first-in-the-nation primary status after the 2020 election. First-in-the-Nation status is enshrined in the NH constitution. So, in order to change that status, the NH legislature would have needed to pass a law through a GOP-majority legislature and have it signed by Gov. Sununu. Obviously, that wasn't going to happen and, in fact, did not happen leaving Biden off the primary ballot.

There are many reasons that President Biden deserves our support on the 23rd. A record number of jobs have been created since he

took office, averaging 225K per month. There has been 22 consecutive months of sub 4% unemployment, the longest since the 1960s. The Inflation Reduction Act has helped bring inflation levels to 3.1% in November after a post-Covid spike. The stock market is at a record nearing 38,000 on the DOW and 25% growth in the S&P in 2023. US crude production is at an all-time high at 13 million barrels per day. When compared to all other western democracies, the US economy is a star. Biden rescued the economy and changed the course of the Covid pandemic. And the Infrastructure Act is resulting in thousands of steady and high-paying jobs across the country. He has expertly steadied our democracy after four years of chaos, insurrection, and anti-

democratic actions by the previous guy, the inevitable GOP nominee with the 91 felony counts and criminal and civil court cases in multiple jurisdictions.

Let's lend our support to a deserving and excellent president by filling in the oval at the bottom of the primary ballot and writing in the name Joe Biden.

Paul Skudlarek
Londonderry

Our Primary Duty

To the editor,

As Benjamin Franklin walked from Independence Hall at the conclusion of the 1787 Constitutional Convention, it's said that he was asked if we now had a monarchy or a republic. "A republic if we can keep it," he purportedly replied.

The citizens of a republic, called republicans, periodically elect

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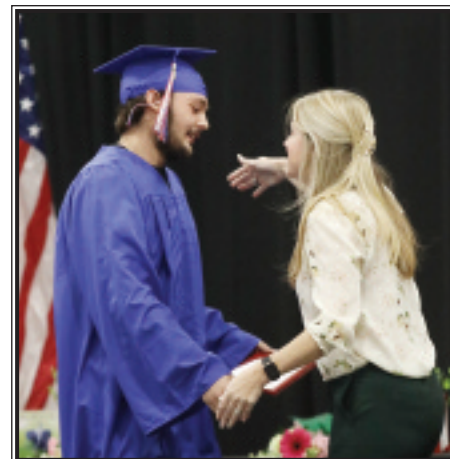
Arden Rynasko



Alianna Verani



Cassidy Perry



Chase Arnold receiving his diploma

Adult Ed

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ates, showing them a crisp \$50 bill. He explained that no matter how the bill treated, crumpled, stepped on or thrown to the ground, the bill has the same value. He said, "The time you have spent in this program has given you inherent value that you will take with you for the rest of your life and no

matter what happens, you have that value."

Superintendent, Dan Black, and School Board Chair, Bob Slater, also gave congratulatory remarks.

Three student speakers were also brought to the stage. Arden Rynasko, Alianna Verani, and Cassidy Perry delivered heart-felt stories of how they made it to the graduation.

Rynasko explained

his struggles with fitting in to the structure of regular school. He said that enrolling in Adult Ed was one of the best decisions he ever made for himself. He was grateful for the opportunity to graduate early with perfect grades, a good job and plans to go to college.

Verani addressed her struggles with anxiety depression over the past eight year, with the pandemic making it worse.

She explained that the Adult Ed program gave her the opportunity to ask for help and get through some of her emotional struggles. She said, "I believe every student deserves a round of applause for any accomplishment and every milestone they've gone through to get here tonight." She finished by saying, "We will face challenges and obstacles outside of here, but those will only

make us stronger."

Perry shared her experience of high school while being pregnant and having to leave before finishing. She told the crowd that the Adult Ed program gave her the opportunity to graduate after giving birth to her daughter and she worked very hard to receive her diploma. She said, "They say it takes a village to raise a child, but I feel it takes a village to live a life."

Makayla Mentus was brought to the stage for the Blue Star Lancers presentation. Mentus will be entering the US Marine Corp. later in the year.

Adult Ed English Teacher, Jaclyn Hoffmann, was the Staff Speaker at the ceremony.

She told the crowd that despite her fear of public speaking and being taken out of her comfort zone, she has

found inspiration in the graduates. She said, "As you head toward your future, I hope you'll continue to push yourselves. Remember, you are capable of achieving your goals as long as you make that leap."

After the presentation of Scholarships, Awards, and Diplomas, Rich gave a few closing remarks and sent the graduates into the world as graduates.

Tragically, less than 24-hours later, the first graduate of the evening, Chase Picard-Arnold of Hooksett, lost his life in a weather-related automobile accident along Route 102 in Londonderry.

There is currently a Picard Family GoFundMe site established to raise money for the family of Chase. According to police, the accident is still being investigated.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Hockey Squad Beat Astros and Saber-Titans

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After two more very successful contests last week, the Londonderry High School Hockey team maintained their undefeated record and now sit on top of the Division I standings.

The Lancers brought

their season record to 6-0 with big victories over Pinkerton Academy and Nashua North - Souhegan at the Tri-Town Ice Arena in Hooksett.

Starting on Wednesday night, Jan. 10, LHS skated past the Astros with an 8-2 victory, scoring in every period, and making the game look

fairly effortless against a PA team that came into the game with a 4-1 record.

The Lancers first goal came off the stick of senior forward, Jayden Hamilton, at 11:30 in the first period, Hamilton put the puck past the PA tender on a rebound shot by junior Brett McKinnon. Both sides were short-handed at the time.

McKinnon followed with a goal of his own, assisted by Hamilton at 7:48 in the first.

In the second period, senior Owen Carey made it 3-0 after a steal and a breakaway at 12:11.

McKinnon added another goal to make it 4-0 in the second, on another breakaway.

The third Lancer score of the period came from, junior Tyler Rush-ton, from the blue line, through traffic in front of the goal.

Londonderry went ahead 6-0 around the eight-minute mark in the second, while short-handed. Hamilton served up a beautiful pass to senior Mike Maloney in front of the net



LHS Junior Brett McKinnon had three goals in the 8-2 victory over the Astros last week. Photos by Chris Paul.



Lancers senior, Owen Carey, delivers a solid check just before scoring a goal in the LHS 8-2 victory over Pinkerton Academy last week.

after a steal.

The Astros got their first goal at the buzzer to end the second period 6-1.

In the third, the Lancers added two more, one from McKinnon, for his hat trick, and PA got one more.

On Saturday, Jan. 13,

the Lancers pushed their season record up to 6-0 with a 7-3 win over Nashua North - Souhegan at home.

Goals came from Hamilton and senior Brandon Morin, both getting two each, McKinnon, sophomore Brendan Fitzgerald, and Mike

Maloney.

Coming up next week, LHS will have a special game against Windham High School (5-2) on Saturday, Jan 20 at the Icenter in Salem at 7 p.m.

The game is being used as a fundraiser to

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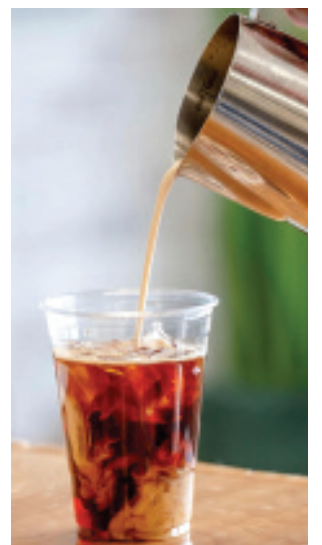
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Londonderry Girls' Basketball Double Up Blue Devils

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Basketball team tallied its sixth consecutive win last week, and have scored over 60-points in each of those victories.

The win also kept the Lady Lancers on top of the Division I standings with the Bedford Bulldogs (8-0) and the Pinkerton Academy Astros (7-0).

The Londonderry

team had just one game last week, following the postponement of the game scheduled against the Dover Green Wave. The girls traveled to Salem High School on Friday night, Jan. 12, to face the Blue Devils..

The LHS squad outpaced the Blue Devils in each of the four quarters and kept their opponent from reaching double digits in all, but one period.

Londonderry had a 16-4 lead heading out of

the first period, and outscored Salem 21-9 in the second for a 37-13 lead by halftime.

In the third quarter, LHS allowed 10-points, but scored 17 to widen their lead.

In the fourth, with a number of starters out, Londonderry still managed a 10-8 difference for the lopsided 64-31 victory.

Freshman guard, Gemma Murray, was the top point-getter for the Lancers, scoring in

every quarter. Murray had a total of 21-point with three, three-pointers.

Sophomore forward, Samantha Sullivan, came into the game scoring three, three-pointers in the first quarter and was fouled on her way to the basket throughout the second and third. She had five of eight successful foul shots and finished with 16-points.

Sophomore guard, Brooke Eacrett, had 12-points in the victory with two, three-pointers and three baskets.



Freshman guard, Gemma Murray, had 21-point in the Lancers win over the Salem Blue Devils last week on the road. Photo by Chris Paul

Hockey

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go towards the Building Dreams for Marines organization, a local charity that provides housing accommodations to veterans like adding ramps, remodeling bathrooms, amongst other items.

Donations will be taken at the door for the charity event with a special whiteout t-shirt being designed, but peo-

ple can also wear a white t-shirt to the event.

There will also be a number of raffles taking place, with prizes like restaurant gift cards, gift certificates for golf, yeti coolers, and more.

A chuck-a-duck contest will also take place along with a 50/50 raffle and t-shirt sales.

Organizers are hoping to sell-out the rink on Saturday and they are extending an invitation out to all local serv-

ice members and veterans. Members of the military will get in for free as will any first responders.

Players from each team will be playing in honor of a veteran from their life - father, grandfather, or a family friend. They will also have special jerseys made with the service member's name on it.

Additional information can be found at the Whiteout for Warriors FaceBook page.

Junior guard, Mia Giampa, put in two, three-pointer and a basket to contribute eight-points to the team total.

The Lancers will head into the fifth week of the Winter season with a couple tough tests.

Londonderry will start by playing a make-up game against Dover (6-1) on Wednesday night, starting at 6 p.m.

Following that, the LHS girls are scheduled

to take on Pinkerton Friday night at home, starting at 5 p.m. for the first game of a double header. The boys will play following that game.

The Lady Astros have chalked up some pretty impressive numbers to start the season, scoring as many as 84-points in two of their games and averaging 73-points in their first seven games.

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Lancer Boys' Hoops Get 20-point Win Over Blue Devils

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Basketball team had just one game last week and after a rather dull start to their Friday night game against the Salem Blue Devils, the Lancers came away with their third win of the season.

The LHS squad was scheduled to start the week on Tuesday, Jan. 9, with a home game against Dover High School, but that contest was postponed due to a Winter storm. The make up game will take place this week, on Wednesday night, Jan. 17, start-

ing at 7 p.m. The Green Wave sits at 3-3 this far in the season, while Londonderry has a 3-4 record.

As stated, the Lancers began the game rather slowly, being outscored 14-11 in the first quarter, but managed to build some momentum in the second, but still found it tough to score. By the time the second period ended, LHS was able to keep Salem to just five points and tied the game at 19-19.

In the second half, Londonderry mounted a 21-point lead, playing a tight defense and keeping the Blue Devils from

scoring. Salem was limited to just four points in the third and nine in the fourth for the 50-31 Londonderry victory.

Senior forward, Ryan Williams, finished the game with 19-points to lead the Lancers in scoring. Williams had baskets in all four quarters and put up three, three-pointers.

Senior center, Ty Miles, had 15-points in the game and Crosby Nolan finished with five points.

The Lancers will head into the fifth week of the Winter season sharing the floor in two double headers being played at LHS.

First, Londonderry will start by playing their make-up game against Dover on Wednesday night, starting at 7 p.m.

Following that, the LHS boys are scheduled to take on Pinkerton Academy Friday night, Jan. 19, at home, starting at 7 p.m. for the second game of a double header. The girls will play starting at 5 p.m.

The Astros have chalked up some pretty impressive numbers to start the season, scoring as many as 98-points and averaging over 87-points in their first eight games.



Senior forward, Ryan Williams, had 19-points in the Lancers win over Salem. Photo by Chris Paul

Londonderry Wrestling Squad Goes 1-3 in Dual Meets

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School wrestling team had dual meets against four separate teams last week, winning their home meet, but losing three at the annual Hollis-Brookline Quad meet over the weekend.

The Lancers started the week with a dual meet, at home, against Exeter High School on Wednesday night, Jan. 10, where they came away with a 45-36 victory.

Londonderry had wins in eight of the 14-weight classes.

Starting at 190 lbs., Patrick O'Connor pinned

his Blue Hawk opponent, Anders Arbogast at 1:06.

Following that, Dakota Shaffer (285 lbs.) and Dylan Nadeau (120 lbs.) received forfeit victories.

At 126 lbs., Haley Doyle had a fall win over Ian Cottill at 4:51 in the match.

Caleb Holden (132 lbs.) pinned Harrison Higgins at 3:08 in the bout and Brendan Egan (144 lbs.) got a 17-15 decision over Lucas Derosier.

The final two wins of the evening came from 150: Manny Perez (150) and David Pento (175). Perez had a fall over Caden Ponticello at 1:38

and Pento received a forfeit win.

Three days later, at the annual Hollis-Brookline Quad Meet, the Lancers suffered three consecutive losses.

Against the Goffstown Grizzlies, Londonderry fell 54-21. In the team's dual against Hollis-Brookline, LHS lost 54-27 and facing the Bedford Bulldogs, the Lancer were defeated 52-29.

Lancer wins against Goffstown: Dylan Nadeau (120) over Alyvia Meigh (Fall 0:36); Manny Perez (150) over Logan Innarelli (13-3 Major Decision); David Pento (175) over Noah

Wozmak (16-1 Technical Fall at 3:30); and Patrick O'Connor (190)- forfeit win.

Lancer wins against Hollis-Brookline: Brendan Egan (144) over Oliver Damon (Fall 1:02); Perez (150) over Jacob Critchfield (15-11 deci-

sion); Finn Millis (157) (175) over Tucker Watson (18-3 Technical Fall at 5:31); O'Connor (190) over Gavin McConnell (Fall 3:12); Lucas DeLeon (106) over Jackson Ela (Fall 2:20); and Nikki Stylianos (113) over Grace Kenna (Fall 4:53).

Londonderry victories over Bedford: Nadeau (120) over Brody Duval (Fall 1:40); Pento



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Letters

Continued from page 7 their representatives. That is the origin of the name Republican with a big 'R'. The Democrats derive the name of their party from democracy, something a republic cannot exist without.

Through multiple perilous wars and a terrible depression, our republic and democracy have survived and served as an example to the world. Citizens like you and me have done our duty, kept up on cur-

rent events, and when it was time to vote, we left our homes to stand in line at our polling places.

Voting in the primaries is extremely important. That's how we choose who will run in the general election. The primary on Tuesday, Jan. 23, will help determine the world's most powerful leader. The nation will be watching NH closely.

This year the stakes could not be higher. Republicans have a mighty responsibility. Of the many candidates to

choose from, all but one would serve responsibly. The exception declares that he will serve as dictator, at least on the first day. But why stop at one. And one day is one too many for a republic. He promises to pardon the insurrectionists that attacked our nation's Capitol, including those who assaulted the police officers defending our representatives. Many were injured, some seriously. Attackers chanted, "Hang Mike Pence," and vandalized and desecrated the halls of our republic. These people were incited only moments before by our former president who shouted, "If you don't fight like hell, you're not going to have a country anymore". Having a country, and having a republic are not one and the same. Former SC governor Nikki Haley, endorsed by Gov. Sununu, warns, "Chaos follows him, and this nation can't afford 4 more years of chaos."

So, Republicans with a capital 'R', choose wisely if you want to

keep your republic.

The Democrats also have an important job to do. President Joe Biden will not appear on the ballot. He could not register as a candidate in the NH primary without violating DNC rules. NH voters need to show the DNC why NH deserves to vote first.

On your ballot, go to the last line where it says, "WRITE-IN" and print "JOE BIDEN". Then fill in the oval at the line's end.

Under Biden's leadership the US economy has been doing better in the past 2 years than it has since the late 1960s. Inflation is slowing, interest rates are dropping, manufacturing is returning to America. Unions are on the rise. Our nation's infrastructure is being repaired and enhanced. Joe Biden has been a calm and steady world leader who supports our allies.

On Jan. 23, please help to keep our republic strong. Get out and vote!

William Fanning
Londonderry

Vote DeSantis for President

To the editor,

The Jan. 23 first in the nation primary is just around the corner and there are many candidates to choose from. One candidate stands out from the rest. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis is a proven leader who gets things done without excuses. He has an excellent track record of results and will follow through on every promise he makes. He is also an Iraq veteran, husband, and father of three. The following are just some of the accomplishments and promises of DeSantis and are reasons why I am supporting him.

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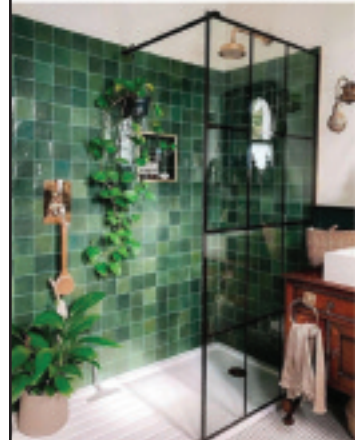
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Londonderry Republican Committee will hold their Monthly Meeting will be held on Feb. 1, from 7 - 8:30 p.m., at Londonderry Baptist Church, 368 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry, NH.

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 noon - 2:30 p.m., either 3 or 4 days per week. Tuition

rates are: Preschool: \$150 per month for a 2 day per week program and \$200 a month for a 4 day per week program. Pre-kindergarten: \$180 per month for a 3 day per week program and \$200 a month for a 4 day per week program. Applications are available online on the Moose Hill School website. We also have our LEEP Handbook available online on the Moose Hill School website if you'd like additional information on the program. For more information, contact Denise Fosmire at 437-5855 ext. 7223 Please email Denise Fosmire at dfosmire@londonderry.org or Kim Speers at kspeers@londonderry.org.

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.

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.

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.

Building Buddies

Come to the Leach 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) 432-1127. Two more events in

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday, Jan. 8

7:55 a.m. Medical Emergency transported to a Hospital from the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

5:45 a.m. Suspicious Activity investigated at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

1:11 p.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Londonderry High School.

1:53 p.m. Peace restored by three officers during a Domestic Disturbance on Norwich Place.

3:48 p.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at Londonderry Middle School.

10:47 p.m. Complaint investigated at the Macgregor Cut apartments on Stonehenge Road.

Tuesday, Jan. 9

12:43 a.m. A motor vehicle check on Nashua Road leads to an arrest. Geraldo Getrude, 44, of Manchester, charged with Operating a Vehicle without a Valid License -

License Required.

8:34 a.m. Services rendered by eight officers for a motor vehicle accident on Rockingham Road at Mammoth Road.

11:58 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Windsor Boulevard.

12:51 p.m. Medical Emergency at the Londonderry High School Taken/Referred to other Agency.

6:08 p.m. Thirteen officers respond to a Motor Vehicle Accident on Nashua Road at Parmenter Road.

Wednesday, Jan. 10

8:41 a.m. Welfare Check conducted on Otterson Road.

8:52 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity reported at the YMCA on Rockingham Road.

10:45 a.m. Identity Theft investigated on Gillette Drive.

11:50 a.m. Services rendered by three officers

for a Welfare Check on Singleleaf Place.

12:22 p.m. Welfare Check conducted on Perkins Road at Rockingham Road Taken/Referred to other agency.

1:40 p.m. Eight officers assist with Shoplifting arrest Made at Hanaford Food & Drug on Hampton Drive. Mariana Crystal Garcia, 18, of Manchester, charged with: Theft by Willful Concealment.

3:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made on Nashua Road, at Gilcreast Road. Keith Campbell, 30, of Concord, charged with: Suspension of Vehicle Registration; and Driving After Revoke/Suspension.

Thursday, Jan. 11

12:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Check conducted by four officers at Shell Food Mart on Nashua Road.

10:16 a.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Wiley Hill Road. Ten officers

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Around Town

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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

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cers assist with charging Joe Pickering, 44, of Epson, with: Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault - Without Penetration - Victim under 13 years of age; Felonious Sexual Assault - Domestic Violence - Sexual Contact - Victim under 13 years of age; Gross Lewdness in the Presence of Child a child under 16 years old. **5:09 p.m.** Services rendered for Sexual Offender Registration at Park & Ride North on Symmes Drive. **5:45 p.m.** Suspicious Activity investigated at Park & Ride South on Garden Lane.

Friday, Jan. 12

2:29 a.m. Five officers

conduct a Motor Vehicle Check at the 7-Eleven Food Mart on Nashua Road.

10:45 a.m. Medical Emergency at Londonderry Leach Library on Mammoth Road Taken/Referred to other Agency.

12:31 p.m. Sudden Death Investigated by six officers on Woodbine Drive.

3:46 p.m. Auto Theft investigated at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

4:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop on Mammoth Road, at Londonderry High School, leads to an arrest made by three officers. David Bertrand Kekumba, 19, of Manchester, charged on Bench Warrants.

6:18 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at T.J. Maxx on Michels

Way.

8:24 p.m. Services rendered by six officers for Suspicious Activity on Red Deer Road.

8:47 p.m. Three officers assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Bartley Hill Road.

Saturday, Jan. 13

1:18 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made on Nashua Road, at Buttrick Road. Jonathan Rivera, 31, of Draught, Charged with: Operating a vehicle without a Valid License - License Required; and Bench Warrants.

1:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made by four officers on Litchfield Road, at Mammoth Road. Anastasia Price, 32, of Dunstable,

Mass., charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Aggravated - Over .08/.02% - Over 30 mph; and Traffic Control Device Violation

8:33 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Calla Road.

10:08 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Olde Country Village Road.

2:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident on Pillsbury Road, at Moose Hill School, leads to an arrest made by eight officers. Scott Kimball, 57, of Londonderry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Second - Impairment; and Criminal Mischief.

Sunday, Jan. 14

1:53 a.m. Motor vehicle

stop leads to an arrest made by three officers on Rockingham Road, at Seasons Lane. Alexander Klink, 33, of Londonderry, charged with: Failure to Dim Lights; and Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

10:40 a.m. Welfare Check investigated by six officers on Oakridge Drive.

11:49 a.m. Criminal Mischief reported on Mammoth Road.

3:20 p.m. Welfare Check conducted on Crestview Circle.

3:21 p.m. Motor vehicle stop on Grenier Field Road, at North Fire Station, leads to an arrest made by four officers. Mylene Catherine Gregory, 31, of Berlin, charged with: Possession of a Controlled Drug (Schedule 1-4); Obstruction of Government Administration; and 14 counts of Receiving Stolen Property (\$0-\$1,000).

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