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Beach Day

Mylie McKeon was excited to hold an Octopus during the Moose Hill School's annual Beach Day activities. While the temperatures outside were in the single digits, students at the school had nothing but warm thoughts and activities last week. *Photo by Chris Paul*

Town Council Decides To Kill Senior Transportation Article

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Town Council discussed whether or not they should move forward with a warrant article brought forward previously by the Senior Resources Committee.

It was explained previously 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

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Council Looks to Change Tax Exemption Ordinance

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After reviewing the Commercial Industrial Tax Exemption at the previous Town Council meeting, the Town Council debated whether or not they should extend the Commercial Industrial Tax Exemption ordinance, ultimately deciding to make changes that would better protect the town.

It was explained previously that the program was set to expire on Jan. 9, with any applications already in prior to that date would be grandfathered in.

"The program was set to expire Jan. 9,"

Assistant Town Manager Kellie Caron said.

Caron explained in a previous Town Council meeting that discussion about the possible ordinance began in 2022, and then in that same year, it was enacted.

She explained that it was reviewed once again in 2023, to look at potentially expanding the eligibility criteria for the program.

Caron explained that ultimately the program is intended to offer tax relief for industrial and commercial properties by offering exemptions to local taxes for new and improved property.

"It's intended to at-

tract industrial and commercial businesses," Caron told the Town Council.

When asked previously about whether or not she thinks it's important to keep, Caron said it's a tool they have in their "toolbox" when it comes to encouraging economic development.

"I view it as a tool for economic development to attract businesses to our community," Caron said during the meeting.

Caron noted there are about 20 communities across the state that have the same program.

During public input, Kevin Smith former Londonderry Town Mana-

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No Appointment Expected for Vacant Library Trustees Seat

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the most recent Londonderry Town Council meeting, resident Richard Bielinski spoke during public comment, about the open Library Trustee position.

It was explained by Bielinski that he was one of the people nominated to fill the remainder of an open term on the Board of Trustees.

Bielinski explained he was unsure as to what was happening with the open position.

"I haven't heard anything from the Town," Bielinski said.

Bielinski during the meeting questioned if they were trying to wait in order to avoid appointing someone before the election.

"It kind of looks to me like there is a game being played again," he said during the meeting.

Bielinski explained during the meeting that state law requires them to have an odd number of people on the Library Board of Trustees, and asked if they were planning on filling the vacant position before the election or not.

He argued during the meeting, that the Town Council was notified of

the vacancy following the resignation of their chairperson on Dec. 23, and that they have 60 days to name someone to the Library Trustees.

During the meeting, Bielinski added that it isn't helpful by not filling the position because any vote could end up on a 3-3 tie potentially if

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Town Says Union Contracts To Be Released This Week

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

There will be five three-year collective bargaining agreements to be voted on this March by the residents on the town ballot. Those articles were moved to the ballot by

the Town Council during a Special Meeting earlier this month, then discussed briefly at the Public Hearing one week later.

The articles will appear as Articles 16, 18, 20, 22 and 24 for voters to make a decision on,

although the actual agreements were never released to the public.

The Londonderry Times asked for copies of the documents last week, documents the publisher felt were “public information,” but the paper was told

by the acting Town Manager, Art Psaedas, that the town was advised not to release them.

Following that conversation, attorney Kevin Coyle got involved and asked for the contracts through a 91A Request.

Late last week, the

town agreed to release them by Friday, Jan. 31.

Those documents will be posted to our website and Facebook page as soon as we are able. The Londonderry Times feel that residents paying for and being impacted by the contracts should be

able to read the information contained in them.

A similar 91A Request went out to the School District after they were advised not to release the contract on the school ballot. As of Tuesday, Jan. 28, we have not received a response.

Town & School Sign-Ups Begin for Elected Postions

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The elected positions that soon to be open in 2025 had residents adding their names to the ballot starting Wednesday, Jan. 22.

The initial list of candidates is listed below.

Town Council: Two, three-year term

seats
Richard D. Bielinski Jr.; John Farrell; and Debra Paul.

Budget Committee: Two, three-year term seats.

No sign-ups yet.

Town Moderator: One, two-year term position.

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

No sign-ups yet.

Cemetery Trustees: One, three-year term seat.

Nick Mills

Library Trustees: Three, three-year term seats.

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

Town Treasurer: One, Three-Year Term position available.
Tom Dolan

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

Residents wishing to sign up for any of these position should go to the Town Clerk’s office to complete the neces-

sary forms during normal business hours.

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

School District

The School District have four spots available.

School Board: One, three-year term seat.

Kevin Gray and Frank Harmon.

School Moderator:

One, three-year term position.

Tom Croteau
School Treasurer: One, three-year term.

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

No sign-ups yet.

Those interested should contact Kerri Stanley, the School District Clerk at 603-860-9369 or email kstanley@londonderry.org.

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Tax Break

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ger, who is now a land use consultant, argued it’s not a tax break, since the exemptions would be for property taxes they aren’t already receiving.

He also explained that he doesn’t think businesses would necessarily just come to Town, without the program.

“I think it’s somewhat short-sighted and naive to think that companies are just going to move to Londonderry because of where we are,” Smith said.

Town Councilor Ron Dunn said his concern is that as long as an applicant meets the criteria, they aren’t able to deny

it, saying that he learned that from doing his own research.

“Right now there’s no option for the town if they meet this criteria they get it,” He said.

Caron explained that the applications being presented during the meeting, meet one or more of the criteria, and said that the Town Council has the ability to vote yes or no on any applications as part of the ordinance, however, she said that it would need to be “legally defensible” if they decide to deny any applications.

“The council can choose to deny applications, that is an option,” Caron said.

Town Councilor John

Farrell said that they followed the recommendation from the State and what other towns had already put in place.

Town Councilor Shawn Faber said he agreed with Dunn, and that they need to have more protections in place for the Town, in order to be able to deny applications if they feel it’s necessary.

“Right now there’s too much legal risk to the town,”

It was ultimately decided by the Town Council to have staff look at amending the current ordinance by June 1.

The next Town Council meeting is set for Feb. 3 beginning at 7 p.m.

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Leach Library Board of Trustees Examine Its Bylaws

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

At the January meeting of the Leach Library Board of Trustees it was said the group is in the middle of reviewing the Leach Library bylaws and making some updates. Some of the updates included chain of command, financials, and a more exact definition for certain roles.

Resident Erica Laue wanted more details on the process and what some of the revised terminology could mean in practice.

"I was a little bit concerned on addressing the language on whether

or not they'll be a term for the Director, a contract for the Director, and all of that," said Laue, referring to the Leach Library Director. "I feel concerned about the idea of treating the position as something that comes with a term limit."

She worried searching for a new Director every few years would lead to uncertainty for the library.

"There was original language in the bylaws that referenced the word 'term' and that's what we were going off of," said Trustee Moira Ryan. "I'll have to double-check that."

Typically, the Trustees evaluate the bylaws every April, immediately after the election.

Other changes involved what should go on the agenda of the Trustees' monthly meetings, such as a category for deliberations.

"Everything that will be voted on should be put under deliberation so the Board knows we are voting on these items this month," explained Trustee Christine Fitzgerald, who chaired the bylaws subcommittee. "It would be much easier."

The subcommittee briefly considered requiring all Trustees to

hold library cards before ultimately rejecting such a proposal over privacy concerns.

"It was brought up that it can't be put in the bylaws because it's not actually a law, and if it's private information, and that person does not want to share whether or not they have a card, we shouldn't be forcing them," said Fitzgerald.

Next, the subcommittee went through the personnel policies in the by-laws.

The Board of Trustees announced it had some unanticipated funds to accept.

"We received \$25 from patrons Neil and Carmen Santos, we re-

ceived \$250 from Cross Farms Book Club, and we received \$810 from patron Margret Wang. She wanted to share that she loves the new library system," said Library Director Erin Matlin.

The Board unanimously voted to accept the donations.

In response to recent feedback from members of the public, Chair Helen Palmieri thought it would be a good idea for Trustees to attend some library programming and report back.

"I think it would be good since we're asking questions about the programs, about attendance, about the money,

and about what it looks like," she said. "It would put real faces and real feeling to what these events are."

Treasurer Jan McLaughlin suggested going to library events with nametags identifying them as Trustees.

"It's about the visibility. Some people know who I am, some don't," said McLaughlin. "There's a lot of new people in town, and it would be good for them to see a Trustee in the library."

The Leach Library Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, February 5, at 7 p.m. in the Leach Library Meeting Room.

Library

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there is anything they need to vote on before the March election.

"State law requires an odd number of people," Bielinski said about the board.

Bielinski also noted during the meeting, that someone else who was nominated for the position was not aware of them doing anything about the open position.

Town Council Chair Chad Franz argued they weren't formally notified of the open position until Jan. 11, when they were notified by the new chairperson.

But Bielinski said that it was signed as the vice chair originally, but said their bylaws state that if there is a vacancy

for the chair position, that the vice chair automatically becomes it.

"Let's name somebody whoever it is, doesn't have to be me, I don't care if it's me," Bielinski said.

It was noted by Franz that they received a legal opinion on the issue.

"We did receive legal opinion on that," Franz said.

Town Council Vice Chair, and the liaison for the Library Board of Trustees, Ted Combes said that they received an email from the Trustees on Jan. 11 and that based on their legal opinion "that is our starting date to go by for the 60 days."

Combes explained that it would ultimately mean that it would be

best past the March elections.

Franz said ultimately they were told that their options were to not appoint anyone, and allow people to run in the March elections, or they could appoint someone for up to the March 11 election.

Town Councilor John Farrell said the decision is "Do you want to leave it to the voters or not, that's really the question."

It was ultimately decided by the Town Council to not make an appointment.

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Editorial

Put That Passion into Action

Residents get worked up about the actions of their town and school government and their tax bills throughout the year. So get ready the upcoming deliberative sessions are the times specifically set aside to debate and potentially change warrant articles that go to the March 11 ballot.

At the deliberative session, voters can amend a warrant article (except those whose language is prescribed by law – usually zoning amendments), so long as they do not change the subject matter. Or they can leave it as proposed.

Depending on who's in the audience, budget articles, are often amended up or down before they go to the March ballot. That's why you often hear people expressing the fear that some group will "pack" the deliberative session and "force" their views on everyone else.

There's no force. The decision rests with the registered voters who care enough to show up. If the turnout is poor and few people are there to promote or defend an article, the majority of those present will have their way. It's as simple as that.

To participate, all you need do is register to vote, attend deliberative, pay attention to the moderator's explanation of the rules, read the proposed warrant articles, listen to public comment, say your piece if you choose to, and vote on any changes or to send the article as is to the warrant.

The articles on the warrant hit you where you live, and as New Hampshire residents, we have the right to express our views in a forum specifically designed for that purpose, and to change articles if we have the votes.

Registered voters are clearly in the seat of power. That's why it's so important not only to attend but also to stay for the whole deliberative session. In the grand scheme of things, it's not such a time-consuming commitment to make.

Every town is different as to how long their deliberative session will last but it's worth it. Londonderry's Town deliberative session is on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 9 a.m., and the school is on Friday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m., both are held at the Londonderry High School café.

Sometimes there's a warrant article or two that elicits strong feelings. Let us not forget the citizen's partitions that can get interesting. But it's always about your tax dollars, whether on a routine warrant article, a town or school budget, or a multiyear bond commitment.

Plan to attend your town's forum for making change, and play a role in one of the most participatory forms of democracy still around today.

We can wave the flag all we want, but if we really believe in democracy, the deliberative session is the place to be.

Letters

School-Spending Cap

To the editor

I am railing against a school-spending cap. For starters what sense does it make to put forth a warrant that doesn't need to be followed?

Next NH's Head of the Dept of Education, Frank Edelbut has done his best to destroy public education by pushing Freedom Accounts that does nothing to help educate our future citizens. Charter schools, the data shows are not benefiting children's knowledge, the Home-Scholars have little or no accountability and Religious schools, it seems to me, violate the separation of religion and state.

One of the hallmarks of America is the right to all for a free education.

Our educational system does need work to be of the highest standard possible for all. As it is where the towns have to mostly rely on local real estate taxes for funding, the above does nothing to improve children's education to be responsible, critical thinking adults.

Maybe that's the point of the above warrant.

Our political turmoil today, is it a by-product of this assault on public education?

Jane Cooper
Londonderry

Deb Paul for Town Council

I am excited to announce my candidacy for a three-year seat on the Londonderry Town Council.

It has been a couple of years since I last served on the board, and during that time, I have

observed many concerning issues regarding the direction our town is heading. As the publisher of our local free weekly newspaper, I have spent the last 25-years delivering news to residents and I've witnessed a great many changes in our community. While some of these changes have been positive, many have resulted in unmanaged growth. I believe that developers should not be allowed to continue to diminish the rural character of Londonderry and I will try to work to correct that issue.

Furthermore, I am a strong advocate for transparency in our town government. I believe that information about town spending and public documents should be easily accessible to all residents. It should not require legal action for officials to provide these documents, as has been the case in the past.

I am running against an incumbent who has served on the Town Council for over a decade, during which time, our community has experienced three different Town Managers, two interim Town Managers, four fire chiefs, and a number of Town Planners.

In addition, we are faced with two major planned unit developments that are contributing to traffic and infrastructure issues that remain unresolved. This has created significant challenges for our residents.

I respectfully ask for your vote for change and common sense on March 11.

Please vote for Deb Paul for Town Council.

Feel free to reach out

to me for any questions.
Deb Paul
Londonderry

Pete Hegseth-Secretary of Defense

To the editor,
During the Senate Armed Services committee hearing or should I say grilling by Democrats of Pete Hegseth, Trump's nomination for Secretary of Defense, it was clear that Democrats (Senate confirms cabinet nominees) weren't interested in Pete's qualifications, only to destroy his character and get to Trump through Pete. They failed as Pete's nomination was approved by the Senate and he'll become America's SOD. Four major answers Pete addressed: No military person shall be promoted on the basis of DEI/wokeism quotas endangering our front-line troops to indecision/bad decisions. Results; failed missions and KIAs. Job qualifications only. DEI/wokeism is the reason every military branch is failing recruiting goals except the USMC who would not bend to Biden's political ideology. Young men don't want the BS. Pete is against women in combat as I am based on my experience in Vietnam. Few women could have withstood the physical struggles of jungle, heat, monsoon rains, carrying 100+lbs equipment. I'm not disparaging women's intelligence, my wife's smarter than me, but physical and mental toil of combat are a struggle of sights and sounds. Men and women in the same forward unit could result in interac-

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Helping With Wishes Members of the Matthew Thornton Student Council presented Make-A-Wish Community Outreach Manager, Olivia Stanas, with a check for \$1,000 last week. The donation money was raised during the annual Mystery Gift Raffle held during the holidays. *Photos by Chris Paul*

Letters

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 tions between that would affect combat cohesiveness along with inconvenience of women's monthly visits. I married a woman Marine (WM) and can say she and her comrades could not operate effectively in aforementioned battlegrounds. America will again fight in these far-off hell holes. Women fly com-

bat aircraft and serve aboard naval ships admirably, but ground combat is a far different animal; especially concerning treatment of women pilots shot down over enemy territory. Women should support our front-line warriors as my wife did. Pete is acutely aware of shortages of ground war fighters, warships/support ships and combat/support aircraft to effectively project and

protect our overseas interests and allies in potential Pacific and European battlegrounds; and keep open Pacific waterways vital to our economy threatened by China. Pete will use the Pentagon's \$895B budget to revitalize our defense industrial complex to rebuild and strengthen our war fighting machine weakened by Biden's emphasis and spending on military DEI/wokeism

training and promotions instead of America's war fighting capabilities to counter China's military advantages. Pete will surround himself with smart people to affect sound budgeting and personnel management with he and Trump being ultimate decision makers. Of this, I'm excited. Who better to lead our military than a man who has seen com-

bat in Iraq, Afghanistan, won two Bronze Stars and knows how to fight tomorrow's wars that differ from yesterday's wars. Pete will shake up the shortcomings, status quo and politicization of our military complex. Pete's education includes Princeton undergrad degree and Harvard Masters in Government. Pete is the epitome of warrior ethos; an

educated, intelligent warrior. Pete humbled and embarrassed Senate Democrats by his cool, calm and collected responses. Pete Hegseth is immensely qualified and will re-install the core objective of our war machine; close with the enemy, destroy him and win.

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Interim Chair Set to Lead Library Trustees Until March Election

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Leach Library Board of Trustees met on Jan. 8 to prepare for the upcoming year, starting with the need for a new Chair following the resignation of Trustee Kim Bears. Before a formal election, Trustee Helen Palmieri was in place to take over as temporary Chair.

“According to the bylaws, I am technically the Chair right away, and I publicly wanted to say I am willing to do that for the next three meetings

until the election,” said Palmieri. “I want to say we are a collaborative group together, and that’s the kind of environment I want to through to help support the library.”

She did not express much interest in staying on as permanent Chair beyond the next three sessions, due to difficulties associated with balancing the role with work and a long commute.

In her report to the Trustees, Library Director Erin Matlin briefly

overviewed a few recent issues.

“We did have a leak at the front entrance which has been a bit of a troublesome spot,” she said, adding the Department of Public Works had been working with the library to solve the problem. “I think we’re okay there, it seems to happen when there has been heavy wind.”

Matlin was optimistic recent repairs would prove effective, at least in the near future. The library also cleared its gutters and fixed its last

toilet handle.

“One other thing I wanted to point, one I was asked by a member of the New England Library Association to be a mentor to the Derry Public Library Director Kathleen Kenny. She’s new,” said Matlin. “She has the option to reach out to me if she has any questions or needs help with anything, as does anyone in our NH director’s circle.”

In her report, Assistant Director and Head of Technical Services Donna Plante mentioned

that Leach Library was starting to get back into Electronic Data Interchange, or EDI ordering.

“That now allows us to place orders from most of our vendors directly through our new system,” she explained. “So, we are bracing ourselves for a large arrival of new materials.”

Plante was slightly worried about the high processing times tied to getting new material. She claimed it often took up to six weeks for the library to receive an order, down from as low as one week earlier in 2024.

“I just want to make sure your staff is when people are requesting items to be ordered, that

you’re giving them a wide gateway and telling them ‘It may take a while, but you’re going to get it to them as soon as possible,’” advised Secretary Liz Thomas. “If you’re telling them six weeks, they shouldn’t be coming back in three weeks asking ‘where is the item?’”

“We are also working on compiling our end-of-the-year stats to repair to submit to the town an annual report,” said Plante.

That report included the cost and attendance for library programs.

As a reminder, the Leach Library will have limited services on Jan. 30 due to a scheduled system upgrade.

Transportation

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Town Clerk Sherry Farrell said that CART, the current regional transportation service, is charging \$2 a ride each way, a total ride would be \$4 which is why Wilson brought the warrant article idea to the committee for consideration.

Wilson explained previously that one of the advantages of 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.

“It’s very important for us to have the council do it,” Wilson said previously.

During the Jan. 20 meeting, Town Council Vice Chair Ted Combes said that CART charges \$2 per ride for each way, and asked if they should

increase the line item for CART in order to pay for the rides instead of going for a warrant article.

“Because that could be way less than the \$200,000,” Combed said.

Finance Director Justin Campo said he doesn’t know how it would work out with CART.

Town Councilor Shawn Faber said that he thinks if people in Town find adding the funding to be valuable, then it should be done by raising and appropriating it through property taxes like other warrant articles.

“I don’t see a need to add a different kind of tax,” Faber said.

It was ultimately decided by the Town Council to not move forward with the warrant

article this year.

Also during the meeting, the Town Council heard a request to extend the Demolition Review Committee.

It was explained by Administrative Support Coordinator Kirsten Hildonen that they were looking to be able to extend the committee for another 90 days.

She explained that it was previously extended until the end of 2024, due to an expected application, but said it ended up coming in January, instead.

Hildonen said that they were looking to be able to extend the committee until April 30.

The Town Council approved the request.

The next Town Council meeting is set for Feb. 3 beginning at 7 p.m.

OBITUARY

Margaret Ruth (Milnes) Bennett



Margaret Ruth (Milnes) Bennett, 82, of Londonderry, NH, passed away Thursday, Jan. 23, 2025, at Premier Rehab and Healthcare in Nashua, NH. She was born on Dec. 31, 1942 in Canaan, CT, the daughter of the late Russell and Vesta (Rober-son) Milnes.

Margaret was fondly known as Margy and Marge by those who were close to her, Marg-woman by the Ladies Who Lunch, and Grandma GG by Mya. She loved reading, crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, playing cribbage, going to concerts, traveling with her family, going to bookstores, Bluegrass, playing Bunco with the Bunco Babes, and especially spending time with family and friends. Doing these things without her and “Cocktails and 80s Saturday Night” will never be the same again.

She will always be remembered for her sense of humor, wit, wisdom, common sense, kindness, vibrance, and her live-and-let-live attitude. She was adored by all who knew her and considered a second mom by many of Trina’s and Laura’s friends when they were growing up.

Margaret is survived by her two daughters, Trina Bennett DeBoe and Laura Bennett, and Laura’s wife, Melissa Healy; two granddaughters, Alison and Melissa DeBoe; great-granddaughter, Mya; and her beloved cat, Riley; as well as several extended family members and friends. She was pre-deceased by her husband of 57 years, Malcolm Bennett, in December 2021.

Following cremation, there will be no services at this time. A Celebration of Life will take place in the Spring. Memorial contributions may be made to the NH Food Bank, Planned Parenthood, or the charity of one’s choice.

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Town Council Reviews Citizens Petition Warrant Articles

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

One of the citizen's petition warrant articles on the town ballot this year will be in regard to replacing some library furniture. It was discussed last week at with the Town Council.

The warrant article states:

"To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$40,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance for the purpose of replacing the furniture in the Library."

Budget Committee Chair Patrick Cassidy said he spoke to a Library Trustee and the

Library Director earlier in the day "and they didn't have any knowledge of this previously."

It was also noted that the \$40,000 would be more than they need for furniture.

One question asked during the meeting was whether or not the warrant article was legal, which Finance Director Justin Campo said it was.

Town Councilor Ron Dunn said he was concerned about it because people could come up with warrant articles to spend the undesignated fund balance and take out all of their reserves.

"That to me is pretty frightening," Dunn said during the meeting.

Dunn said that based on the warrant article, and how it is legal to do, he said he thinks they may need to look at state law to prevent it from happening in the future.

Campo said he was not aware of any current legislation which would prevent that from potentially happening.

"I'm not aware of any law that would stop them from doing that," Campo said.

During public input resident Richard Bielinski said he had similar

concerns about the warrant article.

"\$40,000 is ridiculous," Bielinski said.

Deputy Fire Chief Phil LeBlanc said that they have purchased commercial furniture for the fire department, and said that they pay more for it but it's worth it since it lasts longer, and that they have warranties for it.

Leach Library Director Erin Matlin, during public input, noted that she was not aware of the warrant article being proposed before it came forward, noting that no one came to talk to her about potential num-

bers for it.

"I was not aware of the citizen petition until after," Matlin said during the meeting.

The Town Council ultimately voted 5-0 to not recommend the warrant article, and the following day, the Budget Committee voted 7-0 to not recommend the warrant article during the committee's meeting.

Another citizen's petition warrant article is for the property tax exemption for veterans.

Town Council Chair Chad Franz recused himself.

The warrant article states:

"Shall the Town vote to give 100 percent property tax exemption to veterans who are rated 100% disabled permanent and total by the Department of Veterans Affairs? The veteran would be required to show documentation from the Department which shows that they were rated 100% permanent and totally disabled."

No recommendation was made one way or another by the Town Council during the meeting, due to the uncertainty of whether or not it was a monetary warrant article.

Utilities Committee Researches Internet Options, Makes Plans for New Year

PAUL CONYERS
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry Utilities Committee met on Jan. 7 to hear from John Ferreira of the cable and Internet subcommittee, who had been doing research on digital offerings in the state. He found that while there were a growing number of providers across the state, not all options were fast or reliable.

"Part of the problem is the connection between the older copper and the newer fiber optics," said Ferreira, who added that the issue was not limited to NH. "In order to guarantee that higher speed for the extra paying customers they put basic customers on slower connections and some

could actually lose those connections."

Despite the ongoing problems related to speed and price, he noted the growing competition, especially with satellite cable and Internet services.

"We can probably get over 30 different services by satellite in this town, viable ones that is," said Ferreira. "I'm going to do a deep dive to see how these things work."

He wanted to continue researching the topic.

"The question is, if there are more providers in the marketplace why isn't the price going down?" asked alternate Ray Breslin.

Ferreira indicated that some technological limitations along with high costs related to

developing and launching satellites played a role in the high costs for those providers.

John Mahon of the sewer and solid waste subcommittee sent a draft grant application to Londonderry's Environmental Engineer Bob Kerry for a waste oil grant designed to improve the town's small waste oil facility near Central Fire Station.

"Bob is reviewing that as we speak and with any luck it'll be submitted than a week or two," said Utilities Chair Lynn Wiles. "Hopefully it will get some money to upgrade our collection side if nothing else."

The sewer and solid waste subcommittee also mapped out its slate of meetings for the

upcoming year.

Wiles also wanted all four subcommittees to brainstorm goals for 2025.

"We hear a lot of good ideas here, and I want people to take ownership of some of these things as that's the only way anything is going to get done," he said. "I always want to solicit input from the members here tonight. What do we want to do as the Utilities Commit-

tee?"

Alternate member Joy Muller expressed her desire to work more with state regulators.

"One of the things I would like to do is get to Concord," she said, asking representative Ron Dunn for help. "I think there's a couple of things we've talked about in the last few meetings that may need our presence in Concord."

Dunn promised to help her find online

resources when she wanted to speak for or against a bill.

"If you come to committee, you can come to us to speak on a specific bill. All the bills are posted online," he said. "With my committee, we deal with water and PFAS issues."

He also promised to send the rest of the Utilities Committee a list of bills he thought they might be interested in.



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The Mouse Trap Set at Ovation Theatre Company

Local audiences will have the chance to see history's longest-running play this February, as Ovation Theatre Company presents a unique adaptation of Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap."

The history of this murder mystery play is legendary, with film rights granted well over 70-years ago, but with the one stipulation that a film could not start production until six months after the play

closed in London - and it never has! To this day, audiences are asked to closely guard the outcome of the play, to preserve the mystery for future attendees.

The plot is classic Agatha Christie. While news spreads of a murder in London, a group of seven strangers find themselves snowed in at a remote countryside guesthouse. As the story unfolds, the guests discover - to their horror - that the killer is in their midst. Tensions and fears escalate, and one by one, the suspicious characters reveal their sordid pasts.

The Mousetrap is being presented at Ovation Studios in the round, thereby putting the audience right in the room with all of the suspects and of course the



murderer! This unique staging, while exciting, presented some incredible challenges and opportunities for director Adrianna Bridge. "The audience is almost participating in a way, because they're all in the room where it happens. No matter where

you sit, there is going to be a different experience every night. Some people will see certain expressions that others won't."

Nick Ford plays Detective Sergeant Trotter, the classic Christie sleuth. "It's important to play a role that is pulling things together, pushing forward the plot. It's exhilarating!"

Bryan De Oliveira is excited to portray Christopher Wren, a young, energetic guest at Monkswell Manor. "It's a very interesting contrast to be the person that eases the tension in the audience, as opposed to causing it. It's very fun and it's definitely stretching all of my acting muscles."

Joseph Smith brings the carefree Mr. Paravacini to life, in a performance that charms everyone in the room. Of course, everyone is a suspect. "It's really cool to be in a who-did-it and to possibly, you

never know, be the killer? I enjoy it thoroughly."

The Mousetrap features a talented cast of adults from all over southern New Hampshire. This production is led Director Adrianna Bridge and Assistant Director / Stage Manager Dan Gore. The cast includes Joseph Smith of Londonderry; Brienne Puls and Arielle Margot Welch of Derry, Brian MacHarrie of Nashua, Bryan De Oliveira of Manchester, Nick Ford of Concord and Charles Gastich French and Dana Gastich French of Exeter.

The Mousetrap will be presented over two weekends, on Friday and Saturday, February 7 and 8, as well as Friday and Saturday, February 14 and 15, with all shows at 7:00 pm, at Ovation Studios, 61 Harvey Road, Londonderry. Tickets are \$20 through January 31 and \$23 beginning February 1 and are on sale at ovationtc.com.



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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Back on Track, Paquette Hits Millenium Mark

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

After dropping two games one week prior, the Londonderry High School Basketball squad got back to winning and in doing so, the team's leading point getter, Mason

Paquette, crossed the 1,000-point mark with well more than needed. The Lancers hosted the Goffstown Grizzlies on Tuesday night, Jan. 21, for the only game they would play last week and not only did the team come away

with a much-needed victory, fans also got to see senior forward Mason Paquette eclipse the 1,000-career-point mark by 32-points.

It seemed as though everyone at the game knew it would only take Paquette two-points to achieve the milestone, except the 6'3" Hooksett player, and at 5:53 in the first quarter, Paquette was fouled and sunk two free-throws for the record.

At that point in the game, a short celebration involving family members and teammates ensued to acknowledge the major achievement.

Paquette 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 with ten games left in the season, Paquette has a good chance of breaking if he keeps a 28-point average.

In the 75-66 win over the Grizzlies, the Londonderry squad had to battle for most of the game, but in the final

quarter, the Lancers put up 30-points for the nine-point victory.

Londonderry led 20-18 by the end of the first, then trailed 31-32 at the half.

In the third period, the Lancers managed to knot the game at 45-points each, before going on their final period tear.

Paquette was once again the top point-getter in the game, scoring 34-points. The senior had seven-points in the first, eight in the second, ten in the third and nine in the fourth. He was perfect at the line, going 10-10, and had six from outside the arc.

Fellow senior forward Matt Luongo finished



Mason Paquette sits at 1,032 career-points after scoring 34 on Tuesday. Photo by Chris Paul



Reaching 1,000 Samantha Sullivan and Mason Paquette hit a major milestone against the Goffstown Grizzlies on Tuesday, Jan. 21. Both varsity players reached 1,000 career points. Photo by Chris Paul

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Lancers Girls' Get to 7-0, Sullivan Hits 1,000 Career Points



Junior Samantha Sullivan hit her 1,000 career points mark last week at Goffstown.

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Girls' Basketball team added their seventh consecutive victory with a 78-31 win over the Goffstown Grizzlies and in doing so, junior Sammie Sullivan crossed over the 1,000 career points mark.

The Lady Lancers played the team's only game of the week on Tuesday night, Jan. 21, traveling to Goffstown High School where they were able to hand the Lady Grizzlies their seventh loss of the season by a rather overwhelming margin.

The junior forward, Sullivan, needed 14-points to break through the millennium mark and did so by scoring

22-points and as of the end of the week, she sits at 1,008-points.

Right out of the gate Londonderry exerted their dominance in the game, outscoring their host 28-2 in the first quarter and 16-9 in the second for a 44-11 lead by the half.

Sullivan was able to put up what she needed for the scoring milestone midway through the second period, where a short celebration with a ball presentation took place for the three-year varsity player.

The guard/forward had two, three-pointers, six for two and was four-of-four at the foul line in helping her team to the 47-point victory.

Senior guard Mia Giampa was able to score 18-points in the

game, including four, three-pointers and was two-for-three at the line. Sophomore guard Gemma Murray scored 15-points with a successful three-point shot and a basket in each of the first three quarters.

Junior guard Brooke Eacrett had eleven-points and sophomore forward Addi Martinez finished with four.

After the game, Sullivan's only focus was making to the Division I finals. When asked about her next goal she said, "Honestly, I'm just focused on this season, I hope we can make it to the championship. I have a great group of girls behind me and the support of my coach as well." Adding, "I hope we make it far this year."

She added that going

into the game, she knew she was close to the milestone, but wasn't sure exactly what was needed.

When the team arrived back at the LHS gym, the boys' team was still finishing up and Sullivan was able to celebrate her accomplishment with senior Mason Paquette, who also got his 1,000th point.

The team will finish the month with a home game against Manchester Central-West on Tuesday, Jan. 28, followed by a match-up with Pinkerton Academy in Derry on Friday night, Jan. 31.

The Astros are currently at 9-1 this season and the teams will play the first game of a double-header at 4 p.m. with the boys' following.

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ished with 14-points, getting three, three-pointers.

Senior guard Kiet Totten had 12-points in the contest with one, three-pointer and three successful foul shots.

Senior guard Jame-

son Seaman got nine-points in the game and senior Cam Madden had four-points.

The Lancers will be on the road for two games this week, playing at Manchester Central on Tuesday, Jan. 28, against the 2-8 Little

Green.

On Friday night, Jan. 31, the LHS boys will play the second game in a double bill with the Lancer girls at Pinkerton Academy.

The Astros currently sit at 4-6 and the Lancers are at 5-4.

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The 2025 Deliberative Session of the *Londonderry School District* will be held on Friday, Feb. 7, 2025, beginning at 7 PM in the Londonderry High School Café. All warrant articles shall be acted upon at that time for placement on the School District Official Ballot.



The 2025 Deliberative Session of the *Londonderry Budgetary Town Meeting* will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025, beginning at 9 AM in the Londonderry High School Café. All warrant articles shall be acted upon at that time for placement on the Town Meeting Official Ballot.

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Londonderry Hockey Squad Drops Two, Fall To 3-3

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Hockey team played two games last week for the first time this season and the result wasn't great for the Division I Defending Champions.

Londonderry played those two games on their home ice in Hooksett against the Bow Falcons (3-4-1) and the Concord Crimson Tide (9-1), falling 2-5 to the Falcons and 1-4 against the Tide.

In the loss to Bow, the Lancers spotted their opponents a 3-0 lead through the first two periods before

bringing the game within reach in the final period.

The Londonderry goals came five-minutes into third period when senior Liam Knight put Londonderry on the board, assisted by fellow senior Brett McKinnon.

A minute-and-a-half later, junior Tucker Reynolds was able to score with the assist coming from senior Owen Casimiro, making it 3-2 with plenty of time left to tie the game.

The boys from Bow quickly reversed the LHS trend with two more goals to end the game at a three-goal deficit.

Three days later in a

game with the league leading Concord Crimson Tide, Londonderry was only able to score once while giving up four for the tough loss.

Junior Mason Nadeau was the only Lancers to score in the game.

The Londonderry losses put the team at 3-3 this season and they will try to get back on track with a game against Pinkerton Academy (2-5-1) on Wednesday night, Jan. 29, and one against the Salem Blue Devils (6-2) on Saturday, Feb. 1, at 1:10 p.m.



Junior Lancer Tucker Reynolds had a goal against Bow last week.

Lancers Wrestling Team Go 2-2 in Latest Dual Meets

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Wrestling team traveled to Spaulding and Hollis-Brookline High Schools last week, winning two of the four matches they took part in.

Senior standout David Pento Jr. added three more wins to his undefeated New Hampshire record this season.

The Lancers week began in Dover, wrestling the Red

Raiders of Spaulding, where LHS was bale to win six of 14 weight classes, falling 32-45.

Starting at 157-pounds, senior Manny Perez put LHS on the board with a 13-1 major decision.

At 165 lbs., junior Brendan Egan pinned his opponent at 0:30 in the match.

Junior Lucas DeLeon (106 lbs.) received a Forfeit win at 106 lbs.

Freshman Cam Rousell (120 lbs.) finished

with a Fall win at 3:00.

In the 132 weight, sophomore Dylan Nadeau pinned his opponent at 5:00.

The Lancers final win of the night was by sophomore Caleb Holden (150 lbs.) with a 10-2 major decision victory.

Following that meet, the Lancers headed to Hollis-Brookline High School on Saturday, Jan. 25, for the annual Hollis-Brookline Quad Meet. At that event, Londonderry won two of the three

meets they competed in.

Against the Nashua South Purple Panthers, Londonderry took 11 matches, five by forfeit, for the 65-18 win.

The LHS winners were: Nadeau (132) Fall; Jayce Carrasquillo (138) Fall; Holden (150) Fall; Manny Perez (157) 18-0 Tech. Fall; Egan (165); Pento (175) forfeit; Blake Buttle (215) forfeit; Dakota Shaffer (285) forfeit; Lucas DeLeon (106)

(175) Fall; Buttle (215) Fall; Shaffer (285) with a Fall.

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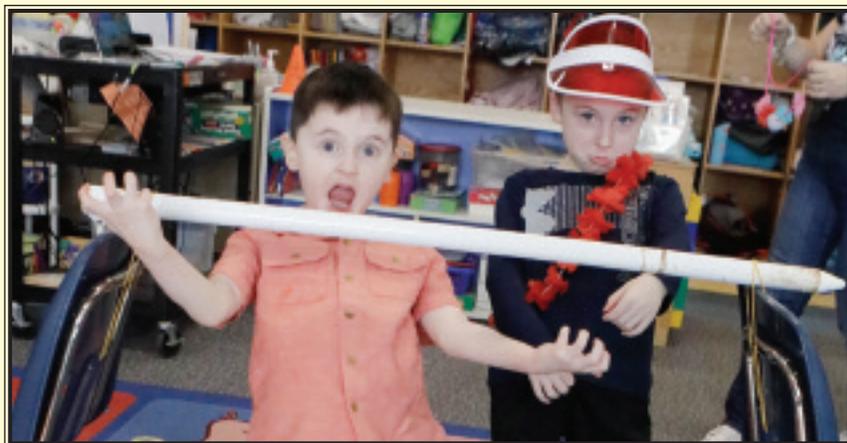
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Green Team Speaker Series

The Green Team 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

Volunteer Open House

The Aviation Museum of N.H. will hold Volunteer

Open House on Wednesday, Feb. 5 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. At the open house, participants can meet current volunteers and learn about the many ways to help the Aviation Museum carry out its mission. Those who wish to attend, please call (603) 669-4877 and leave a message with your name, or send an e-mail to Christine Bates at cbates@nhahs.org.

Food Bank Collection

The Londonderry High School Community Ser-

vice Club is partnering with the NH Food Bank to collect donations for area homeless shelters. Items in need include hand warmers, men's and women's socks, deodorant, granola bars, toothbrushes, and travel-sized toothpaste, as well as travel-sized tissues and travel-sized hand wipes. Donations can be dropped off at Londonderry Town Hall or Leach Library through Friday, Feb. 7.

Sunday Family Camp

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

will follow with participation in the Tu B'Shevat Seder with the congregation for the second half of our class. Please RSVP to sarahjohnplater@aol.com by 8 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 8, ensure we have enough materials for the project.

Tu B'Shevat Seder

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

Voter Information

The Supervisors of the Voter Checklist will meet

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The Wars for Israel

Robert Crawford will have a presentation on The Wars for Israel, 1948-1973, at Etz Hayim Synagogue on Thursday, Feb.

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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.

Crafternoon

Leach Library's Crafternoon is meeting on a new day starting in January. Drop in to this monthly crafting social hour on

the first Friday of the month. Friday, Feb. 7 at 2 p.m., bring your own craft project and supplies, and work alongside other local crafters. The library will also provide supplies for an adult coloring activity. No registration required.

Wiggle Worms Story Time

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

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Monday, Jan. 20

5:37 a.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance at the Red Arrow Diner on Rockingham Road.

9:31 a.m. Disturbance investigated by three officers on Conifer Place.

11:18 a.m. Three officers assist with transport to a hospital after a Medical Emergency at 7-Eleven on Rockingham Road.

7:55 p.m. Services rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

9:22 p.m. Welfare Check conducted by three officers on Old Nashua Road.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

1:08 a.m. Warrant served and Arrest made on Litchfield Road. Michael Currier, 45, of Manchester, charged with Criminal Trespass; and Drive After Revoke/Suspension.

1:39 a.m. Drug Offenses investigated on Midridge Circle.

11:24 a.m. Services rendered for a Disturbance on Rockingham Road at Convenience Plus - Londonderry.

2:06 p.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat on White Plains Avenue Taken/Referred to another agency.

3:17 p.m. Animal Control and three officers

respond to a report of a Dog Bite on Mammoth Road.

3:49 p.m. Four officers respond to a Domestic Disturbance on Constitution Drive and make an arrest. Michael Dereimer, 30, of Londonderry, charged with Domestic Violence (Simple Assault - Bodily Injury).

5:01 p.m. Three officers respond to a Dog Bite reported on Fieldstone Drive. Taken/Referred to another agency.

Wednesday, Jan. 22

9:50 a.m. Resident on Meetinghouse Drive transported to a hospital after a Domestic Disturbance. Three officers responding.

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Clean Water Survey

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LEEP

The Londonderry Early Education Program (LEEP) is now accepting applications for the inclusion program for the 2025-2026 school year. Please have your application in by Feb. 7, to be included in the lottery. Applications are available online on the Moose Hill School website. We also have our LEEP Handbook available online on the Moose Hill School website if you'd like additional information on the program. For more information, contact Denise Fosmire at 437-5855 ext. 7223 Please email Denise Fosmire at dfosmire@lon-

11 a.m. Disturbance at Enterprise Bank, on Michels Way, investigated.

1:23 p.m. Three officers conduct a Welfare Check on Fieldstone Drive.

8:43 p.m. Four officers assist the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital on Mill Road.

Thursday, Jan. 23

2:27 a.m. Arrest made by three officers during a motor vehicle stop on Mammoth Road at Pillsbury Road. Krystopher Kenney, 40, of Londonderry, charged with: Driving Under the Influence - Impairment; and Avoidance of Lane Blockage.

3:49 p.m. Peace restored by two officers after a Disturbance at Park and Ride - North, on Symmes Drive.

3:13 p.m. Three officers

investigate a Disturbance at Londonderry North School on Sanborn Road.

Friday, Jan. 24

12:25 p.m. Assault investigated by four officers on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

2:46 p.m. Welfare Check investigated on Lilac Circle.

4:10 p.m. Services rendered to Keep the Peace on Premier Drive.

Saturday, Jan. 25

11:13 a.m. Motor vehicle check conducted by three officers on Planview Drive leads to arrests. Hyrum Bouwhuis, 18, of Amherst, charged with: Transporting an Alcoholic Beverage by a Minor. Mariah Boisvert, 18, of Nashua, charged with:

Unlawful Possession and Intoxication.

12:55 p.m. Four officers respond to a complaint on Sanborn Road and make arrest(s).

Sunday, Jan. 26

7:54 a.m. Sudden Death on Whittemore Road investigated by four officers.

1:39 p.m. Peace restored by three officers during a Disturbance at the Taco Bell/KFC on Nashua Road.

5:57 p.m. Welfare Check conducted on Ash Street.

8:35 p.m. Four officers restore peace after a Domestic Disturbance on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

8:41 p.m. Peace restored after a Disturbance on Vista Ridge Drive.

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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 Haed-

rich. Please make enough for 20. The library cannot guarantee each dish's ingredients or accurate preparation. Food served at this program may contain or come into contact with common allergens. Registration opens on Monday, Jan. 6.

Banned Book Discussion

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

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Free Meals

Heaven's Kitchen Mobile Meals is providing FREE hot meals in Londonderry every Tuesday and Thursday. They'll be serving at the Leach Library parking lot now through March 28, 2025 from 3:45 - 4:15 p.m.

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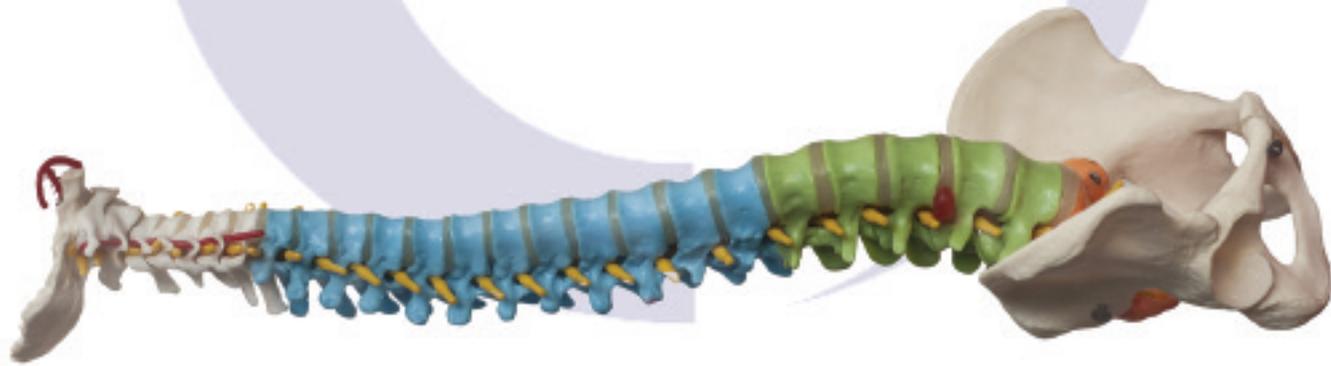
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