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Drumming Up Support Members of the Lancers Drumline have been a new addition to the entertainment during the Londonderry High School varsity basketball games recently. They've been showing their support since the new year. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Library Trustees Face Questions Over Line-Item

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Leach Library Board of Trustees opened its January 2025 meeting with public comment and with the budget season well underway, resident Richard Bielinski had several

questions about one particular item. "I did a scan of the budget book that's given out to all departments when you're working on a new budget, and I found something that's a little disturbing. Your line item for books and periodicals is not even close to what you're budgeting," said Bielinski. "In 2022 you went over the appropriation by, I believe it was 66 percent. For 2023 year-end it was 100 percent. In 2024 it was 60 per-

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Voters Will Vote on Seven Union Contracts in March

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council ratified a number of tentative agreements for collective bargaining groups during a special meeting on Jan. 14.

"All are three-year collective bargaining agreements," Town Attorney Liz Bailey said.

Bailey explained that there are several similarities between all the agreements, including no cost share for insurance premiums for the first two years, a 5% contribution by employees in year three, and buy-out options for insurance including \$5,000 for

individuals, \$10,000 for two people, and \$12,000 for those with family plans.

For AFSCME Local 1801, which includes DPW and town office employees, the agreement calls for a 2.5% cost-of-living increase for each year of the three-year deal.

It was also explained by Bailey that they "truncated" the steps eliminating the first three steps for DPW and the first two steps for town employees, along with an additional top step, as well to recruit and retain employees.

It approved the increase for FY26 would

be \$87,071 with a tax impact of \$0.014, \$110,988 in FY27 with a tax impact of \$0.018, and an increase of \$84,243 in FY28 with a tax impact of \$0.014.

Another collective bargaining agreement is AFSCME Council 93 Unit B – Londonderry Administrative Employees Association (L.A.E.A.) Town Administrative Personnel (T.A.P.), which consists of Town office employees.

For year one, there is a 2.75% cost-of-living increase, while for years two and three it would be between 1 and 2.5% based on CPI.

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School Tax Cap Proposed in Citizens Petition Article

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Londonderry School District budget public hearing last week, a citizens petition warrant article pertaining to a budget cap was reviewed and despite some confusion on whether it could be accepted, it was moved to the warrant.

The warrant article states:

"We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Londonderry request the School Board to insert the following article on the Warrant for the March

11, 2025 Town Meeting of Londonderry, NH.

Shall the Town Vote: To adopt a tax cap for the Londonderry School District in accordance with RSA 32:5-c as amended effective October 1, 2025, and amend the School District Charter as appropriate. RSA 32:5-c states that: In a town that has adopted this paragraph, a tax cap limiting the base amount to be raised by property taxes to last year's base may be adjusted to account for inflation and change in attendance for school districts, according to the following formula: this year's base =

(last year's base) x (1 + CPI) x (this year's attendance / last year's attendance)."

It was explained by Kristine Perez, who submitted the warrant article, that even if the warrant article passes, it doesn't mean the school district would be required to do it.

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District Moves Forward With Kindergarten Warrant Article

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After a failed vote last year, the Londonderry School Board put forward a new warrant article to add full-day kindergarten to the District.

“We listened to the voters from last March’s vote, there was strong interest in full-day kindergarten, but not enough,” Superintendent Dan Black said during the Jan. 14 public hearing.

Black said ultimately that they knew they needed to come up with a “less expensive solution.”

“We compromised, there was feedback that the current district office lease needs to be

solved as well,” Black said, noting that to get support for full-day kindergarten they expect they would need to address the district office issue.

The estimated tax impact for year one would be 4 cents, 12 cents in year two, and 12 cents in year three.

As part of the project, LEEP would remain at Moose Hill, which is the current kindergarten building, and by the fall of 2026, the district office would also be at Moose Hill.

By August of this year, they would have full-day kindergarten at Matthew Thornton, North School, and South School.

Black explained that as part of the proposal they would be adding eight modular classrooms, explaining that they want them to blend in with the different schools.

As part of the project, the total cost would be 9.05 million, which is close to 80% less than what last year’s proposed project would’ve cost.

In addition to the cost of the project, the district would also be saving about 85% on the additional personnel needed compared to last year’s proposed project.

During public input, resident Kristine Perez said she was happy they

listened to the community.

“Thank you for this, this is an awesome idea,” she said.

Perez also said she suggested that they consider implementing both a full-day and half-day model.

School Board Chair Bob Slater said he thinks they should discuss those types of things if the bond is approved and they begin discussing their full-day kindergarten program.

The School Board

voted to recommend the warrant article during the meeting.

Black in a letter following the meeting that the District would have information on its website regarding the proposal.

“We want you all to know that we heard your support last year for Full Day Kindergarten – but that we had to find a less expensive option to achieve that goal,” the letter read in part. “We also heard from the community we needed to come

up with a long-term solution to no longer have a lease for the District Office. This bond project solves both those problems for nearly 80% less in costs! The School Board explored many options this summer to bring back to the voters and this one seemed the most viable to satisfy the community as a whole and solve both our pressing needs.”

The next School Board meeting is set to take place on Jan. 28 beginning at 7 p.m.

Unions

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Year one would have an increase of \$52,491 with a tax impact of \$0.009, year two would have an increase of \$77,081 with a tax impact of \$0.013, and year three would have an increase of \$77,672 with a tax impact of \$0.013.

One new collective bargaining unit is the Londonderry Association of Police Supervisors, which consists of police department leadership and administrative staff.

There is no COLA or merit increase in year one, but salary adjustments are made.

In year two there are COLA increases of 1.5 to 3% based on CPI and 1.5 to 2.5% increases in year three.

For year one the increase would be \$82,018 with a tax impact of \$0.014, year two would be an increase of \$127,054 with a tax

impact of \$0.021, and in year three the increase would be \$99,958 with a tax impact of \$0.016.

For the Londonderry Executive Employees Association, which represents department heads, the contract has no COLA increases or merit increases for year one, but the salary ranges would be adjusted.

For the other two years, there is a COLA increase between 1 and 2.5% tied to CPI.

Year one would have an increase of \$66,239 with a tax impact of \$0.011, an increase of \$61,599 with a tax impact of \$0.01 for year two, and an increase of \$46,045 with a tax impact of \$0.008 for year three.

Another contract is for the Londonderry Administrative Employees Association (L.A.E.A.) Public Safety.

The union consists of fire department supervisors.

Year one has a cost-of-living increase of

2.5%, and years two and three have a 1 to 2.5% increase based on CPI.

Year one would have an increase of \$38,501 with a tax impact of \$0.006, year two would be \$48,109 with a tax impact of \$0.007, and the third year would have an impact of \$49,379 with a tax impact of \$0.008.

The total tax impact would be \$0.054 for the first year if the contracts are all approved in March.

According to members at the meeting, the negotiation team for the town consisted of Bailey, Finance Director Justin Campo, and Human Resources Director Tara Koza.

The Londonderry Town Deliberative session is on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 9 a.m., and the Londonderry School Deliberative session is on Friday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m., both are held at the Londonderry High School café.

Voting day is scheduled for March 11.

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Expired Litchfield Road Project Makes a Return at Conservation

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Conservation Commission met on Jan. 14 to hear a development plan from Jeff Burd of RJB Engineering regarding the property at 7 Litchfield Road.

"We started this back in 2017, we got a permit, but it expired in 2023. We want to get another one at this point with a different project," explained Burd. "Back in 2017, this piece of property was subdivided out of the original tract. As part of that, they proposed a sewer and water extension to the new lot coming across Mammoth Road and several wetlands. What they

were proposing back then was a multi-family development."

That initial proposal stalled due to changes in zoning regulations.

The property has interspersed, wooded wetlands, including one fed by a seasonal stream that comes through a culvert, complicating the permitting process.

The property owner deemed investing in a sewer and water connection for one home already on the lot "too expensive."

"What we're proposing is a 500-foot cul-de-sac road with five lots for duplex units, so there'd be 10 units in there," said Burd.

"What's the owner-

ship range going to be for these?" asked Alternate Mike Speltz. "Are they going to be individually owned?"

Burd responded by saying they would have individual ownership. With concerns over wetlands on the property, he also outlined a temporary impact plan built on the 2017 proposal.

"These are temporary impacts. We're going to dig it up, install sewer and water, then put it back the way it is right now," said Burd. "It will look like nothing happened there when we're done."

He promised there would be no permanent wetland impact on the property, something

Conservation Chair Marge Badois questioned when looking at the project's drainage plan.

"How about this drainage thing up here?" asked Badois, referring to the buffer zone. "That's like 28,000 square feet of buffer impact on the whole project. More than half an acre."

According to the plan, much of this area was earmarked for turf, a use Vice-Chair Eugene Harrington noted "was not allowed in the buffer."

The engineer raised the possibility of shortening the driveway and slightly changing the design to accommodate

the wetland buffer after admitting he believed having a lawn and drainage in the buffer zone qualified as "allowed disturbances."

"There needs to be a way to do this without violating that buffer," said Speltz.

Other issues arose from the property bordering a nearby cemetery, and Commissioners recommended talking with the Cemetery Trustees to consider a buffer or even a lot line adjustment to minimize the possible impact in that area. They reminded Burd he would need a conditional use permit, encouraging him to pay more attention to the

location, along with possibly shortening the driveway.

"We recommend reducing the buffer impact created by the detention pond and buffer signs need to be installed before construction," said Badois.

No formal action was taken by the Commission at the January meeting.

Its members expect to give the duplex plan another look before discussing a formal recommendation.

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

Tax Cap

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"This is a may not a shall," Perez said.

It was explained by Perez, that the law went into effect in October that allows them to do it, and that it would be a tool they can use if it is needed.

Perez said multiple districts are doing similar things, but said some problems they are running into is that they are putting a certain dollar amount attached to it. Perez said she doesn't think they need to have that.

It was also noted by Perez, during the meeting, that it would need to

pass with 60 percent of the vote.

"This needs to pass by, I believe, 60 percent," Perez said.

School Board Chair Bob Slater said he thinks they need to get some clarification from the attorney about it.

"Thank you for presenting this, there's not much we can comment on," Slater said.

Perez noted that it would allow people in Town to weigh in on it.

"It's just a tool and it's a new tool," Perez said.

During public input, resident Tony DeFrancesco said he wasn't in support of it.

"This is poorly con-

ceived, poorly written, and generally a bad idea," he said.

DeFrancesco said for years the state had passed unfunded mandates, which were passed on to local schools impacting the tax rate.

"This is yet another attempt to undermine public schools and budget in general," he said.

Despite some confusion during the meeting, because of a typographical error made by the Londonderry School District, the warrant article will be sent to the Deliberative Session.

The next School Board meeting is set for Jan. 28 beginning at 7 p.m.

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Editorial

Calling All Residents: It's Time to Step Up

Are you frustrated after seeing your tax bill? Do you feel like officials aren't listening to your concerns? Do you think those in charge always have an excuse for decisions you don't agree with? If you believe you can do better, then it's time to run for their positions.

The filing period to run for open elected positions in the town and school begins on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 8:30 a.m. and ends on Friday, Jan. 31, at 5 p.m.

To all the residents who stayed at home while your elected officials crafted the town and school budgets, and to those who do not offer suggestions during public hearings: we expect you to be satisfied with the final numbers for the budgets and your tax bill increases.

It's plain and simple - if you don't show up and ask questions, you will never fully understand what is being spent and why.

Some residents may be losing their jobs, working without raises again, and struggling to keep their homes, while the budgets continue to increase. Town and school employees are receiving raises, and close to one hundred percent of their health insurance premiums are paid by you, along with the other benefits of working for our towns.

It seems like there's a demand for the newest and best of everything, leading to increased spending on most needs and building repairs that often happen simultaneously. This raises the question:

are we maintaining our buildings well? Are these expenses truly necessities or simply wants?

The public hearings are mostly over, and your next opportunity for participatory democracy will be at the Deliberative Session and Town Meeting.

It's not too late to provide a well-thought-out and practical way to save money or express your gratitude if you believe your elected officials have genuinely listened to the concerns of taxpayers.

There's something else you can do, especially if you are passionate about fiscal responsibility and community service: you can run for elected office yourself.

If you have a deep love for your community, a willingness to listen to others, a talent for seeking middle ground among differing opinions, and the resilience to handle criticism, consider putting your name forward. Leave personal agendas behind.

In a country founded on citizen participation, where individual voices are valued, an elected office is within reach for anyone willing to make the effort.

You'll have a say in what happens in your town, and you'll be responsible for helping your community move forward. You'll truly be a part of your community and democracy in action.

Don't let apathy take over. Instead of just posting complaints online, take a stand today to preserve our community for tomorrow.

Letters

Congratulations to Our Local Newspaper

To the editor,
I wish to congratulate and to thank the editor and the team for producing such a well-informed local newspaper for the past 25 years. This newspaper is my primary source of reliable information about activities in our town. It is impractical to attend or review all town meetings so a report in this newspaper is an essential "heads-up" to locate and review the associated meeting minutes, agenda or recording. It is indispensable for me as no other source is available that provides this.

Aside from current events, this newspaper provides an irreplaceable record of past events for my recreational activity, studying Londonderry's history. There are stories about the Lancer's Band playing at major festivals and events like the Rose parade and President Obama's inauguration. In March 2000, Troy Brown reported the story of the Parmenter barn and how money would be raised to complete its preservation. Records like those could not be found anywhere else. For years to come, these archives will benefit historians.

Now let us hope for another 25 years.

David Ellis
Londonderry

Responsible Land Use

To the editor,
Land development in the Town of Londonderry has significantly changed our landscape over the past 20 years. This rate

of change continues to accelerate. Thankfully our Town Representatives and various Committees put forth an admirable effort to follow procedures and seek public input to incorporate design changes and smart construction sequencing. Early intervention and discussion are key to responsible land use and development.

This is an urgent request to all citizens to stay involved and aware of proposed land use changes. We have a duty to learn from mistakes made in the State of California as we see complete devastation from wildfires. Granted NH is not CA, but based on our climate and other similarities there are lessons to learn regarding land use. Our plans for land development need to consider the following:

- NH suffers long periods of drought throughout the year that impacts the viability of groundwater wells

- Drought contributes to rampant brushfires that easily spread

- We lack widespread water system service to support installation of fire hydrants

- Recent housing developments feature closely-arranged multi-unit construction layout where flames can easily spread

- Developed areas are completely clear-cut of mature trees and all vegetation that increases soil erosion and eliminates wildlife habitat

- Closely clustered housing developments result in increased vehicle traffic and congestion on local roads. Added traffic further reduces the safety and capacity along those routes. Fire and emer-

gency response times to these areas are negatively impacted, too

- Recently featured in Letters to the Editor 'Fire Union Reaches Out to Citizens' Jan. 9, 2025 issue. Christopher A Schofield, President, Local 3160 outlined the significant negative safety impact on the public and firefighters while inadequate firefighter staffing persists. This must be addressed.

- The negative impact to our tax rates as increased infrastructure and services are added to support a growing population

Continued communication between residents, Town Officeholders and the Service Agency representatives is key to success. We need to approach our plans for development with balanced insight to maintain Londonderry's character which drew many of us here originally. We owe it to new neighbors we wish to attract and our longtime residents. To all those elected officials, volunteers, active committees, and the public - thank you for listening. Here's to the efforts to seat a well-qualified Town Manager - the need has never been greater.

Mary Jane Meier
Londonderry

To Another 25

To the editpr,
Congratulations on your 25th anniversary. You and Chris should be very proud. You know I know how difficult it was doing what you have done. Wishing you continued success for the next 25 years.

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School Operating Budget Comes in \$123K Under Default

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School Board and Budget Committee reviewed the final proposed budget, during the Jan. 14 budget public hearing and budget meeting.

It was explained previously by Superintendent Dan Black, that the proposed budget limits the growth over last year's budget, and in fact, the proposed operating budget would be less than the current budget.

"We're delivering a

budget today that is about \$33,000 less than that," Black said during the meeting.

Black said that they did so intentionally to allow for the prioritization of a full Day Kindergarten and District Office potentially proposed warrant article, while also prioritizing their academic and co-curricular program.

"We have a budget that's basically level funded," Black said during the meeting.

The proposed operating budget put forward by Black is a total of

\$81,116,875, compared to the FY 25 budget of \$81,149,869.

Black said in addition to being below the FY 25 budget, the proposed operating budget is less than the Default Budget of \$89,240,249.

In total, the proposed operating budget is about \$123,000 less than the Default Budget.

One of the biggest changes as part of the proposed operating budget is a reduction of \$414,000 in staff turnover, \$475,000 in reductions from District Wide Renovation Bond retir-

ing, and a reduction of \$170,000 from one-time elementary literacy program costs.

For increased costs, the proposed budget calls for an increase of \$1.2 million in out-of-district mandated placements and transportation costs, an increase of \$38,000 in advanced course digital textbooks at Londonderry High School, a \$16,000 increase in career-connected learning at the high school, \$23,00 for a Londonderry Middle School Assistant Athletic Director stipend, and

\$19,000 in other curriculum supplies.

In addition, the proposed budget calls for \$410,00 in savings for staffing cuts due to lower enrollment.

The School Board voted unanimously to recommend the proposed operating budget during the meeting.

The Budget Committee did not vote to make a recommendation one way or another during the meeting and was expected to during its next committee meeting.

If approved by voters in March, the proposed

operating budget would have an estimated tax rate impact of \$9.47 and if the Default Budget is approved it would have an estimated tax rate impact of \$9.49.

Voters will have the chance to debate the warrant article and others during the Deliberative Session scheduled for Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Londonderry High School cafe.

The next School Board meeting is set for Jan. 28 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Londonderry High School cafe.

Letters

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Bob Napolitano
Londonderry

Congratulations Londonderry Times

To the editor,
I would like to thank Deb and Chris Paul on their 25 year milestone anniversary of The Londonderry Times. While a printed paper can be overlooked this day and age of digital information, I'm happy to see that the paper is online as well. The Londonderry Times is such an important part of our community, a great source for all information related to the Town. It's also great resource

to find local businesses to support from the ad placements. Thank you for continuing to serve our community.

Cheers, to another 25 years!

Christine Fitzgerald
Londonderry

Cheers to 25 Years of our Hometown Paper

To the editor,
Deb and Chris do a wonderful job of highlighting the news that really matters to our community. Chris is a dedicated photographer and is a fixture at local sporting events. Deb is a former Town Councilwoman and has had her hand in just about every volunteer initiative that this town has. Together

they provide a platform for local issues to be brought to light, a platform for your voice to be heard, and a place to support your local businesses. The Times is the only publication that reaches every home in town. Here's to a bright future for our hometown news.

Jonathan Esposito
Londonderry

Will of the People

To the editor,
Granite Staters must not permit our legislature to defy the will of the people again.

We have never had an opportunity to express our opinions in a meaningful way on the merits of the EFA school

voucher scheme. The EFA scheme did not pass as stand-alone legislation and in fact came into being in a very undemocratic way.

When the EFA bill was before the Education committee in February of 2021, 3198 voters signed in to oppose the bill. Only 600 signed in favor and the bill was

retained in committee as it was clear public support for the scheme was just not there. Rather than allowing Granite Staters to weigh in on the merits of EFAs by bringing it before the House and Senate, the Finance Committee slid the program into the 2022-23 omnibus budget bill. Of course, in order

not to jeopardize the entire state budget, the Governor then signed it into law.

A similarly lopsided show of opposition to making the vouchers universal (not subject to income caps) was evident in last week's hearing before the House Education Funding Com-

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Utilities Committee Calls for Update of Zoning to Include Solar Arrays

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Utilities Committee met on Jan. 7 to discuss a proposed solar array on land near Manchester Airport. Chair Lynn Wiles worried that outdated zoning laws were slowing down the process and could impact future town solar projects without an update.

"We need to get the zoning regulations in line to allow solar installations to be put into Industrial I and Industrial II locations," he said. "The zoning regulations are quiet on solar projects, they don't say yay or nay on that topic. In

my opinion, they need to be brought up to speed on to where the industry is today."

As things stand, solar projects can be built in areas zoned for industrial use, but they require the extra step of obtaining a variance with the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Allowing solar would eliminate that extra step.

"How are industrial sites defined?" asked Committee member Anne Fenn. "What about the airport?"

Wiles stated that it depended on whether an area was earmarked for light or heavy industrial usage and encouraged

anyone interested to look at the Londonderry Zoning Ordinance to get a better idea. He noted that the site near the airport for solar panels was zoned as Industrial I.

"How does the zoning regulation get updated?" asked Vice-Chair Martha Smith.

According to the Chair, the Planning and Economic Development Department normally drafts the necessary changes before making a recommendation to the Town Council, which must then approve them.

With or without the changes, committee members were optimistic about the solar

array, especially with interest from airport authorities.

"As far as the airport is concerned, they don't see much use for that piece of land," said Wiles. "They can't build much of anything on it, it's right under a flight path."

Water contamination, especially related to PFAS, continued to be a central concern of the water subcommittee as its members continued to develop water management and public outreach strategies. The hope was to tie these strategies into the developing Master Plan amidst growing concerns

about the impact of PFAS chemicals as Fenn noted that the problem was not going away.

"There was a study that just came out between Harvard and NYU. It's pretty interesting," she said. "They found elevated levels of six types of chemicals known as PFAS in samples they took at wastewater treatment plants."

Member Ray Breslin also expressed concern about leachate contamination from landfills.

The study found that high levels of PFAS were in outflows, after the wastewater treatment process.

"That's the water that's going into our streams into rivers and going into our pipes," she said. "I think there will be concern on how

all our wastewater plants are doing."

Fenn noted this was a single study, one only covering treated wastewater.

"There's nothing new about this. The wastewater treatment plants do not have the ability to take all the PFAS and other chemicals out," said Alternate Committee member Ray Breslin. "It goes back into the Merrimack River it goes down where Pennichuck pulls it out. Hopefully, they have the ability to take that out, we don't have to be that concerned about the drinking water from Pennichuck."

The Utilities Committee is scheduled to meet again on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. in the Moose Hill Council Chambers.

Trustees

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cent, So those three years average 75 percent over what you appropriated and asked for in that line. The current year you're in; you're at like 96 percent already with six months to go."

He conceded that it was common for some numbers to be off when budgeting, but he also expressed his concern that projected numbers were too far off for too many years in a row and wondered what other

line items were not being budgeted.

"That's something you need to look at," said Bielinski.

Donna Plante, Head of Reference and Technical Services, was aware of the problem and stated that the library was trying to fix it.

"With the book line item, there's been a challenge every year with the budget committee to get anything added to it. Whenever we try to add any money to it, it's red-flagged, even though there's a long history of

us overspending that line," said Plante. "The reason why we're almost at 100 percent this year is because we always ask for that money in halves."

According to her, the first half of that line item was near its end, hence the high spending percentage in the budget so far.

Senior Resources Committee Chair, Jim Green, was at the meeting to emphasize how critical the library and its programs are for the town's older residents.

"One thing that stuck out in my mind is that 20% of the seniors in this town are alone. That's 800 people in town who are alone and the library is one of the only institutions that regularly reaches out to them with services," said Green. "The museum passes, the library of

things, they're programs for everybody. I hope you know how valuable this resource is and seniors appreciate it."

The Trustees thanked Green for his input and hoped a conceptual program in which the library would send books to homebound residents would move forward.

Briefly stepping back from her position as Trustee Treasurer, Jan McLaughlin, wanted to say a few words as a member of the public.

"The library is such a peaceful place when you come here, that it would be nice if we carried that into the community," she said. "There's so many things stirring around."

The Leach Library Board of Trustees is set to meet Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Leach Library Meeting Room.

OBITUARY

Ada Ann Wingate



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Town Council Debate Senior Transport Warrant Article

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Jan. 6 Town Council meeting, a potential warrant article being proposed by the Senior Resources Committee was once again discussed.

It was explained during the previous meeting that the warrant article would be for a \$5 per motor vehicle fee, which would then be used for senior needs in town for transportation.

The request by the Committee was for the Town Council to put it on the ballot, instead of

the Committee collecting the signatures and putting it on as a citizens petition warrant article.

Committee member John Wilson, said since the Senior Resources Committee said that he thinks its appropriate for the Town Council to move it to the ballot, since the committee is advisory for the Town Council.

"It's very important for us to have the council do it," Wilson said.

One question asked previously was if they have any other ways of funding it.

Town Councilor John Farrell said other op-

tions have been exploring in the past.

"We've tried other things, it doesn't really work that well," Farrell explained.

Wilson explained previously that one advantage with having the funds is if there is federal money involved in terms of grants, they usually require match funds from the Town which they could have from it.

In terms of services Wilson said there are a number of ones they could look at.

Town Clerk Sherry Farrell said that CART,

the current regional transportation service, is charging \$2 a ride each way, which is when Wilson brought the warrant article idea to the committee for consideration.

Sherry Farrell also said it could be used for other ways to help the community in terms of transportation saying it's something their attorney would have to look at closer.

Town Councilor Ron Dunn said he is in favor of putting a warrant article on the ballot, but said he doesn't think it should be a \$5 per vehi-

cle registration fee, and instead he thinks they should look to have a warrant article for a specific amount.

Town Councilor Shawn Faber said he also agreed with not supporting the mechanism for it.

Sherry Farrell asked that they consider putting it on the ballot as is, and letting the voters decide, noting that there was a lot of work that went into the way the warrant article was written, from the Committee.

John Farrell explained that Dunn and Finance Director Justin

Campo could do some more research on it, and then they could make a choice during the Jan. 20 meeting, about what direction they would go in, if any.

It was noted that the other potential option would be to create a trust fund, with the funds coming from property tax payers, which is the usual case for warrant articles.

"Or you can send both," John Farrell said during the meeting.

At the Jan. 20 meeting, members decided not to put the article on the town warrant.

High Range Road Contract Awarded to American Excavating

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Utilities Committee met for the first time in 2025 with an announcement that a contract for the High Range Road water project had been approved.

"The bid for the high range road water main happened Dec. 12. The contract was awarded to American Excavating out of Derry," explained Administrative Support Coordinator Kirsten Hildonen. "The good news about this is that the bid estimate had been \$6.5 million, and the final bid came in at \$5.7 million. That's approximately \$800,000 lower than they anticipated. So, we're in great shape with that."

American Excavating and Pennichuck now have a fully executed

contract in place, and work is expected to start next spring, barring any major changes.

"They gave a deadline of 300 days for substantial completion and 350 days for final completion," said Hildonen. "That's the water main extending from Old Nashua up to Royal. Basically, they're starting at the south of 102 to Royal. The idea is to tie in at Old Nashua to the work that's being done privately for Rolling Meadows."

There was also talk of extending the water main north of Royal Lane sometime in the future, though such an

extension was not yet fully planned or funded.

Due to its length, Hildonen did not have the contract immediately available for viewing, but she offered to print an executive summary or show an electronic version to any member of the committee.

Alternate member Ray Breslin noted Londonderry was "a part of this" and wanted to know how the money allocated to the construction of the High Range line was being spent.

"We the town should have oversight as to how this has been done," he said.

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School Board Recommends Five Warrant Articles

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry School Board recommended several warrant articles during the Jan. 14 public hearing.

One of the warrant articles was for the LEA tentative agreement.

The warrant article states:

“Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Londonderry School District and the Londonderry Education Association (LEA), and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,920,879 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost items attributable to the in-

crease 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 at current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year.

The tax rate impact would be 27 cents in year one, 24 cents in year two, and 23 cents in year three.

Another warrant article was for the tentative agreement with Allied Health.

The warrant article states:

“Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Londonderry School District and the Londonderry Associ-

ation of Allied Health Professionals (LAAHP), and further 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 estimated tax rate impact would be three cents each year.

The third warrant article discussed is to raise \$520,000 to be placed in the District Wide Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Funds.

The estimated tax rate impact is 7 cents.

Another article is for the District Technology Network Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund.

The warrant article states:

“Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to be placed in the School District Technology Network Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund established in March 2019 School District meeting to provide funds for equipment and services for the school district network infrastructure such as, but not limited to, routers, wiring, switches, access points, wireless network improvements or any other equipment software or service that is necessary for the maintenance, improvement, performance or management of the district’s network?”

The estimated tax rate impact would be

two cents.

Article 10 would be for the Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The warrant article states:

“Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$95,000 to be placed in the School District Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of funding the acquisition of minor ongoing equipment and tools, such as but not limited to classroom furniture, technology, furniture, building maintenance equipment and tools, used in the School District, with this sum to come from the June 30, 2025 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2025, and no amount to be raised by additional taxation?”

Article 11 is for the Vehicle & Machinery

Capital Reserve Fund.

The warrant article states:

“Shall the voters of the Londonderry School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in the Vehicle and Machinery Capital Reserve Fund established in March 2020 for the purpose of funding the acquisition of vehicles and machinery with this sum to come from the June 30, 2025 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2025, and no amount to be raised by additional taxation?”

The Londonderry town deliberative session is on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 9 a.m., and the Londonderry school deliberative session is on Friday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m., both are held at the Londonderry High School café. Voting day is March 11.

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TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE LONDONDERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice of open elected positions for the Londonderry School District Town Election to be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Filing period: Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2025, through Friday, Jan. 31, 2025

- (1) School Board Member - 3 - Year Term
- (1) Moderator - 3 - Year Term
- (1) Treasurer - 3 - Year Term
- (1) School District Clerk - 3 - Year Term

To file, please contact Kerri Stanley, School District Clerk, at 603-860-9369 or at kstanley@londonderry.org. Kerri will be at the Londonderry School District Office, 6A Kitty Hawk Landing, Suite 101, Londonderry, NH 03053 on Friday, Jan. 31, 2025, from 3:00-5:00 PM, for the purpose of final filing.

Have an Announcement?

This service is provided free of charge to Londonderry residents who wish to announce the birth of their child or grandchild, marriage engagement, wedding or milestone event such as a Silver Wedding Anniversary. This is a great way to share your news with your local community. The Londonderry Times also accepts obituary notices. Please contact us at 537-2760 or e-mail to londonderrytimes@nutpub.net.

LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Girls' Basketball Add Two More Big Wins

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Basketball team had two significant wins last week, adding to their season total and the ladies currently sit at 6-0 as the fourth week of the season ends.

The Lady Lancers began the week with a 65-28 victory over the Purple Panthers in Nashua then busted the Broncos in Londonderry by a score of 62-34.

In that stretch, junior forward/guard Sammy Sullivan was able to get within 14-points of 1,000 career points.

In the 37-point win over Nashua South, on Tuesday, Jan. 14, the Lancers held Nashua to just four-points in each of the first two quarters, then allowed only 20-points during the entire second half.

The Londonderry offense scored 27-points in the first period, and ten in the second for 37-points.

After the break, LHS put up 28-points in the second half for their fifth win of the season.



Lancer senior guard Talia Iorio battles for possession under the basket against Alvirne.

Sullivan led the scoring with 17-points, seven for two and one for three-points.

Junior guard Brooke Eacrett and sophomore guard Gemma Murray both came away with 10-points.

Senior guard Mia

Giampa had two three-pointers and a foul shot for seven-points and sophomore Addi Martinez finished with six-points.

Three nights later, at home against Alvirne, the result was equally bad for the Lady Bron-

cos, being held to 12-points in the first half and 22 in the second for a 28-point LHS win.

Londonderry racked up 16-points in the first quarter and finished the half with a 34-12 lead.

The Alvirne girls were a bit better in the second half, but the Hudson squad was still outscored 28-22.

Sullivan had 26-points, with four, three-pointers to lead the way in scoring. Eacrett scored three, three-pointers in the second and had two for two points in the first to finish with 13-points.

Murray was 4-4 at the line and had two, three-pointers to finish with ten-points.

Giampa had seven points in the game, including one three-pointer.

The team was scheduled for just one game this week, on Tuesday, Jan. 21, where Sullivan is expected to hit the 1,000 career-points record at



Sammy Sullivan is expected to get her 1,000th career point this week. Photos by Chris Paul

Goffstown High School. High School with 1,769.

Stephanie Murphy also holds the most career record for most points in a season, with 515.

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Lancers Boys' Drop Two Paquette Heads to 1,000-Points



Lancers senior forward Mason Paquette scored 56-points in the two games last week on his way to 1,000 career points Photo by Chris Paul.

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Boys' Basketball team suffered two disappointing losses last week, the first by one-point in overtime and other by 11.

The good news the Lancers were able to come away with at the end of the week was that senior forward Mason Paquette scored 56-points in the two games and wound up two-points shy of hitting 1,000 career points.

On Tuesday night, Jan. 14, the Lancers hosted the Purple Panthers of Nashua South and wound up with the team's third one-shot finish of the season, this time, losing 74-75 in overtime.

Londonderry looked to have the game under control, leading for nearly the entire game, 14-11 after one quarter, and 27-24 by the half. After three quarters LHS maintained a four-point lead, but came up four-points shy in the final period of regulation, ending in a 64-64 tie.

In overtime, the Panthers put up 11-points to the Lancers 10 for the disappointing outcome.

Paquette put up a season-high 35-points to lead his team in scoring. The senior had four, three-pointers and was seven of eight at the foul line.

Senior forward Matt Luongo finished with 22-points, including two three-pointers and was eight for ten in free-throws.

LHS seniors Blake Thompson had six points and Cam Madden finished with five-points.

With the win, Nashua moved to 5-2 and LHS fell to 4-3.

Three nights later, on Friday, Jan. 17, during a trip to neighboring Hudson, the Lancers had a hard time scoring in the first half, came back late in the second, but fell 54-43 to the Alvirne Broncos.

Paquette led with nearly half of the team's offense and finished with 21-points.

The Broncos came out of the gate strong to lead LHS 16-7 after one, then outscored Lancers 14-5 in the second for a 30-12 lead at the half.

In the second half, Londonderry topped Alvirne 31-24, mostly

due to the 17-points Paquette was able to contribute.

The Lancers will play just one game this week where Paquette is expected to break the 1,000-point mark. The Hooksett senior has been a varsity player for all four years, the first being during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Jake Coleman holds the LHS record of 1,271 career points, which was achieved back in 2017.

With ten games left in the season, Paquette has a good chance of breaking, especially if the Lancers make it into the playoffs.

The Lancers were scheduled to host the Goffstown Grizzlies (4-4) on Tuesday, Jan. 21 and will then get a seven day break.

Lancers Wrestling Team Take Three of Five at Dual Meets

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Wrestling team had another busy week where they were able to

capture victories in three of the five dual meets they participated in.

On Wednesday night, Jan. 15 the Lancers faced off

against the Windham High School Jaguars, winning nine of the 14 bouts for a 54-30 victory.

Starting at 120 lbs., Cam Roussell won by pin over Evan Ortolani for a six-point lead.

Londonderry's next wim came at 150 lbs., when Caleb Holden won by fall.

At 157 lbs., Manny Perez pinned his opponent at the four-minute

mark. Brendan Egan also pinned his opponent in the 165 lb. weight.

At 175 lbs., David Pento Jr. continued his winning streak with a fall over William Napolitano.

Lachlan Buttle (190 lbs.) Blake Buttle (215 lbs.) and Lucian Yazbek (285 lbs.) all registered wins by forfeit.

The final win of the night came from Anthony Cipolletta, at 106 lbs.

with a fall win over Shaye Watson to add to the 24-point victory.

On Saturday, Jan. 18, the team traveled over the river to Merrimack High School for the annual Merrimack Hall of Fame Duals, where Londonderry had two wins and two losses.

Against the host team, the Merrimack Tomahawks, the Lancers were able to get a 54-30 win.

Once again, the Lancers were able to win nine of the bouts and grab a 24-point victory.

Winners were: Caleb Holden (150 lbs.); Manny Perez (157 lbs.); Brendan Egan (165 lbs.); David Pento Jr. (175 lbs.); Lachlan Buttle (190 lbs.); Dakota Shaffer (285 lbs.); Lucas DeLeon (106 lbs.); Lennox DeLeon (113 lbs.); and Cam Roussell (120 lbs.).

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TOWN OF LONDONDERRY LEGAL NOTICE PLANNING BOARD

The Londonderry Planning Board will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2025, at 7 P.M. in Moose Hill Council Chambers to consider the following:

Public hearing on an application for formal review of a lot line adjustment to adjust the lot line between two parcels. 28 Jefferson Road (Map 10, Lot 76) Londonderry, Map 29, Lot 11-2) Derry, and 35 Hillside Avenue (Map 10, Lot 78-5) Londonderry, (Map 29, Lot 300) Derry. Zoned AR-1 (Agricultural Residential). Donald F., Jr. & Debora Munro (Owners) and Strategic Contracting Co., LLC (Applicant).

Public Hearing for the adoption of the 2024 (FY 2026 – 2031) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The proposed plan can be viewed online or during business hours in the Planning & Economic Development Department.

Lancers Hockey Squad Tame Trinity with 3-1 Victory



Lancers senior forward captain Brett McKinnon got the first goal against Trinity goal tender, Joe Ronzello. Photos by Chris Paul



Senior Nathan Beaulieu was able to score the third LHS goal of the game halfway through the third period. Photos by Chris Paul

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Hockey squad was able to put up its second consecutive two-point victory with a 3-1 win over the Trinity Pioneers on Saturday, Jan. 18.

The reigning Division

I champs looked very strong facing the Trinity High School contingent. Much like the Lancers, the Pioneers had only lost one game this season, and both had lost those games by just one point.

The two teams were fairly evenly matched

throughout the game, both had goals in the first period, within seconds of each other, but in the third period, Londonderry was able to separate from their host, with two-goals and a 3-1 win.

The first goal of the tight contest came at

14:02 in the first period, when senior forward captain Brett McKinnon got one by the Trinity goal tender, Joe Ronzello, a sophomore out of Londonderry, on a break away.

Just 14-seconds later, the Pioneers tied the score at 1-1, with a goal by Conor Hurley, assisted by Chris Centorino and Max Beaulieu.

The second period remained tied between the squads, with both needing to penalty kill. The Lancers were called for three and Trinity

served two.

McKinnon was able to break the tie score at 3:48 into the third period with his second goal of the game. Sophomore Gavin Karoul and junior Brendan Fitzgerald had the assists.

Three minutes later, senior forward Nathan Beaulieu gave his team the insurance goal, with the assist going to senior Liam Knight.

The Lancers sophomore goal tender Justin Doyle had 38 saves, while Ronzello had 28 for Trinity.

Londonderry senior forward Anthony Ronzello also plays for the Trinity team.

The Lancers are now scheduled to have their first two-game week of the season this week.

On Wednesday, Jan. 22, they will host Bow (2-4-1) at 3 p.m.

On Saturday night, Jan. 25, Londonderry will take on the so far undefeated Crimson Tide starting at 6:40 p.m.

As of Tuesday, Concord stands at 7-0, with four of those wins coming on the road.

Wrestling

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The other win at the event was a slim 38-36 victory against the team from Montachusett Regional Technical School.

The seven Lancers winners were: Holden with a 5-4 decision;

Perez by fall; Egan, Fall at 2:00; Pento, 17-1 Technical Fall; Lachlan Buttle by fall; Lucas DeLeon, Forfeit; and Dylan Nadeau by fall.

Londonderry was defeated by Noble High School 48-36.

The six winning wrestlers were: Perez; Egan; Pento; Lachlan

Buttle; Dakota Shaffer; and Caleb Holden.

Against Winnisquam Regional High School, Londonderry fell 54-29 with five weight-class wins.

The Londonderry winners were: Pento; Shaffer; DeLeon; Cam Roussel; and Perez.



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Women's Club Awards 2024 Continuing Education Scholarships

The Londonderry Women's Club (LWC) is delighted to announce the recipients of its 2024 Continuing Education Scholarships. This year, the club awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to exceptional women in our community who are pursuing their educational dreams and making strides toward impactful careers. The scholarships were presented during a special gathering at Starbucks in Derry on Saturday, Dec. 21. The recipients, Megan Corbett and Valerie Fish, were joined by club members to celebrate their achievements.

Megan Corbett, a resident of Londonderry, is pursuing a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) at the University of NH. Her commitment to advancing healthcare and providing high-quality

patient care exemplifies the values the scholarship seeks to support. Valerie Fish, also a Londonderry resident, is currently enrolled in the Public Health program at Southern NH University. Her focus on community health and wellness aligns perfectly with the LWC's mission of empowering women and improving the lives of those around us.

"These scholarships are a cornerstone of our mission," said Emily Crane, President of the Londonderry Women's Club. "They reflect our commitment to supporting women's educational aspirations and investing in the future of our community. Megan and Valerie are truly inspiring, and we are honored to help them on their journeys."

The Londonderry Women's Club received a

record number of applications this year, surpassing its submission goal by 160%. This overwhelming response underscores the community's passion for education and the importance of opportunities like these.

Looking ahead, the LWC plans to open applications for the 2025 Continuing Education Scholarships in August 2025, with submissions closing at the end of September. For details on eligibility and application requirements, visit the club's website at www.londonderrywomensclub.com/scholarships/adult.

In addition to its scholarship program, the Londonderry Women's Club offers a variety of initiatives aimed at empowering women and enhancing the community. The club wel-



Pictured from left to right: Emily Crane (LWC President), Megan Corbett, Valerie Fish, and Lynn Plakyda (LWC Membership Chairwoman). Photo credit: Sylvia Roberts (LWC Treasurer).

comes new members who are passionate about making a difference. For more information on membership, visit [\[womensclub.com/membership-join/\]\(http://www.londonderry-womensclub.com/membership-join/\).](http://www.londonderry-</p>
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The LWC extends its gratitude to everyone who supported this year's scholarship pro-

gram. Together, we are fostering education, empowerment, and a brighter future for Londonderry.

Letters

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mittee: 3253 opposed the expansion and only 700 supported.

Will an unpopular measure again be foisted upon us by a rogue Finance Committee and signed into law by Governor Ayotte? Without the mechanism of a state-wide referendum available to us, we Granite Staters must let our representatives know

directly how we feel about that.

Mary Lincoln
Londonderry

Help Our Veterans

To the editor,
During election season, there were many veterans who came forward and stated that they were struggling to pay their taxes. Many stated that they were struggling to pay their

taxes and asked for help. We understand this as veterans comp has only increased in small percentages while inflation has soared post covid. Add to that the rising costs of insurance and many veterans have less net income than they have had in the past. We hear you and we want to help. At present, 72 households have a disabled veteran tax credit. This means that \$284,000 is going towards a tax

abatement for those disabled veterans which is 0.0075 of the budget. Today, I am filing a citizens petition to put a warrant article to allow the town to increase the disabled veterans tax credit to 100% of the property tax in town. This is a small group of veteran families who could use a helping hand. We ask that as many people come to the deliberative to support those who have

sacrificed by accepting sub par pay and miserable hours in dangerous situations and environments to insure that their homes are secure in our town. Please come to the Feb. 2, 2025 deliberative session to support this warrant article and please vote YES to increasing the disabled veteran tax credit in our town.

Sincerely,
Moira Ryan
Londonderry

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To the editor,
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Around Town Policy: This section is meant to be used to announce free events to the communities. If your group is receiving money for what they are publicizing, there will be a charge of \$40/week per paper. All Around Town/Calendar Items will be held to 100 words maximum. All free announcements in the Around Town/Calendar section can run a maximum of three weeks. Deadline for submissions is Monday at 5 p.m. Please send items to londonderrytimes@nutpub.net.

Green Team Speaker Series

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

Gardening on April 24 6:30 p.m., attendees will learn the benefits and 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 or email Marge at marge@margebadois.com

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet

to correct the checklist and register voters at the Town Clerk's Office on March 1, from 10 - 11 a.m. To register to vote, one must provide: Proof of Londonderry residency; Proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, naturalization papers); Proof of age and Photo ID. Applicants for registration must provide proof of age, identity, citizenship and domicile. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof of domicile or who do not bring proof with them may

register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications. Applicants without sufficient proofs will be unable to register to vote at that time.

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 others in a new environment, as well as to begin to follow along with songs, dances, and finger movements. Registration is required and begins one week before each session.

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.

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

Coding Club and Maker Lab

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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, Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m., at the Leach Library. Registration is limited to 20 participants and opens on Thursday, Jan. 30.

Cookbook Potluck

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

Banned Book Discussion

Come to the Leach

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Londonderry Police Log

Selections taken from the daily Londonderry Police Logs

Monday, Jan. 13

10:27 a.m. Services rendered for Neighborhood Disputes on Wilshire Drive.

12:47 p.m. Criminal Threatening investigated on Longwood Avenue.

3:21 p.m. Services rendered for a Suicide Attempt/Threat on White Plains Avenue.

3:37 p.m. Follow-up on Longwood Avenue leads to an arrest. Kevin Langone, 36, of Hooksett, charged with Domestic Violence (Criminal Threatening - Fear of Bodily Injury).

6:20 p.m. Motor vehicle accident on Rockingham Road, at Perkins Road, leads to an arrest made by five officers. Lawrence Benjamin, 35, of Nashua, charged with: Conduct After an Accident; and Driving after

Revoke/Suspension.

5:14 p.m. Peace Restored by three officers during a Disturbance on Elwood Road.

Tuesday, Jan. 14

8:06 a.m. Seven officers respond to a motor vehicle accident involving pedestrians on Mammoth Road, near Londonderry Fire Central Station, results in two students being transported to a hospital.

8:38 a.m. Welfare Check on Woods Avenue results in transport to a hospital.

6:11 p.m. Three officers restore peace during a disturbance at Taco Bell/KFC on Nashua Road.

11:15 p.m. Trespassing at the Red Arrow Diner on Rockingham Road leads to arrest(s).

Wednesday, Jan. 15

1:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop on Nashua Road, at Winding Pond Road, leads to an arrest made by three officers. Cathryn McCarthy, 32, of Hudson, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

11:37 a.m. Eight officers respond to a Motor Vehicle Accident on Rockingham Road near F.W. Webb. Vehicle towed and Utility Pole replaced.

7:05 p.m. Officers investigate report of Criminal Threatening on Wiley Hill Road.

Thursday, Jan. 16

12:48 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop at the Macgregor Cut apartments, on Stonehenge Road, leads to an arrest made by three officers. Alexander

Klink, 34, Londonderry, charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

12:55 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, at the Burger King on Nashua Road, leads to an Arrest made by four officers. Carlos Jesus Garcia, 22, of Lowell, MA, charged with: Operating a vehicle without Lights; Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and having an Open Container of Alcohol.

12:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop on Rockingham Road, at Stonehenge Road, leads to an arrest made by three officers. Keith Rodrigue, 43, of Auburn, charged with: Driving After Revoke/Suspension.

7:07 p.m. Five officers render services for a Disturbance on Midridge Circle.

7:57 p.m. Six officers conduct a Welfare Check on Kendall Pond Road.

Friday, Jan. 17

10:18 a.m. Services rendered for a Domestic Disturbance on Constitution Drive.

2 p.m. Welfare Check investigated on Sterling Drive.

4 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Hannaford Food & Drug on Hampton Drive.

4:10 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Alexander Road. Rodney Leskowski, 77, of Londonderry, charged with two counts of Negligent Driving.

5:15 p.m. Four officers respond to a Disturbance at Walgreen Drug Store on Nashua Road.

Saturday, Jan. 18

9:51 a.m. Domestic Disturbance on Kitt Lane results in transportation to a hospital.

1:01 p.m. Services rendered for a Welfare Check at the Dunkin Donuts on Rockingham Road.

3:46 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Crestview Circle. Christian Rotunno, 18, of Londonderry, charged with: Conduct After Accident; and Lane Control.

Sunday, Jan. 19

12:15 p.m. Welfare Check at the Sleep Inn on Perkins Road, conducted by four officers, leads to an arrest. Beth Magliano, 56, of Atkinson, charged with: Resisting Arrest/Detention; and two counts of Simple Assault (Physical Contact or Bodily Injury).

12:50 p.m. Welfare Check conducted on Winding Pond Road results in transport to a hospital.

4:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle check at the LAFA Complex, on Nelson Road, results in Citation issued by two officers. Michael Rivard, 53, of Manchester, charged with: Unlawful Activities - Litter Control.

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Library to discuss Toni Morrison's novel *The Bluest Eye* on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. Morrison's novel has regularly been the target of censorship since its publication. In 2023, the American Library Association reported it was the sixth most banned and challenged book in the country. Registration opens on Monday, Jan. 27. Refreshments will be served.

Family Pizza Dinner & Erev Shabbat Services

On Friday, Jan. 31, at 5:30 p.m., join the Etz Hayim Synagogue for a free pizza dinner followed by a potluck dessert. By 6:45 p.m., they will start 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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list of items that we are afforded to by the Times could go on but above all I wish to once again congratulate Deb and Chris and thank them for all they do to keep me informed. I appreciate them and the Londonderry Times and know that I speak for many in this community.

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